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of Evangelism*

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### FRIENDS FOREVER BECAUSE OF JESUS



**BRENDA DICKERSON**  
editor

There are so many exciting stories to share this month of how Mid-America Adventists are reaching out to friends and strangers alike and, in a kind and sincere manner, sharing the life-changing love of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Individuals (p. 11), small groups (p. 8) and entire churches (p. 6) are meeting people where they are, genuinely caring for them, and faithfully discipling them as they continue to learn and grow.

Making friends is indeed the new face of evangelism—and yet not new at all. But the wonderful beauty of these spiritual friendships is that, because of Jesus, they will continue through the struggles of separation and the pain of death and will last throughout eternity in the new earth.

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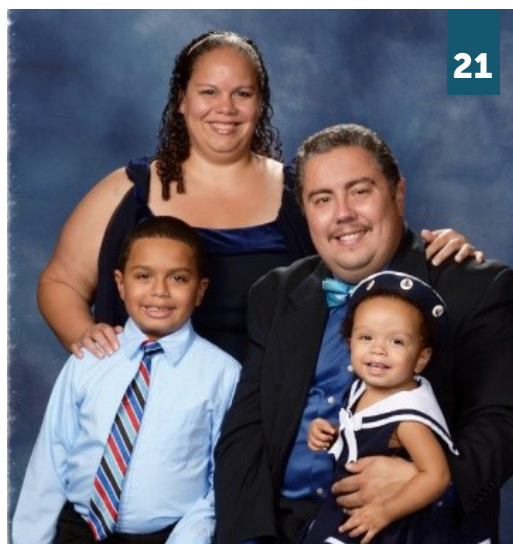
Princess Jones says she feels like a big weight has been lifted from her since she found a church family.

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Photo by Andre Louis



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“The only thing I have to hang on to at this moment to give me strength and a sense of security is my faith.”  
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# Don't Know Much About History

Why would I care about Adventist history?" The question came from a bright, young Scandinavian active in youth ministry. It was asked in response to a suggestion I made during a focus group concerning measures that might be taken to help retain more of our young adults. His question and tone of voice were totally dismissive. It was clear that he and his age mates considered my suggestion utterly irrelevant.

I share this episode not to impugn him in any way. I share it to demonstrate the gap between where we are and where we need to be concerning Adventist identity. In the seminary, evangelism is repeatedly described as "meeting felt needs." That's the dilemma. On one hand, I believe young adults (and others) in the church have a great need for a sense of Adventist identity. On the other—for various reasons—many are, by and large, unaware of that need.

## Three great questions

The question of identity is one of the "three great questions" in life. Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? As a shortcut, I refer to these three great questions as *identity*, *history* and *destiny*. As it turns out, the three are interrelated. We cannot really know who we are unless we understand why we're here, and where we are going.

Let's examine how this works. The following two paradigms are not intended to be exhaustive or

definitive, just examples of how the answers to the three great questions interact.

In the first case, let's answer the *history* question (Why am I here?) this way: You are the product of a series of fortuitous random events, beginning with single celled organisms, and evolving, with the aid of natural selection, to your current status.

Now let us answer the *destiny* question (Where am I going?) this way: You are going to die. Your body will break down into its elementary molecules, becoming part of the cycle of life. Eventually, all the stars will burn out and all life will become extinct in the uniform frigid temperature of the universe.

Based on these answers, how would you answer the question of *identity*?

In our second example, we will answer the questions differently. For the question of *history*, we will say: You are here because God created the world, including all life, and specifically including you. We answer the question of *destiny* this way: God eventually will create a new heaven and the new earth. You can choose to trust in God, and inherit that new heaven and new earth—or not.

Once again, I leave the formulation of *identity* to you. It doesn't matter whether you agree with the two examples or if you would suggest other alternatives. The point I'm making is simply that the answer to the question of *identity* depends upon, and is interrelated with, the answers to

the other questions. *Identity* in the first case is radically different from *identity* in the second case. That's why we need to know our history.

## Finding our focus

In my experience, talking to Adventists of all ages, I find again and again that distortion of our *identity*—and indeed much of the current polarization of the church—derives from differences in understanding or misinformation concerning our *history*, both as Christians and as Adventists.

I find it the height of irony that we, whose answers to the questions of *history* and *destiny* are part of our name, should have such difficulty with the question of *identity*. "Seventh-day," clearly points back (*history*) to the seven-day creation narrative in Genesis. "Adventist" just as obviously points to the second advent (*destiny*). Using the model that our *identity* is linked both to the creation and to the second coming of Christ, we plainly find ourselves as children created by God and awaiting His return.

Of course, *identity* is more complex than that. But then, so are *history* and *destiny*. In fact, it is in discovering and exploring the details of both these entities that our *identity* comes unmistakably into focus.

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# Loving the World as Jesus Did



I got to know Edna Pohlman while I was growing up in the Sharon Road Adventist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. When I was a young teenager she seemed so old to me. Her husband had passed away, and as a retired missionary she loved her church and was very involved in it.

Mrs. Pohlman greeted every young person at church and knew us all by name. She also played the organ (very slowly, I might add) and was always our top Ingathering solicitor. I didn't know much more about her then, except that she drove an old VW Bug. It didn't run too well and I remember the deacons, on more than one occasion, pushing it around the parking lot to get it started.

Many years later as I was talking to a pastor who had served at that church, I asked if he remembered Mrs. Pohlman. He said, "Of course; she was the best parishioner I ever had!"

I told about the stories I knew of her, and he began to tell me the "rest of the story." He said she constantly visited

her neighbors and helped them however she could. As a result, he said she never had less than 10 individuals she brought to the church each year to be baptized. In addition, she also sponsored up to five children a year to attend our church school.

Suddenly I understood why she drove a beat-up Bug—having those kids in school was a much higher priority to her than a new car. I could tell you more stories about this incredible lady, but just know this: She was making a huge difference in people's lives in her corner of the world.

## Heaven in our hearts

The focus of this month's OUTLOOK is outreach and friendship evangelism. While this is not a new topic for us as a church to focus on, it is, perhaps, one of the more important ones to constantly keep before us. In this crazy world in which we live, it is our human nature to revert back to a myopic view of life and see only our own needs. Now, there is nothing wrong with taking good care of

## Suddenly I understood why she drove a beat-up Bug

ourselves. It is, in fact, job number one. If we are not taking care of ourselves, we have no hope of helping others.

Here is where Christ's own example can bless us. My wife, Diane, recently shared two sentences that have really stuck with me. Ellen White wrote, "When we love the world as He [Jesus] has loved it, then for us His mission is accomplished. We are fitted for heaven: for we have heaven in our hearts" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 641).

This incredible quote exhorts us to "love the world as He has loved it." Just how did Jesus love the world? As Phil. 2 points out, He "humbled himself" to the "point of death" even "death on a cross." Christ was in heaven, saw our helpless state, and made the journey to Earth "becoming in the form of man," knowing full well His journey would lead

to Calvary. I heard one preacher say, "He entered the very battle for our salvation."

This is what friendship evangelism is all about—entering the battle for the salvation of others. Just know, however, this is a costly proposition. To really do this, it could change your schedule, your plans, your financial priorities...even the car you drive. Just look at what it cost Jesus. But in doing so, we will be loving "the world as Jesus loved it." We will have "heaven in our hearts." **U**

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# BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING TO FERGUSON

The Jericho Project breaks down walls

Photos: Courtesy Danise Taylor



## Coming Aug. 26-28

St. Louis Area Discipleship Evangelism Summit

Plans for this special event include a challenge for the approximately 1,000 local Seventh-day Adventist members to choose at least one person and invest in their lives through friendship and prayer.

There will also be an opportunity for each member to invite those they've been working with and praying for to attend a time of evangelistic preaching and calling people to make decisions for Christ.

Imagine people from all across the St. Louis Metro joining together in one evangelistic effort—members working individually, yet together, to introduce Jesus to the people of this city!

The St. Louis SDA Lay Ministries Committee mailed over 3,000 copies of *Path to Peace* to area homes, then spent six weeks visiting their neighbors door-to-door.

In 2011 Seventh-day Adventist pastors of the St. Louis metropolitan area began meeting together on a regular basis and soon formed a cross-conference ministerial association to collaborate in evangelizing the St. Louis Metro area, with a population of 2.8 million.

This grass-roots movement became known as AMPS, the association of Adventist Ministers and Pastors of St. Louis (ministers being local lay people and pastors those who were employed by the various conferences). Their desire was to bring the 14 churches in St. Louis together to win the city for Christ.

## Collaborative relationships

One of the results of this collaboration was the formation of a special team of lay people called the St. Louis SDA Lay Ministries Committee (SLSLM). The goals of SLSLM are based on relationship building that results in church growth. Our mission statement is “To emulate Christ’s example of spreading the everlasting gospel as shown in God’s Word, while providing aid, education, and assurance to the St. Louis Community.”

This group, which consists of lay representatives from area churches, has been tasked with finding and creating mission projects in the St. Louis area where all

the Adventist churches can work together. We want the people of St. Louis to see Adventists, of different races and ethnicities, working side by side to make the community a better place.

## Pathway to peace

In August 2014, St. Louis found itself thrust into the spotlight of racial and cultural tension. The increase in violence and lawlessness warranted a sense of urgency on behalf of the church to spread light in a community experiencing increasing darkness. The effort we launched, termed The Jericho Project, posed a straightforward attack on the walls being erected in people’s hearts.

# Q & A with Princess Jones

—by Danise Taylor

We began by completing a mass mailing of the book *Path to Peace* to over 3,000 homes. This was accomplished through the Project Steps to Christ organization. Then dedicated and caring volunteers from the Central States Conference (Berean, Agape, Lighthouse and Northside churches), and members of the Iowa-Missouri Conference (Southside, Central, and Korean churches), went out over a six-week period to visit those homes.

We knocked on doors, introduced ourselves and inquired if they had received the booklet. Then we asked if we could pray with them and leave a packet filled with helpful resources, including flyers for 3ABN and a local church school in that area. Also included were the tract *Your Friends the Adventists*, a list of 12 promises of God, and a health assessment that, if returned, offered a free book on healthy living. We also obtained contact information from those interested in future events.

## Blessings of witnessing

We gained many wonderful testimonies during this time, and not only were the residents blessed, but our faith was strengthened by their comments. Door-to-door witnessing brought us close to the needs of the people, and we came to understand the blessings

inherent in witnessing. Many were thirsting and we knew only Jesus could quench that thirst. How else could something good come out of so much discord? We asked, as is recorded in Gen. 18:14, “Is anything too hard for God?” We have proof that it’s not!

We were delighted that God’s timing reinforced our efforts with a two-week Breath of Life seminar that began the weekend following our last visits. Among the 85 baptisms following the seminar, we were blessed to see Princess Jones and two of her children take their stand. Ms. Jones was one of the last people we visited and she came straightway to the meetings. Truly one plants, another waters, but it is God who gives the increase. We continue to receive response cards from the booklets that went out, with requests for Bible studies and other literature. These are being fulfilled and covered with much prayer.

Future plans for Ferguson include an outreach event this spring that will highlight a holistic approach to family health. We solicit your prayers that God will be glorified and that more souls will be harvested in this part of the vineyard. **Q**

Danise Taylor is chair of the SLSLM team.

## Princess, what were your first feelings about the decision to join the church?

I was tired... tired of life and didn't see a way out. I had a lot of responsibility, but when the church came along it felt like a big weight was lifted from me. The guilt was lifted and I got a sense of family. It's hard to explain, but I felt relief.

## What was the biggest difference that was required in your life?

I had to end a lot of my usual behavior. I wasn't used to going to church on Sabbath and it took much discipline. I'm still working on it. However, the more I do it the easier it's becoming. I now use Thursday and Friday as my preparation day. It's a conscious decision to prioritize things. It's a new feeling.

## Describe your new walk with the Lord. What blessings and challenges have you experienced?

The blessings have been remarkable! I have so many

things that I didn't have before. I am excited about my new job. The bonus is that my employer is a church member. I work for Professional Affordable Cleaning Services owned by Ms. Pamela Simmons of the Northside Adventist Church. She has been more than a blessing.

It seems since I have accepted the Sabbath, the devil is sidetracking me through people and circumstances in my life. I recently experienced a heartbreaking situation surrounding custody of my children. However, I am confident the situation will be remedied soon. Even so, I am now able to see positives come out of the negative. Many people are praying for me and with me for the best outcome.

## If you could do it all over again, would you?

Absolutely yes! In my life I have gone every way, but I know this is the right way. I wish I would have done it a long time ago.



Princess Jones and two of her children are among the 85 people baptized after attending a Breath of Life seminar in St. Louis.

# CONNECTING THROUGH LIFE GROUPS

Strengthening a sense of community fosters growth



Courtesy Southview Church

## Building healthy churches

Southview isn't the only church in Minnesota that's growing. Nearly every congregation in the conference baptized at least one person last year, making 2015 the highest recorded annual membership growth with 507 baptisms and professions of faith.

Conference president Justin Lyons says that healthy churches have been created through emphasis on training (with NADEI and Bible workers' training with Karen Lewis), coordinated evangelism (with over 40 churches working together across boundaries during the Voice of Prophecy meetings), and the conference's increased funding for local church evangelism.

The Minnesota Conference's rallying strategic acronym pulls this all together: Keep your EYES on Eternity (Evangelism, Youth, Education, Spirituality/Stewardship/Service). "We believe that only a healthy church will have meaningful outreach," Elder Lyons concludes. "We encourage each pastor, each department head, each teacher and each member to pursue spiritual growth—only then will stewardship and service to the community be seen as acts of Christian grace." **O**

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Brian Mungandi is communication director for the Minnesota Conference.

Pastor Dustin Hall of the Southview Church in Minneapolis introduces five baptismal candidates who chose to publicly affirm their decision to follow Jesus Christ because of the Bible experience group started by their friend and fellow student, Rebecca.

**D**ustin Hall, senior pastor at Southview Church in Minneapolis, views a connected church as Christ's tool for reaching the community.

Shortly after arriving at Southview nearly two years ago, Pastor Hall turned his church board meetings into strategic councils. He has been able to create a stewardship culture in each department of the church, allowing all leaders to see themselves as part of the team.

During 2015, the Southview Church celebrated the baptisms of 30 new members, and weekly attendance has grown to the point that they are looking for a new space in which to meet. Their growth has been fueled by what Pastor Hall calls Life

Groups. These groups are, in principle, friendship evangelism groups that bring people together as they mingle outside church. Every day the gospel of Christ is lived and shared in non-threatening ways. Life Groups become the platform upon which men and women—in a loving relationship with Christ—seek God in their own way and share with their peers the power of the gospel.

Pastor Hall explains the church's philosophy this way: "We believe that connections are the building blocks of our ministry. We want to connect with the community socially, mingling and showing sympathy. We think that the church is healthy enough now, and our connections in the community are leading to

kingdom-building activities."

## Kind, real-life friends

Pastor Hall shares how these connections have translated into baptisms. "Rebecca, a 10-year-old student at Southview Christian School, started a Bible experience study group with her friends. Today, five of these friends are baptized Seventh-day Adventists! We can now see the results of these connections."

Pastor Hall adds that "by freeing our members to use their influence and their connections, we have empowered them to be better disciple makers. We believe our church will continue to be a center of influence for the kingdom of God."



# A NIGHT BACK IN KOREA

Showing Adventist love and care to international students



Courtesy Young Kim

The Minneapolis Korean Church is offering food and friendship to Korean international students studying at the University of Minnesota.

**A**fter graduating from college Min Lee, a young Korean American, wanted to go to Korea to help kids learn English for a year. This was an adventure, since he had never been away from home. Min Lee says, “I had a difficult but amazing time in Korea. It was a growing experience for me.”

Min Lee was often homesick, despite being within his own ethnic group. He felt lost in a different world. “I was very fortunate, though, because I met many loving people who shared their time, resources and love to make sure I was happy,” he adds.

This one-year experience led Min Lee to begin inviting Korean international students to his parents’ house every major holiday. He fed them Korean food within a Korean atmosphere to help them feel at home. After awhile he began to see this as a ministry,

so he decided to involve his home church, the Minneapolis Korean Church.

## A wider opportunity

In 2014 the church formed a committee to prepare for A Night Back in Korea, an event geared to minister to Korean international students at the University of Minnesota. The university is located near the church and has more than 500 Korean international students. Min Lee created a Facebook event page inviting people to come. Even though it snowed on the day of the event, 29 students showed up! The church family was able to maintain a relationship with only one of the students who attended, and that student has since graduated and gone back to Korea.

However, the 2014 event helped members realize the ministry opportunities. And something else happened;

there was a bonding in the church community that allowed for teamwork.

## Full to overflowing

In 2015 a new committee was formed to plan another event. Min Lee again made a Facebook event page. However, one week prior to the event date, the Facebook page had to be closed because more than 50 people had confirmed their plans to attend and every day more showed the desire to join. The organizing committee soon realized the church building might be too small to hold all who wanted to attend.

As church members worked together to prepare for the event, they gained the friendship of four non-member volunteers who dedicated their time and energy as well. Two of these volunteers came from the Korean community and the others were international

Korean students. There was a way for everyone to help, from providing rides for students to donating money for supplies.

On Nov. 14, exactly 40 non-member students gathered in the church and enjoyed A Night Back in Korea. Jungmin Na, a student from the University of Minnesota who participated, says, “These few hours went by so fast. I was totally amazed by the nice atmosphere here.”

This ministry to the students has opened opportunities for church collaboration with the Korean community in Minneapolis. Young Kim, who pastors the Korean Church, says, “We think it was successful; we saw what good teamwork can do for the church of God and for the community we live in.”

This time the church was better prepared to follow up and build relationships with the students who attended. Three weeks later the church hosted another dinner and nine people with no connection to the church showed up. “We think we formed an even deeper relationship with those who came to the small dinner,” adds Pastor Kim.

The church is continuously praying for the students and developing authentic relationships. “We are showing genuine friendship and deeper care. We are trying to follow the Jesus method as stated in *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143,” concludes Pastor Kim. **0**

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# ROAD TROUBLE BRINGS GREAT BLESSINGS

Testimony of Alberto de Santiago



Rubén Balaguer (left) gives Bible studies to Alberto de Santiago by cellphone after a “chance” encounter on a deserted mountain road.

I was on my way back from a prayer meeting in the Pagosa Springs Church in Colorado. It was night, and a few minutes into the trip my vehicle suddenly had a problem and I had to pull over. In that mountainous region there was no cellphone signal; therefore I was unable to communicate with anyone.

So I prayed and asked God to send someone to help me. God allowed the engine to work for a few more miles, but the problem came back just as I found an ample rest area for parking next to the road. There were two trailer trucks stationed there already, but I didn't ask the drivers for a hand because I figured they would be sleeping.

Soon another trailer truck came and parked very close to my vehicle. I told the driver I needed help and he kindly solved the problem. Before continuing on, I handed him a Christian magazine called *El Centinela*.

He asked me if I was a Christian. When I told him that I am a pastor he got very happy and told me he was coming from far away, begging God to send him someone to help him solve a conflict he had with his conscience that had been tormenting him for quite some time.

The curious thing was that I was also praying and asking God to send someone, but for a different problem. In the midst of that solitary and obscure location between the mountains, I counseled the man and prayed that God would give him peace and allow him to continue his trip without torment. He was very grateful and, thanks to God, was already feeling much better. We exchanged names and cellphone numbers before parting.

## Contact continues

Several days later we started to communicate and I offered to study the Bible with Alberto. He gladly accepted and over

a period of time I taught him about the prophecies of Revelation, of which he already had a basic understanding due to his membership with another church.

As he traveled throughout different states, he received Bible studies via cellphone that started opening his eyes to the great truths that he had previously ignored. When Alberto heard of the Sabbath doctrine, he did not hesitate in speaking with his boss about allowing him to stop every Friday evening and continue after the Sabbath was over. It was a great blessing that his boss granted this request.

In every city or town where he stopped, Alberto would search for an Adventist church to attend on Sabbath. In that way he was able to meet many brothers and sisters in Christ who would learn of his testimony. They gave him many publications and invited him to eat in their homes. Alberto also began to share the Adventist message with coworkers, as well as his testimony.

Every two weeks he would go back to rest in his home city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where he lives with his family. He shared everything he was learning from the Word of God with them. Eventually, he began attending a Seventh-day Adventist church in El Paso, Texas, which is very near his city. His mother lives there, and his desire was to get her out of her erroneous religious tradition and unite her with our church—for which he had to struggle a lot. The Adventist

pastor had asked him on various occasions if he wanted to be baptized, but Alberto told him that he wanted to come to Colorado to be baptized by me.

## Victory!

In June of 2015 we held an evangelistic campaign in the church of Bloomfield, New Mexico. I encouraged Alberto to get permission from his boss to travel and be baptized at the end of the campaign. Alberto made the arrangements and almost three years after our encounter on the road, I had the privilege to baptize him. Before the baptism, Alberto announced that on that same Sabbath and almost that same hour, his mother was also being baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist church in El Paso.

The next day Alberto joyfully returned to his work with the firm determination to continue sharing the gospel so that others may also enjoy the truth that set him free.

And all this was made possible through a cellphone after an encounter prepared by God. He allowed a mechanical problem so that Alberto de Santiago could get to know the divine message that has transformed his heart. Praise God for His mysterious ways!

At the time of this writing Rubén Balaguer was the district pastor for Durango, Colorado.

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# GO AHEAD—MAKE SOME NOISE!

Making the presence of Jesus Christ felt in this world

One of the most fascinating aspects of any spectator sport is its fans. They play a vital role in the success of every team. During championship and most valuable player award ceremonies, players usually dedicate their trophies to their fans who have shown unconditional support throughout a season.

Fans are responsible of making a loud noise to intimidate their opponents and to inspire their team, even when the players seem out of practice. But above all, fans make noise to let their presence be felt in the stadium, and even in the world, as the media covers their story.

As Adventists, we need to make some spiritual noise. More than ever, we need to actively join the heavenly team making a huge noise for Jesus Christ. His second coming must become a trending topic on Twitter. What He's doing in your life should be the most shared post on Facebook. Let His written promises

be the most liked image on Instagram, and may His wonders and miracles become the most watched videos on YouTube.

It's time for the enemy to fear and be intimidated by the loud noise of the Seventh-day Adventist Church rooting unconditionally for Jesus. More importantly, it's time to make the presence of Jesus Christ felt in this world. Let us make a loud noise that will awaken and inspire anyone from our team who is facing spiritual discouragement.

Acts of the Apostles is one of the loudest books in the Bible. Just imagine the apostles' excitement when 3,000 were added at Pentecost in one day (Acts 2:41). But as the apostles continued making a loud noise for Christ, people believed their message and the number grew to 5,000 (Acts 4:4).

Even though they had no access to social media, no powerful satellites and definitely no organizational structure as we have today, the

result of their effort is pretty outstanding: "and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women" (Acts 5:14, emphasis added).

## The most powerful tool

Let's go back to the faith, passion and loud noise of the apostles. While we do have enhanced resources at our disposal to spread the message, we can still enjoy the most powerful tool granted for our commission—His Holy Spirit.

The same vigorous spirit that enabled Joshua and the Israelites to shout so loudly that they brought down the impenetrable walls of Jericho, the same mighty spirit that was with Jesus as He ministered to thousands, and the same powerful spirit that filled the apostles empowering them to do greater things than their master as He had promised—that same spirit is anxiously awaiting to fill our life, our families and our church to make the loudest noise ever

heard in our days for the sake of the second coming of Jesus.

"When God's people understand what Bible religion is, there will be coming into the ranks of believers more new converts than are seen today. We are to awake and do our duty toward the unwarned inhabitants of the cities and of many out-of-the-way places, and then we shall see of the salvation of God" (*Sermons and Talks* Vol. II, p. 328).

When victory over sin is declared through the establishment of the New Jerusalem, what a joy will it be hearing the words of the Captain of our team saying, *Well done good and faithful servant* (Matt. 25:23), commending us for unconditionally supporting His kingdom on earth as we eagerly shouted, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9).

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Johann De Dier is a writer and editor of a youth magazine for the Panama Union.

### Two States, One City, Shared Mission

Photos: Courtesy Central States Conference



The states of Kansas and Missouri share the city of Kansas City, which can be confusing when you are trying to get around. Six Central States Conference churches coexist in this shared city: Beacon Light, Bethel, Linwood Temple, KC Central Spanish, New Missionary and the “baby” of the family, Linwood International Company.

Instead of only ministering to those within their individual congregations or in their respective neighborhoods, these six churches come together as CAMPKC (Central Adventist Ministries and Pastors) and work in unity to fulfill the mission of Matt. 28:19-20: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

Every fourth Wednesday the pastors, along with some members from each of the six churches, come together for a joint prayer meeting.

On New Year’s Eve, which in 2015 happened to be a Thursday, a special communion and prayer service was held at the New Missionary Church. What better way to end an old year and start a new one than being in the presence of the Lord together in church giving honor and glory to God and asking Him to cleanse us anew.

Unfortunately, in the inner city, being out on New Year’s Eve can be a bit risky. However, that was not the case in this situation. Those in attendance shared testimonies, sang songs of praise and thanksgiving, washed the feet of fellow members and guests, and prayed for each other in small groups and as a corporate body.

The service was led by pastors **Cryston Josiah** (Beacon Light); **Dr. Ronald Williams** (Bethel); **Roosevelt Williams** (New Missionary) and **Fred Manda** (Linwood International). The presence of the Lord was truly felt on the eve of the New Year.

Tonya L. Brown-Anderson is vice president for finance for the Central States Conference.

### Meet the Newest Central States Conference Pastor

Pastor **Jamond Jimmerson** was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Although his mother, **Barbarita Jimmerson**, and his father, **Demour Welch**, played an integral part in his development, his grandmother, **Rita Jimmerson**, was like a second mother to him who poured into him valuable insight.

Jamond received the call to ministry at the tender age of 19 and was determined to follow Christ for the rest of his life. After attending Forest Park St. Louis Community College for a short time, Jimmerson transferred to Oakwood University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Church Leadership in 2012.

After obtaining his degree, Jimmerson served as an assistant pastor at the St. Louis Berean Church for several months under **Pastor Joseph T. Ikner**. In August 2013, Jimmerson enrolled in the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He successfully completed the Master of Divinity program in December 2015 and accepted a call to work in the Central States Conference. “I am so excited and appreciative to work for Christ through the Central States Conference,” said Jimmerson.

The Jimmersons will serve a two church district in Colorado: New Community in Denver and Boston Street in Aurora. “I truly believe that God has called my wife and I to the Denver area for such a time as this. We eagerly look forward to the hand of God moving in a



Pastor Jamond Jimmerson and his wife, Twainika, are serving a two church district in Colorado: New Community in Denver and Boston Street in Aurora.

powerful way in Colorado,” Jimmerson added.

Pastor Jimmerson has been married for five years to the love of his life, **Twainika**. They are anticipating the arrival of their first child on April 8. “As my wife and I embark upon this new journey, we pray that our lives will continually be godly examples for others to follow,” he said.

Pastor Jimmerson enjoys reading, teaching and playing basketball. He is passionate about people and desires to see them grow in the amazing grace of God. His favorite scripture which brings him joy and keeps him grounded is 2 Cor. 5:21: “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Brittany Winkfield is communication director for the Central States Conference.



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# Love in Action A testimony of prayer



Sarah Guldaman

Bathed in the prayers of family, friends and strangers, Lucy Guldaman is miraculously recovering from the burns that covered nearly half of her body.

**O**n Dec. 29, 2015, we rush our sweet little **Lucy** to the ER with second-degree burns covering 46 percent of her body. Upon arrival a fellow church member, who is also an ER nurse, greets my husband immediately. This is where God's series of perfectly orchestrated events start to unfold.

**And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).**

From the second I can get it together enough to stop running around in circles trying to pack a bag, to the first step in the Life Flight plane, I pray. And pray. And pray!

**Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear (Isa. 65:24).**

Terrified, my daughter and I are flown from Rapid City, South Dakota to Denver, Colorado, then transported to the Children's Hospital in Aurora. Upon arrival in the ER at 2:30 am, she is whisked away by a team of medical staff including nurses, doctors, surgeons, dietitians and anesthesiologists. After heavy sedation and a heart wrenching three hours of assessing her wounds, cleaning and bandaging her entire body, I am briefed on the likelihood of skin grafts, possible blood transfusions, a

four-to six-week hospital stay, and the need of compression garments for two years after that. Shortly thereafter, Lucy is brought to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

The first 24 hours are rough. No sleep, extremely high amounts of cortisol running through my body, and waiting patiently for

examination upon arrival in the ER. At this point her little body is 30 percent wounded—16 percent less than the initial evaluation.

Only three days later, since Lucy's wounds are healing so well, she is moved from PICU to a regular room on the surgical floor. This means that she will be able to spend

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her dad and little brother's safe arrival leaves me feeling almost completely defeated. The only thing I have to hang on to at this moment to give me strength and a sense of security is my faith.

**But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist and discharge all the duties of your ministry (2 Tim. 4:5).**

**Jason** finally arrives safely, with our youngest son, **Tucker**, whom I am nursing, and we are greeted by a case worker who shares necessary information to help us be as comfortable as possible so far from home, friends and family. Soon the team of surgical nurses arrives to examine Lucy's wounds. After their evaluation, we are informed that Lucy's wounds have drastically gone down in surface coverage since her initial

New Year's Eve with her mother, father, baby brother and **Grandma Janet**, who has just arrived. While Lucy is resting, we are informed that by some fluke, since it is New Year's Eve, and there is a mess up in the schedule, we are able to get a room at the Ronald McDonald house right away. This is a miracle in itself, considering there is a five-page-long waiting list to get into the house. This also means we will be in a comfortable, safe and affordable environment as we juggle the stress of what is happening with Lucy so far from home.

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:27).**

By day four Lucy is healing exceptionally well, although her pain meds are giving her little tummy a

lot of trouble. She spikes a fever of 104 degrees and has an adverse reaction to the Ativan they had to give her after her IV came out. They cannot give the normal dose of Morphine while doing dressing changes because there is no IV. She is in a lot of pain and is not eating or sleeping. She is so swollen and it is extremely hard to find a vein that has not already been blown out. We pleadingly call upon family, friends and strangers to lift Lucy up in prayer for comfort and a fast recovery.

By the next afternoon, my mother has arrived, Lucy's fever is gone and we are able to find a pain med regimen that she can tolerate. We are also able to get an anesthesiologist to bring an ultrasound machine to her room to find a vein and get an IV started for some much-needed fluids.

**Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it (John 14:13-14).**

Going on day five, and the burn team's staff has to take a step back and ask my husband not once, but twice, how long ago her injuries took place. The doctor evaluating her wounds is also in disbelief at how fast her burns are healing. Now it seems we are more concerned with whether she is getting enough nourishment.

**Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them (Mark 11:24).**

By day seven, Lucy's feeding tube, IV, catheter and one fourth of her bandages are gone. She is eating and only taking Ibuprofen and Motrin for pain. Her skin is perfectly pink, healthy and healing miraculously fast. There is no need for skin grafts or compression garments and doctors are almost positive there will be no scarring.

On Sunday, Jan.10, we are discharged and head for home. We will return to Aurora for outpatient treatments weekly for at least the next two or three weeks.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who came together to pray, encourage and support our family financially, emotionally and spiritually during this time of need. What started out as a tragic accident has turned into a beautiful testimony of God's love in action, and for that we will be truly and forever blessed.

**With love and gratitude,  
The Guldamans**

**He said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering (Mark 5:34).**

Sarah Guldaman is a member of the Rapid City Church in Rapid City, South Dakota.

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# Worldwide Comforting Ministry Spans Decades



Courtesy Tina Bankhead

Missouri. Her current comfort project is “The Burden Bear.” Lula purchases a small stuffed bear, wraps it in a crocheted or quilted blanket that one of her friends makes, then, with the help of her granddaughter attaches a poem. She sends a bear to those in need of encouragement.

Lula’s work is not only a blessing; it’s a miracle. Lula has given out over 150 bears in less than a year. She has done all this while living with macular degeneration, arthritis, breathing difficulties and pain in her legs.

Lula says that almost every time she picks up the phone she hears about someone who is sick, or has had a stroke, or is discouraged, or has just been released from prison. “It’s worth it all,” she says, “because it’s God’s time and energy and money, and if I can make someone happy, that’s what I want to do.” She goes on to say, “If anyone is touched it’s because of Jesus, not me. He’s the one who gives me strength to do the work.”

Matt. 25:36 says, “I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.” Or in Lula’s case it would read, “I was cold and you warmed me with a quilt; I was discouraged and you sent me poems to help me keep my faith in God; I was just released from prison, and you sent me a burden bear to let me know that someone was praying for me.”

Lula Masters, 86, shares “burden bears” with people she hears about who need comfort. She recently gave away over 150 bears in less than one year.

**F**or most of **Lula Masters’** life, she has been helping to ease the pain of others through lovingly made handicrafts. When I met Lula 27 years ago at Black Hills Missionary College in South Dakota, she was the cook, in addition to being everyone’s friend. During that time, Lula and her mother were making quilts and sending them to people around the world in need of comfort. She gave me one of her special quilts because she knew I was going through a tough time and needed to personally know a God who truly loved and cared about me. I still have that quilt on my bed today.

Lula is now 86 years old and lives in Hartsburg,

Jesus sums it up when He says, “In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me” (Matt. 25:40).

Tina Bankhead is a speech and language pathology assistant from Berthoud, Colorado.

If you would like to help Lula with her Burden Bear ministry, contact Michelle Hansen at the Iowa-Missouri Conference: [mhansen@imsda.org](mailto:mhansen@imsda.org)



## Elementary School Hosts Open House



Courtesy Christine Armantrout

Last fall the Sedalia Elementary School in Missouri held an open house that was attended by approximately 200 church and community members. Tours of the school, gym and playground were given and copies of the DVD highlighting Adventist education, *The BLUEPRINT*, were handed out to families with school-aged children.

This was a wonderful opportunity to show our church and community family what our students are learning and to explain the unique benefits of Adventist education. We currently have eight great students at our school, and we would love to see that number grow.

Christine Armantrout is co-director of the Sedalia Pathfinder Club.



# Nepalese Refugee Ministry Births a Church



Courtesy: Fred Schlichter

The Three Angels Nepalese Seventh-day Adventist Group and friends are meeting in the St. Louis Southside Adventist Church, a central location for their membership base.

The St. Louis Central Church has embraced the growing population of Nepalese refugees and last fall helped them organize into the Three Angels Nepalese Seventh-day Adventist Group. **Elder Dean Coridan**, Iowa-Missouri Conference president, has stated that he believes working with refugees is vital in order for the gospel message to reach the whole world. As refugees learn and understand biblical truths, they will then share them with their friends and family back in their home countries.

The groundwork for forming connections with the Nepali people in St. Louis began some time ago. This effort was expanded as the Iowa-Missouri Conference invited two Bible workers to St. Louis to continue the work through the summer of 2015 in order

to foster more interest and further ongoing relations with the Nepalese community. A Nepali team from North Carolina, where a Nepalese church is already established, also came to present a two-week evangelistic series in St. Louis.

The interesting dynamic about the Nepali people is that, unlike Americans who are quite individualistic, they are an organized, group-oriented community, complete with elders and leaders who make decisions for the group, as is the case for various other cultures. Often, the group will submit to whatever decisions are made by the leaders, even if some disagree with the decision.

This elder-driven society sometimes presents real hurdles to overcome in order to proclaim God's true message to these people. As one person

said, "It's important to reach the elders first in order to reach the rest of the people." However, if the elders are not satisfied or convinced, they will in turn decide for the people of the entire group not to follow.

This was the reality during the evangelistic meetings that took place last August—starting with strong numbers, but drastically declining at the onset of the second week due to the above reason, with only one or two faithful persons who continued to come. For the team and others who came to give support, it was a disheartening turn of events and was met with much sincere and earnest prayer for God's intervention.

And He answered! No, it was not a change of heart of the elders, though that prayer and hope remains. However, (Praise be to God!) as one door effectively closes, He will open

other doors. Thus He brought forth a family of believers who, though only having attended the last few nights of the meetings, embraced the message with open arms. It was truly amazing to see how God worked in this way.

With these faithful few, the team and supporters met in their home for evening worship through the week. Beautiful and joyous songs of praise followed by prayer, devotion and fellowship were found there each night. Worship truly does begin in the home, even—and especially—for the beginning of a church.

When the weekend came, for the first time in St. Louis, a Nepalese fellowship officially met in the "Upper Room" for Sabbath service and worship at Central Church. We are happy to announce that this Nepalese church, now called Three Angels Nepalese Seventh-day Adventist Group, is meeting at the St. Louis Southside Adventist Church, as it is more centrally located for the membership base.

Please pray that as this new church develops and grows God will pour His Spirit out upon each of its members and also to the surrounding Nepalese community. May it be a beacon of light and hope to the Nepali people here in St. Louis.

Jaimasi! (Nepalese Christian greeting meaning "Christ has the victory!")

Fred Schlichter is a member of the St. Louis Central Church.

# ADRA Projects and the Penny War

George Costopoulos



Six students from Valley View Adventist School in Scottsbluff raised \$725 for ADRA projects.



At the bank: Olivia O'Nele, Jessie Rollins, Sandra Artl, the bank teller, Reagan Paben, Jeannie Costopoulos, Johanna Rivera, Milka Mendoza

This fall the six students attending the Valley View School in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, decided to take on a special project for Adventist Development and Relief Agency. We started with a Penny War. Each class had a jar to fill with pennies and other change. Adults in the church got involved

when someone put pennies in the 4th graders' jar, and another became the Penny Fairy, leaving pennies scattered around the school.

Then the students decided to host a spaghetti dinner benefit. More than 60 church members and friends enjoyed the meal. The students prepared the food,

provided entertainment and cleaned up afterward. The dinner netted \$360.

When we took our penny jars to the bank, we were thrilled to find the cash from the Penny War totaled \$319. With two more donations later in the week, our grand total came to \$725.

The students' goal was to provide a cow for a blind person, with a second goal of a pair of goats. Since we exceeded both goals, each student was able to select a smaller project. These projects included a share in a well, nourishment for a baby, two gifts of winter clothing for refugee children, and two cook stoves for an impoverished family.

We never dreamed our ADRA project would be so blessed. As we send the funds to ADRA, the students are already asking to keep the penny jars so they may be filled again. What a joy it is as a Christian teacher to see my students excited to make a difference in the world!

I am grateful our small church continues to make Christian education a priority. We will never know this side of heaven how far our investment has reached, nor the hearts that have been won for eternity.

Jeannie Costopoulos teaches at Valley View Adventist School in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

The Chadron Church in the Nebraska Panhandle hosted a Moroccan meal for their members and the community featuring healthy plant based foods, reports member Leroy Wyatt. One tradition in Morocco is to dine without utensils. Each guest was given a gown and a hand towel placed over their left shoulder. There was Moroccan entertainment following the meal.

Great Bend members in Kansas are emphasizing a special focus on missions. According to Regan Scherencel, pastor, a five gallon water jug has been placed in the lobby with a funnel on top and a sign reading, "Every Last Dime for Missions." Members are encouraged to save their dimes for mission projects.

### March 2-13

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# Tim Floyd to Lead Youth and Young Adult



Tim Floyd

Courtesy: Kansas-Nebraska Conference

coming to the New Haven Church. He also furthered his ministry as a global evangelist in Uganda, Africa.

“In addition to working with Broken Arrow Ranch, the Pathfinder club ministries and my other duties, I am especially excited to get started working with young adults throughout Kansas and Nebraska,” Floyd said. “I am eager to get to know not only the students at Union College, but also in public universities and graduates up to age 35. What I am most interested in hearing are their stories, as well as finding out how the church can better serve them.”

President **Ron Carlson** said, “Through Tim’s early ministry career, he has already shown himself an effective youth pastor, Bible teacher and chaplain. I’m confident that what he will bring to our conference Youth/Young Adult Department will make a difference for good. Tim has a passion to help this age group connect with Jesus and His church.”

John Treolo is communication director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

**T**im Floyd, who most recently served as youth pastor for the New Haven Church in Overland Park, Kansas, is the new Youth and Young Adult Ministries director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. He replaces **Travis Sager**, who accepted a call to pastor in the Illinois Conference.

A Union College graduate with a bachelor’s degree in religion education and a minor in history, Floyd served at several Adventist academies, including Sunnysdale (Missouri), Milo (Oregon), Mount Pisgah (North Carolina) and Forest Lake (Florida) prior to

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# McCormicks Retire from Conference Ministries



Courtesy/Minnesota Conference

Sherman and Connie McCormick are retiring after 64.5 years (combined service record) of denominational ministry, leaving behind the legacy of a passionate desire to introduce men and women, boys and girls, to the Jesus they love and serve.

In December, **Pastor Sherman** and **Mrs. Connie McCormick** said farewell to friends and coworkers after working tirelessly for the last four years with passion and enthusiasm to enhance pastoral care and Adventist education in the Minnesota Conference.

In her education work, Connie developed the following acronym—AWAKE (Ambassadors for Christ, Walking in His Steps, Anticipating His Return, Keeping His Commands, Experiencing Great Joy). She encouraged teachers and students alike to be ambassadors for Christ, walking each day in His steps as they anticipate the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ. She also encouraged teachers, students and the school constituency to faithfully keep God's commandments and experience great joy. Her desire to awaken people so they can really experience great joy in Jesus has been one of her boundless passions.

Connie also brought Outdoor School to Minnesota and engaged children in the study of nature. Each year she attempted to highlight Bible characters or concepts, with emphasis on showing the loving God of creation.

Pastor Sherman is a praying man, and as he visited

and prayed with pastors across the conference he also shared thoughts from many of the books he was reading. As Minnesota's ministerial director, Pastor Sherman was always encouraging our pastors to read and equip themselves for 21st century ministry. Pastor Sherman's direct ministry to pastors, and his desire to see them press forward and succeed in meaningful ministry wherever they are assigned, will be greatly missed.

This couple leave behind the legacy of having a passionate desire to introduce men and women, boys and girls to the Jesus they love. The Minnesota Conference owes a great deal of gratitude to Sherman and Connie for their selfless commitment to the church and the educational goals of the Seventh-day Adventist church. In addition to their length of service (a combined service record of 64.5 years), we will always remember them for their joy and happiness. They inspired all of us to be AWAKE and cheerful. We pray their legacy will live on, not only in this conference, but in the lives of the many students and church members they served.

Articles by Brian Mungandi, communication director for the Minnesota Conference.

# Conference Welcomes New Youth Director



Courtesy Torres Family

Jose Torres is the new Youth Ministry director for the Minnesota Conference. He and his wife, Zoey, and their children Javan (age 9) and Adrialyz (age 2) are coming from the Lake Region Conference, where Torres served in youth and Pathfinder ministries.

The Minnesota Conference is happy to introduce **Jose Torres** as the new Youth Ministry director. Pastor Torres comes to us from Lake Region Conference where he has been serving as a full-time pastor in two African-American churches in Fort Wayne and Marion, Indiana. He was also the Pathfinder executive coordinator for the conference.

Since graduating from the

seminary, Torres has been involved in mission trips and several evangelistic meetings in the United States and other countries, including Lima, Peru, and the Dominican Republic. Pastor Torres is an ordained minister who holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and a B.S. in business management from the University of Phoenix, and as well as four units of Clinical Pastoral Education.

Torres, who is fluent in both English and Spanish, served as a youth pastor and chaplain in Fort Wayne. His experience includes leading out in key ministries such as pastoral, evangelism, Pathfinder, young adult, and chaplaincy. We strongly believe the Lord will use Pastor Torres and his wife, **Zoey**, to impact the lives of thousands of young people in our conference.

“I see youth ministry as an important ministry,” said Torres. “Part of youth ministry is discipleship and soul winning, so we will endeavor to point our young people to Christ and build relationships with them.” Torres says his first tasks will be forming relationships with the youth leaders in the conference, and working with parents to make sure that our youth program is continuing as smoothly as possible.

Torres and his wife are the proud parents of two beautiful children, a boy, **Javan** (age 9) and a girl, **Adrialyz** (age 2). Torres said they are “excited to come to Minnesota, because as a family we love youth work.”

Pastor Torres says he loves reading, electronics, playing basketball, camping, biking, traveling, photography and videography, and just having fun. May God bless this family as they begin their ministry in Minnesota.

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# RMC Ministers Are Energized at Pastors' Conference



Courtesy Rocky Mountain Conference

According to RMC president Ed Barnett, (left) plans are still being developed to hold a week-long series of public outreach events with Mark Finley in Denver in 2017, as announced last year. No date has yet been set for this event.

Every doctrine of the church is relevant to a society looking for meaning in life," said evangelist **Mark Finley** as he presented ways to evaluate church growth to the 60 RMC ministers asked to rate their growth programs through a local church assessment tool.

"Are we intentional about church growth and consistently equipping our members to use their spiritual gifts?" was one of several questions Finley asked as part of the evaluation. The presentation included consideration of 10 areas that would assist ministers and their congregations in knowing their church growth potential, as well as enabling them to maximize their strengths and strengthen areas of weakness.

Finley also spoke about two equally important ways

of impacting any community and evaluating their needs: programs, and developing relationships. Combining these two approaches will make churches centers of warm, loving fellowship—places to which people are drawn and want to return, Finley said.

This three-day event, held in January at Glacier View Ranch, included a presentation and "unpacking" of the ministerial core values recently adopted in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Six different groups of participants were led by **Craig Carr**, ministerial director, in discussing what constitutes the values of F.A.I.T.H. (friendship, adaptability, integrity, teamwork and humility).

During the conference Carr said he hoped pastors were encouraged and affirmed

by reviewing these core values. He also mentioned the need to be challenged to broaden the circle representing engagement with the community.

"We must not grow content and be stuck with the same methodologies, but have willingness to try [new approaches] and perhaps fail, though we will never know unless we try first," he added.

Following the presentations **Wayne Morrison**, pastor of the Brighton congregation, commented on the timeliness of the conference and its messages. It coincided with an elders meeting at his church the previous week, he said, where the elders asked: Who are we? What are we about? How do we evaluate what we are doing?

"Everything Mark Finley presented was perfect. I am

going home to a board meeting tonight and we are going to use the evaluation and start to implement exactly what we received here," Morrison said.

"I am taking from this conference a renewed interest for planning for church growth in my churches," added **Don Barnt**, pastor of Cheyenne, Laramie and Torrington churches in Wyoming. "I am going to meet with my church boards and talk about what we are going to do to help our church grow this year. We will spend more time planning," he concluded.

The meeting ended with recognition of new pastors employed in RMC during the past year and a dedication prayer for them.

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Rajmund Dabrowski is communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

# Campion's Own Makerspace Allows Hands-On Creative Work



Jenny Sigler

Campion Academy students receive hands-on education that provides them with skills they can use now and in the future. Emanuel Espino, a sophomore from Great Bend, Kansas completed this checker board as one of his projects.

As makerspaces become more popular in communities trying to support entrepreneurs, Campion Academy boasts its own space where students can use software and machinery to create their personalized designs—the wood shop.

Dan Philpott began teaching Campion's woodworking classes nine years ago and how his students are turning out more impressive work than ever. The 23 students enrolled in last semester's class completed lathe work, glued projects and computer-aided engraving.

In a consumer-oriented society, Philpott realizes that enabling students to work with their hands and their imaginations is more

important than ever. Most students complete at least five or six projects and incorporate any number of wood-working techniques, such as finger-jointed corners which sophomore Tommy Eickmann used to create a small chest. Sophomores Emanuel Espino and David Marroquin each completed about a dozen projects, from wooden pens to checker boards. Their enthusiasm hinged on their creative license.

This freedom to choose their own projects is what Cesar Lowrance likes the best. "We can be as creative as we want and can make whatever we want," he said.

When Philpott began teaching the class in 2006, the shop contained a band saw and a

drill press. With his continued management, the shop now boasts more than \$20,000 worth of machines, including various lathes, sanders, saws and finishing materials.

The latest addition to the wood shop's array of machines is a computerized numeric control (CNC) engraving machine, which allows students to manipulate an image or text using the machine's software, and then set parameters that guide a drill bit to cut or engrave the image in wood.

Sophomore Hannah Phelps said, "Using your imagination, you can really make about anything in this class." Her classmate Devaney Bright agreed. As they both watched the CNC machine cut shapes of the continents out of a piece of cherry wood, Bright described projects she has made for her mom and her current inlaid map project. "I like learning how to use tools that I wouldn't have gotten a chance to otherwise," she added. Both she and Phelps are also looking forward to taking a welding class from Mr. Philpott.

"I want the students to feel comfortable in a shop setting, use different machines, and work with their hands," Philpott said. He added that he hopes students will walk away with the skills and confidence to tackle future projects and household fixes themselves.

Jenny Sigler teaches English at Campion Academy.

## Baptisms in Rocky Mountain Conference Show Church Commitment

With the continued emphasis on outreach and evangelism in the Rocky Mountain Conference, we are seeing an illustration in our baptism numbers of the commitment our congregations and pastors have toward reaching their communities for Christ.

From January 2014 to December 2015, our membership grew by 467. Baptisms in 2015 were up by 140 over 2014, and membership totaled 17,929 by the end of the year.

"We look forward to a celebration when we reach 18,000 members," said Ed Barnett, president of the Rocky Mountain Conference. "Thank you to our congregations and our pastors for reaching out to our communities."

**2014**  
Beginning Membership 17,462  
Ending Membership 17,569  
Total Gain 107  
Baptisms 293

**2015**  
Beginning Membership 17,569  
Ending Membership 17,929  
Total Gain 360  
Baptisms 433

# I Got a Great Deal on an Education



Photos: Courtesy Union College

Joe Hofmann came to Union not knowing anything about Adventism or what he wanted to do with his life. All that changed.

I can't tell you why I chose Union College. When I made the decision in summer 2011, I shocked myself and my family. Looking back, I see no logical reason why I chose Union. I was not a Seventh-day Adventist. None of my friends had ever heard of Union College, and I wasn't even sure what I wanted to study.

But I decided to stay. I

stayed even though I had not gone to an Adventist academy and did not know anyone in my freshman class. I stayed even though I was not a vegetarian. I stayed despite my lack of knowledge about Sabbath, Ellen White and the General Conference.

I stayed because the faculty and staff helped me and made me feel welcome. They invited me to their homes,

gave me their email addresses and phone numbers and told me to call if I needed anything.

Here I am about to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in religion, an Associate of Science in pre-allied health, a minor in psychology and a minor in leadership—and I'm now a Seventh-day Adventist. I think I got a pretty good deal.

The faculty at Union College helped me realize that I can impact where I work, live and learn—I can make them better places. They provided the resources and support. All I had to do was take advantage of it.

It started with the guidance of my leadership teacher, **Dr. Linda Becker**. With her encouragement, I was able to implement a recycling program at Union College which doesn't cost the school a penny and saves up to 45 tons of trash a year.\*

Union College—and specifically the leadership program—helped me grow, better myself, and discover the calling God has for me. I've been able to have lunch with historic football coaches, go backpacking in the Minnesota lake country and be the president of the Math and Science Club. I've volunteered with my fellow students each year during Project Impact to help our community and I was a part of a team that helped set up the new Krueger Center.

When I first started college, I struggled with what to study

and changed majors several times. But Union has also helped me find my passion and calling in helping people—specifically as a chaplain. The faculty and staff at Union were always supportive and always willing to help me out. With their guidance, I discovered God's calling through things like volunteering at a hospice center and shadowing a chaplain.

When I look at how much I've spent to attend Union College, I feel guilty. I know the friendships I've made, the lessons I've learned and my experience here are worth significantly more than the money I've paid.

I didn't know why I chose Union as a freshman and I still don't know. But I wouldn't go back and change a single thing.

When I march down the aisle in gown and mortarboard in May, Union will be giving me much more than a diploma. I will have a family all over the globe. I'll have memories and lessons I will cherish and use throughout the rest of my life. And most importantly, I'll be confident in the calling and purpose God has for my life.

In the end, I'd say I got a great deal.

Joe Hofmann will graduate from Union College in May and plans to become a chaplain.

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[ucollege.edu/hofmann-recycle](http://ucollege.edu/hofmann-recycle)



# Foot Clinic Receives \$20,000 from Tom's of Maine



Kaileen Bricker, a first-year nursing student, experienced providing foot care for Lincoln's homeless for the first time in November at one of Union College's monthly foot clinics at Matt Talbot Community Kitchen and Outreach.

Feet, especially homeless feet, can be scary or intimidating for many. But as **Kaileen Bricker** cared for one pair after another, she felt her perceptions change and she became far more interested in the people to whom they were attached. "They are just like us," she said of the 30 or so homeless clients who come to Matt Talbot Community Kitchen and Outreach each month for Union College's foot clinic.

"One client told me he has a job, how he loves computers, and that his daughter is in college," said the first-year nursing student. "They are like us; they just don't have access to the same kind of care."



Each month since 1993 a group of Union College nursing students have spent several hours cleaning, healing and pampering the feet of Lincoln's homeless and near homeless. After the foot care is complete, each client receives two pairs of socks, and a new pair of shoes every six months.

And for students like Bricker, the foot clinic not only makes a significant impact on Lincoln's homeless, but on her educational experience as well. "I love people," said the western Nebraska native who also works as a CNA in the memory unit of an assisted living center. "I learn about patient education. They know we are there to help them, so they listen and are genuinely appreciative. That's what I love about it."

Initially, the nursing program ran foot clinics every three weeks, and in 1999, they joined forces with the new physician assistant studies program to share access to this learning and service opportunity. Now both nursing and physician assistant students

are required to participate in the foot clinic at least once as part of their clinical academic requirements, but many choose to volunteer throughout their college career.

## Funding the project

Always funded by grants and contributions, the program recently received a significant boost in the form of a \$20,000 grant from Tom's of Maine as part of their 50 States for Good community giving program. This year the company received nearly 10,000 submissions, and selected one entrant from each state and Washington D.C. to receive funding.

According to **Cliff Korf**, the Union College PA professor who manages the foot clinic finances and equipment, they need between \$6,500 and \$9,000 per year to fund the purchases of shoes and other supplies. "The foot clinic is mostly funded through grants from various organizations and contributions from individuals," he said. "Union College employees have gifted

Laura Karges, one of the founders of the Union College foot clinic, often supports nursing students as they provide foot care for Lincoln's homeless at a local soup kitchen.

socks for the last several years using a Christmas Sock Tree at the annual holiday party."

Besides the support from Matt Talbot Community Kitchen and Outreach, Payless ShoeSource significantly discounts shoes for the program. According to **Nicole Orian**, chair of the Division of Nursing, the foot clinic serves an average of 260 adults each year and an additional 100 children during the Children's Foot Clinic before the beginning of each school year.

The Tom's of Maine award will be a significant boost to the foot clinic and the services offered. "Maurine Shambarger started the foot clinic at Union, and her son first told me about the Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good program," said Orian. "She passed away some time ago, but her legacy lives on through the foot clinic and lives that it touches. Now, thanks to her son's suggestion and to Tom's of Maine, we'll be able to do even more for the Lincoln community."

Ryan Teller is public relations director for Union College.

Read the full story online:  
[ucollege.edu/tomsgift](http://ucollege.edu/tomsgift)

# Shawnee Mission Health Lifts Spirits with Food and Fellowship



Courtesy Shawnee Mission Health

SMH associates from various departments volunteer to prepare and serve meals every third Sunday at the City Union Mission in Kansas City, Missouri. Pictured are associates from the Mother/Baby Unit (left) and the Behavioral Health Department.

In the heart of Kansas City, Missouri exists a wonderful place where underprivileged men, women and children can find food, shelter, support and the love of Jesus Christ. This place is City Union Mission—an evangelical Christian ministry committed to sharing the gospel and meeting the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the poor and homeless.

City Union Mission’s church relations specialist, **Dennis Ellis**, witnesses first-hand the miraculous transformations of lives of individuals and families participating in the organization’s long-term recovery programs.

“There are many reasons why people come to City Union Mission,” said Ellis. “For example, men often come to us seeking help for drug or alcohol addiction. It’s amazing

to see the end results of lives changed through the love of Jesus Christ.”

Since 1924, the purpose of City Union Mission has been to help people restore hope, direction and health. Shawnee Mission Health is helping them achieve this goal by volunteering time to prepare and serve meals to approximately 60 men in the Long-Term Men’s Group.

SMH’s administrative coordinator for Behavioral Health, **Linda Batsch**, leads the effort for SMH by recruiting departments to give their time to provide meals every third Sunday.

“I never tire of watching the men enjoy the meals,” said Batsch. “They know the meals come from the hearts of the volunteers who prepare and serve, and they are always so appreciative.”

Many SMH departments participate in the program, but associates from Behavioral Health, Spiritual Wellness, Radiology, Pre-Surgery Clinic and the Lab volunteer on a regular basis. According to Batsch, associates find the experience to be very rewarding. They not only prepare and serve the meals, but many associates eat and share fellowship with the program participants.

“It’s a great feeling to give back in this way,” said Batsch. “You get to see very tangible results.”

The partnership is a win-win for everyone involved, not just the volunteers. Assistance from organizations such as SMH help City Union Mission offset expenses and show the men involved in the program that people care about their well-being.

“Shawnee Mission Health associates come here with big smiles and encouraging words,” said Ellis. “These men will remember the thoughtfulness of the volunteers for many years after graduating from the program.”

Together, City Union Mission and SMH are making a difference in the lives of many. SMH served its first meal at City Union Mission in May 2013 and has plans to continue its commitment far into the future.

Jackie Woods writes for Shawnee Mission Health.

To learn more about City Union Mission, visit [cityunionmission.org](http://cityunionmission.org). For more information about Shawnee Mission Health, visit [ShawneeMission.org](http://ShawneeMission.org).

# “Love Matters Most” Day of Service



Students, local church members and hospital employees volunteered to paint five homes of elderly and disabled community members in the Denver area.



Volunteers wore T-shirts featuring the logos of the many organizations that helped to make this day of service possible.

Employees from Porter and Littleton Adventist Hospitals joined forces with 200 students from Mile High Academy and members from the Denver South, LifeSource and Littleton Adventist Churches for the first Love Matters Most day of service on Sept. 2, 2015 in the Denver area.

The day-long community service event, sponsored by CREATION Health teams from the two Centura hospitals, included a 30-minute concert by Mile High Academy’s middle school orchestra. Adventist Community Services and Meals on Wheels fed hundreds of people from the local community, and five houses were painted. The home owners

received gift baskets assembled by Mile High Academy elementary students full of goodies, household supplies, and gift certificates.

Planning for Love Matters Most began six months prior to the event. A team of leaders from the Adventist hospital system included **Jim Feldbush**, **Casey Len**, **Eric Shadle**, and **Stephen King** with additional support from South Metro Health Alliance and Brother’s Redevelopment, a nonprofit housing restoration company that serves the area’s elderly and disabled populations. More than 300 people, many of them under 18, volunteered for the event, which focused on improving the environment and building interpersonal relationships with community

members. According to Jim Feldbush, director of Mission and Ministry at Porter Adventist Hospital, “The expansive effort highlighted the fact that Christ’s healing ministry ultimately was about loving service to those in need.”

Homeowners **Brian** and **Alys** expressed their deep gratitude to the Centura team of volunteers who painted their house: “We were overwhelmed with gratitude for all the wonderful things the team did for us—painting the exterior of our home (it looks so clean and colorful), doing extra chores like weeding and washing windows, and the thoughtful conversations many of you had with us, making us feel very special. Listening to our

stories was an extraordinary gift. Please pass on our thanks to each and every volunteer who made it such a memorable day.”

Plans are already underway for the 2016 Love Matters Most service day, which will be an even bigger effort. Additional hospitals, churches and community organizations have already signed on with the goal of painting more houses and touching more people in the Denver community with God’s love.

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This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for Rocky Mountain Adventist Health/Centura Health, where he serves the five Adventist hospital campuses in Colorado. It was written by Mark Bond.

**Asher (Wall), Verlene D.**, b. Apr. 22, 1928 between Wolcott and Minturn, CO. d. Aug. 26, 2015 in Littleton, CO. Survivors include husband Bill; sons Mike, Joe, Randy and Jeff; 2 siblings; 6 grandchildren.

**Clark, David**, b. Feb. 7, 1924 in Madison County, IA. d. Dec. 20, 2015 in Winterset, IA. Member of Winterset Church. Preceded in death by 5 siblings. Survivors include wife Lucy; daughter Elaine Rosencrants; son Edward; 2 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

**Clark, Mural**, b. Nov. 17, 1921 in Supply, AR. d. Jan. 5, 2016 in Lebanon, MO. Member of Lebanon Church. Preceded in death by husband R.A. Clark; 9 brothers; 1 granddaughter. Survivors include daughter Margaret; son James; 4 siblings.

**Cox, Dale**, b. Oct. 2, 1947. d. May 22, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. Member of Oak Grove Church. Survivors include daughter Carolyn Webster; sons Dale and Sammy, and Alan Donovan; 2 brothers; 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

**Culbertson, Richard H.**, b. Nov. 30, 1933 in Los Angeles, CA. d. Oct. 20, 2014 in Arcadia, KS. Member of Ft. Scott Church. Preceded in death by wife Glenmar Seiver; 1 brother. Survivors include wife Shirley; children Jim, Karen, Steve, Kent and Kathy; stepchildren Dennis Totman and Kelli Hansen; 9 grandchildren; 9 step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren.

**Davis, Leota**, b. Apr. 1, 1914 in Geneva, IA. d. Aug. 4, 2015 in Bolivar, MO. Member of Bolivar Church. Preceded in death by husbands Herman Roehers, Elmer Krause and

Frank Davis. Survivors include daughter Joyce; 1 grandchild; 1 great-grandchild.

**Deitsch, Lloyd Jr.**, b. Feb. 10, 1939 in St. Marys, OH. d. Jan. 16, 2016 in Wichita, KS. Member of Great Bend Church. Preceded in death by wife Bonnie Lou. Survivors include daughter Elea Durr; sons Bryan and Brent; 3 brothers; 2 granddaughters. Served in the United States Army.

**Ennis, Alfred R.**, b. Oct 2, 1935 in Cleveland, TX. d. Jan. 11, 2016 in Denver, CO. Member of Denver South Church. Survivors include wife Patsy; daughters Christina and Donna; son Ray.

**Hansen, Billie J.**, b. Dec. 12, 1931 in Gregory, SD. d. Nov. 30, 2015 in Custer, SD. Member of Custer Church. Preceded in death by 9 siblings. Survivors include husband Wes; daughter Jennifer; sons Jeffrey and James; 3 sisters; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren.

**Jackson, Beverly**, b. Feb. 6, 1934 in Garden Grove, IA. d. Dec. 20, 2015 in IA. Member of Osceola Church. Preceded in death by husband George; 2 siblings; 1 granddaughter. Survivors include son Jon; 3 siblings; 2 grandchildren.

**Laird, Janet**, b. Dec. 14, 1947 in Chickamauga, GA. d. Jan. 3, 2016 in Dickinson, ND. Member of Dickinson Church. Preceded in death by husband Benjamin.

**Larsen, Homer P.**, b. Aug. 19, 1922 in Viborg, SD. d. Nov. 13, 2015 in Viborg, SD. Member of Hurley Church. Preceded in death by 3 sisters. Survivors include wife Ethel; sons Jimmie and Lee; 3 grandchildren.

**McAdoo, Daniel**, b. Dec. 21, 1944 in Des Moines, IA. d. Dec.

15, 2015 in Rockwell City, IA. Member of Boone Church. Preceded in death by parents. Survivors include twin brother.

**Nazarenus, Alexander**, b. May 19, 1921 in Elbert, KS. d. Oct. 20, 2015 in Buffalo, MO. Member of Branch Memorial Church. Preceded in death by wife Althea; 2 siblings. Survivors include daughter Ardis Baker; son Wayne; 1 sister; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

**O' Nelson, George**, b. Apr. 10, 1945 in Chamberlain, SD. d. Dec. 31, 2015 in Brookings, SD. Member of Huron Church. Preceded in death by father; 3 brothers. Survivors include wife Kathleen; mother; 3 siblings.

**Passa, Blanche M.**, b. Jan. 31, 1926 in Bowsmont, ND. d. Nov. 19, 2015 in East Grand Forks, MN. Member of Grand Forks Church. Preceded in death by husband Jacob; daughter Phyllis Jerome; 5 siblings. Survivors include children Annette Pederson, Jay Passa and Corinne Passa; 8 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

**Petersen, Norma**, b. Sept. 8, 1921. d. Dec. 17, 2015 in Tipton, MO. Member of Sedalia Church. Preceded in death by husband Arthur; 1 sister. Survivors include daughter Sandra Juhl; son Dale; 3 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 5 step-great-grandchildren.

**Richert, Verna**, b. June 2, 1917 in Dexter, MO. d. Sept. 13, 2015 in Clinton, MO. Member of Golden Valley Church. Preceded in death by husbands Francis Kee and Herman Richert; 4 siblings. Survivors include son Scott Kee; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

**Roberts, Blosson "Bobbie,"** b. Feb. 18, 1926 in Norfolk, VA. d.

Jan. 15, 2016 in Winterset, IA. Member of Winterset Church. Preceded in death by 2 siblings. Survivors include daughters Candie Ostrander, Connie Simmons and Delene Delsaver; son Pete; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild.

**Shawver, J. Russell Jr.**, b. Sept. 15, 1927 in Treece, KS. d. July 8, 2015 in Bartlesville, OK. Survivors include wife Lila; daughters Debra Wold and Robin Enders; son James; 1 sister; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. Worked 40 years for Adventist Health System.

**Slavik, Olga**, b. June 11, 1949 in Ijesti, Ukraine. d. Dec. 20, 2015 in Dora, MO. Member of Next Step Church. Preceded in death by 3 siblings. Survivors include daughters Minodora Perchik, Martha Moritz, Mariya Marton and Yelena Montalvo; son Radu; 3 sisters; 13 grandchildren.

**Unterseher, Gertrude "Gertie,"** b. Nov. 27, 1927 in Engelsburg, Poland. d. July 9, 2014. Member of Piedmont Park (NE) Church. Preceded in death by husband Alfred. Survivors include daughters Ingrid Unterseher and Doris Raines; son Allen; 4 grandchildren.

**Westbrook, Thomas R.**, b. Feb. 28, 1964. d. Dec. 14, 2015. Member of Wichita (KS) South Church. Preceded in death by father. Survivors include mother; 3 siblings.

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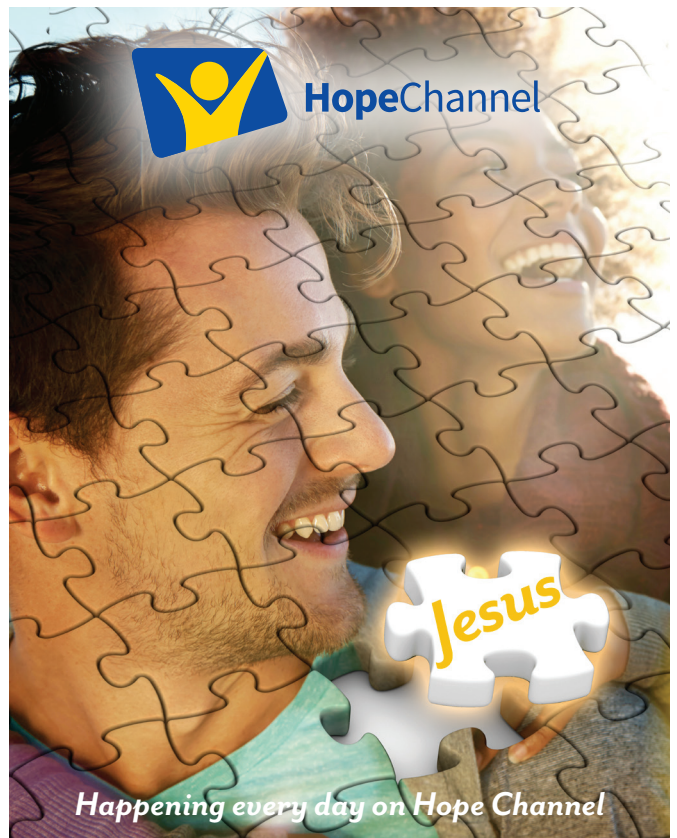
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Colorado	Mar 4	Mar 11	Mar 18	Mar 25	Apr 1
Denver	5:56	6:03	7:11	7:18	7:25
Grand Junction	6:11	6:18	7:25	7:32	7:38
Pueblo	5:55	6:02	7:09	7:16	7:22
<b>Iowa</b>					
Davenport	5:57	6:05	7:13	7:21	7:28
Des Moines	6:09	6:17	7:25	7:33	7:40
Sioux City	6:20	6:28	7:36	7:44	7:52
<b>Kansas</b>					
Dodge City	6:37	6:44	7:51	7:57	8:03
Goodland	5:43	5:50	6:57	7:04	7:11
Topeka	6:19	6:26	7:33	7:40	7:47
<b>Minnesota</b>					
Duluth	5:59	6:09	7:19	7:29	7:38
International Falls	6:03	6:14	7:24	7:35	7:45
Minneapolis	6:05	6:15	7:24	7:33	7:42
<b>Missouri</b>					
Columbia	6:05	6:12	7:19	7:26	7:33
Kansas City	6:15	6:22	7:29	7:36	7:42
St. Louis	5:58	6:05	7:12	7:18	7:25
<b>Nebraska</b>					
Lincoln	6:22	6:30	7:37	7:45	7:52
North Platte	6:38	6:46	7:54	8:01	8:09
Scottsbluff	5:49	5:57	7:05	7:13	7:21
<b>North Dakota</b>					
Bismarck	6:34	6:44	7:54	8:03	8:13
Fargo	6:18	6:28	7:38	7:48	7:57
Williston	6:44	6:55	8:05	8:15	8:26
<b>South Dakota</b>					
Pierre	6:34	6:43	7:52	8:01	8:09
Rapid City	5:46	5:55	7:04	7:12	7:21
Sioux Falls	6:20	6:29	7:37	7:46	7:54
<b>Wyoming</b>					
Casper	5:59	6:08	7:16	7:24	7:32
Cheyenne	5:54	6:02	7:10	7:17	7:25
Sheridan	6:00	6:09	7:19	7:27	7:36



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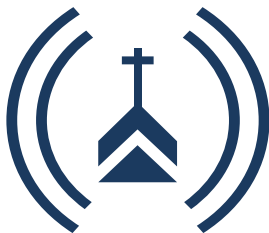
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