ACS Closes after 38 Years of Denver Operation

After 38 years of serving the Denver community, Adventist Community Services Community L.I.F.T. is closing its operation on August 17 due to lack of funding. The closure was announced on August 2 by action of the Executive Committee of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

The Executive Committee voted “to reluctantly recognize the need to close ACS Community L.I.F.T. at this time due to lack of funding and support from constituent churches,” the action stated.

ACS Community L.I.F.T. served thousands of children and adults with its food bank and medical clinic. Since 1979, Denver’s Barnum neighborhood was a fixture on First Avenue east of Sheridan, and in April 2016 received a much-needed lift of its own, managers said, when volunteers with the nonprofit group Rebuilding Together Metro Denver were assisted by Lowes volunteers in giving the ACS Community L.I.F.T. building an update.

Stephanie Denning, chair of the ACS Community L.I.F.T. Board of Trustees presented ACS’s current financial position and outlined two options for the center. These included an increase of funding and support from the conference and constituent churches, or closing the facility.

Over the years, donations and financial support from RMC made the operation possible, but repeatedly was short with necessary funding to continue the service.

According to George Crumley, RMC vice president for finance, after selling the building and assets, and after debts have been paid, any funds remaining will be held as potential seed money for future operations. Two salaried staff members will be paid through the end of August.

“It is the hope to see a new partnership develop between the conference, churches and Adventist hospitals to continue this much-needed ministry in the Denver metro community,” Crumley says.

[Rajmund Dabrowski]
Pastors and Teachers Meeting Focuses on Relationships

Teachers and pastors from all corners of the Rocky Mountain Conference gathered August 7-9 at LifeSource Adventist Fellowship to review leadership and relationship roles between church and school. Dr. Stanley Patterson, chair of and professor for Christian ministry at Andrews University, led the discussions.

To increase familiarity between pastors and teachers and work on building relationships, says Kari Lange of HMS Richards Adventist School, attendees were randomly assigned tables. This type of mix and meet is especially good for those just starting to get their feet wet, like Jessyka Albert, the discipleship pastor at the Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church. A 2016 graduate of Union College, my former classmate smiles as she sums up the event. "It's a typical bunch of pastors and teachers in a room with lots of conversations, wisdom, and advice to share. It's been fun! I'm still soaking it all in."

To house such a large group, LifeSource Adventist Fellowship's central location and size heavily influenced the selection of location, explains RMC ministerial director Craig Carr. Holding the meetings in Denver is "convenient for the local people, and others can stay nearby in the selection of hotels. And, those from the far reaches can make this a fun shopping adventure."

Craig enthuses that Stanley, a personal friend, is the perfect speaker for this kind of meeting. "He has the heart of a pastor; he's the kind of guy who I wouldn't say is rebellious but is one who helps others see things from a different, godly angle. Stanley has a deep relationship with Jesus."

With seventeen years of pastoral ministry under his belt, a Ph.D. in Leadership and Administration obtained from Andrews University in 2007, and a dissertation exploring leadership roles and relationships of pastors and educators in the context of the Seventh-day Adventist church school, Stanley is more than prepared for this get-together.

"Part of what Stanley is unpacking is his dissertation in relation between pastors and teachers at a local level; clarifying their roles and cooperation, as outside the Church manual/policy book, there's not much formal guidance on what this relationship should look like," says Craig. "Stanley's research is very extensive, and he says it as it is."

FAITH/CHERISH, the title of the meetings, was broken up into three days of meetings. Sunday evening’s discussion focused on how God leads and accomplishes His work, and how this compares to how we lead...
and work together. On Monday, the discussion shifted to how our view of glory switched from working for the success of the community to working to glorify the self. This talk was followed with outlining four dimensions of leadership—faith formation, teaching, administration, and communication—and how these influence roles, responsibilities, and relationships.

[Stefani Leeper]

**LifeSource Adventist Fellowship Welcomes Local Families to Seventh Annual Neighborhood Party »**

LifeSource Adventist Fellowship celebrated its seventh annual neighborhood party, August 7, attracting 300-500 community and church members for an evening of family activities, free dinner, and a community car show.

While the community car show was an incentive for car buffs and motor enthusiasts to sport their classic rides, a waterslide, lawn games, face-painting, a fun bus and train ride, obstacle course, snow cones, and laser tag drew in families. Of course, the attractions appealed to adults, too, as RMC administrative assistant Carol Bolden and Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church’s discipleship pastor Jessyka Albert raced each other through an inflated obstacle course.

“As a church, we are about two things: serving the community, and raising kids and families,” explains Tim Cress, leader of children’s ministries at LifeSource. The neighborhood party is one of six annual events hosted by LifeSource, designed to attract and keep families and children in the church. The event also attracts low-income families with an opportunity to socialize and enhance children’s education. Tim shares that 100 backpacks were arranged to be given to such families in attendance.

Additionally, a policeman, sporting his sleek blue police sedan, revamped with a new set of speakers, taught children about car safety and the laws of the road. Also present was an informational display for families detailing children’s life phases, similar to that seen in the children’s wing of the church, addressing children’s ever-evolving needs, thoughts, and spiritual questions.

Showing that the church cares about the well-being of the kids in the community and the church is critical, says Tim, as it is a step in building trust and relationships.

[Stefani Leeper]

**Chapel Haven Church Members Living a Culture of Evangelism »**

Mark Fox, speaker/director of Forever Free Ministries,
opened the Chapel Haven evangelistic series July 9 with 136 in attendance, 70 percent from the surrounding community.

Using SermonView, a company that targets neighborhoods based on purchasing habits and which aims its mailings toward those most likely to respond, the church blanketed the surrounding community with advertising for the event. This is the same organization used by the Voice of Prophecy.

Chapel Haven’s members are living a “culture of evangelism,” explains Pastor Roy Weeden about their fourth evangelistic series in the past two years, “rather than focusing on events.”

An international speaker and former associate evangelist at It Is Written, Mark Fox has been sharing basic Adventist doctrine.

The son of an Adventist pastor, Mark was a rebellious teenager who made “some destructive choices,” he explains regretfully. But having experienced life from “the other side,” Mark is able to identify with people from many walks of life.

“Our church members have been absolutely enthralled as they see the power of allowing Scriptures to interpret themselves.”

Besides weekend events during the past two years, church members have also held Bible studies with community people and have developed a “culture of expectation.”

“The whole thing has been remarkable,” enthuses Roy, “in that even after [presenting] our testing truths, we are still averaging 60 to 70 coming out night after night.”

According to Roy, the church is expecting 15 to 20 baptisms this weekend. “Even before the appeal for baptism was given,” he explains, “people were asking ‘What would it take to become a member of this church?’”

The final presentation will take place Sabbath evening when Mark Fox will share his own testimony.

[Carol Bolden]

Cowboys Gather to Worship on the Western Slope of the Rockies »

The 17th annual Colorado Cowboy Camp Meeting, held July 6-10, was the best-attended in recorded history with 45 worshipers on the first night and 190 filling the tent by Sabbath morning.

To the joy of many, Western Slope Camp Meeting was brought back to life this year thanks to the accelerated efforts of Montrose’s Pastor Fritz Krieger and his committee, formed after the Grand Junction town hall meeting in late April. Camp meeting was held August 3-7 at MountainTop Retreat, located at 8,000 feet elevation, 15 miles out of Montrose.

Kim Latham, a multi-media speaker from DeBeque, Colorado, had a morning devotional series titled “A Case of the Crazies” portraying God as a kinder, more loving, forgiving, merciful God than most people understand Him to be in today’s world.

Ron Price, co-founder and executive director of the Four
Corners Coalition for Marriage and Family located in Farmington, NM, presented a conflict resolution series, “Play Nice in Your Sandbox.” Afternoon seminars were held both Thursday and Friday afternoons. Ed Barnett and Eric Nelson, RMC’s president and vice-president for administration respectively, presented the Sabbath School lesson.

Additional speakers included Mic Thurber, ministerial director for Mid-America Union, and pastor of the Durango/Aztec District Gary Force.

A recognized name throughout the world for telescope design and manufacturing, Jim Burr presented fascinating lectures on astronomy from a biblical perspective. Many were able to view the dark, star-filled sky through a binocular telescope brought by Jim. Michael and Carol Sikora, who grow organic fruits, vegetables, berries, and flowers year around on their two acres near Paonia, presented a gardening series emphasizing the physical, emotional and spiritual benefits of gardening.

Majestic praise music was led by the New Horizons Band, joined by the Folk Mountain Gospel band.

At the 9,000 feet elevation, the view was spectacular. Sunny, mild weather added to the joy of mountain worship.

MountainTop Retreat has been reserved for on-going camp meetings with the anticipation of enlarged facilities in the future.

[Ronald Johnson]

**Book Review: Devotions for Frazzled Moms »**

In her book *You’ll Laugh About This Someday: Devotions for Frazzled Moms*, author Melissa Howell captures the essence of motherhood with its exhausting rituals and responsibilities, and sleep-deprived hardship juxtaposed alongside the exquisite sweetness of a sleeping child heavy in one’s arms. A mother of four, ages eight and under, including two-year-old twins, she knows the struggle of balancing time for God, work, and family. Throughout the madness of caring for four small individuals, snapshots of God flicker across her consciousness. She realizes that a chaotic life can be anchored in a deep knowledge that God is and makes a difference in our days.

Written as a devotional with “In Case You Get Six Minutes to Yourself Study Questions” at the end of each chapter, Melissa’s devotional finds humor in the down and dirty moments of caring for littles.

Nothing about it is sugarcoated, even in the candid telling...
of screaming angry words and joining her kids in a good cry when she was hit in the eyeball with a whipping rope.

The life lessons she draws and the spiritual insights she shares will encourage other frazzled moms in the trenches of motherhood.

Although I’m no longer the mother of littles, I can certainly identify with her stretched-to-the-limit-and-beyond moments, as well as her appreciation for those precious moments that sometimes show up unexpectedly—those “I love you, Mommy” moments that melt your heart and bring tears to your eyes.

Melissa’s devotional reminded me to take time for God, for my kids, for myself—to be silent and to listen for that still, small voice even in the midst of chaos.

You’ll Laugh About This Someday: Devotions for Frazzled Moms is available at your local Adventist Book Center.

[Carol Bolden; photo provided by the Adventist Book Center]

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NewsNuggets Archive Now Online** The *NewsNuggets* archive is now online, and can be found at [https://www-rmcsda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-archive](https://www-rmcsda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-archive).

**Host Family Needed** Mile High Academy is currently in need of a caring family willing to host an exchange student from China. As a host family you will:

- experience another culture in your own home
- open your children’s eyes to the wider world
- share your traditions in a meaningful way with someone else
- create a lasting relationship with someone from across the globe

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please contact us at [info@milehighacademy.org](mailto:info@milehighacademy.org) or call 303.744.1069.

**Global Health Initiatives Inaugural Photo Gallery** Inaugural photo exhibit at Porter Adventist Hospital, July-August 2016. Coming to Adventist hospitals in Colorado, dates to be announced at [https://www.centuraglobalhealth.org/CGH/10-Year-Anniversary/Special-Events/](https://www.centuraglobalhealth.org/CGH/10-Year-Anniversary/Special-Events/).

**Mark Anthony's Dinner and a Message** Come for a free, live vegetarian performing arts cooking show hosted by chef Mark Anthony for a morning service on August 13, and 3 p.m. on August 14 at the Twin Peaks Seventh-day Adventist Church. Learn about plant-based nutrition and other great topics, such as weight loss, lowering cholesterol, and increasing energy. Limited seating. Visit [www.ChefMarkAnthony.com](http://www.ChefMarkAnthony.com), and his Facebook and YouTube channel at [VeganChefMarkAnthony](http://VeganChefMarkAnthony).

**Arvada Car Show**
Global Health Initiatives
Caring Beyond Borders

Global Health Initiatives, a Colorado-based organization, focuses on changing lives through medical care and health-based education in underserved populations within Nepal, Peru and Rwanda.

Since its inception in 2006, Global Health Initiatives has completed 105 mission trips comprised of nearly 2,000 total volunteers and has impacted over 48,000 lives.

This exhibit tells our story.

About Healing Arts
Artwork displayed in the Healing Arts gallery seeks to provide a healing environment to help treat illness and provide an inspiration for living. Whether you're a patient, visiting a loved one, or passing through the hospital, we invite you to experience the original artwork and stories by our local artists.

About photographer Cahni Zarnach: I have had a camera in my hand since I was 12, which has allowed me to view the world through a different perspective. My nursing career guided me toward the need to serve those less privileged, so traveling as both a nurse and a photographer gave me the opportunity to help those in need and share their story through the lens of my camera.

Bible Study Seminar »

On August 20, starting at 3 p.m., It is Written’s Curt Dolensky will host a 3-session seminar on how to give Bible studies. All are welcome to this seminar,
Fort Lupton Prophetic Code Seminar and The King’s Heralds Concert » At 6:30 p.m. on September 9, 6 p.m. on September 10, and 6:30 p.m. on September 11, Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church will host Amazing Facts’ “Cracking the Prophetic Code.” Admission and the children's program are free. To pre-register, call 720.466.5634 or go to filupton22.adventistchurch.org. And don't miss The King’s Heralds in concert, Saturday, September 10 at 7:15 p.m.

The seminar and concert will be held in the Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church auditorium, located at 900 Northrup Ave., Fort Lupton, Colorado 80621.

Host Shadow Empire at Your Church » The Voice of Prophecy's Shadow Empire series returns September 15-17 to local churches, and pastors will again have the opportunity to be the event co-speaker with Pastor Shawn Boonstra.

This series, which addresses modern-day religious freedom by exploring the life of Constantine the Great, was filmed on location in Europe and the Middle East, and offers a fresh, Bible-based perspective on historical and current events. Pastors can find all the details they need at www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event.

Daughters of Grace Women’s Ministries Retreat » The conference-wide women’s retreat at Glacier View, September 16-18, will feature Elizabeth Talbot, director of Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, and the author of several books. The retreat will include praise and worship music, inspiring skits, book giveaways, friendship circles, Saturday night activities, and a service project opportunity. The Adventist Book Center will feature a display of several publications by Elizabeth Talbot for sale. Registration and information brochures were sent to Women’s Ministries leaders in participating churches. Call or email Ginger Bell for more information, and to receive a brochure via email, at 720-980-9006 or rexngingerbell@msn.com.

Registration deadline is September 1.

2016 Western Colorado Men’s Advance » Join us in Pitkin for our Jeep trip as we pray, study, fish, hike, and enjoy the colors in the mountains, September 16-18 (tentative, based on snow melt). Learn how to restore relationships with ourselves, others, and God. Study and prayer time held on Friday evening and Saturday. Bring your Jeep, motorcycle, mountain bike, fishing pole, hiking shoes, and Bible. Meals and rooms included in the flat fee of $170.00. To register or for more information, contact Wayne Oldham at 970-209-7911 or woldham170@gmail.com.
La Vida Camp Meeting » Celebrate 100 years of Adventist Mission in Navajo Land, September 16-18, at the 2016 La Vida Camp Meeting. Our guest speaker is NPUC Native Ministries Director Pastor Monte Church. Attendees will stay in our guest house, dorms, and staff houses, or you can bring tents or RVs. Please call or email to reserve your spot with us at dorie@lavidamission.org or 505-215-6642.

Hispanic Women’s Retreat » September 30 - October 2, Sara Bullon will be speaking at the Hispanic Women’s Retreat. Location: Glacier View Ranch - 8748 Overland Rd, Ward, CO 80481. For additional information, contact Patty Rivera at 303-910-3548.

Give Them Hope Health Summit » Learn how to reflect God's character in health ministries through ongoing support at the Give Them Hope Health Summit, held October 13-16 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Through the acquired skills of ongoing support, you can bring hope to your church and community through the prevention and reversal of diseases such as heart disease, cancer, Type II diabetes, and Alzheimer’s. For more information about this health summit, visit our website at http://www.rmcsda.org/hope or call the RMC health ministry department at 303-282-3604.

Awaken Wyoming Testimonies » Per request and as seen at the Wyoming Camp Meeting, July 16. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGTcbpAGmaw

Mills Spring Ranch Summer Camp » Watch our new Glacier View Ranch summer camp promo video at rmcyouth.org/gvpromovideo. For more information, go to rmcyouth.org/camp or visit the new website at http://www.glacierviewranch.com/.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Adventist University of Health Sciences’ Denver site is looking for a marketing and enrollment coordinator. If you love working with people, have a passion for Christian higher education, and are a self-starter, email your resume to Katie Shaw, ADU Denver executive director, at katie.shaw@adu.edu. Experience in marketing and/or college admissions is a plus!

Mile High Academy Positions are open at Mile High Academy as a part-time receptionist. The receptionist's weekly schedule will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Receptionist applicants should have a high school diploma and a minimum of three years of relevant experience. Interested individuals for any listed positions must be Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing, and possess current authorization to work in the U.S. Please send your resume to Jocelyn at
jaalborg@milehighacademy.org, and visit our website at http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/ for more information on the requirements and qualifications for these positions.

Daystar School in Pueblo is looking for a part-time aide for K-3 for the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, you can contact Michelle Velbis by email at michellevelbis@gmail.com or call 719-561-9120.

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Voice of Prophecy: The Voice of Prophecy is looking to fill four positions: gift planning departmental assistant with accounting experience, mailroom assistant supervisor, digital content specialist/webmaster, and a donor relations coordinator. For more information, visit http://vop.com/jobs.

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