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Is college a four-year vacation before real life begins? A chance at a high-paying job? A way to find a spouse?

Maybe. But at Union, we believe a college education is about a lot more than simply career or personal success. In fact, we recently completed a visioning process to clearly articulate what a Union education is all about. In the end, it's a simple promise:

*Union College mentors every student to become a highly-sought graduate who serves joyfully in God's calling.**

This promise drives everything we do. We will find every way possible to give our students intentional, personalized mentorship so they build the intangible skills that lead to a successful and fulfilling career. But even more importantly, we believe mentorship will help them discover the joy of a deep, personal relationship with God and of following His call in their lives.

In this issue, you'll find three stories that help illustrate each piece of this promise in the lives of our students and graduates. Please continue to pray for Union College as we seek to live up to the high calling God has set before us.

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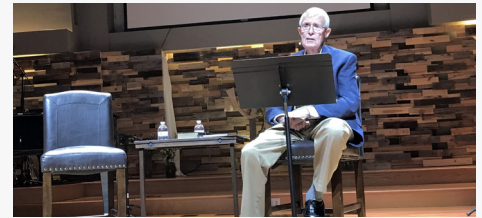
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INTENTIONAL MENTORSHIP

Learning through personal attention from professors

Kyle Berg was scrolling through Facebook when he came across a post by Scott Cushman, digital communications director at Union College. The post was a request for Union College alumni to share if and how they stayed connected with professors after graduation.

Right away, Berg clicked “comment.”

I had such a great connection with my professors while I was in college, and I am beyond happy to stay connected with them now that I have graduated, began the effusive three-paragraph post.

“I got pretty mushy about Union,” Berg later admitted. But the 2016 graduate stands by everything he wrote.

“As a student at Union College, I never felt like a number,” he said. “And

now as a graduate, I’m not only an alumnus. I’m still part of the school.”

As a humanities teacher at Mile High Academy in Denver, Colorado, the former student is now passing that sense of belonging on to his own students.

“Most of the resources I give my students are ones I had in college,” he said. “The lessons I learned are ones I attempt to convey.”

Those resources and lessons are more than platitudes for general success. They are specific and practical, from the layout of the curriculum to the layout of the desks.

“[Retired Union College communication professor] Chris Blake made it a point for us to sit in a circle, even if the classroom was designed in rows,” Berg said. “Proximity is important to growth. When you

draw close to one another, that’s where learning happens. When I create a space in my room where kids are comfortable to share, that makes me a better teacher.”

That comfortable space is not just physical. “In my literature classes, I’m always pushing kids to find ways to relate to the text and share with me,” Berg said. “When I learn how they’re learning, that gives me a new and deeper understanding.”

This, too, goes back to his experiences as a student. “In the same way that my professors sought to learn from me, I seek to learn from my students,” he said.

SURVIVING STUDENT TEACHING

Although he feels at home in the classroom now, there was a time when Berg doubted himself.

Student teaching is a core component of an education degree at Union College, and it is not without challenges. But for Berg, it nearly ended his teaching career before it even began.

“Student teaching was one of the hardest semesters of my college career,” Berg said of his time in the classroom at Lincoln Southeast High School. “It is difficult to jump in and teach, and I really felt discouraged.”

Instead of quitting, Berg found inspiration from those who had survived

their own early teaching experiences: his teachers at Union.

“Hearing similar stories from teachers I respected, I knew it was going to be okay,” he said.

For further assurance, he invited one of his favorite teachers, professor of English Dr. Tanya Cochran, to his classroom. After observing him, she told him what he needed to hear: he was doing a good job.

“I was always surrounded by extremely competent professionals,” Berg said. “I desired to become like that.”

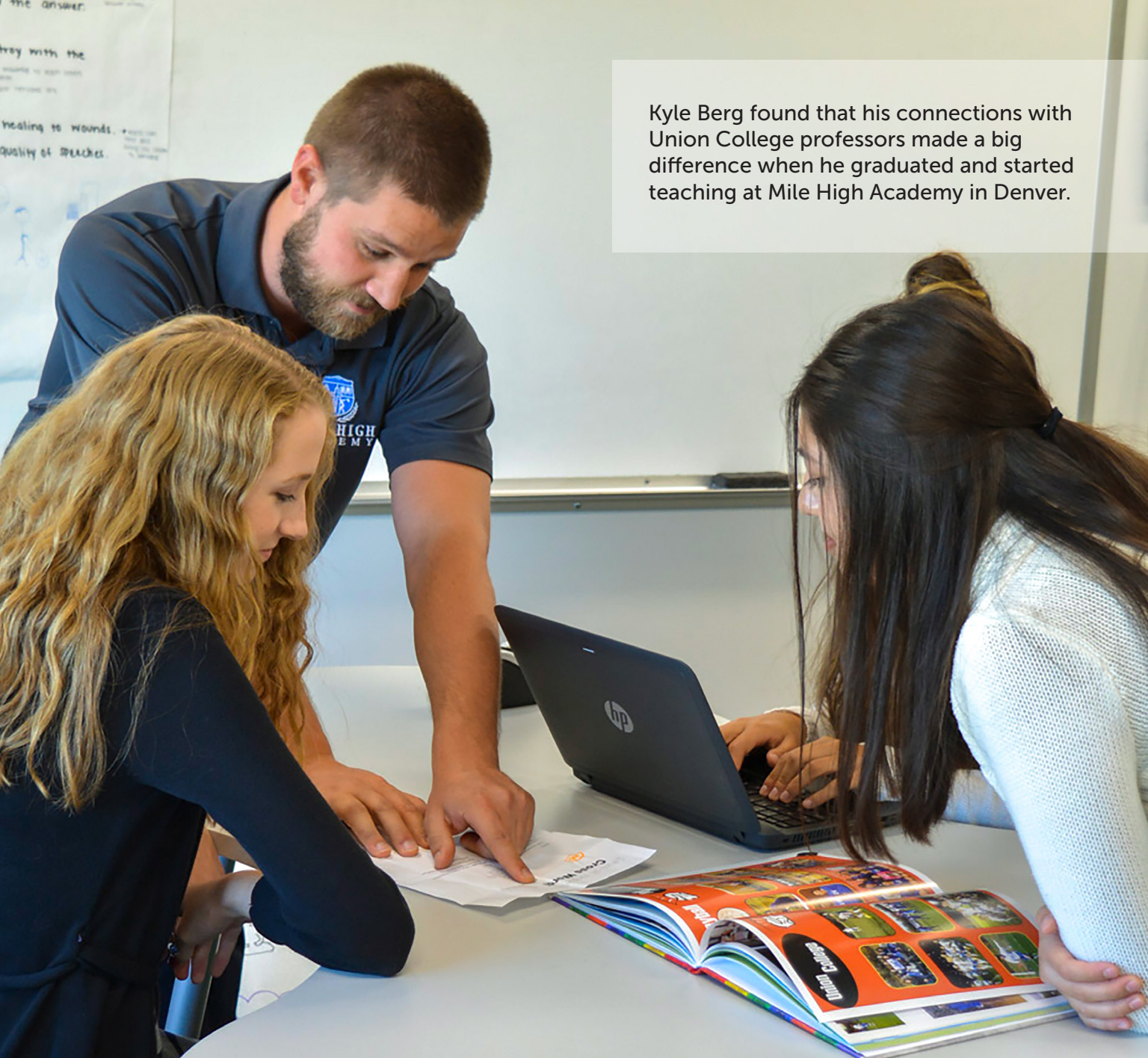
Such support and inspiration kept him in the program and saw him all the way to graduation.

But it didn’t stop there. On a recent visit back to Union, a teacher sat Berg down to ask about his career at Mile High. On that same trip, associate dean of men Ron Dodds told Berg he still prays for him every day.

“That kind of thing means a lot to me,” Berg said. “Everyone at Union cares about your success in school, but they really want to see you flourish outside of school. The fact that I graduated and wasn’t forgotten is tremendous.”

So when he saw the Facebook post from Scott Cushman, Berg stretched his fingers and got to writing. He had a lot to say.

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Michael Rohm is a freelance writer and journalist in Oregon.



Kyle Berg found that his connections with Union College professors made a big difference when he graduated and started teaching at Mile High Academy in Denver.

Courtesy Kyle Berg

UNION COLLEGE FAST FACTS

- **A 10:1 student-teacher ratio** means students receive plenty of personal attention from professors.
- **An on-campus elementary school** provides unparalleled opportunities for education students to be mentored in a real classroom.
- **The pastoral internship program** immerses every theology student as an associate pastor in churches around the country. Under the mentorship of the senior pastor, each student experiences the work involved in leading a church.
- **The business mentorship program** pairs each business major with a local business leader who is willing to share knowledge and experience.

BECOMING A HIGHLY- SOUGHT GRADUATE

Building marketable skills

Camille Darrell grew up in Leavenworth, Kansas, a town of not much significance except for the enormous federal prison. She thought little of her future or what she would need to get there. She opted for Union College simply because it was closer to home than other Adventist colleges and many of her friends were going. The future unnerved her because of its uncertainty. However, Union has changed all that.

In May, Darrell will graduate with a degree in business with emphases in marketing and management, and the knowledge that her experiences will make her a valuable employee anywhere God leads. She now approaches life with the confidence of one who has already stepped out of her comfort zone many

times through on- and off-campus internships, leadership opportunities and a willingness to try new things. Those experiences helped Darrell become a highly-sought employee by building skills she might not have naturally learned in the classroom such as leadership, communication, creativity and grit.

Over the last two summers, Darrell completed two internships; one at Adventist Health System in Florida, the other at Shawnee Mission Health in Kansas. Excited about the marketing face of business, she couldn't wait to experience a world-class marketing team. Even more, she worked in areas she—and most students like her—scarcely think of, such as supply-chain decisions, office dynamics and the Florida humidity.

“You learn quickly what

you need to know and what you wish you knew better,” said Darrell. “There are no failed experiences if you learn from them, even if you simply learn what you don't want to do for the rest of your life. Disappointment doesn't mean failure.” Quite the contrary, disappointment can turn into additional experience.

EXPERIENCES GENERATE SUCCESS

Last school year, Darrell looked forward to another season as a Union Warriors basketball player. Unfortunately, not enough women tried out and Union had to cancel the season. Rather than wallow in frustration and disappointment, Darrell embraced a position at Union's Integrated Marketing Communications office.

“Sure, I was sad about the lost season,” she said. “But Union taught me to make everything a learning experience.” Darrell laughed at how like a marketing person she already sounds. “I know it sounds like talking points, but it's real. Union taught me how experience outweighs disappointment.” In her new position, she put her classroom education to work, conducting focus groups to help the college's marketing efforts. She continues to learn and help with social media and manage the office.

“I love how the longer I work, the more trust my coworkers have in me,” said Darrell. None of this

experience would have happened had she spent the year working on her free throws. “I really love being on the creative end of Union's marketing, having already experienced the receiving end.”

Just as vital to Darrell's education is club activity. She not only serves as communication director for the very popular Business Club, but she also served as club president for the Warriors Fan Club for two years. The purpose of the club is to encourage support for the school's varsity sports players and teams. In two years, she more than doubled the number of members.

“Many studies show that employers are not looking for graduates with specific technical skills,” said Dr. Frankie Rose, Union's vice president for academic administration. “They want employees who can solve problems, communicate effectively, work on a team and won't give up. We strive to teach those skills in the classroom and through internships, campus leadership positions and other extracurricular work experience.”

Rose believes every student should seek out experiences as Darrell did. “Union strives for each student to become a highly-sought graduate by creating experiences for them to develop the skills employers want,” he said. “That's one thing that makes the Union experience special.”

Mike Mennard is a freelance writer and musician in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Camille Darrell is confident her wide range of experiences as a student will open exciting career opportunities for her in the business world when she graduates in May.

Steve Nazario/Union College

UNION COLLEGE FAST FACTS

- **More than 90 percent of business graduates find jobs** in their fields within six months.
- **Every 2017 PA graduate passed** the national licensure exam on the first attempt.
- **International rescue and relief graduates** spend a semester learning survival, jungle rescue, global health and medical skills alongside professionals in Nicaragua.
- **The nursing program has posted the highest first-time pass rate in Nebraska** on the national board licensure exam for two years in a row.

LIVING JOYFULLY IN GOD'S CALLING

Training to save lives

Caleb Shetler has found his calling. Whether extinguishing a structure fire with the fire department back home or cleaning out flood-damaged houses in Texas, Shetler plans to spend his life serving people.

"I feel called to help people," said the Ruckersville, Virginia, native. He believes earning an international rescue and relief degree at Union will help him achieve his goal.

FIGHT LIKE YOU TRAIN. TRAIN LIKE YOU FIGHT.

After three years in the IRR program, Shetler knows the value of confidence backed by experience in tough situations. As part of their curriculum, IRR students spend a semester in Nicaragua doing medical

work. In rough conditions, with little food and sleep, students' endurance is tested while opportunities to help are endless.

"In challenging situations—whether it's repelling off a building, scuba diving rescue or performing an IV on a little girl in Nicaragua—the opportunities that challenge you give you confidence and help you see that you're capable of a lot more," Shetler said.

Confidence is also crucial. In moments of crisis, it can mean the difference between paralyzing hesitation or saving a life.

"There's a quote we use a lot in the fire service," he said. "Train like you fight, fight like you train.' We want to train how we're going to respond when we get a job in the real world."

DISCOVERING UNION COLLEGE

After graduating from high school, Shetler completed fire academy and EMT training to work at his local fire department and rescue squad. While he loved that year of training, he also felt called to earn a college education. But after an adrenaline-packed work experience, the thought of sitting in a classroom every day and doing homework sounded depressing.

Then a friend described the international rescue and relief program he had discovered at Union College that prepares students for careers in public safety, emergency management, the medical field and global development. Shetler visited the campus and was hooked.

Right away he was able to put his skills to use. After a summer of technical rope rescue and swift water training, Shetler taught a brief ropes course at his local fire department.

"A lot of the training in IRR isn't even taught at most volunteer fire departments and rescue squads," he said. "It was a unique opportunity to be able to go back and share what I had learned at Union with the folks at home."

Shetler loves working with his local fire department. "It's really fantastic that they leave the door open for me," he said. "The people at the fire department understand the importance of a college education and they've been nothing but supportive of it. They always ask me, 'When are you going?' but also, 'When are you coming back?'"

For students who want a four-year degree but struggle with a traditional classroom, college can be a challenge. "If it wasn't for Union I wouldn't be in school," Shetler said. "I'd be back working in the fire department. But because I've received so much encouragement from IRR faculty and from my hometown fire department who are excited about this program, that's convinced me to continue here year after year. I'm glad to graduate with this degree."

Union's goal is to help students find more than a job—to help students find their calling. That means assisting students in discovering God-given natural talents and mixing those with mentorship and leadership opportunities so students understand how they work and thrive best. According to 2014 Gallup-Purdue Index* research, that mix of mentorship, care and applying what you learn means students become employees who are twice as likely to love what they do.

Shetler is confident he's already found his calling as a first responder. "I believe it's one of the most fulfilling and rewarding jobs out there," he said. While he loves working as a firefighter, Shetler's ultimate career goal is to eventually be a flight paramedic. Right now, he's taking one step at a time.

Becky Daniel is director of strategic marketing for Union College.

*Gallup-Purdue Index Report 2014. <http://news.gallup.com/reports/197141/gallup-purdue-index-report-2014.aspx>



IRR major Caleb Shetler joined a team of 25 Union students and staff who spent a week in September helping residents of Port Arthur, Texas, clean up their flood-damaged homes after Hurricane Harvey.

Caleb Haakenson

UNION COLLEGE FAST FACTS

- **A Calling Program** sponsors events and resources to help students and employees understand their strengths and God-given calling and discover ways to live out that calling.
- **Heartscan pairs students with faculty and staff spiritual mentors** who help them create and follow a spiritual development plan.
- **Campus Ministries sponsors more than 40 student-led worship and service ministries** allowing students to connect with spiritual communities in ways that suit them best.

Joel O. Tompkins Passes (1933-2017)

On Sept. 15, 2017, Elder Joel Tompkins went peacefully to rest in Cleveland, Tennessee, following an evacuation from Hurricane Irma. He was 84.

Tompkins was born in Orlando, Florida, on Feb. 22, 1933. He married **Peggy Green** on Sept. 7, 1952, and graduated from Southern Missionary College with a bachelor's degree in religion in 1955. After graduation, Joel and Peggy taught school for one year in Alabama and then pastored in Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Florida before being called to the Northern New England Conference in 1966. There Joel served as ministerial director and conference evangelist.

The family moved to New Jersey in 1971, where Joel worked as conference evangelist. One year later, he was asked to be the conference president. From there he was called to the Kansas Conference, later combined with the Nebraska Conference.

In 1983 he accepted the presidency of the Mid-America Union. In that position, he chaired the Union College Board of Trustees, as well as several Adventist Health System hospital boards. He also served on the boards of Loma Linda University, Andrews

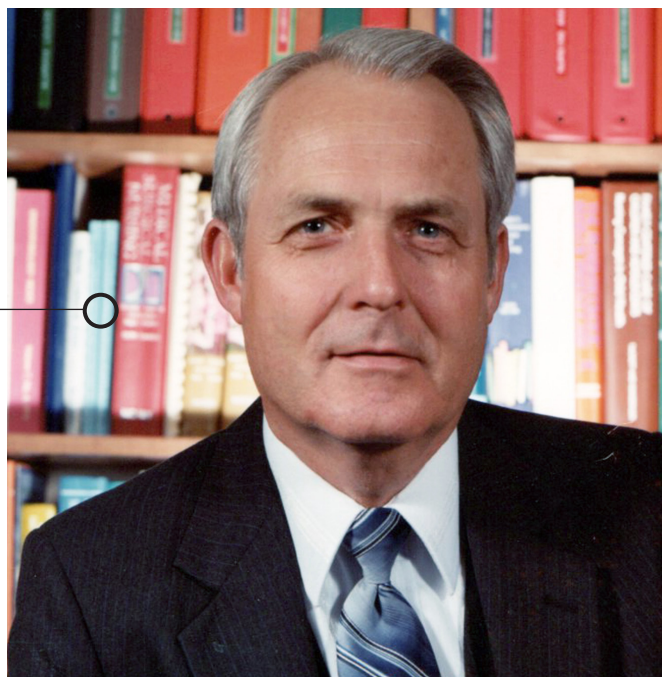
Joel O. Tompkins served as Mid-America Union Conference president 1983-1995. A memorial service was held for Tompkins at the Camden Church in Georgia on Sept. 23.

University and Oakwood College.

In 1995, Joel and Peggy returned to the South, and in retirement volunteered for ADRA, visiting churches, camp meetings and conventions as requested. They wintered in Florida, volunteering with friends at Pine Lake Retreat. Summers were spent in Maine, Tennessee and, lastly, Georgia.

Joel is survived by his wife of 65 years and their two children. Their son **Joel Don** and his wife **Kellie** live in New Jersey, where Joel Don is conference treasurer. Their daughter **Susan Schnell** is an RN/infection preventionist consultant. She and her husband **Arnold** live in St. Marys, Georgia, where Arnold pastors the Brunswick and Camden churches.

Joel and Peggy have four married grandsons: **Eric** and **Katie Schnell** with sons **Cooper** and **Caleb** in Calhoun, Georgia; **Ben** and **Natalie Schnell** with baby **Eva** in Chattanooga, Tennessee; **Andrew** and



Courtesy Tompkins Family

Anuradha Tompkins with sons **Abishek** and **Andre** in Berrien Springs, Michigan; and **Dan** and **Semira Tompkins** with daughter **Rihanna** and son **Robeson** in Boston, Massachusetts.

Joel wants to be remembered as “one who dearly loved Jesus with 100 percent appreciation for what He did to save me, and a deep indebtedness to my family for their loving care over the years and especially in my last days.”

A memorial service was held Sept. 23 at the Camden Church.

Information provided by the family of Joel Tompkins.

Memorial Donations

Donations in honor of Joel Tompkins may be sent to:

ADRA
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Camden Adventist Church Sanctuary Building Fund
891 May Creek Rd.
Kingsland, GA 31548



#HearThemKC



Representatives from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Veronica's Voice and other community organizations hosted Hear Their Voices Sept. 9-10 in Kansas City to offer education for prevention of human sex trafficking and to provide support for survivors.

The collaborative two-day initiative included door-to-door distribution of awareness-raising information to 1,000 area homes, prayers for youth safety, and a symposium/concert featuring over 20 musicians and speakers including **Rénee Battle-Brooks**, an assistant state's attorney who prosecutes sex trafficking cases, and **Kristy D. Childs**, founder of Veronica's Voice.

Ivona Bernard, coordinator for this groundbreaking event, stated that one of the main goals of Hear Their Voices was to provide "an emphasis on human sex trafficking prevention, in order to keep people from being lured into exploitative situations."

Circle of support

On Sunday organizers from the North American Division, Shawnee Mission Health, the Mid-America Union Conference and four state conferences held an outdoor community expo with interactive learning stations geared toward informing families in a safe and engaging environment about how children and teens become ensnared in sex trafficking.

Throughout the afternoon, presenter **Amanda Rodriguez** shared insights about trafficking from her work with the FBI, Homeland Security and Turn Around, Inc. Rodriguez stated that current estimates indicate over 100,000 children are being sex trafficked every year in the United States.

Visit www.heartheirvoices.org for more information.

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



Kristy D. Childs is the founder of Veronica's Voice, a Kansas City organization providing safe housing, healthcare and life skills training for survivors of commercialized sexual exploitation.



Ivona Bernard, Hear Their Voices event coordinator, emphasized that reports show sex trafficking is happening in every town and across all socioeconomic and cultural demographics.

Photos: Timothy Floyd

Sex trafficking prosecution lawyers Rénee Battle-Brooks and Amanda Rodriguez answer audience questions during the community expo in Kansas City.



Photos: Mic Thruher

ACS Volunteers Respond to Destruction Following Hurricane Harvey



Claval Hunter, ACS director for Central States Conference (right), traveled to Houston, Texas, with other volunteers to help residents affected by Hurricane Harvey. Pastor Osborne (second from left) assisted in transporting supplies.



Volunteers collect clothing, hygiene items and cleaning supplies to take to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.



Adventist Community Services director for Central States Conference **Claval Hunter**, along with other volunteers, recently assisted with relief efforts for residents affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas.

ACS leaders from around the conference came together to collect clothing, hygiene items and cleaning supplies. More than \$2,500 has been collected online for this relief effort.

“I’m grateful to the people of God showing they care after such a horrific storm,” said Elder Hunter. “The amazing thing is that in this terrible situation, there is hope and love shown. A big thank you to all of our ACS leaders and team involved.”

Central States continues to partner with the North

American Division to send volunteers to these disaster sites. If you are interested in helping, please visit www.central-states.org/community-ministry.

ACS not only provides disaster response services, but spiritual and emotional crisis care, community development, elder care ministry, youth and young adults empowered to serve, Hope for Humanity, tutoring and mentoring programs.

Brittany Winkfield is communication director for the Central States Conference.

Find volunteer opportunities by visiting central-states.org/community-ministry



Photos: Courtesy Central States Conference



Disasters Provide Opportunities for Exemplifying the Characteristics of Christ

In these trying times, we want to reflect on 12 characteristics of Christ that we challenge you to develop within yourself through the Holy Spirit daily.

1. Humble service

John 13:1-5

2. Holiness

1 Peter 1:15-16

3. Righteousness

1 John 3:7

4. Purity

1 John 3:3

5. Love

Eph. 5:1-2

6. Forgiveness

Col. 3:13

7. Compassion

Eph. 4:32

8. Endurance

Heb. 12:2-4

9. Submission

1 Peter 2:21-24

10. Humility

Phil. 2:5-8

11. Kindness

Luke 6:35

12. Generosity

2 Cor. 8:1-9

Northern Lights Camp Cafeteria Razed

Photos: Jacquie Biloff



Students and staff of DAA pose for one last photo in front of the NLC cafeteria (top).

Volunteers help shed the cafeteria of shingles, which are not allowed to be mixed with scrap lumber at a refuse site (bottom).



The Dakota Conference is blessed to have two camps for its constituents, Flag Mountain Camp located in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Northern Lights Camp in the Turtle Lake Mountains of North Dakota. The camping experience and history at each camp is unique and exciting.

In 1952, F. E. White, treasurer of the North Dakota

Conference when the conferences were separate, made an executive decision and purchased 52 acres of lake-front property with his own money, hoping to later receive an affirmative vote from the executive committee board. He learned of the property's availability 72 hours before it was to be sold to the state. The committee saw the potential

and voted to approve the purchase of the property. A fundraising drive was started with North Dakota juniors filling cards with dimes for the camp. By 1956, there were over 100 junior campers.

The original lodge, built by workers of the Works Progress Administration of the American New Deal, was used for dancing and refreshments. After being purchased, it became the cafeteria and four barracks, also from the WPA Garrison Dam project, were brought in and converted to dormitories. These buildings served the camp for many years.

Unfortunately, the cafeteria building has been condemned and is being replaced. The new structure will sit on the footprint of the previous building.

Again, constituents have come together for the young people of the conference with their physical and financial support. On Labor Day weekend, academy students, conference staff and interested members came to help remove the building's contents and shingles. The common view was summed up by one individual who said, "It is a sad-happy day. So many memories, yet so much to look forward to."

Nelson Elected Education Superintendent

Jodi Dossenko



Sue Nelson has been elected the Dakota Conference superintendent of education,

Pathfinder director and Conference Sabbath school leader.

Nelson graduated from Andrews University with a bachelor's of science in elementary education, then taught for several years. She took a break to raise her two children, but worked on her master's in administration after putting her children to bed each night.

Nelson's teaching experience includes teaching in one-room schools, being principal and team teacher in pre


K-8, presenting small-school workshops to other teachers, and writing curriculum for a reading program.

Nelson is married to **Loren Nelson III**, who is vice president of administration, youth director and camp director for the Dakota Conference. As assistant to the camp director, she has used her many talents to make the Dakota camping program a success.

Nelson and her husband are also master guides in Pathfinders. "I started

Pathfinders as a kid, then helped with Pathfinders all the years I was teaching," she said. "I would like to find a way to connect Pathfinders, campers and home schoolers so they could make friends and connect with Christian education. Education is so important in the lives of kids. Christian education plays a huge part in pointing kids to Jesus."

Articles on this page were written by Jacquie Biloff, communication director for the Dakota Conference.



Building Friendships for Eternity ~
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IA-MO Women Encouraged to Share Their Stories for God's Glory

Photos: Randy Harmdierks



In a message called *Ending the Pain*, presenter Lindsey Gendke, a member of the St. Louis West County Church, shares personal stories about depression, childhood traumas and how God brought healing to her brokenness.

Women from across Iowa and Missouri gathered in Des Moines in September for the conference's 29th annual Women's Retreat.

The theme this year, *We Are God's Story*, was especially relevant as Women's Retreat fell on the heels of the recent Hear Their Voices event in Kansas City, a partnership with Veronica's Voice to raise awareness and help end sex trafficking; and the Adventist

Main presenter Wanda Davis shares stories of God working in the lives of those she encounters as a hospital chaplain.

Church's most recent End It Now campaign event, a global initiative to stop domestic violence.

Presenters shared personal stories of triumph, failure, joy, pain and heartache. The messages were designed to affirm and encourage attendees that no matter what their stories are, God can use them for His glory. Women were encouraged to discover they are not alone in dealing with issues like depression and anxiety or past experiences that may

include trauma or abuse.

"I didn't know how this seminar would uplift me," said one of the attendees. "I left knowing that a burden I was carrying had been lifted."

Plans are already underway for next year's Women's Retreat, which will be held next September in Missouri. More information will be made available as details are finalized.

Randy Harmdierks is communication director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

Watch videos from the 2017 Women's Retreat: bit.ly/imWR2017

Lebanon Continues Reaping Seeds Sown During 2016 Evangelism Series

The Lebanon Church is celebrating three more baptisms stemming from last year's evangelism series with Amazing Facts presenter Wyatt Allen.

Michele Cansler attended the series last year along with her husband, Wendell, and approximately 45 others. Following the series, Wendell and five others were baptized, but Michele wasn't yet ready. She continued attending the

Lebanon Church and participating in follow-up Bible studies in another member's home. She was baptized on July 8.

John and Carla Snow, friends and neighbors of the Canslers, became intrigued by the Adventist message as the Canslers shared with them throughout the last year. John soon found himself helping with lawn care for the church and, not long after, the Snows were attending

Courtesy Marcia Clark



church with the Canslers. The Snows were both baptized on Aug. 26.

Marcia Clark is communication secretary for the Lebanon Church.

Wendell and Michele Cansler (left) celebrate with John and Carla Snow following the Snows' baptisms on Aug. 26.

Iowa-Missouri Pastor Discusses Immigration with Members of Congress

Following President Donald Trump's announcement in September that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program enacted by former-president Barack Obama would be rescinded and it would be up to Congress to resolve an issue affecting the lives of nearly 800,000 people brought to the United States illegally as children by their parents, Matthew Lucio, pastor of the Charles City, Hampton and Mason City churches, traveled to Washington, D.C., to share his personal convictions with Congress. Below are his reflections from the trip.

I stood in a Washington, D.C., congressional office, confused at what I had just heard. A top aide had just told a group of pastors that the congressman he worked for was a Christian. One of the pastors then made a casual remark about being reassured that the

congressman was a religious man. The aide was quick to correct the pastor: "I didn't say he was religious. He wouldn't describe himself as religious."

Silence followed as 10 preachers tried to make sense of that comment. Surely the congressman was aware that Christianity was a religion—in fact the largest religion in the world.

We had arrived in Washington specifically to talk to Congress about helping those benefiting from DACA, all of whom pay taxes and are required to hold or work toward a degree. In the case of many, they also attend church. With recent political events, these individuals, once assured of a stable life provided they worked hard and stayed out of trouble, were at risk.

One of these kids goes to my church. I went to Washington to let Congress know I believe Christian legislators should be looking

out for them. It's not a conservative or liberal issue—and I was heartened to find compassion from members of both political parties.

The trip became about more than advocating for the vulnerable in our midst; it also became a chance to talk to legislators about their faith. We had prayer in House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's office with some rather bewildered aides. We prayed over meals in the House cafeteria.

It seems there's a lot of spiritual confusion among even professed Christian congresspersons. I shared Lev. 19:33-34, which tells the ancient Israelites to treat foreigners as if they were citizens.

"Well," came a reply, "you cannot expect us to make the Bible into law."

"Of course not," I responded. "But as a matter of principle, shouldn't these ancient laws inform Christian attitudes on modern problems?"

While the response to my question wasn't reassuring, I felt satisfied that a group of pastors was able to let their representatives know we care not only about Dreamers, but also about our representatives. Caring for "the least of these" often takes us to the food pantry, but sometimes it takes us to Capitol Hill. It felt good to go the extra mile to speak for that person in my congregation.

I also realized I need to pray more for our members of Congress. It's easy to dismiss "Washington" as many dismal things, but there are Christians there who are earnestly trying to sort out what it means to be a Christian legislator. They face confusing and compromising pressures you and I do not.

Won't you join me in praying for them?

Matthew Lucio is pastor of the Charles City, Hampton and Mason City churches.

Matthew Lucio (third from right) and other Christian ministers from various denominations, alongside a young DACA recipient, meet with Rep. David Young's aide. David Young is a United States Congressman representing Iowa's third congressional district.



Courtesy Matthew Lucio

Reach KC Initiates 375 Bible Studies

Jesus said His mission was to seek and to save the lost. He then gave us that same mission. Twelve churches in the Kansas City area have joined hands to reach their neighbors and introduce them to Christ.

Reach KC is an evangelistic effort supported by the Kansas-Nebraska, Central States and Iowa-Missouri conferences in partnership with It Is Written. Speaker and director **John Bradshaw** will present a series in the spring of 2018 in culmination of the work being done in the Kansas City area.

Bible workers have been hired, prayer teams have been formed at each local church

and 86 lay workers are giving Bible studies or being trained to give Bible studies in their communities. There are currently 375 Bible studies taking place in the Kansas City area.

Karen Matambo, Bible worker for Kansas-Nebraska Conference, shared a story of a woman with whom she studied: "I went to study the second coming, but God had another lesson in mind: forgiveness." Matambo could tell the woman was bothered by remembering people who had hurt her. "We reached the end of the lesson and I asked her to pray. She tried to dismiss the conviction in her heart, but then she talked to the One who knows her heart. Tears

rolled down her face and I knew God had healed her from years of unforgiveness."

Please pray for Kansas City as we boldly go forward with the following promise from *Desire of Ages*: "By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our

Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God" (p. 633).

Jack Philips is a Bible worker from It Is Written who is working in the Kansas City area.

Jack Philips and Reach KC Bible workers hold It Is Written public evangelism training sessions.



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The Value of Adventist Education

The value of Adventist education was recently on display two weeks in a row as Midland Adventist Academy and College View Academy held their beginning of the year high school retreats. Both schools started their year by focusing on community building and spiritual redirection.

The value of a quality Adventist education means a commitment to making Christ the center of a campus. That center should influence and permeate every aspect of the campus.

Valuegenesis is a survey that studies the faith and values of young people attending Adventist schools in the United States. According to the latest update from Valuegenesis, one in five Adventist families is in the market for school enrollment, but only 30 percent of Adventist young people attend Adventist education.

The Valuegenesis update says there are three “venues” that can predict long-term youth and young adult retention and involvement in the Adventist Church. Those venues are:

1. A quality Adventist home
2. A quality Adventist church
3. A quality Adventist school

Beyond having an Adventist home, church and

school, the key is also to be rooted in Adventist values.

Quality venues do make a difference. When considering the question of denominational loyalty, without a quality Adventist home, school or church there is a 45 percent chance a young person will remain loyal to the Adventist Church. Add just one of these venues—say a quality Adventist school—and it increases to a 64 percent chance. With two venues, it goes up to an 82 percent chance. Add all three venues and there is an 88 percent chance.

Ellen G. White wrote in *Counsels for the Church* (p. 202) that Adventist education provides “more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come. In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one.”

High school students and staff from College View Academy and Midland Adventist Academy each spent a week at Broken Arrow Ranch focusing on community building and spiritual redirection.

Seeing Midland Adventist Academy and College View Academy train their young people to turn to Christ—and model that through their curriculum, staff example and

priorities—gives hope for the future of the church.

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Timothy Floyd is director for Youth and Young Adult ministries for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

Photos: Timothy Floyd



Churches Partner to Launch Music Festival

The first bi-annual SDA Music Festival began with a bang! The three-hour program started off with the Minneapolis First Adventist Church Drum Corp, who performed a rousing original piece, followed by the Southview Gospel Guitars, led by pastor **Dustin Hall**, who played old-school sing-along country gospel music.

The idea behind the music festival was to create a “camp meeting feel” which is both

in-reach and outreach oriented. The music included many cultural elements, representing a variety of traditions and genres to appeal to all ages.

The rainy weather unfortunately meant the program was moved indoors to Southview Church from its original location at a park in the south metro. This changed its original outreach focus to more of an in-reach focus.

Musicians included classical

violinist **Andrea Brazelton**, who beautifully performed *Come Thou Fount*. Pianists, saxophonists and trumpeters continued the program, followed by soloists, duettists, praise and worship teams and a group of Kenyan singers. Finally a quartet, whose performance of *Good News Chariots Coming* was reminiscent of the Kings Heralds and as rousing as the drum corp, finished off the program.

One attendee from the

Rochester area said the three-hour program “reminded me of camp meeting.” Mission accomplished!

The hope is to grow this event into a bi-annual music festival that takes place at various Adventist churches in Minnesota and celebrates Christ-centered music for all to enjoy.

Mark Tenold is a member of the Minnetonka Church.

Photos: Timothy Olson



The Minneapolis First Adventist Church Drum Corp opened the Music Festival with a rousing piece (top left).

Alex Kobzev, member of the Minnetonka Church, performed a guitar solo (bottom left).

Classical violinist Andrea Brazelton, a member of the Andover Church, played *Come Thou Fount* (bottom right).



Northwoods Elementary Friendship Bench Teaches Kindness

A little white, wooden bench stands on the edge of the playground at Northwoods Elementary in Hutchinson, Minnesota. On a sunny, September day while children play on the monkey bars, swings and basketball court, it sits empty. The bench is called the Friendship Bench and the students will quickly tell you how it works.

“It means if someone doesn’t have a friend, they can sit on the bench,” said **Izzie Gaslin**, a second grader. “Someone will see them and come ask them to play.”

“I’ve sat on the bench before, and I’ve also got people off the bench,” said second grader **Stella Trana**.

The bench was the idea of Northwoods parent **Lisa Long**. “I was watching the news and cooking supper one evening,” Long said. “It came up on the news. I thought, *I would love that for Northwoods.*”

Long watched the story again online and, with a little more research, found the book *The Friendship Bench* by **Whitney Dineen**. She

mentioned the idea to head teacher **Jamie Madden** and received a positive response. Long’s husband, **Mike Long**, often passed a house selling handmade benches on his way to work. He ordered one, and it was soon ready.

The bench was introduced to the students on the first day of the school year. They were challenged with the concept of inviting those on the bench to join their play. “The kids stood up and formed lines to sign their names on the bench,” Long said. “I got tears in my eyes. I prayed a lot about it. I look for different ways for kids to think of others.”

Madden said, “What I like is it provides a visual clue, without anything being said, that the students need to be inclusive of everyone.”

Kari Schebo, who teaches grades 2-4, said she sees the bench used at least three or four times a week in her class, especially with new students. “When someone feels like everyone is in a group and they weren’t invited to the group, they sit down and

within 30 seconds, someone comes and invites them to play,” said Schebo.

Second grader **Florinda Rivera** put it simply: “I like it because I ask people if they

want to play with me and they say ‘Yes.’”

John Bedell is education superintendent for the Minnesota Conference.

If students feel left out during recess, they can sit on the bench and someone will invite them to play.



Photos: John Bedell



The Friendship Bench helps prevent bullying and neglect by encouraging students to be mindful of being inclusive of one another.

Lighthouse School Teaches Entrepreneurship

At Lighthouse Christian School, students in grades 5-8 are catching the vision of leadership through the help of **Pastor Rex Bell**. Pastor of the Fort Morgan Church, Bell is the director and creator of a new monthly leadership and entrepreneurship program.

Students were overjoyed on kickoff day, Sept. 15. "Is this real? Wow! I can't believe it!" exclaimed 13 ecstatic students. Each received a crisp \$50 bill as a challenge to use wise leadership and entrepreneurial skills.

"I am going to buy ingredients to make cookies, then sell the cookies in my neighborhood!" said **Noeli Hernandez**, grade five.

"I am going to put my money into a savings account to earn interest to pay for

academy tuition," said **Kyra Baquera**, grade six.

"My money is going straight into my savings account, too!" added **Clark Cinco**, grade eight.

During the presentation, Pastor Bell inspired students to be brave leaders. "Leadership is influence.

Everyone is a leader because everyone has influence. What kind of leader will you be?"

Students were reminded that part of leadership is money management. After sharing the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25, Pastor Bell presented each student with their \$50 bill.

"Use your leadership skills wisely," Pastor Bell told them. "In January you will report to the group what you did with your \$50, and then you will receive another \$50!"

Called to be young leaders

Lighthouse students were also honored by guest speakers **Ed Barnett**, RMC president, and **Kelly Siebrands**, owner of Fort Morgan State Farm Agency.

Painting a picture of leadership, Barnett told them, "God calls young people to become leaders." He pointed to the lives of Samuel and Joseph, young men who served as strong leaders. "The key to leadership is walking with Jesus every day. Christian leadership is all about being faithful to God." He ended by sharing the story of how God called him to be a minister at age 14.

Siebrands concluded by sharing specific strategies and secrets of being

a successful entrepreneur. "Leadership comes with responsibility," he said. "Use your community's resources to help your money grow."

He explained how savings accounts and the stock market work, and told them that choices involve risks. "Remember, people will judge you based on how you act. If you are unkind to other people, it won't matter if you have a million dollars."

Lighthouse students look forward to hearing more each month from Siebrands, who will go into greater depth with the students on the subject of investments.

Jodie Aakko is principal and teacher of grades 1-4 at Fort Morgan Lighthouse Christian School.

Jodie Aakko



With the help of Pastor Rex Bell, students at Lighthouse Christian School are learning how to wisely manage money and become good leaders.

New Ministerial Director Joins RMC

Courtesy Rocky Mountain Conference



Pastor **Mickey Mallory** has accepted the call to serve as the new ministerial director for RMC. Mallory and his wife **Tamara** come from the Georgia Cumberland Conference where he has served for the last five years as senior pastor of the Standifer Gap Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He has also been serving as vice president of the East Hamilton Ministerial Association based in Ooltewah, Tennessee, and as an adjunct professor in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University.

The RMC Executive Committee voted Mallory's appointment on Sept. 12, and he begins his ministry in RMC in early November. **Ed Barnett**, RMC president, welcomed the Mallorys by saying, "We solicit your prayers on their behalf as they make this transition. [Mallory] will be on our preaching rotation

next year, and I am sure he looks forward to traveling around our conference and meeting the wonderful church family we serve."

Mallory was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, while Tamara was born in Greeley, Colorado. She attended Campion Academy, then studied accounting at Union College, where she met Mallory. They graduated together from Union College in May 1989 and were married at the Campion Academy Church on Oct. 15, 1989.

The Mallorys have two children: **Michael**, 24, and **Carrie**, 22. They are both students at Southern Adventist University where Michael is pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work and Carrie is pursuing her master's degree in accounting.

Ed Barnett is president of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

RMC Online

Students Meet Medal of Honor Recipients
bit.ly/rmcstory1

Erwin Velbis



Health to the Max Inspires to the Max
bit.ly/rmcstory2

Carol Bolden



Boulder Church Band Plays for Annual
Porchfest
bit.ly/newsnuggets

Becky De Oliveira



Health Starts with the Why

After people start exercising or eating healthy, it is easy to slip back into unhealthy habits. However, attaching goals to a deeper purpose makes it more likely they will be kept.

It Starts with Why is a program created by Shawnee Mission Health's wellness coordinator **Lisa Cummings** that encourages participants to explore the internal motivation behind their desire for healthy living.

"When it comes to losing weight, we find it easiest to set short-term goals for ourselves," said Cummings. "We want to look a certain way by the time a particular date arrives, but it is hard to turn these little goals into a lifelong commitment. That's where It Starts with Why comes in."

Kim Huff-Caplan, RN, ECT/Behavioral Health at SMH, found out about the program from Cummings and decided to participate.

"I agreed because it seemed

like it would fit well with the things I was already doing and my pursuit to lose weight, but also to live a healthier lifestyle overall," said Huff-Caplan.

Huff-Caplan had already lost weight, and she saw the It Starts with Why program as a better way to meet the goals she had already been working toward.

"Now that I'm dedicated to being healthy, both physically and emotionally, I'm focused on the far-reaching outcomes of my choices," Huff-Caplan said. "Not just 'How will this affect me in a few months?' but 'What does this mean for the rest of my life?'"

The It Starts with Why program involves accountability sessions in which the participants meet with Cummings to assess how they have progressed toward their goals. They can choose between weekly and monthly sessions.

Huff-Caplan opted to do the monthly sessions, which turned out to be challenging, but allowed her to make great strides toward her goals. She now weighs 60 pounds less and has more energy on a daily basis.

Since Kim Huff-Caplan joined the It Starts with Why program, she has lost weight and has more energy on a daily basis.

"I've learned a lot about myself and what motivates me, as well as how I handle stress, change and life's little curveballs," she said.

Huff-Caplan shares her success of losing weight with her patients. "It helps that I can talk firsthand about my experiences," she said. "It also has given me language to use in helping patients identify personal motivation for change."

She shares her health goals with her husband and son as well. She hopes that by teaching her son to care for himself at a young age, he will establish a healthy lifestyle for the years ahead.

The program is closely integrated with CREATION Health, especially the principles of Trust and Outlook. For those focused on living the CREATION Health lifestyle, taking time to reflect and identify the long-term reasons why you want to be healthy in mind, body and spirit can help keep you on track.

Start with small steps

To those considering a change in lifestyle, Huff-Caplan says the key is to start with small steps. "It's easy to get overwhelmed thinking about changing one's diet, activity level and calorie intake all at once," she said. "Pick one area that appeals to you, like increasing your activity levels. Then pick one thing in that area such as walking for five minutes three days a week. Start small."

Huff-Caplan has integrated

her Why statement into her life and continues to make decisions that will keep her body and mind healthy.

"I'm happy, healthy and enjoy having enough energy to play with my son or go for a walk. Having the energy to do these things is worth it and I don't ever want to go back," she said.

With the new year fast approaching, now is a great time to start incorporating small changes into your daily routine. "Food is nature's medicine," said Cummings. "It is one of the most powerful tools we have to promote better health and prevent future disease."

Four small, easy steps toward better nutrition include:

1. Incorporate more fruits and vegetables into your diet to boost your antioxidants, phytonutrients and fiber.
2. Consume a protein at every meal to reduce hunger and provide more energy.
3. Eat more whole grains, which improve cholesterol levels, enhance colon health and provide a feeling of fullness with fewer calories.
4. Drink more water—the single best fluid for our bodies that is essential for good health.

Jackie Woods is a project manager/writer for Shawnee Mission Health.

Learn more about CREATION Health by visiting CreationHealth.com



Love Still Matters Most

Adventist hospitals in Denver have conducted an annual day of service for the past three years called Love Matters Most, coordinating efforts with schools and hundreds of volunteers to serve local neighborhoods in need. Projects have varied from painting homes for elderly neighbors to donating time and resources to local food banks.

This year's program was unique because it morphed from a day of service into an ongoing system of service. Located near the older College View community on the south side of Denver, leaders from Porter decided to look for specific needs in their local neighborhood and invest in those needs on a long-term basis.

They connected with a local community center that serves various underprivileged groups in their neighborhood. **Jim Feldbush**, director of Mission and Ministry and Community Health Improvement at Porter Adventist Hospital, initially met with **Leo Alriez**, director for the College View Community Center and Life-Line. Feldbush attended that first meeting with an open mind and a willingness to explore needs.

"I had no idea what an amazing work was already happening in our neighborhood," Feldbush shared. "I was amazed at the breadth of work that was happening through mostly volunteer efforts to meet the emotional and physical needs of our

Local law enforcement personnel created fun safety demonstrations for children.

Porter neighborhood. I came to the meeting with a premeditated set of services that we as a healthcare organization could bring to the table. By the end of the conversation, I simply said, 'What can we best do to help?'"

Alriez brings his own unique perspective and skill set to the community. He grew up in a less-than-ideal set of circumstances, was once a gang member and eventually spent time in prison. Fortunately, his story didn't end behind bars. It actually began there with a rebirth of sorts. After regaining his freedom, he pursued advanced degrees, eventually earning a PhD in counseling. He is now a certified substance abuse counselor and a representative for the National Gang Crime Research Counsel.

Alriez was thrilled to have the resources of a Christian organization like Porter Adventist Hospital at his door asking, "What can we do to help?" What followed was an amazing collaboration between not only Porter, but also dozens of other area health providers and non-profit organizations.

The one-day service event took place on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at College View Community Center, with more than 30 exhibitors and over 300 attendees. The event



Photos Courtesy Centura Health



Nursing students from the Denver campus of Adventist University of Health Sciences offered blood pressure checks and other health screenings for attendees.

included free, fresh, healthy food along with health and dental screenings, exercise and cooking demonstrations, and even tattoo removal services. Local law enforcement agencies and fire departments also participated.

"We can only do so much on our own," said **Morre Dean**, president of Porter Adventist Hospital. "But when we join forces with other community-focused organizations, we become a huge force for good."

Feldbush adds, "Our

mission statement begins with 'We extend the healing ministry of Christ,' but it continues with 'by caring for those who are ill and by nurturing the health of the people in our communities.' Efforts like Love Matters Most are a perfect example of our mission in action."

This article was written by Mark Bond on behalf of the Colorado Adventist hospital campuses that make up Rocky Mountain Adventist Health/Centura Health.

Adair, Dorothy “Sue,” b. Sept. 3, 1942 in Stella, MO. d. March 19, 2017 in Olney Springs, CO. Member of Arkansas Valley (CO) Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include husband Bill; 3 sisters; 1 brother; 4 sons; 3 daughters; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

Allen, Gene M., b. Sept. 9, 1927 in Boulder, CO. d. July 1, 2017 in Longmont, CO. Member of Longmont Church. Survivors include wife Darlene; daughter Susan Bowick; son Mike; 6 step-grandchildren; 4 step-great-grandchildren.

Birth, Pearl Maxine, b. April 27, 1925 in South Dakota. d. April 7, 2017 in Enterprise, KS. Member of Enterprise Church. Preceded in death by sons Raymond, William and Timothy. Survivors include husband Gean; daughter Karen D. Lewis; sons Duane and Randy; 3 grandsons; 3 granddaughters.

Brant, Leone B., b. March 27, 1923 in Poplar Township, MN. d. Aug. 20, 2017 in Waterloo, IA. Member of Waterloo Church. Preceded in death by husband Kenneth Sr.; daughter Juanita; son Kenneth Jr.; 2 brothers. Survivors include daughters Lorraine Gibbons, Kathy McBride, Mary Wersinger and Helen Cochran; son Duane; 2 siblings; 15 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 26 great-great-grandchildren.

Brinker, Orason L., b. May 7, 1916 in Ft. Collins, CO. d. Aug. 26, 2017 in Nampa, ID. Member of Cedaredge/Delta (CO) churches. Preceded in death by wife Bonnie Maxine. Survivors include daughters Bonnie Harlan and Mary Lou Pribic; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Casey, Howard P., b. Sept. 14, 1952 in Allerton, IA. d. Aug.

20, 2016 in Bondurant, IA. Member of Ankeny Church.

Casey, Rosalie, b. Aug. 6, 1924 in Natoma, KS. d. Aug. 15, 2017 in Lamar, MO. Member of Lamar Church. Preceded in death by first husband Howard Divine; second husband Gaylen Casey; stepson Lyndon Casey; 5 siblings. Survivors include daughters Barbara Pearson and Connie Brown; sons Wayne Divine, John Divine, Larry Divine, Wayne and Steve; 3 siblings; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Clifford, Joseph K., b. Oct. 11, 1960 in Sedalia, MO. d. Aug. 17, 2017 in Sedalia, MO. Member of Sedalia Church. Preceded in death by parents. Survivors include wife Paula; daughters Lisa Monteer and Ashley Ahnert; 3 siblings; 3 grandchildren.

Davis, Delton G., b. Jan. 23, 1925 in Beulah, ND. d. Aug. 28, 2017 in Bismarck, ND. Member of Bismarck Church. Preceded in death by first wife Erma Clara Wick; daughter Cindy; 2 brothers; 2 sisters. Survivors include wife Luella Foerderer; children Delmer, Cleo Steele, Terry, Fern and Lila Hoggarth; stepsons Roger Foerderer, Steve Foerderer, Bob Foerderer, Barney Foerderer and Jim Foerderer; 2 sisters; 15 grandchildren; 19 step-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 42 step-great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; 1 step-great-great-grandchild.

Fischer, Lorraine, b. April 2, 1924. d. Sept. 12, 2017 in Dubuque, IA. Member of Dubuque Church.

Graham, Joyce B., b. Nov. 9, 1924 in Glenwood, MN. d. Aug. 31, 2017 in Fargo, ND. Member of Jamestown (ND) Church. Preceded in death by husband Clyde; 4 brothers; 1 sister. Survivors include children Craig, Jeff, Janelle

Tucker, Jody Nelson and Jay; 5 siblings; 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Gries, Virginia L., b. Nov. 16, 1927 in Herman, NE. d. June 26, 2017 in Sioux City, IA. Member of Sioux City Church. Preceded in death by first husband Norman Sr.; second husband Clifford; son Lonnie; 4 siblings. Survivors include daughters Virginia “Teter,” Carol Goulette and Ruth Hood; sons Norman Jr. and Duane; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Holweger, Fred Quenton, b. Dec. 19, 1929 in South Dakota. d. Aug. 13, 2017 in Chatsworth, GA. Member of Bowdle (SD) Church. Survivors include wife Beverly; son Jeff; daughters Jerri Manlove and Holly Fowler; 2 brothers; 8 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

Jones, Mabel M., b. June 29, 1913 in Arena, ND. d. Aug. 30, 2017 in Walla Walla, WA. Preceded in death by husband Michael; 2 brothers; 1 sister; 3 grandchildren. Survivors include daughters Janet Biloff, Patsy Wagner, Vera Morrow, Vicki Jones-Harrison and Judith Lastra; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Kemper, Paul, b. Aug. 30, 1920 in Aberdeen, SD. d. Aug. 30, 2017 in Napa, CA. Preceded in death by wife Vivian. Survivors include children Gwen Forrester, Brenda Purdy and Ed; 6 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Krisher, Dolores D., b. June 12, 1944 in Wichita, KS. d. Sept. 7, 2017 in Abilene, KS. Member of Enterprise (KS) Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include husband John R.; daughter Audra; 1 brother.

Lawrence, Judy D., b. April 16, 1954 in Harrison, AR. d.

Aug. 21, 2017 in Springfield, MO. Member of Springfield Church. Preceded in death by parents; 4 brothers. Survivors include husband Don; son Jason; 2 sisters; 4 grandchildren.

Lunday, Bernice (Schield), b. July 19, 1935 near Dodge, ND. d. Aug. 1, 2017 in Bismarck, ND. Member of Bismarck Church. Preceded in death by daughter Noeletta Seibold; 2 brothers; 2 sisters. Survivors include daughters Marga Carlson, Amy Hinger and Bernelda Lehmann; 3 sisters; 3 grandchildren.

Marsh, Marguerite, b. June 11, 1929 in Salem, OR. d. Oct. 3, 2016 in Fairfield, NE. Member of Fairfield Church. Survivors include children Roland, Robin, Mario and Shervin; 1 sister; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Momb, Nettie Jane, b. Dec. 7, 1929 in Ottertail County, MN. d. July 26, 2017 in Detroit Lakes, MN. Member of Detroit Lakes Church. Preceded in death by husband Vern; 3 sisters; 1 grandson. Survivors include daughters Linda Wiedewitschi and Margie Hobriadel; 5 siblings; 6 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Morrison, Wray W., b. Sept. 3, 1930 in New Hill, NC. d. Aug. 25, 2017 in Fort Meade, SD. Member of Rapid City (SD) Church. Preceded in death by 5 brothers. Survivors include wife Sandra; sons Dana and Mikie; daughter Carlotta; stepdaughters Michele and Carol; 1 sister; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

O’Brien, Damien A., b. June 13, 1971 in La Jolla, CA. d. July 31, 2017 in Des Moines, IA. Member of Jordan Crossing (IA) Church. Preceded in death by parents. Survivors include stepmother; 4 siblings.

Ordelheide, Maxine, b. Sept. 21, 1925 in Longmont, CO. d. March 16, 2017 in Denver, CO. Member of Denver South Church. Preceded in death by 2 siblings; 1 grandson. Survivors include husband Walter; daughters Carol Meidinger and Karen Mason; sons Karl, Kris and Peter; 1 sister; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

Pettit, Anita J., b. Jan. 24, 1937 in Heartwell, NE. d. May 20, 2016 in Hastings, NE. Member of Community (NE) Church. Preceded in death by husband Charles; 5 brothers; 3 sisters; 1 grandchild. Survivors include daughter LeeAnn Freasier; son Gary; 1 sister; 2 grandchildren.

Semmens, Bruce Waldo, b. Oct. 26, 1922 in Meiktila,

Burma. d. Sept. 13, 2017 in Lincoln, NE. Member of Denver First Church. Preceded in death by wife Vivian; daughter Laurie; 2 brothers. Survivors include daughter Debbie Young; son Jeff; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Siewert, Myrtle A., b. Sept. 11, 1927 in Secord Township, MI. d. Aug. 7, 2017 in Moberly, MO. Member of Moberly Church. Preceded in death by 5 siblings. Survivors include husband Donald; daughter Susan Marke; son Richard; 4 siblings; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Swann, Evelyn M., b. Dec. 20, 1917 in Woodward, OK. d. Sept. 9, 2017 in Walnut Grove, MO. Member of Springfield Church. Preceded in death by husband Ralph;

daughter Darwena Kerkhoff; 1 sister. Survivors include daughter Fonda McMillen; 5 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Tompkins, Joel O., b. Feb. 22, 1933 in Orlando, FL. d. Sept. 15, 2017 in Cleveland, TN. Survivors include wife Peggy; children Joel Don and Susan Schnell; 4 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren. Former Kansas Conference president and Mid-America Union Conference president.

Triebwasser, Doris, b. May 5, 1921 in Lincoln Valley, ND. d. Sept. 13, 2017 in Harvey, ND. Member of McClusky (ND) Church. Preceded in death by husband Adolph; daughter NancyLou; 2 grandchildren; 10 siblings. Survivors include son Harlo; daughters Joann Miller and Julieann Strobel;

1 sister; 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

Troudt, Donna, b. March 11, 1940 in Concordia, KS. d. July 11, 2017 in Superior, NE. Member of Fairfield (NE) Church. Preceded in death by husband Melvin; 2 brothers. Survivors include children Penney Amack, Phillip and Leslie; 7 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren.

Wood, Donald G., b. March 3, 1950 in Marshall, MO. d. July 31, 2017 in Sedalia, MO. Member of Sedalia Church. Survivors include wife Elaine; daughter Michelle Cloutier; son Michael; 7 grandchildren. Served in U.S. Air Force.

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SUNSET CALENDAR	COLORADO	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24
	Denver	4:55	4:48	4:43	4:38
	Grand Junction	5:11	5:04	4:58	4:54
	Pueblo	4:57	4:50	4:44	4:41
	IOWA				
	Davenport	4:54	4:47	4:41	4:36
	Des Moines	5:06	4:59	4:53	4:48
	Sioux City	5:16	5:08	5:01	4:56
	KANSAS				
	Dodge City	5:39	5:32	5:27	5:23
Goodland	4:43	4:36	4:30	4:26	
Topeka	5:19	5:12	5:07	5:03	
MINNESOTA					
Duluth	4:49	4:40	4:32	4:26	
International Falls	4:50	4:40	4:31	4:25	
Minneapolis	4:58	4:49	4:42	4:37	
MISSOURI					
Columbia	5:06	4:59	4:53	4:49	
Kansas City	5:15	5:08	5:02	4:58	
St. Louis	4:58	4:52	4:46	4:42	
NEBRASKA					
Lincoln	5:20	5:13	5:07	5:02	
North Platte	5:36	5:28	5:22	5:18	
Scottsbluff	4:46	4:38	4:32	4:27	
NORTH DAKOTA					
Bismarck	5:24	5:14	5:07	5:01	
Fargo	5:08	4:58	4:51	4:44	
Williston	5:32	5:22	5:14	5:07	
SOUTH DAKOTA					
Pierre	5:28	5:19	5:12	5:07	
Rapid City	4:40	4:31	4:24	4:19	
Sioux Falls	5:15	5:07	5:00	4:55	
WYOMING					
Casper	4:55	4:47	4:40	4:35	
Cheyenne	4:52	4:44	4:38	4:34	
Sheridan	4:53	4:44	4:37	4:32	

DECEMBER 2017

SUNSET CALENDAR	COLORADO	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
	Denver	4:36	4:35	4:37	4:40	4:44
	Grand Junction	4:52	4:52	4:53	4:56	5:00
	Pueblo	4:39	4:38	4:39	4:42	4:47
	IOWA					
	Davenport	4:33	4:32	4:33	4:36	4:41
	Des Moines	4:45	4:44	4:45	4:48	4:53
	Sioux City	4:54	4:52	4:53	4:56	5:01
	KANSAS					
	Dodge City	5:21	5:21	5:22	5:25	5:30
Goodland	4:24	4:23	4:25	4:28	4:32	
Topeka	5:01	5:00	5:01	5:04	5:09	
MINNESOTA						
Duluth	4:22	4:20	4:21	4:23	4:28	
International Falls	4:20	4:18	4:18	4:21	4:26	
Minneapolis	4:33	4:32	4:32	4:35	4:40	
MISSOURI						
Columbia	4:47	4:46	4:48	4:51	4:55	
Kansas City	4:56	4:56	4:57	5:00	5:04	
St. Louis	4:40	4:40	4:41	4:44	4:48	
NEBRASKA						
Lincoln	5:00	4:59	5:00	5:03	5:07	
North Platte	5:15	5:14	5:15	5:18	5:23	
Scottsbluff	4:24	4:24	4:25	4:27	4:32	
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SOUTH DAKOTA						
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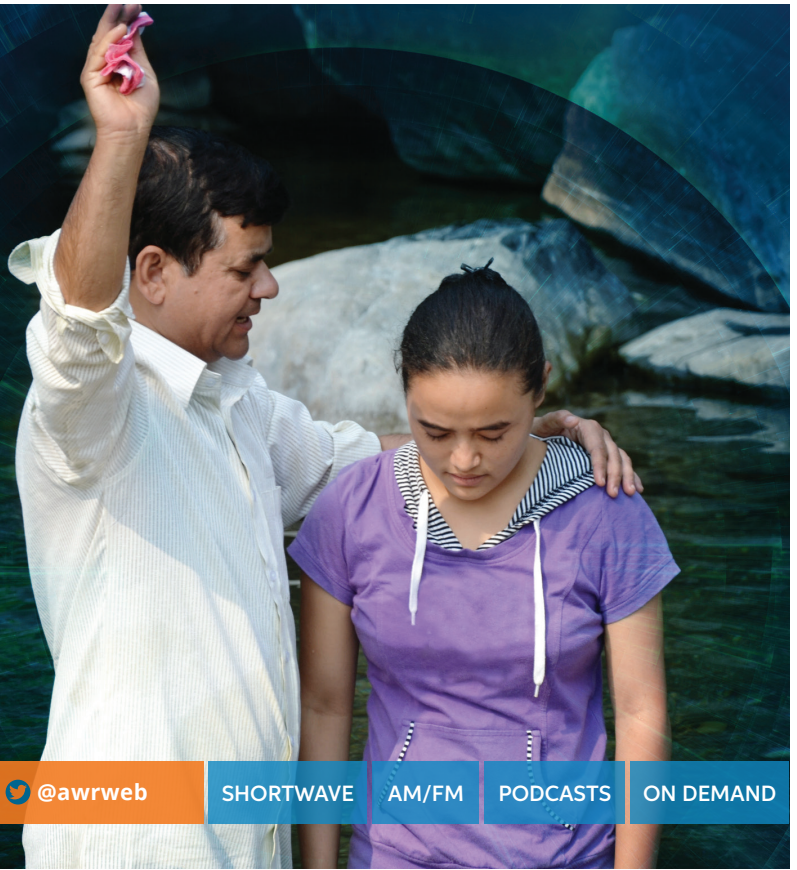
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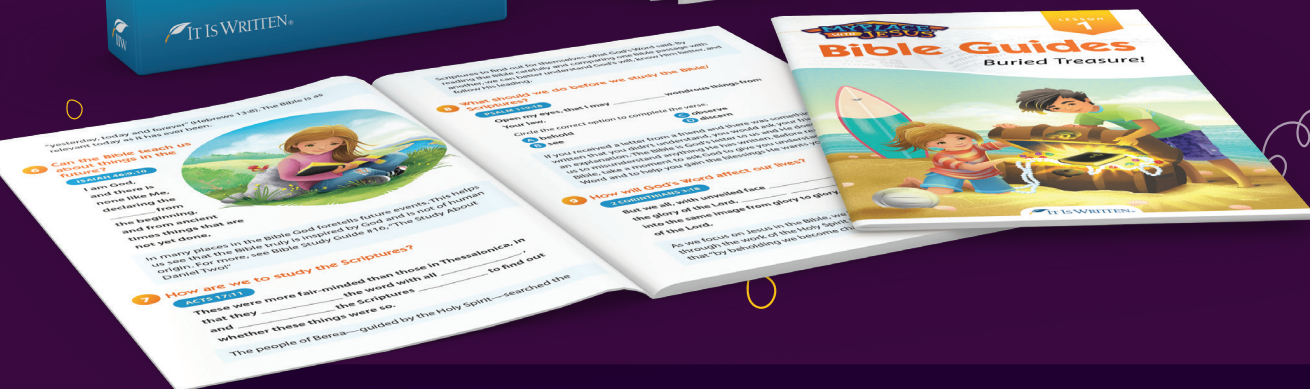
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