**Happy Birthday, Newday! »** These were the first words by Pastor Dave Kennedy welcoming more than 140 members and guests at the official inaugural worship of the new church plant in Downtown Denver. The new congregation was established by Parker’s Newday Christian Seventh-day Adventist Church, referred to as a “church in two locations,” and meets in the Five Point neighborhood at a well-known historic African-American church -- Cleaves Memorial CME Church.

On Sabbath afternoon, March 31, Kennedy did not hide excitement about the mission potential of the church in reaching out into the community, “seeking the good of the city.”

As the launch was taking place on the Easter weekend, Kennedy preached a sermon on the meaning of resurrection of Jesus Christ. He challenged the doubters and skeptics of what happened in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, he listed historical facts surrounding the belief in the Jesus’ being “raised from the dead,” and declared that “Resurrection [of Jesus] is the foundation of Christianity,” he told the congregation.

For the ministers and their team the launch was the culmination of nine months of praying and planning and working. Kennedy also commented that their “team has really sacrificed a lot to leave the comfort of the church they knew..."
in Parker and to come to this new place to start a new work. But what we saw today was a great payoff. To see such a diverse gathering from so many different backgrounds was amazing.”

The Sabbath gathering saw new families from the neighborhood, friends and family the Newday church members personally invited. The congregation also included members from other local churches who came out to support the new church plant. “It was such a high day!” Kennedy remarked.

Welcoming the new church community, Eric Nelson, VP for administration of the Rocky Mountain Conference, said that “we don’t just need another church, but we need a group of people who will reach out to the community with the love of Jesus. We don’t just need to share religion, but we need a body of believers that experience a real relationship with Jesus and share this with those they come in contact with.”

He added, “We pray for the success of the efforts of Pastors David Kennedy and Edwin Vargas, and those who join to be led and blessed by the Lord as they take up this work.”

Commenting for the NewsNuggets, Dave Kennedy shared that their “goal is to be a blessing to our community that if we were ever to leave, they would grieve losing us. We want to be an asset. We want to be a light shining in the midst of darkness. That means we’re going to continue to assess needs, find the best places to serve, and learn the best ways to make an impact.”

He also encourages Adventists from the greater Denver area “to come and visit, if they have a heart for city ministry, or if they know people in the downtown area they’d like to bring.”

As participants left the service, they received a bag of supplies to be given out to the homeless on their route home.

--Text and photos by Rajmund Dabrowski

We Need Loving Congregations, RMC Executive
Committee Told Reporting to the RMC Executive Committee on April 3, Ed Barnett, president, said that “for the next five years, we will push to reclaim our former church members,” a vision which recently was also addressed at the pastors’ meetings. Plans include providing local churches and pastors with materials that would address the issues, he said.

He also said “We’ve got to seek to make our churches loving congregations.” Among the issues to make this happen, Barnett stated that local church “power struggles have to change.”

Concluding his President’s Report, he expressed a challenge for the church. “We’ve got to share Jesus throughout our territories,” he stated. Remarkng about his upcoming local evangelistic meeting in Sheridan, Wyoming, he also commented that “one of the outgrowths of the metro meeting with Shawn Boonstra has been discussion by various regions to have one in other metro areas,” including one in the Northeast, Colorado Springs and Grand Junction areas.

In his financial report, George Crumley, RMC VP for finance, said that “through the first two months of our new fiscal year, the conference operating fund is performing better than budgeted. The primary reason for this is the return of a strong tithe, an unanticipated revenue inflow and expenses being under what was budgeted.”

Crumley commented that it is still early in the fiscal year, but so far operations are giving RMC a positive outlook. Additionally, the Campion Warehouse is under contract and is on track for a potential closing the first part of May. “If, indeed, this ends up being sold, it will have a positive impact on both the conference and Campion Academy,” Crumley added.

As reported at a previous meeting, the ABC year end statement had a loss of around $31,000. Crumley shared that “the loss was around $13,000 instead of the larger amount initially reported because of an overstatement of cost of goods sold on the original report. Even though we still had a loss, it was not as large as was initially thought.”

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 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
commented that the "main challenge will be knowing how to increase revenue for our ABC since expenses are being managed carefully."

In an update about the future of the RMC literature evangelism program, conference administration plans a consultation with Matt Hasty, coordinator of a similar program in Illinois. According to Eric Nelson, RMC VP for administration, RMC is committed to providing continuing funding for the program. Personnel change requires consultation.

The committee approved the transition of Nueva Esperanza Church in Arvada to full church status.

The meeting concluded with three reports. On behalf of the RMC Youth Department, Shannon Werner, student evangelism and programs coordinator reported on the 2018 Kaleo mission trip to La Vida Mission, in Farmington, New Mexico. Participants held a Vacation Bible School and week of prayer as well as work projects on houses and dorms.

Kiefer Dooley, assistant youth director shared information about preparation for Summer Camps involving 65-70 young adult staff mainly recruited from Adventist colleges. The online registration is going well with more than 300 of the expected 600 camp registrations already in, Kiefer said. He also informed the committee members about the upcoming "Love Reality Tour" evangelism in Greeley and Grand Junction this summer. These outreach events are aimed at attracting youth and young adults.

A second report was given by Mickey Mallory, RMC ministerial director, who has just competed five months of ministry in the conference. "I have been getting to know pastors and churches. We also just completed the organization of my first pastors meeting at GVR," he reported.

Don Reeder, principal of Campion Academy gave the final report of the meeting, sharing three goals for the academy. "Our objectives are to draw our students, teachers and staff closer to Jesus, as per John 12:32; aim for solid academics; and secure financial stability for the school," Reeder stated. Among immediate plans is for students to provide the week of prayer this year. "These are the same students who will be preaching for the summer Wildfire evangelism outreach," he added.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5.
--RMCNews; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski

Centura Names New VP for Mission and Ministry

Creator of the Pathways to Health and Wellness seminar, Dr. Eric Shadle was named by Centura Health as VP for
Mission and Ministry on March 11.

An OB/GYN in private practice before pursuing pastoral ministry, Shadle believes in a whole person model of care, which is part of his personal mission statement. He also desires to “provide spiritual care for associates and physicians working in Adventist hospitals in Centura” and to “love, listen, and learn each day.”

Shadle’s associates are “beginning to focus on an at-risk neighborhood in each of our hospital service areas” with the goal of “extending the healing ministry of Christ to the people living in these neighborhoods. The group will “partner with key faith and community stakeholders.”

Believing that “spirituality is a key component of health, Shadle will seek to partner with our churches to support the spiritual care of individuals and communities.”

In the past, Global Health Initiatives has had a strong overseas mission emphasis. As Shadle takes on the VP role, he says, “I will be working with our Global Health Initiatives team to continue to strengthen our overseas mission partnerships.”

*NewsNuggets* will continue to share news from Centura Health’s Mission and Ministry as Shadle works with his team to develop an overall strategic plan for the five Adventist Health System hospitals that fit into the overall framework of Centura Health to integrate mission. According to Shadle, this will be done in the following areas: Leadership, Team, Patient Experience, Community, and Environment.

-- Carol Bolden

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**Campion Students and Staff Hold Dress-Up Contest Around Heroes and Villains**

Campion Academy held a "Heroes and Villains" dress-up day, adding some spice to a week that was already showing signs of spring by giving students and staff the opportunity to dress up as their favorite hero and villain.

Students came dressed as characters anywhere from Sleeping Beauty and Maleficent, to Tom and Jerry. It was "...a great way to take a break from school work and have some fun," Manny said. "It felt like it brought the school together," he finished.

Chrisheline said, "My favorite part was getting together with friends to make the costumes."

At Wednesday’s assembly, the heroes and villains paraded...
across the stage to show off their outfits. The costumes were excellent! Third place winners Evelyn and Jackie dressed as Bambi and the Hunter while second place winners Rachel, Susan, Alyssa, and Chrisheline dressed as The Three Little Pigs and The Big Bad Wolf. First place winners were Tristan and Stephanie dressed as Sleeping Beauty and Maleficent!

-- Kelby Eickmann; photo by Kelby Eickmann

The Body Was Made to Heal Itself »

Many citizens of Planet Earth seem to accept the occurrence of such diseases as diabetes, infertility, and Alzheimer’s as normal, yet anthropological evidence suggests that earlier humans didn’t experience these diseases. They aged gracefully without degenerative diseases like osteoporosis. They were naturally lean and fit, fertile through their childbearing years, and slept peacefully and deeply. What has changed?

Looking at American culture, we see people running from one activity to another, stressed beyond imagining, or we see people sitting for long hours, working before a computer screen or looking at the screen of a television or a mobile phone. Stress and lack of exercise play havoc on the body, preventing it from making the repairs it wants to make.

The pharmaceutical industry promotes medications that, in most cases, do nothing more than cover up the symptoms of disease. Health could be re-established if we would correct the underlying cause of a disease rather than covering up the symptoms.

Another change since our more-healthy ancestors walked the earth, is the bombardment of toxins on our environment. Even aside from environmental toxins, the average American regularly consumes many food toxins. These include:
1) cereal grains (especially refined flour)
2) Omega-6 industrial seed oils (corn, cottonseed, safflower, soybean, etc.),
3) sugar (especially high-fructose corn syrup)
4) processed soy (soy milk, soy protein, soy flour, etc.)
5) abundance of refined salt

If I were fighting cancer or diabetes or any of the myriad diseases that overwhelm so many of us, I would cut out as many external and internal toxins as possible. It makes sense to give my body the best fighting power available. After all, our bodies were made to be “self-constructing, self-maintaining, self-directing, self-repairing, self-defending, and self-healing.” (You Are Not What You THOUGHT, Kalua, 2018)

Many of you will remember riding your bicycle as a kid, then falling off and skinning your knee, Kalua says in her book. It bled for a while, but eventually stopped, formed a scab which, after a week or so, fell off, revealing beautiful, new skin. How did that happen?

If you think about it a bit, you’ll realize that the bleeding was a self-defending process, cleaning out the wound. When the blood coagulated, we saw an example of self-maintenance. As the scab formed, the self-repairing process was at work and then, when the scab fell off, we realize we’d experienced self-healing and self-constructing.

We did nothing to bring this about. Our bodies were made to be self-directing. A loving Father designed this healing process long before we were created.

Why wouldn’t God use these same principles to heal diseases of the body? I believe He would and does. Our job is to follow His commands. He did say He would bring “none of these diseases” on us if we followed His instructions. (Exodus 15:26)

We all know about the principles of health – nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, air, rest, and trust. But do we take them seriously or do we say, “Yah, yah. I’ve heard all that before,” not accepting that these principles are powerful concepts working synergistically to bring about health?

In her new, upcoming book, You Are Not What You THOUGHT, Loli Kalua uses simple language to explain fundamental aspects of how the body works and what it requires to maintain and restore health. Placing the reader barefoot on a beautiful beach with a glass of pure water in hand, she gently breaks through the wall of commonly-held beliefs and attitudes to reveal truth and hope for the sufferer. Her conversational style makes for easy reading and understanding as she explains how to stop taking in toxins
and honor our bodies so that we can restore health.
You can find out more about her book by going to lolipopwellness.org.
--Carol Bolden

YOUTH MINISTRY SPECIAL

The Love Reality Tour is coming to Greeley nightly at 7 p.m. April 6 to 14. *Anyone* in the Northern Front Range is welcome to attend a youth and young adult evangelistic series focusing on the greatest reality of all. Over the course of ten nights, we will look at various aspects of the Christian journey with emphasis on our standing as sons and daughters of God because of the life, sacrifice and testimony of Jesus Christ.

The Love Reality Tour is a special, creative space designed to let participants experience God in a new way. Nightly presentations begin with a praise and worship set followed by an inspiring and thought-provoking message before concluding with a Q & A session.

Because your time is valuable, we intend to keep the weeknight evening programs concise and will conclude promptly after one hour of worship and message. Come prepared, because the hour will be packed and powerful. Ultimately, the series is designed to inspire, encourage and challenge attendees by presenting foundational gospel truth from a standpoint of confidence before the Father.

Titles and topics will include the following:

**The Human: Exile and Return** – God identifies with us
**Sons & Slaves** – We are always God’s children
**Which Adam?** – Introduction of grace, justification, righteousness, life and more
**Law & Liberty** – Spirit of the law vs letter of the law
**Through Him Who is Able** – Our relationship to sin, righteousness and judgment
**Absorb & Release** – The sinner is forgiven because Jesus absorbed
**Heirs** – We are heirs of the promise fulfilled in Jesus through belief, not law keeping
**As Above, so Below** – The Spirit of Prophecy and the sanctuary story of salvation

Series presenter Jonathan Leonardo hails from the Dominican Republic by way of Massachusetts. Jonathan spent time as an associate pastor in Nashville, Tennessee and as a member of Endless Praise, a revival and worship band in Australia before earning his Masters in Old Testament Theology. Today, Jonathan travels the world speaking for the Love Reality Tour and is currently working on a Ph.D. in systematic theology. He's looking forward to
Join us for the Love Reality Tour hosted by the Greeley Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Friday, April 6 through Saturday, April 14. Nightly meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Greeley Church is located at 1002 21st Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631.

All are welcome! While we aim to reach youth and young adults (ages 12 – 35), the series is truly cross-generational and is applicable to all ages. We hope to see you there!

For more information, email us at: rmcyouth@rmcsda.org or call (303) 282 – 3664.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Monte Wolford was the first winner of the Pikes Peak Marathon, the third oldest marathon in the U.S. (after Boston and New York marathons). He was a member of the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in Colorado Springs, which he joined by transfer of membership in 1955.

On August 10, 1956, he ran the Pikes Peak inaugural race, competing as a vegetarian bodybuilder, and won in a field of 14 men. His time: 5:39:58 on the course that boasts over 7,800 vertical feet. Wolford won the 1957 marathon as well with 5:15:53. He trained the man who won the third marathon in 1958, Calvin Hanson, a vegetarian Adventist from Pueblo. Hanson had a winning streak of four years.

Wolford is no longer living, but his son Michael Wolford is an Adventist pastor in Arkansas: [http://www.pinebluffsda.com/](http://www.pinebluffsda.com/). I’ve done historical research for the Pikes Peak Marathon organization and have spoken with Michael about his father. The parents of our K-1 teacher, Julie Walwelein, grew up in Colorado Springs and remember Monte Wolford from when they were teenagers. They said he was a quiet, unassuming man.

— Linda Vixie; photo courtesy of Pikes Peak Marathon

**DATES TO REMEMBER**
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 11015                 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yellowstone National Park Sabbath Services  » Join us for worship at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Led by Rocky Mountain Conference pastors, the services begin at 10 a.m. in Old Faithful Lodge.

La Vida Mission Volunteers Needed  » If you have a desire to be a missionary, La Vida Mission is looking for missionary-minded people for the following positions: cook, high school teacher, and house parents. For more information, contact Steve Gillham at steve@lavidamission.org or 505-786-3004.
ASI Mid-America Convention  » Taking place April 12 to 15, the ASI Mid-America Convention will be held at the Ramada Plaza in Northglenn (120th and I-25) and will feature keynote speaker Peter Nieri, seminar speaker Jon Wood and morning devotional speaker Gary Thurber. For more information, go to www.ASIMidAmerica.org

A special treat for those attending the Mid America ASI Convention April 12-15 will be the opportunity to receive a free chair massage by the students from Black Hills School of Massage.

Academy Days at Campion  » Academy Days at Campion is designed to give prospective students in grades 7-11 the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make new friends and “get a feel” for academy life.

Academy Days 2018 is scheduled for April 13 and 14. Under the theme “The Ultimate Treasure” visiting students will enjoy a Ninja Warrior Course, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food.

To register for Academy Days, go to www.campion.net.

"Behold, He Comes" Concert, April 21  » Please invite your family and friends to this dynamic and biblical choir/orchestra/drama program, a Denver South Church outreach to the community. This 7:00 p.m. program is not to be missed. Please contact Missy Wherley at 720-985-8949 or branchofthevine@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Next Step in Donations Management  » Adventist Community Services leadership will hold a seminar from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at HMS Richards Elementary School (on Campion Academy campus).

The next step in your community services training is a simulation of a Community Collection Center, a Distribution Center and a Multi-Agency Warehouse.

Bring one non-perishable food item or personal hygiene item to use in sorting practice. At the end of the day, these items will be given to the Loveland ACS Center.

If anyone you know is interested in ACS DR work, please invite them. RSVP to Cathy Kissner at 970-201-3799. She needs a head count for number of potatoes to bake.

Canon City Church  » The Canon City SDA 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)

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**Volleyball Camp 2018 »** Registration for Campion Academy's Volleyball Camp 2018 is now open! Open to any female students entering grades 9-12 in the fall, the Camp will take place *July 30-31*. Click [here](http://www.PathwayToParadise.org) to view and download the registration form!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**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.

**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**

**Women's Ministry Coordinator »** The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time Women's Ministry Coordinator position (approximately 10 hours/week). The Women’s Ministry Coordinator is responsible for building a community of godly women within the Rocky Mountain Conference. For more information about the position, essential tasks, expectations and how to apply, please see the following posting on our website: [http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-womens-ministry-coordinator](http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-womens-ministry-coordinator)

**Fort Collins Christian 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.

**Mile High Academy ESL Teacher Needed at 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](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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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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Glacier View Ranch » has the following employment opportunity available:

Support Personnel position. This is a part-time (28 hours/week) position with housing provided on site. The employee will perform a variety of tasks, assisting in multiple operational functions around the Ranch. For a full description of duties, including physical demands and working conditions, please review the job description on our website at [http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-gvrsupportpersonnel](http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-gvrsupportpersonnel) where you will also find information on how to apply.

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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.
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.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network Style Guide, including glossary. For guidelines, see: http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/

--Editor

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Members can follow the link to sign up for weekly news and to keep up-to-date on what's happening around the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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