



news nuggets

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Grow Groups Bring New Life to Church, School, and Community »

It's Wednesday evening and a mixed group gathers around a game of dominoes at church. In the gym, a group of teenagers are rock climbing with teachers. In homes all over campus, members of our community mingle to learn Chinese, new cooking skills, juggling, painting, outdoor survival skills, Bible studies, and more. In fact, all over our neighboring communities, and at various times during the week, Campion church members and new friends are gathering together over a shared interest and creating a deeper sense of community. Known as *Grow Groups*, these gatherings have helped members feel more connected with each other in their journey of faith and have reached out to their neighbors.



During the spring semester, the Campion Church and Academy developed nearly 50 different *Grow Groups*, spearheaded by Pastor of Discipleship, Michael Morss.

"In churches, there are many groups that focus on either study, affinity, or outreach," he explains. "Our belief is that each of these is essential for growth; therefore, every group leader is committed to creating opportunities to connect with Christ, other members, and our community."

Strengthening faith and developing the bonds of fellowship among our community of believers are the primary goals of

"Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness."

-- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Healthy Nugget

"It does not matter how slow you go as long as you do not stop."

-- Confucius

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Grow Groups. Bela Cinco joined an art group which fostered artistic talents with a spiritual focus. “It’s such an impactful thing to be able to get into a small group with people of the same interests and do something you enjoy while growing closer to God at the same time,” she reflected. “The first night we made prayer jars. We decorated mason jars to put next to our beds, so at the end of the day we could write down a blessing we received, or a prayer request we had on a piece of paper and put it in the jar.”



Patricia Torres, a teacher at Champion, led out a group called “*Something Better*,” and taught students about natural remedies for improved health. Kevin Perez, a student who joined the group explained, “Learning about the natural remedies that God created to be special and unique helped to show me that there truly is someone out there that created all these things for us. I got to know to people I don’t normally talk to on a regular basis, and we had a good time laughing together and enjoying each other’s company.”

The positive impact of the *Grow Groups* has reached beyond church members and has drawn interest from the community. “A vision born to connect our growing church through smaller circles has become evangelistic in nature,” commented Morss. “It’s exciting to see 150 church members participate and grow in Christ and the community, but it’s even more exciting to see more than 21 community people not associated with the church connect to Christ through the new *Grow Groups*.”

A focus on a shared interest makes it less intimidating to invite non-church members to participate in a group. The group leader of “Crochet for Christ,” Carey Jordan, shared that their group was able to complete 50 hats and several small premie blankets for infants who don’t survive after they are born. “When we are not meeting as a group, several members have taken their new-found craft to work which has resulted in two non-Adventists joining our group,” Jordan reported.

Focusing on developing groups that meet for a term, rather



Upcoming Events

**Mile High Academy
Graduation**
May 25, 8:30 p.m.

**Champion Academy
Graduation**
May 26, 10 a.m.

INTEL Class
May 31 - June 1

Staff Meeting
June 4

NE Camp Meeting
June 7-8

Hispanic Pastors Meeting
June 10

GVR Board
June 18

**Property & Trust
Committee**
June 19

Staff Meeting
July 2

Cowboy Camp Meeting
July 10-14

Hispanic Men's Retreat
July 12-14

Wyoming Camp Meeting
July 16-20

MSR Meeting
July 21, 8:30 a.m.

than indefinitely, also made the idea more manageable and appealing to potential group leaders. The leaders were recruited and trained in November, and in January, church members were able to



read about the focus of each group and were inspired to sign-up. The groups then met officially from February through the end of April, ending with a final celebration at the church. Following the positive reactions and success of the spring groups, the Champion Campus is looking forward to reviving the groups in the fall with new options including: effective prayer, photography, scuba diving certification, and many more.

“Growth is essential to life,” reflected Morss. “At Champion, we are highly committed to providing opportunities for spiritual and social growth, and we believe one of the best ways to foster that growth is through *Grow Groups*.”

-- Jill Harlow; photos supplied

Being Bold for God! » Wyoming . . . it's a land where the people are wonderful, independent, bold and value freedom. They also look out for one another, which is a rare thing in today's society. It's no surprise then that Karen Fettig, a member of the Worland Seventh-day Adventist Church and the founder of Beneath Our Wings (<http://beneathourwings.com>), felt called by God to take a bold step to raise awareness of human trafficking in Wyoming and beyond.



Wyoming Taskforce Meeting

July 21, 10 a.m.

Western Slope Camp Meeting

July 31 - August 3

INTEL Class

August 2 - 3

Staff Meeting

August 6

NAD Pathfinder Camporee -- Oshkosh

August 12 - 17

GVR Board

August 20

Property & Trust Committee

August 21

Pastoral Couples Retreat

August 23 - 25

Executive Committee

August 27

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 30 - September 1



Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to

What is this bold step she's taking? Well, Karen believes God is leading her to ride to stop human trafficking. By ride, I mean ride across the state of Wyoming on donkey/mule back, while having her horse trailer wrapped with an effective message for victims as well as traffickers following close by! This will involve a Saturday evening potluck and prayer service at the Cody rodeo grounds on June 29, then the ride will begin at the Montana/Wyoming border on June 30. Karen will pass through Cody and Ten Sleep for their 4th of July parades, then head to Casper for the Central Wyoming Fair and Rodeo. She will conclude the ride in mid- to late July by raising awareness at Cheyenne Frontier Days.

The goal is to honor and glorify God and have this ride make a tremendous impact on human trafficking in Wyoming. Karen desires to have Wyoming become a place like no other, in that we value all children and victims and facilitate liberty and justice for all.

This is a monumental undertaking and we ask for your prayers and financial support as Karen rides to free human trafficking slaves and bring greater awareness to this horrific evil taking place in our country, in our state.

Beneath Our Wings is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and your donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made online at <http://beneathourwings.com/donate>.

-- Samantha Nelson; photo supplied

Join the MVMNT » The MVMT is a collection of Denver youth leaders and pastors committed to journeying with high school students to help them discover who they are and to find confidence in their identity as a child of the King. Through that identity, they can discover their way to move forward. Since high school is a time of change, transformation and discovery, as each student walks this path, we want to walk next to them.



In cultures around the world there are rites and ceremonies to mark meaningful moments of transition and change. These ceremonies give us time to celebrate what was before this

tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

moment and lay it down. They also send us off into the new part we are walking into. Often, in our culture, we don't have this kind of transitional ceremony welcoming us into the next phase of life. Kyle Berg shared a similar process in the Bible in the creation of "*ebenezers*". Ebenezers are physical markers of something that is now finished and the start of something new.

MVMNT wanted to mark this moment for those who are graduating. For our 8th graders, we welcome them into the great MVMNT for the next four years in high school. We surrounded them to show that they already belong and were on the inner circle of the MVMNT. We gave them leis as a simple sign of them moving on, and we prayed our excitement for them joining us and for God's continued empowerment.

Littleton Adventist Church, LifeSource Adventist Fellowship, and Denver South are working together to share resources and energy towards for events. All groups, churches, and students are welcome to join in The MVMNT. We welcome all students to be a part of our events and we welcome parents and youth leaders to participate in planning and interacting with students.

August marks the beginning of our second year in The MVMNT. Our next step is to empower student leaders, young adult leaders and to consistently plan out 1-2 events each month. This year's leadership team will have special training and visioning during the summer months leading up to the launch of the next school year. We are excited to keep building and growing The MVMNT.

If you want to join the MVMNT and are entering into high school or are already in high school, follow us on Instagram @MileHighMVMNT or contact Pastor Mikey Archibeque at 316.303.2811. You belong here.

-- Mikey Archibeque, text and photo

"A Team" at Grand Junction Church Supports Sheriff's Department » The Grand Junction Church's "A Team" had the privilege of helping the Grand Junction Sheriff's Department prepare, cook, and serve at the Police Week BBQ and Bearcat Pull. Because spelling out the full name of the denomination is too long for quick emails, members of the church are lovingly called the "A Team".



Gathering at the Sheriff's Department on a recent early Wednesday morning, a small team of church members helped to cut mounds of onions, tomatoes, and lettuce and to prepare trays of cheese, pickles and other condiments, to serve with the burgers and hot dogs, chips, potato salad and yummy desserts. This was done to thank law enforcement across the valley for the service they perform keeping our communities safe. The best part was that our members were able to talk to many of the officers and staff who were there.

"You don't understand how much of a blessing you have been to us. We appreciate you and look forward to you coming each month," said Sheriff Lewis to some in the group.

Nearly five years ago, the Grand Junction Church adopted the Mesa County Sheriff's Department, blessing them each month by filling small candy jars as a thank you for their service in protecting the community for those who work at the Sheriff's Department. As a result, many wonderful friendships have been made and smiles put on their faces as they visit and serve them. Often, they have the pleasure of praying for them and thanking them for the difficult job. On some occasions, they have been asked to make lunches for them when they were on an extended search and rescue. This is the third BBQ the "A Team" has helped with. "It's another way we have found to be involved in the community in a positive way," said one member.

-- Sandy Carosella; photo by Sandi Adcox

CAMP MEETINGS

NE Colorado -- June 7-8, Speaker: Dan Jackson

Cowboy -- Location: Uncompaghre National Forest near Silver Jack Reservoir, July 10-14, Speakers: Ron Price/Ed Barnett

Wyoming -- Casper, July 16-20; Speakers: Ron Halvorsen Jr. (adults); Joe Martin (youth).

Western Slope -- Montrose -- July 31-August 4, Speaker: Pastor Rodney Palmer, undergrad teacher at Andrews

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Agape Haitian Church » Evangelist Millien Thomas will speak on "The Last Call of God" from 7 - 9 p.m. each night except Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Saturday, **May 25** and ending Saturday, June 15. His nightly titles include, "A Worldly, Confused Situation," "The Secret Code of Success," and "Guaranteed Protection." The church is located at 14190 E. Jewell Avenue, Unit 3. For information and transportation, call 720-472-8138 or 720-251-0561.

Twin Peaks Church » Twin Peaks Church health ministries team has an informative and encouraging health promotion event every fourth Sabbath of the month directly after the potluck at 2 p.m. The topic for **May 25** will be "Breakfast". We will be enjoying breakfast burritos for the fellowship meal, with sweet and healthy breakfast treats for dessert. Afterwards, we will address the questions: "What is breakfast and why is it important?", "How can you receive the biggest benefit out of your breakfast?", and "Quick and easy tips for finding time for breakfast." Recipes and samples will be available. Bring a friend and come join us.

Campion VBS » VBS is coming **June 3-7** from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Campion Academy gymnasium. Based on the characters in the award-winning Discovery Mountain audio program, the new Voice of Prophecy Vacation Bible School program *RESCUED -- Safe in Jesus* will help you discover a story of faith and a journey toward trust in Jesus with Noah and his family who take an adventure in Discovery Mountain at Fall Camp. It will be a trip your child will never forget. To register, go to the following link <https://vbspro.events/p/80e158>. Campion Academy is located at 300 42nd Street, SW, Loveland CO 80537, 970-667-7403.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Vista Ridge Academy » is hiring for the 2019-2020 school year. We need a **Part-time ECE Aide** (20-24 hours/week) to assist in our Preschool and PreK/Kindergarten classrooms. State licensing requirements a must; however, we are willing to help update the employee with the necessary classwork/paperwork.

Part time Extended Care Supervisor (10-12 hours/week) to supervise students, ages 5-15, after school Monday-Friday.

Candidate must be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and possess current U.S work authorization. For additional information regarding duties, expectations and how to apply, please contact Sandy Hodgson at shodgson@vistaridge.org.

Rocky Mountain Conference » The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time **Human Resources Assistant**. Qualified candidates will have exceptional computer and organizational skills and the ability to process highly complex and detail-oriented information. The HR Assistant understands the importance of process and follow through and has the highest levels of ethical integrity. Candidates must be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and possess current U.S work authorization. For additional information regarding duties, expectations and how to apply, please visit the RMC website at: <https://www.rmcsda.org/hr-human-resources-assistant>.

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FROM THE EDITOR

We want to share your news -- Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday. Please send all your submissions to nuggets@rmcsda.org.**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

NOTE: Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few

points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

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--Editor

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