A recent visit of violist Jaime Jorge to Mile High Academy on March 31 became a special occasion for a group of young, aspiring violin students to not only listen to his performance, but to join in a mini music session.

Students who were selected to participate in this special class performed in front of Mr. Jorge and heard his comments and valuable lessons. Demonstrating his passion for music education, Mr. Jorge gave each student pointers and hints he has used in his own musical education.

Reacting to this opportunity, fifth-grader Diego Luna stated, "In my opinion, he [Jaime Jorge] is one of the best violinists. I like playing for him. I want to become better and he gave me advice on how to do that."

Academy freshman, Kiyana Carey, stated, "I wanted to know how to become great like Mr. Jorge. This short session [with Mr. Jorge] showed me how relatable a great violinist can be and how helpful to learning violinists."

Jaime Jorge's story is unique. At the age of ten, he immigrated to the United States and began studying with...
eminent violinist Cyrus Forough. Though initially entering the University of Illinois School of Medicine in 1994 in pursuit of becoming a missionary doctor, two years later, he left medical school to devote himself to full-time music ministry.

Over the years, he has traveled to more than 40 countries and six continents performing more than three thousand concerts. He has recorded seventeen albums. Mr. Jorge shares his love of Jesus through music and encourages others to use their talents for God's honor and glory. [Text and photo by Agape Hammond]

Bible-time Characters Visit Worland High School

For Dick Stenbakken, a well-known first-person presenter of Bible characters, a visit to Worland, Wyoming Seventh-day Adventist Church had all the features of a homecoming. Stenbakken was the pastor in the Worland Church from 1965-1969.

"It was a real joy to walk into the church I designed and built, but even more it was thrilling to see the fruits of one's labor and meet some of those I have not seen for decades," Stenbakken told NewsNuggets. "Meeting church members who are in their nineties, and one who is 102 years old, was especially meaningful," Stenbakken said. "These are real frontiersmen with strong faith and a salt-of-the-earth type people."

Stenbakken's visit received a front-page cover article in the Worland paper, Northern Wyoming Daily News, prior to his visit. The paper shared his comments that shared his homecoming memories.

"Stenbakken began his pastoral career in Worland and while in Worland, he helped build the Seventh-day Adventist Church that is being used now in Worland. Stenbakken explains how the church was built, 'It was all self-funded and we had a small congregation, but everybody pitched in. We did hire a general contractor, a guy out of Buffalo. We basically, including myself, dug the footings and foundation and laid the block and mixed the mortar and did the painting and put down the carpet,'" Stenbakken told the Daily News.

"We did most of the work on our own, simply because we needed to keep the cost down and everybody was involved. We did hire qualified electricians and plumbers and things like that. When it came to pouring the concrete and the floor, we did that by wheelbarrow on our own, mixed it up in the back and everybody got in there and did it. It was a labor of love."

His visit included performances for the community of his re-enactments of "Faces around the Cross" at the Worland High School Little Theater March 31-April 2. He also had a moving performance at the Sabbath church service.

The presentations included first-person re-enactments of such Bible characters as Apostles John and Judas, Caiaphas and the Centurion. "Professionally prepared, powerfully presented first-person narratives can pull a viewer into the
With Lonnie Hetterle, RMC education director, as auctioneer and 200 people in attendance at the recently-held Greeley Adventist School's 10th annual pie auction, the school raised $8,820. Two pies went for more than $500.

"This is a very innovative way to raise money for the school and no one does it better," stated Hetterle.

Seventy pies in total were auctioned to constituents of the school, which include members of Greeley, The Adventure, Elm Haven and Spanish churches. Students at the school come from these churches and, according to Principal Jerry Groeneweg, 47 students are enrolled this school year.

Many homemade as well as store-bought pies made it onto the auction block and included banana cream, apple, cherry, peanut butter and other mouth-watering names, which went for an average of around $127.50 each.

A bidding war between Pastor Mitch Williams and his friend David Stewart began over the banana cream pie, but there is no report of the results.

Two footstools crafted by Paul Hetterle were also available for bidding at the auction. Father of Lonnie Hetterle, Paul has had a long-time interest in Christian education.

The proceeds of this year's auction were used to purchase a newer van for transporting students. [Text and photos by Bette Curtis with Rajmund Dabrowski; photos by Bette Curtis]
**A CULTURE OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP**

“But how does the gospel have it that we are Christ's friends? By obeying his command, which is to love one another as he loved us. Such friendship (or love) is cruciform, since Jesus ultimately loved us by dying on a cross. We are Christian friends by living cruciformly, by giving ourselves rather than imposing ourselves. Christian friendship is not a matter of managing or controlling others, but of genuinely accepting their differentness and standing open to surprises - - surprises that, whether joyful or demanding, extend our powers to achieve greater excellence in the practice of friendship epitomized on the cross.

So in John's Gospel we have a new language of friendship, a language of participation instead of management. Cruciform and subversive friendship, as opposed to managerial friendship, is attentive rather than manipulative, organic rather than technical, relational rather than rational, open-ended rather than calculating. The New Testament language and enculturation of friendship is more that of abiding than that of profiting. Its most likely metaphors for friendship are organic and agricultural rather than economic or managerial: the disciple does not "invest" in friendship so much as he or she is "grafted" onto the vine or participates in the body where friendship flourishes.

In this light, the church's immediate and extended task on behalf of friendship is the freeing task of proclaiming and embodying the gospel and, in so doing, teaching and cultivating an alternative language, a contrast culture, for friendship -- a language and culture that support friendship as a full-fledged social, political practice and enable it to realize more of its rich potential.

. . . The promise of Christian friendship is not that it will always be easy or enjoyable, but that it will never be less than friendship.

So here is how the church can engender and support the community-building, subversive practice of friendship: by speaking its own language of friendship and celebrating its own culture of friendship."

— Rodney Clapp, *A Peculiar People*

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**Keep Looking: How Do You Read Your Bible? »**

Have you noticed that there are many ways that individuals read the Bible. Just look around your congregation this Sabbath. Likely, you'll notice phones and tablets in use, loaded with Bible apps and print Bibles of various sizes. Do you spot anyone listening to their Bible? Is anyone reading a Braille Bible? Perhaps an individual may need to put his electronic device or print Bible close to his nose to make the print easier to read.

If you continue looking, chances are there is someone who does not own a Bible or or Sabbath School lesson in a format that they can read. Did you know that Christian Record Click here for info on any of these events.
Services for the Blind supplies Bibles, Bible study guides, and Sabbath School lessons? Consider today the value you place on being able to read a Bible in a format of your choice.

And once you leave the church and go about your work week, keep looking for those who read the Bible, and other books, differently. [Jeri Lyn Rogge; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Young Men Join Church Known for Age and Wisdom

» Montrose Church considers baptisms fresh and important news even when reported in outdated fashion. This event still feels new because the baptisms of Vova Saye, a young teen with Adventist background, and Jesse Bugos, a twenty-something new convert, represent revival and ongoing life in a congregation known more for its "age and wisdom."

These young men chose to be baptized on September 26, 2015, in a cold mountain lake near Silver Jack Reservoir, also known as the traditional site for Western Slope Cowboy Camp Meeting. Pastor Fritz Krieger officiated while supportive friends and church members gathered around to sing and praise God. The boys were each given a nice tool bag with "tools" such as a Bible, devotional book and snack treats.

Both young men are involved at church with music, telling children's stories for church, and are great volleyball players with the church group on Saturday nights. Jesse is helping teach teen Sabbath School and is also giving Bible studies and bringing people to church. We love these boys! [Karyl Krieger]

RMC EVENTS

Youth Department » Copper Mountain Lift Tickets for the 2015-2016 Season are available through the RMC Youth Department at an amazing rate. There are NO BLACKOUT DATES!

Adults and Children: $68/ticket

Order online at rmcyouth.org/tickets or call 303-282-3664 or email youth@rmcsda.org. Payment options are by check, cash or credit card. Add $3 to mail tickets.

The 2016 girls retreat, "Created Flawless," will focus on how we're made by our Creator -- flawless and perfect in His image. Join us April 29 to May 1. The cost is only $38 per teen girl which includes two nights and five meals. One sponsor per eight girls. Go to rmcyouth.org/teengirlsretreat for more information and to register today!

Transform Your Ministry Workshop » You can improve your support skills and transform any ministry by attending this free workshop from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at Porter Place. With a phone and 15 minutes a week, you can change a life from anywhere. Porter Place is located at 1001 E. Yale Avenue, Denver CO 80210. Parking is available on either side of Porter Place. RSVP to Rick Mautz at rickm@rmcsda.org (more details at rmcsda.org/support)
Wyoming Camp Meeting 2016 » Below is a link to the registration form for Wyoming Camp Meeting which can be emailed to WyCampmeeting@yahoo.com or mailed to 11395 W Zero Road, Casper WY 82604. For more information, contact Jodie Gage at 307-259-5301. Wyoming Camp Meeting will take place July 12-16 at Mills Spring Ranch, Casper, WY. David Asscherick will speak. Go to http://www.rmcsda.org/wyoming-2016-camp-meeting-registration-form

Campion Academy Days » If you are a prospective 7th to 11th grade student, Campion Academy invites you to visit their classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make new friends and "get a feel" for academy life April 15 and 16. Don't miss the soccer and baseball tournament, ice cream outing, mountain hike and games. For more information and to register, go to www.campion.net/academy-days.html

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Springs Adventist Academy/Colorado Springs Central Church » The Summit returns for another year featuring the theme "Jesus Wins!" and speaker Pastor Elizabeth Talbot, Ph.D. from Jesus 101 Biblical Institute. This Friday, April 8 and Sabbath, April 9 event includes programs for adults, youth and children of all ages. See John Redmon, Shields of Faith and Canyon Critters. The academy is located at 5410 Palmer Park Blvd., Colorado Springs 80915.

Fire Rekindled 2016 » Three weekends are left with three powerful speakers at Golden and Denver West churches.
Jerry Page, ministerial secretary for General Conference, will speak at Golden Church April 8 and 9.
John Lomacang, pastor and recording artist, will speak at Golden Church April 15 and 16.
Maurice Valentine, executive secretary Lake Union Conference, will speak at Golden Church April 22 and 23.
All presentations will be at 7 p.m. Friday; 9:30 and 11 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The Golden Church is at 3101 S Golden Road, Golden, CO 80401. Denver West Church is at 290 S Quitman Street, Denver CO 80219.

Chapel Haven Church » Grant Agadjian with Creative Media Ministries will be at Chapel Haven for a time of spiritual consecration before a summer of evangelism. Beginning Friday, April 8, Grant will present messages rooted in the cross of Christ. At the worship hour on Sabbath, April 9, he will continue with the second of three presentations. The final one will be given after the fellowship meal. You will not want to miss these powerful messages designed to knit our hearts together with our Creator God.

Prison Ministries Phone Conference » A prison ministry meeting by phone will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 17, for all who volunteer inside prisons or jails, serve as chaplains or are engaged in any ministry for inmates or returning citizens and their families. If you are thinking of starting a ministry, please join us. Just dial 641-715-3580 and use the access code 465-253. You can help us to identify
individual ministries taking place within the Rocky Mountain Conference and hear what's going on in other parts of the conference. For questions, call Enid Almeida, prison ministry coordinator, at 719-231-2360 or fokcee2@comcast.net

**Denver South Church**  » Jim and Cindy Hornung from the Ministry of Lifestyle Center in Crawford, Nebraska, will present "God's Simple Remedies for Complex Diseases at 2 p.m. Sabbath, **April 16**, in the chapel at Denver South Church. The church is located at 2675 S Downing Street, Denver 80210. Find out more at [www.mohlifestylectr.org](http://www.mohlifestylectr.org)

**Chapel Haven Church**  » Chapel Haven Church is hosting Shadow Empire April 28-30. Pastor Roy Weeden is the local speaker/presenter in conjunction with Pastor Shawn Boonstra and The Voice of Prophecy from Loveland, CO. Four meetings will be conducted at these times and dates: 7 p.m., **April 28, 29**; 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., **April 30**. A fellowship meal will be held between presentations 3 and 4. Register through the website: ShadowEmpire.com. Chapel Haven Church is located at 9911 Huron Street, Northglenn, CO (just north of Denver off I-25)

**Montrose Church**  » Montrose will host the Shadow Empire at 7 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings with an additional session at 11 a.m. Sabbath morning, **April 28-30**. The church is located at 1551 Valley Road, Montrose CO 81401.

**Woodland Park**  » The rise and fall of the Christian church will be explained in a four-event seminar at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, **April 28 and 29** and at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sabbath, **April 30**, at the Woodland Park Church. Shadow Empire is produced by Shawn Boonstra who will also speak for each session along with Pastor Mike Kissner. For more information, go to [www.shadowempire.com](http://www.shadowempire.com)

**Voice of Prophecy**  » There's still time for churches to sign up for Shadow Empire! This guest-friendly three-day (**April 28-30**) Voice of Prophecy event was taped on location in countries like Serbia, Turkey and Italy. Co-presented by Shawn Boonstra and your local pastor, the series (and accompanying book and lessons) will explore the Emperor Constantine's impact on religious freedom today. This direct-to-church series has been designed to bring people from YOUR community through the doors of YOUR church. Request a FREE event kit now at www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event, or call 1-888-744-1958. Want to attend? Find the location near you at www.ShadowEmpire.com New locations are added daily.
Cheyenne members will hold a CREATION Health seminar at Laramie County Community College on Sabbath afternoons beginning April 2 and continuing through May 14. For more information, contact Lana Anderson at 307-632-9908.

Eden Valley » "The Last Day of Prophecy -- Discover the Rest of the Story" seminar will begin at the Eden Valley Church at 7 p.m., Sunday, April 3. Meetings will continue nightly at 7 p.m. through Friday, April 8, with the final seminar beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9. This will be followed by a fellowship/refreshment time. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for this timely seminar. Registration not required. Eden Valley Church is located at 9325 World Mission Drive, Loveland CO 80538. For more information, call 970-232-9783.

Health Fair » LifeSource Adventist Fellowship needs YOU to minister to our community health needs and to be an ambassador for Christ. Volunteer by contacting Jennifer Biddulph at jenniferbiddulph@hotmail.com or sign up at 9HealthFair.org. The 9Health Fair will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

Daystar PIE Night» The next PIE (Parents Involved in Education) Night at Daystar School will feature CSU Pueblo staff and other volunteers facilitating hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities and, of course, pie for the whole family. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., this educational and fun night will take place Tuesday, April 19 at Daystar Christian School, 3912 O'Neal Avenue, Pueblo, 81005. For more information, call 719-561-9120 or go to www.daystarchristianpueblo.com.

Brighton Adventist Academy Friendship Day » Prospective Kindergarten through 9th grade students are invited to visit BAA to meet students and staff, take a tour of the school, join in learning activities, and eat lunch on Wednesday, April 20. Call 303-659-1223 to let us know you plan to participate.

RMC Singles Event » Enjoy eating out with friends from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Olive Garden. A generous donor has covered our expenses, so come and enjoy the friendship. Please be on time and RSVP to Sandy Hawkins at 720-252-8234. This Olive Garden is located at 2520 E County Line Road, Highlands Ranch 80126.

ASI Mid-America Convention » Doug Bachelor will speak Friday evening, Sabbath morning and Saturday night at the ASI Mid-America Convention April 21-24. Held at Denver Ramada Plaza Hotel at 120th and I-25, the convention will kick off with Thursday evening keynote speaker, Steve Dickman, president of National ASI. Other speakers include Gary Thurber, president of Mid-America Union Conference, who will present the morning news! » News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information that expresses 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.

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devotionals and Vicki Griffen, who will offer seminars.
A special feature, "Members in Action" will highlight the
many projects funded by ASI. Exhibit booths can be perused
and children's programming will be available.
Meal tickets for Sabbath meals can be purchased before
sundown Friday which will include Friday supper
and Sabbath lunch and dinner. Special rates are available at
the hotel for those attending the ASI convention.
An envelope for tithes and offering to go to individual
churches will be available on Sabbath.
For more information, contact Barbara Taylor, president of
Mid-America ASI, at 303-898-3133.

Brighton Church and Brighton Adventist Academy: A
Centennial Celebration of Christian Education » The
Brighton Church opened its first school in 1916. This year's
alumni weekend will be a celebration of 100 years of
Christian education in the Brighton and Ft. Lupton area. BAA
students will present music and a drama called "No
Compromise" at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29. Kent Kast, former
principal and teacher, will speak for the Sabbath morning
church service. A haystack lunch will be provided and the
day's activities will include a tribute to Letha Hoos who will
retire at the end of this school year after 41 years of teaching.
Alumni and friends are invited to join the celebration. Visit
www.baaconnect.org for a complete schedule of activities.

Twin Peaks Church » Presented by Tim Jones, a five-
week prophecy seminar is planned for 7 to 8 p.m. Saturdays,
Sunday, Mondays and Wednesdays beginning March 18 and
continuing through April 23 at Twin Peaks Church. You can
RSVP to Annette Tapp by calling 720-890-3767. For more
information, go to www.twinpeakssda.org or
www.RelevantSeminars.org/Louisville. The church is located
at 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO 80027.

Black Hills School of Massage » Want to have a career
that might also be a ministry? Black Hills School of Massage
Therapy will be starting their next state-recognized, 600-hour
massage school session May 16. If you feel that God is
calling you to a career in massage therapy, call us at 605-
255-4101. Check out our facebook page --
https://www.facebook.com/blackhillsmassage/ -- or our
website at www.bhhec.org/school-of-massage. It's not too
late to start a career-ministry where you can touch lives for
Jesus!

Montrose Church » A Western Slope Life Coaching
workshop will be presented at 11 a.m. May 21 and 8 a.m. and
4 p.m. May 22 by Rick Mautz, director of RMC Health
Ministries. The church is located at 1551 Valley Road.
Contact montrosesda@gmail.com or 970-249-4942 for
details and registration.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mile High Academy is looking for a full-time
accountant. The accountant is a key member of
the Business office, reporting to the VP of
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general ledger, adjusting entries, restricted and
non-restricted fund management, A/P, A/R, collections, payroll,
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http://adventisteducation.org/employment/opportunities/6080

**Associate Director -- Media, Production & Programming:** Do you think and dream in the visually creative space? The Voice of Prophecy is seeking a creative professional who desires to use their talents for soul-winning and evangelism. Prospective candidates should be proficient and experienced in many creative areas such as: print design, brand creation, web design, UX design, motion graphics, 3D graphics and presentation graphics. Proficiency in the areas of video production and photography a plus.

**Mailroom Assistant Supervisor:** Are you someone who loves logistics and has an eye for detail and a knack for supervision? If so, you might be the perfect candidate for the Voice of Prophecy’s Mailroom Assistant Supervisor position! In this position, you would assist with the development, implementation, coordination and monitoring of all phases of mailing services in addition to supervision of mailroom staff. As a direct result of your work, people worldwide would receive resources like Bible lessons and make decisions for Christ thanks, in part, to your efforts in getting resources to them in a timely manner.

**Junior Accountant:** The Junior Accountant assists with the accounting records for VOP’s Gift Planning & Trust Services. This includes all aspects of accounting (receivables, payables, general ledger) and federal and state fiduciary tax reporting.

**Ministry Relations Representative:** The Ministry Relations Representative (Regional) serves the Voice of Prophecy by cultivating and growing relationships with new and current supporters.

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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.

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