



# NEWS NUGGETS

Friday, April 27, 2018

## Rifle Hispanic Company Officially Becomes Church »

The organization of the Rifle Hispanic Church was celebrated on Sabbath, March 3, with members from the Rifle English and Glenwood Springs Hispanic churches, Gypsum Hispanic Company, Grand Junction Branch Sabbath School and Montrose Hispanic Company in attendance. Pastors Ruben Rivera, Cesar Pompa, Herbert Hernandez and Michael Shannon helped to dedicate the church in its official status.




With singing and prayers of thanksgiving, members listened to a reading of the history of the church, a reminder of how God has led this far. Pastor Rivera urged the church to never forget their purpose of preaching the Good News to the world and to be salt and light to all men.

Almost ten years have passed since the birth of Rifle Hispanic Company. It was in June 2008 that six families from the Glenwood Springs Spanish Church began meeting as a Branch Sabbath School in the fellowship hall of the Rifle English Church under the leadership of Pastor Roberto Rivera.

Until April 2011, they were organizationally dependent on Glenwood Springs Spanish Church and became a company under the leadership of Pastor Cesar Pompa. Later, Rudy Vivanco took over leadership as their pastor, followed by Herbert Hernandez who ministered for almost three years.

“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

— C.S. Lewis

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Their current pastor is Michael Shannon.

Increased growth from 2008 through 2011 is attributable to at least one evangelistic series hosted each year until 2012 when they began hosting an average of two evangelistic series each year. The fruit of these outreach programs is nearly 30 baptisms.

Currently, Rifle Hispanic Church has 55 baptized members and 19 non-members with an average weekly attendance of 60 during the past few months.

Hispanic ministry on the Western Slope continues to expand. Ten years ago there were only two Hispanic congregations west of Silverthorne--Glenwood Springs Hispanic and Olathe Hispanic. Today, there are eight--Frisco Hispanic Branch Sabbath School, Steamboat Springs Hispanic Company, Gypsum Hispanic Company, Glenwood Springs Hispanic Church, Rifle Hispanic Church, Grand Junction Hispanic Branch Sabbath School, Olathe Hispanic Church and Montrose Hispanic Company. Several Hispanic congregations have small groups in neighboring cities and towns. It is our hope that, with the Holy Spirit leading, these small groups will continue to grow and achieve church status.  
-- Ruben Rivera and Michael Shannon

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### **Love Reality Tour Impacts Grand Junction Youth and Adults**

» The spiritual atmosphere mirrors the physical dwelling of the room -- full and tangible. Hands raise from shoulders and eyes open as the Grand Junction Church utters, "Amen," in agreement. Speaker Jonathan Leonardo has prayed over the community to step into confidence as sons and daughters of God. Soon laughter, testimonies, and invigorating conversations fill the air of the church lobby.

Having recently met in Greeley, the Love Reality Tour moved to the Western Slope April 18 - 21 to share its message of identity in Christ. It was the partnership between the Rocky Mountain Conference and Grand Junction Church Youth Department that made this event possible.



This was the last night of a four-day event known as the

## Upcoming Events

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### **Hispanic Children's Ministries Certification**

*April 28, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.*

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### **Hispanic Youth Rally**

*March 28, Arvada*

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### **SW Town Hall Meeting**

*April 28, Pinon Hills Church*

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### **Hispanic INTEL Class**

*May 4, 5*

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### **Memorial Day -- Office Closed**

*May 4, 5*

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### **Adventurer Fun Day**

*May 6, 7 a.m.*

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### **Campion Board**

*May 7, 9 a.m.*

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### **NE Town Hall, Campion**

*May 19*

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### **Pathfinder Fair --**

**Torrington, WY**

*May 20*

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### **Hispanic Public Evangelism**

*May 25, 26*

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### **MHA Graduation**

*May 26, 8:30 p.m.*

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### **Campion Graduation**

*May 27, 10 a.m.*

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### **Hispanic INTEL Class**

*June 1, 2*

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### **NE Colorado Camp Meeting**

*7 p.m., June 1, 2*

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### **Staff Meeting**

*June 4*

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### **Executive Committee**

*9:30 a.m., June 5*

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Love Reality Tour (LRT), a teaching series that communicates a lifestyle of IDENTITY, PURPOSE, and WORTH rooted in the Love of the Father. Each night, during the worship element, Cassie Wallace, an Australian praise leader, encourages a confident worship experience. Jonathan Leonardo follows with the Word element, imparting stirring messages that clarified essential gospel truths such as adoption, sin, and dominion.

Pastor Nate Skaife, Grand Junction pastor, stressed the importance of the conference and the local church coming together saying, "It was a good thing for the conference to have a presence on the Western Slope. For the whole Youth Department to come and be part of the LRT spoke volumes to many. I am looking forward to continuing to partner with the conference in many ways to further the ministry on this side of the mountains."

Local youth leader Kirstin, had this to say, "The message that Jonathan brought us with the Love Reality Tour is exactly what our youth need here on the Western Slope. Identity is a critical issue for our young people. The Western Slope struggles with poverty and the many social issues that accompany it. Teen suicide rates here are some of the highest in the nation. This message was a timely and God-appointed message."



Although LRT is promoted as a youth and young adult series, Bible pages were flipped by all ages. Young ones jumped in eagerness during Q & A sessions, the eyes of adults followed Jonathan's engaging examples, while older participants gave insights filled with acumen and wisdom.

On average, the church was filled with more than 120 people from various walks of life. One couple, Jim and Adriana, attended consistently, expressing that the "Love Reality Tour was a tremendous blessing. The truth of the good news steeped in the study of the Word is beyond life changing and church changing. Jesus' gift fulfilled in our lives gifting us with His power is laid bare before us in this series."

The "Love Reality Tour is the real deal, no sugarcoating. It's

**NW Town Hall -- Grand Junction**  
*June 9*

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**Hispanic Prayer Ministry Training**  
*June 12*

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**Hispanic Town Hall -- Denver South Hispanic**  
*June 16*

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**GVR Board**  
*June 19*

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**RMC Property & Trust**  
*June 20*

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**Pathfinder/Adventurer Basic Staff/Master Guide Training**  
Brighton Academy  
*June 23, 24*

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**Cowboy Camp Meeting**  
*July 11, June 11 - 15*

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**Wyoming Camp Meeting**  
*July 17 - 21*

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## **Story Guidelines: We want to share your**

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the good stuff,” exclaimed Cassie, an active youth member at Grand Junction.

“I feel that the LRT was a fantastic thing for the Grand Junction Church as well as area churches, said Pastor Nate Skaife about the impact of LRT. The messages challenged their understanding of who they are as children of God and how they relate to sin and life as a whole knowing the promises of the Gospel... Praise the Lord! There were three requests for baptism and four more wanting to study. In addition, a stack of registration cards is witness to those who want to be part of a small group Bible study that will continue to unpack these truths.”

It’s safe to say that Grand Junction Church has “tasted and seen that the Lord is good.” No sugarcoating here just good gospel truth.

-- Gabriel M. Riojas; photos by Kirstin Fox

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## **Evangelistic Campaigns Held in Two Locations on Western Slope »**



Presenting the prophecies of Revelation, Pastor Ruben Balaguer has hosted evangelistic campaigns in Eagle and Glenwood Springs during April.

The Eagle campaign drew 15 people who continue to study with members of the Gypsum Church.

More than 30 visitors attended the Glenwood Springs campaign, including the leader of an evangelical church in the area as well as a couple from the Baptist church.

-- RMCNews with Ruben Balaguer

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## **Campion Academy Holds Ultimate Treasure Academy Days »**

Prospective students came from all over the Rocky Mountain Conference, the Kansas-Nebraska Conference and Texas for Campion's Academy Days 2018.


The 87 students and 30 parents in attendance during the "Ultimate Treasure" themed weekend were reminded that true treasure can only be found in Jesus, the One lifted up at Campion Academy.

-- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto: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.

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Potential students received close to \$4,000 in scholarship money during the Saturday night program. They also enjoyed a ninja warrior course activity.

-- Jessica Rios

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## CORRECTION

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In the special edition of *NewsNuggets on April 24*, containing information about Julio Arias' passing, we need to correct and add the following:

Julio was born in Miami, Florida. He volunteered as lay-pastor in the Hispanic congregation in Longmont.

Those who wish to donate in lieu of flowers may do so to Mason Christian School, 723 Storey Blvd. Cheyenne WY 82009-3557

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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### CAMP MEETINGS 2018

La Vida Mission	May 11-13--new	La Vida Mission
NE Colorado	June 1-2	Campion Academy
	Speaker: Clifford Goldstein	
Cowboy	July 11-15	Silver Jack Reservoir
Wyoming	July 17-21	Mills Spring Ranch
Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
	Speaker: Michael Ryan	
Hispanic	Aug 31- Sept 3	Glacier View Ranch

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# RMC Town Hall Meetings

March 17—SE Colorado—Colorado Springs Central Church  
March 24—Metro—Denver South Church  
April 14—Wyoming—Casper Church  
April 28—SW—Piñon Hills Church  
May 19—NE—Campion Church  
June 9—NW—Grand Junction Church  
June 16—Metro Hispanic—Denver South Hispanic (6:00pm presentation *only*)



## Seminar Topics May Include:

Giving a Bible Study	A Church's First Impression
Deacon/Deaconess Workshop	Diabetes Prevention
Estate Planning	Communication
Stewardship	Youth Ministry in the Local Church
	Elders' Workshop

### *Format of each meeting:*

Seminars:  
4:00-5:00pm

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5:00-6:00pm

Supper:  
6:00-6:30pm

Presentation:  
6:30-8:30pm

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## SABBATH SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

**Rocky Mountain Pastors** will be at Yellowstone National Park beginning every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Traveling through Yellowstone this summer? Join them for worship beginning at 10 a.m. each Sabbath in Old Faithful Lodge.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cañon City Church »** The Cañon City Church will be offering a dynamic series of meetings entitled "The Shadow of His Wings". This series is presented by Pathway To Paradise, Dr. Tim Rumsey. You can find more information on the presentation at [www.PathwayToParadise.org](http://www.PathwayToParadise.org). Scheduled from Friday, **April 27** through Sabbath, May 5, all meetings are at 7:00 p.m. except for the two Sabbath morning services. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, go to [www.PathwayToParadise.org](http://www.PathwayToParadise.org). Use for April 20.

**Children's Ministry Certification »** From 9 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Sabbath, **April 28**, those interested in children's ministry have the opportunity to become certified. NAD speakers will present Track 2 -- Teaching Children: Teaching

Children, Teaching Sabbath School, Teaching Nature, Craft Lab, Interactive Storytelling, Disciplining with Grace and Love. Children's Praise and Worship, Active Learning. They will also introduce Vacation Bible Xperience 2018. The cost is \$25. Register online at <http://rmcyouth.org/children> or contact Kathy Swelstad at 608-852-6059 for more information.

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**Campion Academy »** Sacred Spring Concert will be held at 7:30 on **May 11** at Campion Academy.

Campion's Student Association (SA) Picnic and Pops Concert will be held **May 20** at North Lake Park at Lake Loveland.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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**H.O.P.E. Prayer Summit »** Featuring James Black from NAD Prayer Ministries, this prayer summit will be held September 7-9 at Glacier View Ranch.

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**Annual RMC Women's Retreat »** Heather-Dawn Small, GC Women's Ministry Director will speak at the annual retreat September 28-30 at Glacier View Ranch.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**Fort Collins School »** Fort Collins Christian School will start a state-licensed preschool (ages 3-5) and is seeking a **full-time** preschool teacher for 2018-2019 school year.

Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Special Education, Family and Child Development, Child Psychology will be considered. Contact Keiko Breese at [keikonagasawa821@gmail.com](mailto:keikonagasawa821@gmail.com) or call her at 970-222-6347 for more information.

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**HMS Richards Elementary »** Located on the campus of Campion Academy, HMS Richards Elementary School is looking for a part-time preschool teacher for the upcoming school year, 2018-2019. To qualify, you must have teaching certification or a director's license. If you are interested, send your resume to [hmsrichardselementary@gmail.com](mailto:hmsrichardselementary@gmail.com) or call 970-667-2427.

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**Glacier View Ranch »** GVR has several positions to fill for summer camp, June 3 - July 31 in housekeeping and laundry. These are temporary, full-time positions. Qualified applicants will have either completed high school or be at least 18 by the time camp begins. If you know of responsible, interested individuals, please have them contact our summer camp director, Kiefer Dooley, at 870-688-8508 or [kieferd@rmcsda.org](mailto:kieferd@rmcsda.org). Information is also available on our

**Fort Collins School »** The Fort Collins Christian School will start a state-licensed Preschool (ages 3-5) and is seeking a part-time preschool teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Special Education, Family and Child Development, Child Psychology, or an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education will be considered. If you are interested in this position, please contact Keiko Breese at [keikonagasawa821@gmail.com](mailto:keikonagasawa821@gmail.com) or call her at 970-222-6347 for more information.

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**Delta School »** The Delta SDA school is seeking a K – 8 teacher for the 2018-19 school year. To apply, go to the union website:  
<http://adventisteducation.org/employment/opportunities?category=4> or contact the Rocky Mountain Conference education department.

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**Vista Ridge Academy »** Vista Ridge Academy is seeking a part-time aide for our Early Childhood Education program. Candidates must meet state requirements for an Early Childhood preschool teacher. For more information or to find qualifications, contact our Early Childhood Education Director, Sandy Hepp, at [shepp@vistaridge.org](mailto:shepp@vistaridge.org) (303.828.4944).

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**ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School China Campus »** Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - ESL Teacher Needed

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the

school: <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at [tvunileva@milehighacademy.org](mailto:tvunileva@milehighacademy.org) for questions or to submit your resume.

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**Mile High Academy Needs Third Grade Teacher**

» Mile High Academy will be hiring a third grade teacher for the 2018-19 school year. We are looking for an individual who is passionate about teaching, a lifelong learner, and has a visible relationship with Jesus.

If interested, contact Diane Harris [dharris@rmcsda.org](mailto:dharris@rmcsda.org) and Toakase Vunileva [tvunileva@milehighacademy.org](mailto:tvunileva@milehighacademy.org)

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## **Student Literature Evangelist Coordinator »** Joe

Martin has announced that he will be retiring this June.

"We're sorry Joe is retiring," said RMC President Ed Barnett.

"He has big shoes to fill and we are looking for someone to fill them. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our office at 303-282-3635 and ask for Human Resources.

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**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](mailto: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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