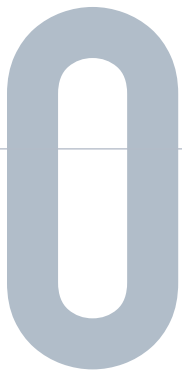


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Our OUTLOOK theme for 2017 is Blessed Are The Peacemakers. In view of the turbulent political, financial, social and spiritual climate in which we live, these words of Jesus seem to be a timely focus. Each month we plan to share stories of people who are living out different aspects of peacemaking with families, friends, communities and the global network of humanity.

In his book *Starting Over*, Charles Swindoll states that “one of the marks of spiritual maturity is the quiet confidence that God is in control—without the need to understand why He does what He does.”

When we are at peace, the solid and simple things of life are brought into clear focus. We can rest in the priceless promises of God:

Great peace have they that love thy law and nothing shall offend them. Ps. 119:165

And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you... Let not your hearts be troubled; neither be afraid. John 14:27

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# Making Peace with Your God



A few years ago I was honored to be asked to perform the wedding of a young couple for whom I had much love and respect. I gladly agreed to be part of their very special day and looked forward to the great celebration.

Soon the wedding day arrived, and I contemplated when I needed to leave my home to arrive an hour early at the ceremony site. Thankfully, I remembered there was a time change between Indiana, where I lived, and Michigan, where the wedding was to take place. Unfortunately, I somehow reversed in my mind which way the time changed and thought Michigan was an hour behind instead of an hour ahead. I realized my mistake when I was about an hour from the wedding chapel.

Picture this: the chapel is full of family and friends, the musicians are ready, the wedding party is in place, but the preacher is nowhere in sight. I can't express the feelings of embarrassment and pain I felt the moment I realized what I had done. I knew I had let this couple down in a very profound way. Before I could even think what to do next, my cell phone rang...it was the wedding coordinator. All I could do was express my humble apology since I was

still an hour away.

As it turned out, they were able to find someone else to step in for me at the wedding. I finally arrived just as the ceremony finished. To face the bride and groom and their families was, without a doubt, one of the most humbling moments of my life.

## Self-destructive guilt

Have you ever been going along and unexpectedly an experience from your past is brought to mind that triggers a feeling of guilt or embarrassment? For me, even though everyone in the wedding party was more than willing to forgive, I can't hear about a wedding, go through a time change, or see a member of that wedding party without those feelings rushing back.

Sometimes our memories are from honest mistakes, but sometimes they are from moments in our lives when our decision truly let down our friends or family, and certainly our Savior. And sometimes, even if those whom we have hurt or offended forgive us, we have a hard time forgiving ourselves.

Not long ago I visited a church where the pastor asked me to meet with a man who was requesting special prayer. As he shared his story, he revealed all the horrible things he had done in the past—including ways he had

hurt his parents, his wife, and his children. Though he had asked for their forgiveness and received it, he could not forgive himself. For years, he had been on a self-destructive path of drug and alcohol abuse, trying to take away the pain he felt from his past.

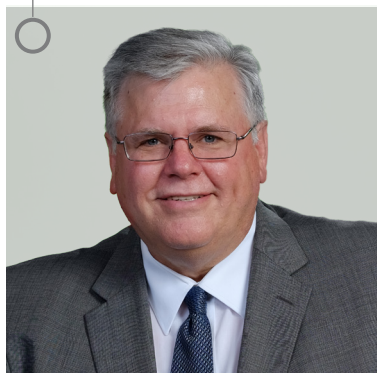
## The gift of forgiveness

To really understand and experience peace the way God wants you to, you must first experience God's forgiveness, be willing to forgive those who have wronged you, accept the forgiveness of others, and finally forgive yourself. By not forgiving yourself, you become vulnerable to the temptation of succumbing to self-punishment, which in no way can bring you peace. Instead, it can leave you in a state of uncertainty about your standing with God and how He relates to you. It can also lead to a sense of unworthiness, which can ultimately paralyze you in your Christian walk.

So how do you move forward when you find yourself struggling with self-forgiveness, when disappointment in yourself confuses your thinking about your self-worth?

When Israel crossed over into the Promised Land after wandering around the wilderness for 40 years, God instructed Joshua to build a monument to commemorate

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that moment. “So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe; and Joshua said to them, “Cross again to the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel. Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, “What do these stones mean to you?” then you shall say to them, “Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord: when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.” So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever” (Josh. 4:4-7 NASB).

If ever there was a bad decision made, it was 40 years before when Israel turned its back on God’s leading and, as a result, nearly a whole generation died in the wilderness. Why would God want to make a memorial out of that very painful experience?

The truth is, the memorial was something that brought much hope, peace and healing to the children of Israel. When the Lord cut “the waters of the

Jordan,” it was a miracle that demonstrated His continual love and care for the Israelites.

I can only imagine that when the memorial site was visited through the years, each one must have been reminded of the grace and forgiveness offered them by God. They must have been reminded that despite their disobedience, God never turned His back on them. They must have also been overwhelmed with the marvelous way God sustained and preserved them during this difficult time. And finally, despite their failures, they must have been amazed that God had a future planned for them. He had in no way given up on them; He was still leading in their lives.

#### **A memorial to the future**

Are you struggling with self-forgiveness? Once you have done all you can to make things right with God and those whom you have hurt, I invite you to remember how the Lord took one of Israel’s greatest failures and turned it into a memorial of His love for us. Whatever it is you might be struggling with, rather than make it an unbearable burden, turn it into a memorial of God’s

forgiveness, His grace, His sustaining power, and His hopes and dreams for your future. This memorial you build will help you understand for years to come the truth about God and how He relates to us.

Ellen White says this about forgiving yourself: “This feeling of guiltiness must be laid at the foot of the cross of Calvary. The sense of sinfulness has poisoned the springs of life and true happiness. Now Jesus says, “Lay it all on Me; I will take your sin, I will give you peace. Destroy no longer your self-respect, for I have bought you with the price of My own blood. You are Mine, your weakened will I will strengthen; your remorse for sin, I will remove” (*This Day with God*, p. 63).

Experiencing total forgiveness is what the Lord wants for each of us. This is no time for us to be paralyzed in our Christian walk. Soon and very soon there is going to be another wedding when Jesus comes to claim His bride. And trust me, you don’t want to be late to that wedding! **■**

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# People of Peace

## Derek and Alicia White

Each month in 2017 *OUTLOOK* is featuring individuals who are actively involved in peacemaking with their families, friends and communities. The following interview focuses on a family, formerly living in Colorado, who are now serving refugees in Cairo.

### What does it mean to be a person of peace?

Peacemaking to us is the holistic repair of relationships, a vision given to us by God that is intended to encompass our relationships with our fellow man, our relationship with God, and our relationship with creation (animals, nature, etc.).

Being a person of peace entails seeking peace in these areas for ourselves and encouraging it in those we encounter as well, to the degree we are able.

We believe that our family is our greatest gift and an instrument of peace, so we seek to widen the circle of our family beyond those biologically related to us to everyone we encounter in an attempt to bring peace through treating those around us as our own dear family.

### What does peacemaking look like to you?

We are currently in a phase of learning here in Cairo, because we believe that this is essential before being able to take any meaningful action toward peace. We were advised by some wise peacemaking friends

to "listen longer than feels comfortable," and we are seeking to do this now by studying Arabic, getting to know our neighbors and refugees here in Cairo, and observing in our busy everyday lives.

We try to share our experiences among the various communities we spend time in here (refugees, Egyptians, expats, Christians, Muslims, wealthy, struggling) to humanize different groups to each other, as well as sharing our experiences with our families back home. There is so much misunderstanding between people living in the Middle East and America, as well as much misunderstanding about refugees due to the media and the current world climate.

### Is there is a saying or quote about peace that you like?

"An enemy is someone whose story we have not heard." — Quaker Proverb

### Do you have a particular Bible verse about peace that is meaningful to you?

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9). Also, "You have heard it was said, 'Eye for an eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two



Courtesy White Family

Derek and Alicia White with their son Isaiah are working in Cairo, the capital city of Egypt. As a lawyer, Derek pours himself out in service to refugees, while Alicia is using her nursing background to advocate for improved access to medical services.

miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." (Matt. 5: 38-4).

### What gives you hope for the future?

We've been going through this *40 Days of Prayer* challenge, focusing three times a day on Isa. 65:17-25. It has been a great experience to meditate on the vision that God has for the world. And each day a different part of it sticks out to us. We see tastes of that vision of peace here and pray deeply for more of it to unfold. **I**

### Books the Whites recommend

*Living Toward a Vision*  
by Walter Brueggemann

*Tattoos on the Heart*  
by Gregory Boyle

*Peace Is Every Step*  
by Thich Nhat Hanh

*So Send I You*  
by Oswald Chambers

*Peace Catalysts:  
Resolving Conflicts in Our  
Families, Organizations,  
and Communities*  
by Rick Love

# Paz en Cristo Jesús

## Mi resolución para el nuevo año

«¿Necesito hablar contigo!

Ya no sé cómo soportar esto,” exclamo Julio con lágrimas en sus ojos. “Oro todos los días y siento que Dios no me escucha. No puedo dormir, mi mente esta atribulada. Por favor, dime que debo hacer.”

Aquel sábado de tarde, Julio buscaba mi consejo como su anciano de iglesia. Su situación económica iba de mal en peor. Casado y sin casa fija. Como si fuera poco, el banco llamaba insistentemente para cobrar ciertas deudas que se habían acumulado. Su esposa era la única que trabajaba y su pequeño ingreso solo bastaba para mantenerlos alimentados y pagar la gasolina. Sin duda las cosas no estaban saliendo como Julio las había planificado. No obstante, él había escuchado mi testimonio en un culto de oración – de como Dios había sostenido mi hogar en medio de un año difícil, pero por encima de todo, me había dado paz – y ahora buscaba comprender como obtener esa paz en medio de su crisis.

### La más importante resolución

Desconozco la condición en la que estas iniciando este nuevo año. Probablemente tengas una larga lista de resoluciones que alcanzar. Tal vez eres parte del 38% de personas que nunca hace una resolución, o simplemente puede que tu año no este iniciando

con un panorama favorable como fue el caso de Julio. Sea cual sea tu situación, deseo exhortarte a vivir la más importante resolución para este año. El sabio Salomón la resume en Proverbios 12:20 diciendo “¡el corazón que procura la paz rebosa de alegría!” (Nueva Traducción Viviente).


Verás, normalmente establecemos metas y resoluciones al inicio de un nuevo año porque queremos ser felices o vivir en paz. Lamentablemente tendemos a enfocar nuestras acciones en lograr estos objetivos para entonces poder decir que tenemos paz y alegría. Sin embargo, en el texto, Salomón nos insta a invertir esta ecuación. Por medio del verbo procurar, nos llama a una acción – la búsqueda de paz – que al lograrla, producirá en nosotros alegría independientemente del éxito o fracaso de nuestras metas cotidianas.

### Busca la paz y mantenla

Aunque nuestras resoluciones personales tengan las mejores intenciones, no siempre son fáciles de obtener, ni se cumplen como deseamos. Correr tu primera maratón de 42KM puede resultar completamente estresante. Bajar de peso o convertirte en vegetariano puede generar mayores gastos en tu presupuesto. Lograr la unidad y reavivamiento que tanto deseas en tu iglesia podría ser

una meta llena de obstáculos. Ante tantos eventos en la vida que con facilidad pueden causar estrés o desanimo, Dios en su palabra nos pide “busca la paz y esfuérzate por mantenerla” 1 Pedro 3:11 (NTV).

La paz no es más que un estado de tranquilidad. Un estado en el que podemos disfrutar de plena alegría y comunión con Dios. Un estado que a pesar de las pruebas y tristezas que podamos enfrentar en el 2017, tenemos la certeza de que Dios ya venció por nosotros (Juan 16:33). Tranquilidad al saber que nuestras ansiedades están en mano de nuestro Padre celestial (1 Pedro 5:17). Seguridad en Cristo al descansar cada noche (Salmos 4:8), y por encima de todas las cosas la bendición de ser llamados hijos de Dios al vivir en paz (Mateo 5:9) independientemente de las condiciones que experimentemos en nuestra vida.

Sin duda alguna el 2017 puede ser un año lleno de paz en tu vida. Haz la firme resolución hoy de vivir en Cristo Jesús. Él te llenara de aquella paz que sobrepasa todo entendimiento y toda circunstancia. 

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### 3 simples pasos para encontrar paz y mantenerla

#### Dile adiós a la ansiedad

Este es el momento dejar tú y dejar a Dios. Ora: Señor, a ti entrego todas mis preocupaciones, todas mis ansiedades y todos mis planes para el año 2017. Quiero vivir en paz. Cumple tu promesa en 1 Pedro 5:7 de cuidar de mí.

#### Acepta el regalo

La paz de Dios es más que liberar toxinas al hacer ejercicio o distraer la mente viendo una película. Según Juan 14:27, la paz que experimentarás al decirle adiós a la ansiedad, es una que el mundo no puede dar. Es un regalo divino que solo experimentarás en lo más profundo de tu comunión con Cristo Jesús.

#### Haz buen uso del regalo

Una vez recibas el regalo, sigue el ejemplo del rey Asa en 2 Crónicas 14. Procura hacer lo que es agradable y bueno delante de los ojos de Dios (14:2). Elimina todo lo que interfiere en tu relación y paz con Cristo (14:3). Motiva a otros a desarrollar una relación íntima con el Señor (14:4). Mantente activo y preparado para enfrentar al enemigo con el poder de Dios (14:7).



# Home in the Wilderness

*Editor's note: This article is a follow-up to our January 2015 story exploring the history of house churches.*

I approached his house with a bit of apprehension, the same kind of apprehension I feel when stepping out of my comfort zone. As I rapped on the screen door, I caught sight of Shayne Daughenbaugh sitting on a couch in the living room. He was smiling. Typical Shayne. He bid me let myself in and, as I entered, he stood from the couch to give me a hug.

"Welcome, brother, glad you could make it."

I looked around the room at the others seated on the love seat, wooden chairs, and even the floor. There was something so casual about it that I felt my apprehension lift. Shayne informed me of coffee in the kitchen and, naturally, I made a beeline. After I found a place on one of the couches, I listened as everyone chatted about their lives, about outreach programs we could be involved in, and pretty much anything that came to mind.

## The early journey

This all started about two years ago when Shayne gave up his position as youth pastor at College View Church, a job he'd had for over 10 years, and decided to start a house church. I interviewed him back then, and now that some time has gone by, I sat down with him again to see how things have gone since he began the house church.

First, let's rehash. It was a long journey for Shayne to get to the place he is now. Before



While Simple Church isn't appealing for everyone, the growing house church movement offers a warm community for those who embrace it.

deciding to pursue a house church, he described himself as being stuck in a bit of a wilderness experience where he felt like he was wandering for two years. He felt dissatisfied, even though he was doing what he thought he should be doing. Despite being in a great church, with a great budget, and ministering to great young people, he felt like something was missing—like he didn't know where to go or what was next.

His wife encouraged him to pursue a PhD program. There, he was exposed to new authors and ideas, some of them specifically dealing with the way the

early church in Acts conducted themselves. This made him realize that the institutional church was ill equipped to reach out to newer generations and people with different mentalities.

## Building community

Whether they are young people, middle-aged, or older folks, the established church isn't quite doing it for them. At the same time, they still hunger for spirituality and long for a way to find it. Shayne let go of his dream of being a youth pastor in order to do what God was calling him to do: Start a

house church.

When they first started, attendance was high, which he attributes to the buzz it all created. As summer came, things dwindled some, but now his church tends to average 15-20 people. Of course, the focus is not on numbers; they meet in his living room!

It's a grace-oriented community, where people create relationships with one another that allows them to disciple. These close relationships are more easily formed in close-knit groups, especially for certain personality types.



# Bringing Church to Your Doorstep

In a house church, it's easier to connect on a closer level and ask those awkward questions that nurture spiritual intimacy. "You can't hide in my living room," Shayne said.

As I talked with Shayne, I asked him if he thinks house church is for everyone. He told me that house church could meet everyone's needs, but not everyone is prepared for it. Shayne noted he isn't suggesting we do away with the big churches, but house church has something to offer those who are ready.

House church isn't just about creating something like a Sabbath school group. It's not just a meeting.

Beyond gathering on Sabbath mornings, they make plans with one another during the week, keeping connection and communication open so they can better grow together in Christ. Not everyone is ready for that in-your-face aspect of being open with others in a living room.

## Being the kingdom

Youth retention is a huge issue within Adventism, so I asked Shayne if he thinks house church is a more effective method of reaching the youth, as far as providing community and a laid-back environment.

What he said was interesting: "The main benefit of house church is not just community, because youth can find community anywhere: Sabbath school groups, sports teams, bars, whatever."

The beauty of house church is that it decentralizes leadership and ownership. It prompts

everybody in attendance to engage and share. It's very interactive.

Knowing membership growth might not be the focus, I asked a simpler question: "Do you have any goals in mind?"

He responded with his motto: "Be the kingdom, grow the kingdom." Being the kingdom means getting deep into discipleship, and imagining what it would look like if you were living in heaven right now. Though that mindset doesn't make life easier, it certainly provides another option of how to respond to it.

By being the kingdom and losing yourself in that way of thinking, you start wanting to invite others into God's good news. That's how you grow the kingdom. Be the kingdom first, and then grow. Shayne's hope right now is that God will be glorified in Lincoln, but he's also excited at the prospect of inspiring others and thus multiplying. He's even been asked to mentor house churches in other states. "The house church movement is pretty significant," he said.

"We found out how broken people really were," Shayne added, "people that looked like they were really good church members." Yet as they got comfortable and opened up, they realized that they were angry at Jesus over life's circumstances. A year later, that same person had exchanged hatred toward Jesus for trust and love.

"We know it's the power of the Holy Spirit, and it's humbling to know that we, as a community, played a part in that," Shayne said.



Photos: Pablo Calindres-Moreno

## Beyond ourselves

Back in Shayne's living room, Shayne directed us to a passage of Romans that we read together. Truly, the specific chapter and verses didn't matter. It was the process, or rather, lack of process that took place as we pored over the text, while sharing our opinions and wonderings about it. There was something freeing about the way things went along: anyone could speak at anytime, no need to raise a hand and wait to be called on by the leader, because nobody was actually leading. Nobody was in charge of spiritually feeding us. We

were all gathered there, as individuals, in search of something beyond ourselves. I think that's really important. **1**

Josh Marshall previously wrote *Taking Spirituality Beyond the Sanctuary*, chronicling the start of Shayne Daughenbaugh's house church. Josh lives, works and releases his creativity in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Watch the director's cut of this interview at [bit.ly/Daughenbaugh](https://bit.ly/Daughenbaugh).



# Torrington's Super Seniors

Dittenber, 98, and Peterson, 92, faithfully serve church family

Marcella Dittenber, along with Torrington, Wyoming churchmate Pete Peterson, refuse to let age or physical impairments dampen their determination for serving the Lord and their church congregation with music and in many other ways.

Dittenber and Peterson are 98 and 92 years old, respectively.

A lifelong educator, Dittenber taught kindergarten through 8th grade at the county public school system for 33 years. As if that wasn't enough, Dittenber has been playing music at church and camp meetings for 40 years and knows how to play enough musical instruments to arrange them alphabetically: accordion, harmonica, organ, piano, trumpet and violin. "I am a faithful Seventh-day Adventist and bring music to the church every week," she says.

"I grew up in a Christian home but not knowing much about Jesus," she admits. "A loving neighbor family introduced Him to me. I had many rough bridges to cross. Now... what a loving Savior we serve! His mercies are new every morning."

Dittenber enjoys good company and shows it when she drives out to hospitals and nursing homes regularly to visit friends. Her delicious meals are quite famous, especially when they make an appearance at church potluck.

Dittenber's welcoming arms, both at church and her home, are warm and genuine; the abundance of her generosity reveals an obvious zeal to be



Crystal Albers

like Christ.

"In both Old and New Testaments we read that the return of Jesus is imminent," she declares happily. "We pray for His soon return."

Pete Peterson has been singing since he can remember. As a young ranch worker, he sang while riding and herding cattle. Such was his voice that his boss asked him to ride along with him to enjoy the music.

He fondly remembers his experience of singing with the Barber Shop Quartet in Loveland, Colorado. "It was one of the highlights of my life," he smiles.

Much like Dittenber, his introduction to the Adventist church didn't come from his upbringing. "In 1969 I was watching a program called *The World Tomorrow* by Herbert W. Armstrong," he reminisces. "He had some conflicting

statements that I couldn't agree with so I asked to quit receiving the pamphlets from him. They were confusing to me."

Not long after, he stumbled on *It is Written*, in those days hosted by George Vandeman, and was thrilled. "I sent for the weekly pamphlets to read."

Meanwhile, Peterson was attending a little church in Colorado called the Swedish Covenant Church. "I preached for them—and did so out of the pamphlets from *It is Written*. When I got to the Sabbath message, I told them that would be my last time to attend the church because I was convinced about the seventh-day Sabbath. They tried to talk me out of leaving but I had to follow my conscience. I told them, 'I no longer can return to this church because I believe in the Sabbath.'"

Peterson had a close call at the age of 60. After smoking

nearly all his life up to that point, he had congestive heart failure and had half a lung removed.

"The Lord was guiding me all the way through this and I am grateful to Him for that," he says. Peterson has committed himself to helping in as many ways as possible, teaching and singing even through the challenges that come with age.

Pete and Marcella continue to leave their mark on the Torrington church. They have been great mentors, and our members praise God for their marvelous gifts and loving natures and are thankful for having them in our lives! **Q**

Darlene Willard and her husband Bob live in Torrington, Wyoming, where in "retirement" they spend much time tending their beautiful garden and helping their family, friends and neighbors.

## Adventist Communicators Meet in Denver for Learning and Networking

More than 200 communicators, including university students, volunteers and seasoned professionals from all over the United States and beyond, met over a long weekend last October for the 27th annual Society of Adventist Communicators convention, held for the second time since its inception in Denver, Colorado. It was clear after the awards ceremony on Saturday night why the theme *Keep Climbing* was chosen, as many communicators are making their mark in the Adventist world and touching lives through their efforts.

The convention opened with media tours of the NBC Uplink facility and the advertising company Karsh & Hagan Communications. **Stefani Leeper**, Union College

senior, toured Karsh & Hagan and commented that the experience was aimed toward individuals involved in PR and marketing.

On Friday **Dustin Comm**, a Denver area e-book author of *The Media Story: Why Your Church Needs Media to Engage Your Local Community*, participated in the Best Practices in Social Media panel. Twelve workshops offered in three sets throughout the morning and afternoon gave communicators opportunity to choose options that fit their interests, including branding, broadcast media, graphic design, social media, crisis communication, photography and others.

**Dan Jackson**, North American Division president, made a surprise appearance to address the assembly. During

his candid, heart-felt talk, he appealed to communicators to "not sit on our hands," but to "break the silence" and speak out in truth how we feel about

life in the church, its mission and its future. **U**

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Carol Bolden is a communication assistant for the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Cassie Marsching

Professional communicators from around the Mid-America Union attended the Society of Adventist Communicators convention last October in Denver, Colorado. (back, l to r) Rajmund Dabrowski, Carol Bolden, Brenda Dickerson, Jacquie Biloff, (front) Brittany Winkfield, Pablo Colindres-Moreno, Randy Harmdierks.

## Hallock Accepts Position in MAUC Communication Department

**Brennan Hallock** recently joined the Communication Department at Mid-America Union Conference as the designer/advertising manager.

His duties include designing OUTLOOK magazine, handling design projects for the union, assisting with proofreading, overseeing all advertising, and assisting with writing.

Hallock and his wife, **Kayla**, have been living in the Kansas City area for the last three years where he has worked as a proofreader, freelance writer/editor, and most recently a

technical editor. "I believe my experience in communications, my background in creative projects, and my desire to learn make me suited for this position. I am also excited to be using my skills in a role where I feel I have a greater purpose," says Hallock.

Before completing his communication degree at Union College in 2011, he lived near Rockland, Wisconsin, a small town close to the Mississippi river. Because he grew up in the country, he enjoys the outdoors. He also likes to travel, play music and read.

"We are very pleased that Brennan has joined the MAUC communication team," says **Gary Thurber**, president of the Mid-America Union Conference. "As a Union College graduate, he brings a great skill set and relevant experience to this important position. We look forward to the many contributions he will make." **U**

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Brenda Dickerson is communication director of the Mid-America Union Conference.



### Northside Church Hosts Peace Rally and March

*Love Makes Us One* was this year's theme at Northside Church to ignite a transformation in the crime-stricken community. On Oct. 29, 2016, a march demonstration for peace in the neighboring apartment complexes was led by Pathfinders and a police escort. **Pastor Cedrick Belcher** ushered in Sabbath morning with a message urging the congregation to invest in their community. The march concluded in the church parking lot where Fox 2 news and others were gathered and eager to witness the rally (see video link).

The rally featured singing by Northside's youth and speeches from community

leaders. Attendees were energized, enlightened and encouraged as our special guest speakers, including **James Clark** from Better Family Life and state **Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal** along with local church leaders, all emphasized that exercising love is the ultimate solution to cleaning up our community. Keep your ears to the ground and get ready to witness the transformation!

Lynnette Williamson is communication coordinator for the Northside Church.



Watch the news video:  
<http://bit.ly/2gc08fe>



Missouri state senator Maria Chapelle-Nadal spoke at the Northside Peace Rally and March in St. Louis, Missouri.

Photos: Courtesy Central States Conference

# Central States Conference 2017

## Updated Calendar

What	When	Where
Drum Major For Justice Weekend	January 13-15, 2017	Wichita, KS
iServe – MLK Day of Service	January 16, 2017	Conference-wide
Youth Leaders Training	January 27-29, 2017	Kansas City
Teen Advisory Board Training Days	February 4-5, 2017	Kansas City
Young Adult Advisory Training	February 24-25, 2017	Kansas City
Spring Federations & Federation-level Temperance Run-offs	March 10-11, 2017	Conference-wide
Basketball League Championship	March 25-26, 2017	Kansas City
Easter Weekend Urban Mission Trip	April 14-16, 2017	Des Moines, IA
Global Youth Service Day	April 22, 2017	Conference-wide
Youth Camp Meeting	June 7-11, 2017	Kansas City, KS
Summer Mission Trip	June 18-24, 2017	TBA
Camp High Point	July 2-8 or July 9-15	Kansas City, KS
Entrepreneurship Camp	July 16 - 23, 2017	Kansas City, KS
College Send Off Sabbath	August 5, 2017	Conference-wide
Young Adult Summit	September 2-4, 2017	TBA
RMAY Fall Federation	September 15-17, 2017	Denver
GPAY	September 22-24, 2017	Des Moines, IA
CAY Fall Federation	September 29-Oct 1	Kansas City
Oakwood Live	October 4-8, 2017	Huntsville, AL
GLAY Fall Federation	October 13-15, 2017	Minneapolis / St. Paul
EAY Fall Federation	October 20-22, 2017	St. Louis
Drum Major For Justice Weekend	October 27-29, 2017	Minneapolis, MN
iServe Make A Difference Day	October 28, 2017	Conference-wide
Young Adult Weekend Mission Trip	December 29-31, 2017	Denver, CO

## Alice Two Bulls Young Leaves a Legacy of Love

Alice Two Bulls Young, a long-time member of the Adventist church on Pine Ridge Reservation, passed away at the Bennett County Hospital in Martin, South Dakota on Sept. 16, 2016. She was 82 years old.

Young and her cousin, Margaret Swallow-Dyer, attended Madison College in Tennessee in the early 1950s. After graduating from the medical records department, she went to work at White Memorial Hospital. In 1958 she returned to South Dakota. Young's work history included time with the Bennett County Booster newspaper, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Oglala Lakota College and the Foster Grandparent's Program. For many years she was a counselor for college students and taught Lakota Language 1 and 2.

About a month before American Indian Family Camp, Young commented that she didn't know why it took her so long to find Jesus—only in the past few years had she finally found her "friend." She said praying and reading her Bible finally brought her to an understanding of the love that Jesus had for her. Young promised to work hard at her physical therapy so she could attend this past camp. Grandma Alice, as she is affectionately called, had attended every American Indian Family Camp since the camp started. She would stay the whole weekend and was always cheerful and grateful.

Young did come. Her daughter, Sandy Fly, drove her to Flag Mountain Camp on Sabbath morning. Many



Gary Burns

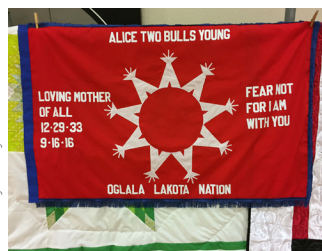
Alice Two Bulls Young was born Dec. 29, 1933, and passed away Sept. 16, 2016. She was grandmother to 47 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

people said as she came in, "Now camp meeting has started!" Young shared her testimony that morning and Gary Burns, Native Ministries coordinator for the Lake Union Conference, made a video of it to be shown in conference churches.

Many suspected it would be Young's last camp meeting, as she probably did. Young leaves behind a legacy of true love for Christ.

Debra Claymore-Cuny is Native Ministries coordinator for the Dakota Conference.

Courtesy Marilyn Glassford



### Dakota Men's Retreat



**March 10 -12, 2017**  
**Ramkota Hotel**  
**Aberdeen, SD**

[www.dakotaadventist.org](http://www.dakotaadventist.org)

# Just Jesus. Adventist Camp Ministries Are Grounded. Growing. Going.

Mikey Archibeque



Pictured is The Just Jesus. team in Fargo, North Dakota in front of the Just Jesus. House. From left, Pastor Casey Bartlett, Pastor Darrel Lindensmith, student president Pamela Joyce, Pastor Ricky Melendez, and Pastor Brooke Melendez. Joyce (center) serves as family worship coordinator for the Fargo chapter of Just Jesus. ACM. Pastors Bartlett, Melendez and Melendez are employed by the Dakota Conference as full-time ministers for Just Jesus. ACM on the campuses of the University of Jamestown and North Dakota State University.

It has been two years since Just Jesus. Adventist Campus Ministries got its start in the Dakota Conference. While the past two years have been very intensive and difficult in a variety of ways, they have been even more of a learning experience, a grace experience and a great blessing. Our mission, *Grounded. Growing. Going.* describes our method and our greatest desire—to facilitate students being grounded in Jesus, growing in relationship with Him, and going out to the world as disciples of Christ.


One of the most monumental moments for us in the past two years was November 19, 2015—the day we received the keys to our ministry center, the Just Jesus. House, only three blocks from the North Dakota State University campus. The house is intended to be a refuge for students, a place to

find food, rest and Jesus. We host family worships, Bible studies and many meals in the Just Jesus. House. It has expanded our ability to care for the students with whom we have the privilege of serving and co-laboring.

**Pastor Darrel Lindensmith** has been ministering on the campus of NDSU for five years, through his ministry NDSU Intelligent Design, which serves the students by providing information on intelligent design and apologetics. In the spring of 2016, Lindensmith joined this ministry with Just Jesus. ACM to present a unified and holistic ministry that offers students a wide array of opportunities to encounter Christ.


If you know a young person attending NDSU or any other university in the Dakota Conference, please let us know so we may reach out to them. Please call or text Pastor Lindensmith at 701.799.1966 or find us at our webpage [www.justjesusacm.com](http://www.justjesusacm.com).

Darrel Lindensmith pastors the Fargo and Wahpeton, North Dakota churches and Brook Melendez is pastor of Just Jesus. Adventist Camp Ministries.




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# Karen Women Receive Leadership Training at Division-wide Retreat

The second annual Karen Women's Retreat was held this past November in Omaha, Nebraska. This division-wide gathering brought together nearly 30 attendees from all over the United States, including several from the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

Members of the Omaha Karen Church welcomed visitors to stay in their homes, and some of the men even took vacation time from work to cook and serve meals for the ladies.

Pastor Jimmy Shwe, who oversees the 47 groups of Karen believers throughout the North American Division, initiated this training for women to develop their spiritual leadership skills. In addition to morning worship, seminars were presented on a variety of topics. Trudi Starlin of Berrien

Springs, Michigan addressed the group regarding personal finances; Gail Coridan of Winterset, Iowa spoke on family spiritual life; and Priscilla Sein of New York taught about discipleship and spiritual nurturing, as well as meeting physical and psychological needs of families and communities.

A special guest presenter was Elmer Myiang, father of Trudi Starlin. He brought with him a Bible that was miraculously spared in an all-consuming automobile fire many years ago. He also gave evidence of divine help being available for every need, sharing personal testimonies from his former life in Burma (now Myanmar), and what it was like coming to the United States and starting over with his wife and six young children.

On Sabbath, the entire

Omaha Karen Church gathered with the ladies for worship. Judy Aitken, founder of ASAP Ministries (Advocates for Southeast Asians and the Persecuted), brought the morning message. Sabbath afternoon Julia O'Carey, the current director of ASAP, presented *Lessons on Parenting and Discipleship from Gardening*. Dr. Arla Barelli of Topeka, Kansas also encouraged the ladies through her personal testimony to never underestimate their power for good. Kyi Tway, a pastor's wife from California, helped with much of the translation.

Pastor Stephen Po of Des Moines, Iowa and Pastor Sah Kler of Omaha, Nebraska not only helped transport ladies and presenters to and from the event, but worked in every way possible to facilitate presentations. When asked for impressions of the weekend,

Pastor Po said, "This was wonderful. The training in how to meet family, church and community needs was very healing to the group. Not only were the ladies revived and encouraged, but they experienced more love and understanding for one another." His wife, Paw Moo, agreed: "Now the ladies feel more prepared to become involved in all aspects of church ministry. We understand each other better and how to help our husbands and children. Hearing from several speakers helped us to grow. We want to do this again."

ASAP, headquartered in Berrien Springs, Michigan, has ministered for many years to the poor and persecuted of Southeast Asia and now reaches throughout the 10/40 window.

Gail Coridan is Women's Ministries director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.



Stephen Po

More information about work with Karen refugees around the world can be obtained at [asapministries.org](http://asapministries.org) and [refugeeministries.org](http://refugeeministries.org).

Learn more about refugee ministries in Iowa-Missouri at [www.imsda.org/refugee](http://www.imsda.org/refugee).



# Knoxville Church Benefits Community Through Depression Recovery Program

The Knoxville Church in Iowa recently presented Neil Nedley's *Depression Recovery Program* to members of their community.

Over the course of 16 weeks, participants learned through video instruction, group discussion and workbooks for home study between classes. Michelle Carlson led the program, with Helen Foster, Helen Deaver and Shirley Eivins facilitating discussions following the video presentations.

Many hours were spent in preparation for the class, praying for potential participants, delivering invitations door-to-door in the community, and advertising at the hospital and in the local paper. Seven people came eager to learn more about a healthy attitude, lifestyle, mental and emotional health.

Foster said all the participants were receptive and excited about the topics that went well beyond addressing depression. Everyone agreed the program also provided tools for developing a more positive attitude and a healthier approach to diet, exercise and spiritual encouragement.

"We shared stories, laughter and tears," said Anita Fischer, a Knoxville member who

attended the series. "But most importantly we shared friendship and healing."

Some of the attendees have already noticed positive changes happening in their lives. "I can't believe it," said one attendee, who was able to stop taking anti-anxiety medication after making some changes to her diet and lifestyle. "This program actually works!"

A banquet was held at the end of the program to celebrate accomplishments and cement the new-found friendships developed through the course. Foster said they were happy with the program and felt it could be applicable to almost everyone.

Melinda Wheeler is communications secretary for the Knoxville Church in Iowa.

Attendees shared stories, laughter and tears as they learned to initiate positive life changes.

Courtesy Melinda Wheeler



# Reaching Communities Through God in Shoes

Photos: Courtesy Kansas-Nebraska Conference



Guests at the Family Fun Day have various activities to choose from including face painting, bobbing for apples and Super Science Stunts.

**Sue Carlson**, Women's Ministries director, believes women want more than to be nurtured and inspired at retreats—they also want to be able to make a difference in their communities.

Carlson first learned about God in Shoes while attending the NAD Ministries Convention. She was impressed that this program was needed in the Kansas-Nebraska territory and decided to experience it herself by attending a God in Shoes event in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. That life-changing week was the catalyst for our conference's very first God in Shoes event, held in September 2011 at Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

God in Shoes is about meeting people's needs in the community. The

week-long event begins with a Family Fun Day at a park that includes a picnic lunch and activities such as Skits Alive Mini Bible Story Dramas, water balloon toss, face painting, Super Science Stunts, a Children's Health Expo. Friendly and helpful church members lead out in every activity.

Each week night free seminars and suppers are provided. Childcare is made available for toddlers through fifth grade. Each evening ends with a devotional thought by one of the local pastors. During the Ladies' Free Spa day, volunteers give facials, manicures, paraffin dips and foot washing. Women also have the opportunity to choose a new pair of shoes.

Prayer plays a huge role in preparation for this event—for the right location,

volunteers, donations, wisdom to know the needs of the community and that the Holy Spirit will tug on the hearts of those who would benefit most from attending. Church members and volunteers canvas their communities with surveys asking which ministries and events might be helpful to the public. The free seminars are planned based on survey results.

Church members become energized through touching their communities for Christ in this ministry. In September 2016, God in Shoes was held in Great Bend, Kansas. "My most memorable experience was the foot massage at the spa day! I got to meet and pray for people. For me, it felt like the foot washing at communion!" shares **Dr.**

**Harimahefa Ratsimbason**, a member at the Great Bend Church. "I truly felt the Holy Spirit's presence. At times, I wouldn't know what to say so I silently prayed and asked God to give me the words, and as soon as my short prayer was finished, words just came out of my mouth to open up a conversation."

**Dorie Reile-Kneller**, another member at the Great Bend Church, says "All members—men, women and young kids were involved. Even the little girls were so important carrying water for the various stations during the Spa Day. One teenage boy chose to stay and help with the bounce house rather than go to the State Fair for his birthday. True dedication from everyone involved! This was an

Volunteers at God in Shoes give ladies facials, manicures, paraffin dips and foot washing.



## Holistic Evangelism Coming to KC

February 10-11, 2017

amazing week of activities, fun and cooperation but most of all we were doing it for community relations to show our love for God through our love for others.”

March 22-23, 2017 there will be a God in Shoes Training in Topeka, Kansas for churches who want to organize their own God in Shoes ministry. Sue Carlson shares, “I’m so excited that local churches can be part of this type of ministry that provides a venue for every person in their church to experience the joy of being used by God to bless others! It is my prayer that those who experience the training will come away energized with a vision of how God could use them and their church members in their own communities!”

Stephanie Gottfried is the publications director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



John Bradshaw

Kansas City pastors have come together to plan an extraordinary evangelistic event with **John Bradshaw** of It Is Written called *Reach KC*. Kansas City has almost 2.5 million people who need to know the love of Jesus and hear the end-time message of the Adventist church.

“*Reach KC* will be a holistic evangelistic effort,” says **Mike Fenton**, pastor of the Chapel Oaks Church and co-chair of the *Reach KC* steering committee. The pastors plan to begin community outreach events in 2017 aimed at meeting the needs of the community and

making connections with the people of Kansas City. A gathering of all churches in the Kansas City Area is scheduled for February 10-11. Bradshaw will be the keynote speaker for Friday night and Sabbath.

Watch for more details and please pray for our leaders as they seek God’s guidance in laying plans for this amazing event.

Virgil Covell is Ministerial Director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

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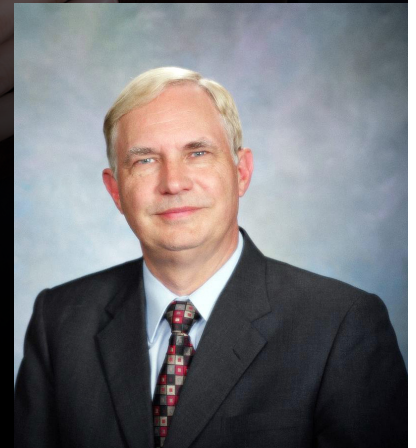
## Wichita Convocation

February 3-4, 2017

**Dr. John Paulien**  
Dean of the  
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Loma Linda University

**Friday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.**  
Wichita Three  
Angels Church

**Sabbath, Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m.**  
Wichita South Church



# Potential for Greater Growth in Minnesota Conference

During 2015, the Minnesota Conference was the fastest growing conference in the North American Division. “We’ve been met with unique challenges in the Minnesota Conference,” says president **Justin Lyons**, “and that is exciting, because we are seeing God moving among us.”

Membership growth is a symptom of doing many things well. Pastors and church members are getting into the communities they serve and showing people who Jesus is. This is happening through literature evangelism, Project Steps to Christ interest cards, meeting people on the street, traditional evangelism series, health seminars, enrolling non-Adventist children in our schools, sponsoring booths at community events, praying with a community in difficult times, and much more.

Growth is an important factor when it comes to measuring the health of the church, but it is only one snapshot of church health.

For example, growth is a delayed result of actions taken in previous months or years. In 2015, the Minnesota Conference, in cooperation with other conferences and churches in the region, hosted *Revelation Speaks Peace*, an evangelistic series held in downtown St. Paul. Minnesota’s growth in 2016 is directly related to the number of people whose lives were influenced during that series.

## Retaining new members

Also, consider that growth numbers don’t necessarily reflect members who stick around after their profession of faith or baptism. The true measure of church health is the number who become active in the life of the church. The portion of our church population who fail to become active members is where our greatest opportunity, and yes, threat, lies. To paraphrase vice president for administration **Brian Mungandi**, the question must not be “How quickly are we growing?” The

question must be, “How are we retaining that growth?”

Our mandate fell from the lips of Jesus: “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matt. 28:18-20).”

We must not only teach people about salvation; we must empower them to grow in Christ and grow relationally with others. Yes, we have a mandate from Jesus to share the gospel. That alone should create a desire in us to spread the word. But when Jesus is truly in us, we don’t spread the gospel just because of His command: we are energized, enthralled, empowered and excited by the prospect of sharing Jesus with others. That moment when we first ask Jesus into our hearts—when we finally get it—brings the most beautiful, freeing breath we ever take. That moment is what motivates us to understand and learn who Jesus is, and it empowers us to share that incredible light with others.

In the end, we measure our growth, our tithe and our attendance because these numbers show that work is being done. Unfortunately, there is no quantitative way to measure the depth of our relationships with new church members. But

there is something we can do about creating those critical relationships, and it is simple.

## Creating disciples

Start by saying, “Hello.” We must smile and acknowledge one another, then follow up with genuine friendship. This is how we change our culture. If our churches are woven in relationships and established on the cross, retention becomes a nonissue. It becomes second nature to reach out to the new believer. And with that simple act, we can reach those slipping out the door. We can create lifetime believers who, in turn, will create disciples as Jesus has not only commanded but empowered us to do.

Fast growth is exciting, but this percentage decreases if we lose, rather than retain, our new members. The people we bring to freedom in Christ Jesus have a need to allow Him to carry them, along with us, up the crooked, sinful road we live on until the clouds part on that glorious day. So please, help make numeric growth real growth by turning new people into friends.

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Savannah B. Carlson is communication director for the Minnesota Conference.



Brian Mungandi

# Women Build Each Other Up Through Weekly Bible Study

Recently I joined a new weekly Women's Bible Study at the Union Gospel Mission. About six ladies come to celebrate God and unite as His daughters. We read Scripture, sing a new Scripture song, pray and tell a bit about our lives. During my first visit, one lady praised God for her new denim skirt, as her old one no longer fit her. She had prayed, and while shuffling through used skirts on a table at the Mission there was one that fit her. Praise God!

The following meeting, we decorated sunflower cupcakes to enjoy with our tea. One member, **Susan**, talked about how chickadees are attracted to sunflowers. She shared how these small birds are survivors. She brought all of us into her story by asking how we feed ourselves. We discussed the importance of learning to love and take care of ourselves first, so we can then be adaptable to those we meet. We need to care for our bodies by eating good food and taking time to nourish our minds by such things as reading, singing, journaling and writing poetry.

Our next study focused on our hearts as gardens. In my garden heart, what must stay and what must go? How about the rocks in my garden? Some rocks I put there; others perhaps are placed by someone else. Perhaps I need to ask God to forgive those who dumped their rocks in my garden. Once the large

and small rocks are gone from my garden, what do I want to plant? This will be our next Bible lesson.

As women, we all need each other. Our Bible study group is building relationships with ladies we might not meet under usual circumstances. Reach out, ladies—and plant flowers, not rocks!

Barbara Olson is a member of the Duluth Church.



Photos: Courtesy Minnesota Conference

## Revealing Revelation Comes to Rochester

“Awesome! What a high Sabbath! Thrilling!” exclaimed members of the Rochester Church after witnessing 20 members baptized and six accepted into membership by profession of faith during the Nov. 12 worship service.

These baptisms culminated the *Revealing Revelation* seminar presented by **Carlos Muñoz**, an Amazing Facts evangelist. The seminar and preceding Bible studies, which laid the foundation for many of the baptismal candidates, were coordinated by **Pastor Bradley Booth**, assisted by the Rochester Church evangelistic team, and many other church members.

*Revealing Revelation* began October 14 at the Rochester Church. A faithful group of attendees was enthralled by the energetic delivery,

sometimes humorous interjections, and always biblical, truth-filled topics. Pastor Muñoz's inspiring presentations pieced together prophecies and the plan of salvation with amazing depth and thoroughness. Each evening, paralleling the adult service in the sanctuary, a children's seminar conducted in the fellowship hall outlined the same topics. The children's program, *Truth for Youth*, procured from Young Disciples Ministries, provided a complete set of

resource activities including PowerPoints, songs, sermonettes, Bible lessons and crafts. Although the seminar has concluded, weekly follow-up studies will continue to assist 10 more candidates in preparation for baptism, while the newly-baptized members will join the Wednesday night study group to deepen their Biblical knowledge and strengthen their relationship with Jesus.

Bradley Booth pastors the Rochester Church.



## Adventist Hospital Celebrates 90 Years in Peru



A celebration of two anniversaries by Clinica Adventista Ana Stahl—its beginning 90 years ago and 10 years of involvement with Centura’s Global Health Initiatives—brought 1,500 participants to Iquitos, Peru representing the Seventh-day Adventist faith community, former patients, civic leaders, leaders of sister institutions from Lima and Juliaca, as well as representatives of GHI from Denver, Colorado.

The celebration on October 8, 2016, featured patients and their stories of how their lives were changed through the assistance of CAAS medical professionals and hundreds of volunteers from Denver hospitals. The event also introduced Total Health, a new initiative moving GHI’s efforts beyond treating disease and facilitating best practices in healthcare, to promoting prevention and lifestyle changes through “the best hospital in the region,” as Clinica is regarded by the area municipal authorities.

The seven-member GHI team visiting Peru included **Greg Hodgson**, GHI director; **Stephen King**, vice president

for mission integration for Centura Health South Denver; **Dr. David Watson**, GHI chief medical officer; and architect **Steve Carr**.

As the Total Health project is in its infancy, their presence was important in evaluating the needs as well as proposing a recommendation to build new facilities in Manati I Zona village, an hour by boat from Iquitos, on the Amazon River. The village has 500 inhabitants and is the largest in the immediate 1,500-strong vicinity of scattered villagers. Meeting with a group of excited and engaged villagers, the GHI team was joined by regional civic leaders from Indiana District, as well as **Dr. Milka Brañez**, CAAS CEO and hospital personnel.

“We will be the winners. After all, we will be first to have this project established here,” **Hermoyenes Horales Ramos**, president of the village council said to the applause of the villagers. Much of the time in Manati was spent selecting a site for a medical center.

Carr, who has been involved with designing medical facilities for several decades, said

the proposal needs to reflect the indigenous character of the area. For him, it was important to come and “see the people and understand the culture, the way they live, and come up with ideas that can be community-driven, and not imposing ideas on them that won’t work.”

The GHI anniversary report about its mission reveals that medical teams comprised of 1,800 volunteers have performed 2,082 surgeries, treating nearly 44,000 patients. Addressing attendees at the Iquitos celebration, King congratulated CAAS on the first 10 years of progress for the Iquitos hospital, and noted that the stories of each patient represent lives that have been changed. Looking at what Clinica accomplishes now, King described “an amazing transformation, with its modern lab, modern imaging equipment, and excellent surgical services.”

Doctora Milka, as everyone calls Dr. Brañez, agrees. During her five years as CEO, she notes the progress made and credits their partnership with Centura Health and its Denver hospitals, especially in

the training and services they provided in the poor areas of the Amazon basin. “The work we have been doing together has been very productive. What was missing was increased modernization, and the addition of an intensive care unit. Today we have 40 beds and 230 medical personnel and staff. GHI has helped us grow professionally and has extended social services to the community. They became an example for us to follow,” she added.

As cooperation expands with Colorado Adventist hospitals and Centura Health, whom Dr. Brañez regards as “big brother, teaching us what to do and how to do it,” she is thinking ahead and dreams of new hospital facilities with an emergency room. Considering the dedication and engagement of all involved, Clinica Adventista Ana Stahl seems well on its way toward accomplishing their dreams.

Rajmund Dabrowski is communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

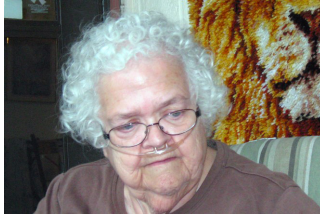
The GHI team meets with villagers to discuss plans.



Photos: Rajmund Dabrowski

## No Age Limits for Faith-Based Blogging

Courtesy Betty Callahan



**B**etty Callahan is an 81-year-old blogger who, just a few years ago, wasn't even computer literate. As a volunteer at Garfield Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado, Betty spent several hours each day for a number of years helping in the classroom.

Betty doesn't even remember the name of the little fourth grader who taught her how to use the computer. One

day during recess and lunchtime, the youngster patiently showed her how to use email, a word processing program, and the Internet.

Betty never in her life thought she would be a Seventh-day Adventist. To her, it was the "wrong church." But when Betty discovered the book *Steps to Christ* and compared its contents with the Bible, she found no discrepancies. While reading in the common area of her apartment building, Betty was asked by another resident, "You reading that trash? Mine went into File 13."

"Lady," Betty answered, "what is in this little book, I

have found in God's Word."

After this experience, Betty called a Seventh-day Adventist friend to ask if she could attend the Campion Church with her. The pastor at that time, **Eric Nelson**, studied the Bible with her and she joined by profession of faith.

Her blogging began when Loveland pastor **Jack Bohannon**, who had been writing a Sabbath message which he sent out by email each Friday, went to Uganda for a few months. Betty began filling in during his absence. When he returned, he said, "Keep doing it." So she did.

Today she maintains four

blogs—one that tells her story; another that gives health and beauty hints; one with news about the Adventist Church and *Lifting Up Jesus* Bible studies; and one with the *Sabbath School Quarterly*.

Carol Bolden is an assistant in communication for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Read Betty's blogs at:

[www.bealca4u.blogspot.com](http://www.bealca4u.blogspot.com)  
[www.bealca4u2.blogspot.com](http://www.bealca4u2.blogspot.com)  
[www.bealca4u3.blogspot.com](http://www.bealca4u3.blogspot.com)  
[www.bealca4u4.blogspot.com](http://www.bealca4u4.blogspot.com)

## 125 Join Youth Rally From Front Range

**T**he Blaze Youth Rally, organized by the RMC Youth Department and hosted last October by Vista Ridge Academy, attracted over 125 young people from the Front Range.

Headlining the worship service, **Steve Hamilton** presented a message on the story of Zacchaeus and how sometimes we must run ahead and overcome obstacles while risking our worldly image in pursuit of Jesus. A praise and worship team with musicians from Campion Academy, Mile High Academy and other local schools played an inspiring set of music.

The prayer wall provided a chance for the youth to make their prayers real by writing them on sticky notes and placing them on a public



Kiefer Dooley

wall. "I really enjoy seeing the prayers of my friends piling up on the wall," said one Denver youth. "It's also nice to take one or two of the requests after the service and prayer for them during the week," said another.

On Saturday night,

participants engaged in praise and worship as well as activities including ice-breaker contest games, basketball, volleyball, capture-the-flag and board games. They also enjoyed excellent food and a delicious ice cream bar prepared by **Pat Chapman**

and **Diane Harris** from the RMC Education Department, assisted by **Gaby Delgado**.

Following Pastor Steve's message, everyone pitched in to clear the gym in preparation for playing games. "The open gym is the best," said **CJ**, a local youth who attends public school in the area.

Echoing the sentiments of the rest of the RMC Youth Department, **Matt Moreland**, an assistant youth director, said it was important to bring our young people together.

"There was a very diverse group of kids who came together and had an excellent time. We hope to continue to see big turnouts at our future events."

Carol Bolden is an assistant in communication for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

# Big Data on a New Degree

Union is the first Adventist college to introduce a business analytics minor

Photos: Courtesy Union College



Ryan Grentz (pictured with Rachel Peppel) loves analyzing facts, and now he'll be the first to graduate with Union's new business analytics minor—something he hopes to put to use in a career in healthcare information technology.

**R**yan Grentz likes facts. He has always considered himself to be a fact-based person—analyzing the world around him to take in as much information as he can. “It’s hard to accept an idea if I don’t know the reason why it happened,” he said. “I like figuring out the cause and connecting results together.”

Now as he pursues a career in healthcare information technology, Grentz will be the first Union College student to graduate with a new business minor that suits him perfectly—data analytics.

“Improving patient experience is really big in healthcare right now,” explained the senior business major who has spent the last two summers working in healthcare internships. “The best way to tell if we’re actually improving year after year is to take patient surveys. You look for

and group together trends that are good, and compare them to the areas that need improvement. This is doing it on a low level, but this is using analytics—analyzing data and making use of it, then acting upon those areas to improve what needs improvement. Analytics is important to businesses because it helps find and solve problems.”

## Discovering a matchpoint

Grentz first became interested in a data analytics minor in spring semester of his sophomore year while taking Advanced Excel and an introductory Information Display class—which have become part of the new minor’s curriculum. “I learned that looking at ‘big data’ and learning how to manipulate and make valuable use of data was really a matching point for

me,” he said. “I realized it was a great skill to sharpen and a good minor to pursue.”

True to his nature, Grentz began researching business analytics and found a growing market. In fact, according to a *Bloomberg Businessweek* report, nearly all companies with sales over \$100 million use business analytics to guide their decisions.

“Analyzing masses of hard data and making use of it is something I’m passionate about,” he said. “If you learn to do it right, it helps you think smarter without working harder.”

According to **Jon Turk**, assistant professor of marketing and management, the new minor consists of a statistics course and five analytics classes, including Information Display for Decision Making. He said the Division of Business and

Computer Science launched the new minor because current research suggests far more business analyst jobs will be created in the next few years than there will be trained analysts to fill them. A recent article in *Fast Company* magazine indicated that data analytics was one of the top 25 jobs for 2016.

## Boosting career options

So far Union College is the only Adventist college to offer an analytics program, and Turk said the Division of Business and Computer Science hopes to integrate the minor into other areas such as math and science, psychology, international rescue and relief or most any major that requires research.

Grentz aims to work somewhere that has a crossroads of people and technology, and hopes to fulfill this dream by pursuing a career in healthcare IT leadership. He predicts that business analytics will be practical in his job role in making IT decisions, which he hopes will positively affect his career plans in the future. “In a position like that, there are many initiatives that include taking in large amounts of data and making decisions based on the findings within that data. I believe that choosing this minor is beneficial for my future.”

Kaylin Thurber graduated from Union College in December 2016.



# Trana Named New VP of Financial Administration

After three months of searching, Union College welcomes **Steve Trana** as vice president for Financial Administration. Trana accepted the job after a two-week interview process involving campus committees and the Board of Trustees. He took the reigns of the Office of Financial Administration on December 5, just in time to finish the fall semester.

In addition to guiding the college in financial decisions, the vice president of Financial Administration oversees many campus service departments, including Dining Services, Human Resources, Information Systems and Plant Services.

“We are looking forward to what Steve can add as we guide Union forward,” said **Dr. Vinita Sauder**, Union College president. “It’s a tough job with exacting standards, and we’ve been praying for a long time for the right person. We’re very excited to add Steve to our team.”

## A service-oriented role

Trana graduated from Union College in 1985 with a degree in business administration and dual emphases in accounting and finance. Most recently, he worked at the Westrope and Associates Insurance Agency in Kansas City as vice president for finance, and for the Ryan Specialty Group as a transitional controller.

“My career so far has been focused on profit-centered entities. While this was a welcome challenge



Steve Trana and his wife, Jodie, and younger children Elena and Cort moved to Lincoln in December. The Trana's oldest son, Jacob, graduated from Union in 2015 and works in Lincoln. Their son Brett is currently a junior at Union.

for many years, I am eager to devote my experience and knowledge in a more service-oriented role,” Trana said. “I would like to use my professional knowledge in the Lord’s work, helping Union achieve its mission, vision and strategic initiatives.”

Trana has worked for both large industries and small companies, preparing and reviewing financial statements to assist with cost control and budgets. Trana’s previous colleagues and supervisors gave glowing recommendations for his professionalism, work ethic and quality of work. His former chief operating officer said, “Steve was a key component of the company’s growth as his organizational skills, accuracy, and interface with employees, clients and vendors were exceptional. Ultimately, we sold the

company, with our buyer and potential buyers noting the quality of our financials. Steve was at the center of that transformation.”

## A family reunion

Moving to Lincoln will be a reunion for the Trana family. **Jake Trana**, their oldest son, graduated in 2015 and currently works at Union Bank in Lincoln as a graphic designer. Their second son, **Brett Trana**, is a junior at Union, working toward a bachelor’s in computing. Trana also has two other children, **Elena** and **Cort**. His wife, **Jodie**, also a 1985 Union graduate, works as a business and financial management consultant.

Elizabeth Bearden is a junior Language Arts Education major at Union College.

## Union College News

### Nursing instructor honored by Nebraska Action Coalition

Jackie Halley, an assistant professor in Union College’s nursing program, was recently honored for her contribution to nursing education as one of the 40 Under 40 from the Nebraska Action Coalition honoring 40 emerging Nebraska nursing leaders under the age of 40. Read more at [ucollege.edu/Halley-40Under40](http://ucollege.edu/Halley-40Under40)

### Two PA students published in scholarly journals

PA student Ashley Waldrep was recently published in the *International Journal of Cancer Research and Treatment* for her study on how well clinical exams and imaging predict the outcome of neoadjuvant chemotherapy in breast cancer patients. Her classmate Tamara Dietz also published a paper in the *Journal of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine* for her research into how prenatal and postnatal stress affect certain types of after-birth complications in preterm infants.

Read more at [ucollege.edu/PAs-published](http://ucollege.edu/PAs-published)

## Engaged Encounter

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Held at the Mid-America Union office building: 8307 Pine Lake Rd., Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Application deadline: February 17**

## SDA KC Initiative Creates One Church Family in Kansas City



As part of Adventist Health System, Shawnee Mission Health recently launched Seventh-day Adventist Kansas City (SDA KC), an initiative to bring together members from all Kansas City area Adventist churches for fellowship and service on a consistent basis.

Two friends who attend different churches initiated the idea at a Mid-America Union Conference Executive Committee meeting. Knowing the Kansas City area consists of approximately 4,600 Adventist church members representing about 19 churches in three conferences, they wondered why churches didn't work together and started thinking about the possibilities of uniting the groups. The idea was presented to SMH's administrative director of Spiritual Wellness **Mark Stoddart**, who shared it with some local pastors to get their thoughts.

"I discovered that sometimes different churches would be working independently toward the same goals," said Stoddart. "It confirmed in my mind how wonderful it might be to work together."

The goal of SDA KC is to unite church members as one family to make a greater impact within the Kansas City metro. The first step to reaching this goal is to facilitate relationships among members through social interactions.

Throughout the year, SDA KC invites members to participate in family-friendly community events like swim parties, professional sports



Courtesy: Shawnee Mission Health

outings and holiday gatherings. For example, SDA KC recently supported Santa's Wonderland in Kansas City, Kansas. This special Christmas event allowed pastors, church members and SMH hospital associates to celebrate the season, as well as help distribute toys to children in the area who may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts due to financial hardship. SDA KC is also working on plans for various family-friendly events as well as two concerts in 2017.

### One church, one community, one purpose

Feedback from pastors and participants from local Kansas City churches has been very positive. Many pastors like the thought of being part of something larger than their own congregation, and feel that SDA KC will help church members create a stronger

bond with the community. Participation in SDA KC also creates an opportunity for pastors and church members from all three conferences—Central States, Iowa-Missouri and Kansas-Nebraska—to plan together for the future.

"We are excited about this opportunity to cultivate relationships across congregations and conferences so that church members become better acquainted with each other, build trust and share resources," said Stoddart. "We can do more for the Kansas City metro by becoming one church, serving one community for one purpose."

### Friendship first

Those who recently attended SDA KC social events were very thankful to the organizers for the opportunity to mingle with other Adventist members and have plans to participate

in more upcoming events.

"Similar efforts have been implemented in other cities, but SDA KC is unique in that it focuses on getting to know others on a personal level and developing friendships first instead of putting the initial emphasis on collaborative evangelism," said Stoddart. "After we spend time interacting socially, we will introduce opportunities for cooperative efforts to positively impact others in our community and share the gospel."

For more information about SDA KC, contact Mark Stoddart at [mark.stoddart@shawneemission.org](mailto:mark.stoddart@shawneemission.org).

Jackie Woods is a writer for Shawnee Mission Health.

For more information about Shawnee Mission Health Care, please visit [ShawneeMission.org](http://ShawneeMission.org).

# Hospital Offers a Healthy Twist on VBS

CREATION Health Vacation Bible School connects hospital, church and community



Photos: David Martinez

Participants show their enthusiasm during the Team CREATION VBS program hosted by Castle Rock Adventist Hospital.

Two years ago, when leaders at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital began looking for a fun, creative way to connect with families in their community, they settled on the idea of presenting a health-themed Vacation Bible School. After reviewing their options, they selected the Team CREATION VBS curriculum kit. The innovative program came highly recommended and time-tested for effective community outreach.

For the last two summers, hospital employees and local church volunteers have

worked together to present the Team CREATION VBS program over four evenings under a large white tent on the hospital lawn. The first summer, 40 kids came. Program leaders were thrilled when participation grew to 70 the following summer. They're hoping for 100 this summer, which seems reasonable in light of the enthusiastic responses from participants.

"The Team CREATION VBS Kit was a great, healthy choice both for us and for our community," says David Martinez, who serves as the

hospital's director of Mission and Ministry.

During the four-day activity marathon, young participants enjoy playing games, singing songs, eating healthy snacks and making crafts—all centered around the eight principles of health represented by the CREATION acronym. At the end of the program, the kids are equipped with more tools for taking care of their bodies and more knowledge about Jesus, their Creator.

"The CREATION Health program has become a part of the DNA of Adventist Health System hospitals," Martinez says. "It has been used as a full-fledged outreach program by local churches, and it is making positive changes in the lives of employees as they participate in CREATION Health-themed events and challenges."

Robyn Edgerton, director of Mission Development at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida, where the program was originally developed, observes that it has been a natural progression to begin sharing the same health principles with children as the hospital systems have been sharing with adults all along. "We've always known that this program would be a natural fit for Vacation Bible Schools and other kids' programming," she says. "We're happy that it's working so well for communities like Castle Rock."

Next summer, the Castle Rock team plans to add a CREATION Health component for parents as well. While the kids are having fun

at VBS, their parents will be able to participate in a mini CREATION Health seminar.

Martinez is excited about the potential impact of this development. "We've already had several of the parents from previous summers involved in Bible studies," he says. "We're hoping to make even more meaningful connections with the families as they bring their children to have fun and learn."

Martinez says his dream for the future is to expand the program to perhaps an eight-week CREATION Kids summer day camp program where parents can bring their kids to enjoy a whole summer of healthy activities, spiritual encounters and positive interactions.

If you are interested in the Team CREATION VBS program or other CREATION Health resources for your local church, visit [creationhealth.com](http://creationhealth.com).

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



**Alcantar, Antonio E.**, b. May 15, 1936 in Flint, MI. d. Sept. 10, 2016 in Willow Springs, MO. Member of Willow Springs Church. Preceded in death by wife, Theresa. Survivors include daughters Rosemary Anderson and Melissa Russell; sons Tony and Christopher Hudson; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Bandelin, Sandy**, b. Aug. 13, 1951. d. May 24, 2016 in Englewood, CO. Member of Denver South Church. Survived by husband of 47 years; daughter Caribess Bandelin; sons Charles Jr. and Chadwick; 9 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

**Blecha, Myrtle Lee**, b. July 27, 1926 in Los Angeles, CA. d. Oct. 24, 2016 in Grand Junction, CO. Member of Palisade Church. Preceded in death by husband, Byron in August 2016; parents; sister Alida Nelson; and brother Glenn Lush. Survived by daughters, Arlene Hagensicker and Marilyn Emery; son Edmund Blecha; sister Lenora "Lee" Fink; 6 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Boyd, Walter Bernard**, b. Oct. 5, 1933. d. Sept. 30, 2016. Member of Cedaredge Church. Survived by wife, Carol; daughters Kay Wilkes, Cynthia Boyd-Kuppenbender, and Meredith VanLeer; son William R. Boyd; sisters Jeanie Bishop and Kathleen Ewert; 6 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

**Cooley, Marsha A.**, b. June 12, 1944 in Sparks, GA. d. Nov. 5, 2016. Member of Three Angels Church (St. Joseph, MO). Preceded in death by husband John. Survivors include daughter Terry Farrell; sons Gary and Jeremy; 1

brother; 7 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

**Forbis, Virginia R.**, b. July 1, 1922 in Boone County, Iowa. d. Oct. 10, 2016 in Walla Walla, Washington. Member of Columbia (MO) Church. Preceded in death by husband Ernest and 3 siblings. Survivors include stepson Ernest; 2 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Gilbert, Colgene J.**, b. May 25, 1958. d. Aug. 24, 2016. Member of Oak Grove Church.

**Goff, Barbara**, b. Jan. 13, 1929. d. Dec. 5, 2015. Member of Fort Collins Church.

**Haynes, Helen L.**, b. Jan. 29, 1925. d. Nov. 8, 2016 in Ogden, IA. Member of Boone (IA) Church. Preceded in death by 2 brothers and 1 granddaughter. Survivors include daughters Rose Fullmer and Connie Fowler; sons James Savage and Charles Pratt; 1 sister; 1 half-brother; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

**Hinkhouse, Hilbert "Gene" E.**, b. Oct. 29, 1930 in Moscow, IA. d. Aug. 27, 2016 in Atalissa, IA. Member of Muscatine (IA) Church. Survivors include wife Shirley; daughters Vonda Ludke, Gail Gaeta and Joy Barrett; sons Mark and Marvin; 1 sister; and 13 grandchildren. Served in U.S. Army.

**Horob, Larry**, b. June 7, 1937. d. Dec. 7, 2016. Member of Dakota Conference Church. Preceded in death by parents Sam and Celia Horob; brothers Clint and Don Horob. Survived by children Laurie Garbel, Leanne Gardner, James Horob, Tami Nelson, and Todd Horob; 10 grandchildren.

**Ice, Ed**, b. July 1, 1954. d. March 24, 2015. Member of Wichita South Church in Kansas.

**Jenkins, Virginia L.**, b. Oct. 21, 1921 in El Dorado Springs, MO. d. Mar. 25, 2013 in Joplin, MO. Member of Nevada (MO) Church. Preceded in death by husband Everett; son Johnny; and 1 brother. Survivors include daughter Patricia McClellan; sons James, Garry and Mike; 17 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren.

**Klepees, Patrick J.**, b. May 28, 1955 in St. Joseph, MO. d. Oct. 18, 2015 in St. Joseph, MO. Member of Three Angels Church (St. Joseph, MO). Preceded in death by father. Survivors include daughters Jennifer Sargent and Ashley Gann; mother; 7 siblings; 2 granddaughters.

**Lowder, Edyth Isabelle**, b. Dec. 28, 1917. d. Oct. 26, 2016. Member of Springfield Church.

**Mantey, Evelyn Jo**, b. April 14, 1932. d. June 1, 2016. Member of Colorado Springs Central Church.

**March, James P.**, b. Feb. 27, 1945. d. May 13, 2016 in Centralia, MO. Member of Sunnydale Church. Preceded in death by father. Survivors include wife Betty; daughter Kimberly Skinner; sons Tim and James; mother.

**McIntyre, Lois G.**, b. Jan. 25, 1923 in Waukon, IA. d. Oct. 20, 2016 in Oquawka, IL. Member of Burlington (IA) Church. Preceded in death by husband Wendell and 4 siblings. Survivors include daughters Beverly Dukes and Barbara Hucke; sons Barney, Berney and Ben; 2 sisters; 9

grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

**Murphy, Bobby D.**, b. July 16, 1926. d. Nov. 9, 2016. Member of Springfield (MO) Church. Survivors include wife Juanita; daughters Sharron Franklin, Shirley Dresslaer and Sandra Hughes; son Garry; 7 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren. Served in U.S. Navy during WWII.

**Osborn, Otha L.**, b. Aug. 3, 1931 in Amory, MS. d. Oct. 18, 2016 in West Burlington, IA. Member of Burlington Church. Survivors include wife Elizabeth; daughters Otha Killens, Renna Osborn, Nettie Osborn, Debra Brandon and Nadeen Osborn; sons Eric, Randy, Marty and Freddie; 3 siblings; 30 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. Served in U.S. Army.

**Peterson, Janice M.**, b. April 11, 1949. d. Oct. 10, 2016. Member of Franktown Church.

**Pettibon, Frieda L.**, b. Oct. 4, 1932 in Colon, MI. d. Jan. 8, 2016 in Nevada, MO. Member of Nevada Church. Preceded in death by husband Keith and 1 sister. Survivors include daughters Joy Edwards, Loretta Doubledee and Luanne Palmer; sons Bruce and Stephen; 1 sister; 17 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

**Purcell, Ethel M.**, b. Jan. 10, 1917 in Farmington, NM. d. Nov. 24, 2016 in Muscatine, IA. Member of Muscatine Church. Preceded in death by husband J.D., her parents, 4 brothers, and 1 sister.

**Quezada, Jose T.**, b. Aug. 3, 1920. d. April 4, 2016. Member of Denver Hispanic Church.

**Quezada, Maria M.**, b. Dec. 23, 1923. d. Aug. 29, 2015. Member of Denver Hispanic Church.

**Roberts, Eugene "Allen" A.**, b. June 11, 1928 in Cabool, MO. d. Oct. 20, 2014 in Bronaugh, MO. Member of Nevada (MO) Church. Preceded in death by first wife Clara; daughter Valerie Fanning; sons Floyd and Ronnie Goodman; and 1 sister. Survivors include wife Lorene; daughters Clara Roberts, Roberta Fyock, Jeanie Allen, Connie Pryor, Marylyn Hill, Jan Washington and Sherrie Burner; sons James, Thomas, Richard and Pat; 2 siblings; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Served in U.S. Army.

**Roberts, Roy**, b. July 5, 1941. d. May 27, 2016 in Fort Collins, CO. Member of Fort Collins Church.

**Rodda, Jean L.**, b. Aug. 31, 1935 in L'Anse, MI. d. Oct. 17, 2016 in Houston, MO. Preceded in death by 2 brothers. Survivors include husband Russell; daughter Christine Davis; sons Steven and Timothy; 3 siblings; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

**Ryel, Betty L.**, b. Sept. 24, 1935. d. Sept. 8, 2016 in Knoxville, IA. Member of Knoxville Church. Preceded in death by daughter Judy Moon; son Robert "Billy" Abrahamson; and 1 brother. Survivors include daughters Sandra Lebeck and Pam Puls; sons Don and Dan Gay; 4 siblings; 16 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

**Saville, Laurita D. (Carnahan)**, b. Dec. 12, 1931 in Windsor, MO. d. Sept. 24, 2016 in Republic, MO. Member of Nixa (MO)

Church. Preceded in death by husband Norman; 3 brothers. Survivors include daughter Marie Saville; son Edward; 1 sister; 7 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

**Smith, Helen L. (Roberts)**, b. Oct. 28, 1943 in Macomb, IL. d. May 3, 2016 in Muscatine, IA. Preceded in death by husband Robert; 3 siblings; 1 grandson; 1 great-granddaughter. Survivors include daughters Kim Kerr and DiAn Maine; son John Kerr; 2 siblings; 9 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren.

**Treat, Martha.**, b. May 18, 1948 in Denver, CO. d. October 15, 2016 in Casper, WY. Member of Casper Church. Preceded in death by parents and brother Jim. Survived by husband, Pastor Weldon Treat; and sons Kirby and Jamie; 4 grandchildren; 2 sisters; 1 brother.

**Wall, Ida Rolator Green**, b. March 30, 1916 in Oklahoma City, OK. d. May 7, 2016. Member of Brighton Church. Preceded in death by her husbands, Victor Wall and Howard Mattison; and daughter, Margaret. Survived by daughters Mary Alice Miller and Diane Taylor; son Victor Wall Jr.; 8 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Williams, Anna Mae**, b. Jan. 15, 1920. d. July 23, 2016. Member of Campion Church.

**Zacharias, Jacob R.**, b. Oct. 10, 1931. d. Oct. 24, 2016. Member of Pueblo First Church.

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Revelation 14:13*

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	Grand Junction	5:01	5:07	5:14	5:22	5:30
	Pueblo	4:48	4:54	5:01	5:08	5:16
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	Davenport	4:42	4:48	4:55	5:04	5:12
	Des Moines	4:54	5:00	5:07	5:16	5:24
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	Dodge City	5:31	5:37	5:43	5:51	5:59
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Lincoln	5:08	5:16	5:23	5:31	5:40	
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Scottsbluff	4:33	4:39	4:47	4:55	5:04	
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Fargo	4:48	4:55	5:03	5:13	5:23	
Williston	5:10	5:17	5:26	5:36	5:47	
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Pierre	5:11	5:17	5:26	5:35	5:44	
Rapid City	4:24	4:30	4:38	4:47	4:57	
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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Union College seeks full-time professor of Communications and English** with strong skills in magazine journalism, editing, and writing instruction for position beginning July 2017. Doctorate is preferred. Please submit curriculum vitae to Dr. Mark Robison, Humanities Division chair, at

[marobiso@ucollege.edu](mailto:marobiso@ucollege.edu).

**Union College seeks an Art and Graphic Design professor**, beginning June 2017. Master's degree in art or graphic design required; MFA preferred. Responsibilities include teaching art and graphic design courses, academic advising, recruiting, and program development. Further information, [www.ucollege.edu/faculty-openings](http://www.ucollege.edu/faculty-openings). Submit C.V. to Bruce Forbes, Fine Arts Division Chair, at [b2forbes@ucollege.edu](mailto:b2forbes@ucollege.edu).

**Caregiver/s desired for two seniors** who live in their home in rural Dakota. No medical background required, skills can be taught. Food preparation/light housekeeping, assistance driving and meeting appointments. Someone who loves the older generation and enjoys interacting with them, who has a high level of integrity and trustworthiness. Reasonable pay. Private living quarters. Negotiable time off. Seventh-day Adventist church in the community. More information: 303.913.6012 or 303.870.8009.

**Andrews University seeks a Communication Faculty.** The Department of Visual Art, Communication, and Design is hiring a professor to teach Public Relations and general Communication classes at Andrews University. The ideal individual will be qualified to teach graduate and undergraduate level courses and mentor students in the area of Public Relations. PhD/doctorate in Communication related fields preferred; preference is given to those with terminal degrees and emphasis/experience in Public Relations. For more information or to apply visit: <https://www.andrews.edu/admres/jobs/1217>.

**Southwestern Adventist University's English Department is seeking applications** for a full-time faculty member specializing in British literature of the 18th

or 19th century. Preferred candidates will have a Ph.D.; a creative writing background is a plus. Send CV with cover letter to Dr. Judy Myers Laue ([lauej@swau.edu](mailto:lauej@swau.edu)).

**The School of Education & Psychology at Southern Adventist University seeks a full-time faculty** to teach graduate level and undergraduate courses beginning August 1, 2017. Will also provide graduate academic advising and clinical supervision. Requirements: Doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision from a CACREP-accredited program OR doctoral degree in clinical/counseling psychology from an APA-accredited program and have experience as faculty member in a counselor education program for a minimum of one full academic year before July 1, 2013. Licensed or eligible for licensure in the state of Tennessee as Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or School Counselor (LSC); Minimum 2 years of experience in clinical mental health or PK-12 school counseling settings; Doctoral-level preparation in clinical supervision; and commitment to cultural diversity and social justice. Send cover letter with statement of teaching philosophy, current CV, unofficial transcripts, and four (4) letters of reference to: Dr. Ileana Freeman, [ileanaf@southern.edu](mailto:ileanaf@southern.edu) Visit [www.southern.edu/hr](http://www.southern.edu/hr).

**The School of Business at Southern Adventist University seeks a dean.** Requirements: A doctoral degree in a field of business, commitment to holistic student development, relate successfully with School of Business colleagues, and oversight of undergraduate and graduate programs in business and technology. Submit curriculum vitae along with cover letter and statement of administrative teaching philosophy to: Dr. Robert Young, [ryoung@southern.edu](mailto:ryoung@southern.edu)

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**Southern Adventist University seeks a Mid-Level Practitioner.** The Mid-Level Practitioner assesses patients, diagnoses, and prescribes treatment and/or medication to Southern Adventist University's students and employees/families as per mid-level/physician protocol. Medical oversight provided by supervising physician both remotely and on-site. Requirements: Five years of experience in ED/Urgent care and/or General Family Practice; successful completion of an accredited Mid-Level Practitioner Program with certification; and BLS and ACLS certification. Competencies in laceration repair, burn care, and wound management. Submit resumes to Sarah Shelburne: [sarahshelburne@southern.edu](mailto:sarahshelburne@southern.edu). For more information, visit: [www.southern.edu/hr](http://www.southern.edu/hr).

**School of Business at Southern Adventist University seeks a professor** beginning June 1, 2017. Will be teaching undergraduate level management courses, directing student projects, be involved with research, advising management majors, and teaching in subject areas: business administration, healthcare administration, and human resources management. Qualifications: Doctorate degree in Management, Human Resources Management, Healthcare Administration or related field, with related business experience. Teaching experience and extensive scholar activity is preferred. A master's degree and 18 graduate hours in management may be considered. Send curriculum vita to [markhyder@southern.edu](mailto:markhyder@southern.edu). For more information, visit: [www.southern.edu/hr](http://www.southern.edu/hr).

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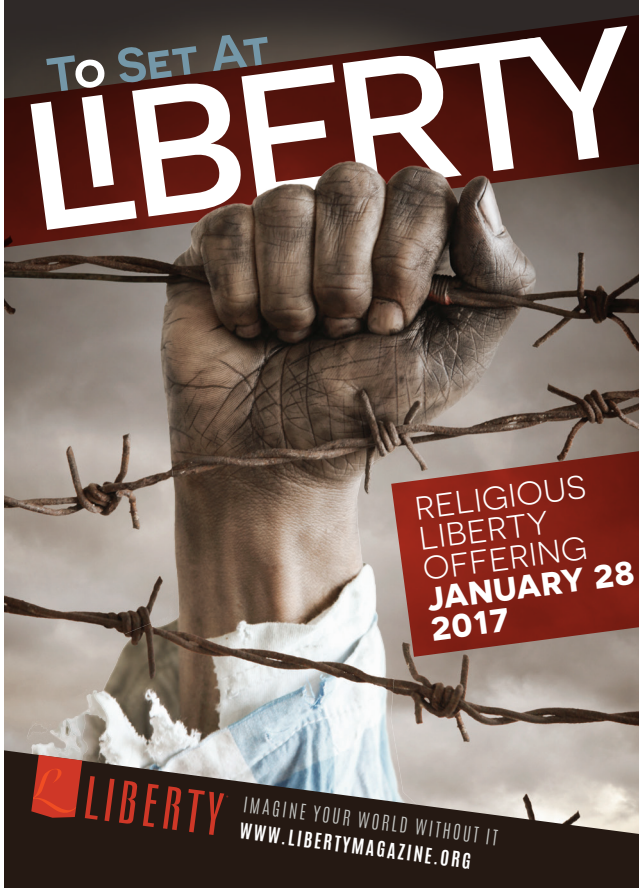
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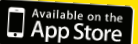


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