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Pueblo First Church Takes Bold Steps in Outreach »

For two years the Pueblo First Church prayed that it would be a safe place for the Lord to bring new members.

On October 11, evangelist Mike Sady made a call for everyone who wanted to follow Jesus and join the Pueblo First Seventh-day Adventist Church to come Sabbath morning with a change of clothing and a towel prepared for the baptism.

On Sabbath, October 12, Pueblo First Church pastor, Bradford Schleif and the church members, thinking there would be three or four ready, were surprised when ten people lined up in the side isle to go up to the baptistry. By the next Sabbath, November 19, a total of twenty-eight had joined. These were all adults and two children of the new families.

The Church opened its evangelistic meeting on October 6 in a 350-seat lecture hall at the University of Colorado, Pueblo. Evangelist Sady who has been conducting meetings for most of his career, presented 20 nights of meetings entitled, "Decoding Prophecy," before moving to the church for 10 more nights.



Pastor Schleif and the Pueblo First Church had planned for this meeting for two years. "The leaders of the Rocky Mountain Conference and the RMC Evangelism Committee

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Staff Meeting

December 5, 8 a.m. - Noon

encouraged the church to go ahead with its plans and contributed considerable funding, Pastor Schleif said.

For two years, the theme of how to get someone to opening night was emphasized and about half of the new members were friends and workmates of the church members. In preparation for the outreach, 70,000 brochure-invitations were mailed out.

"Some of the new members have much Christian growing to do, and the church board members are determined to be patient and protect them," Pastor Schleif commented.

"All of these new members seem to fit into the congregation, and the church will make every effort to keep them through a Bible marking class, fellowship meals, socials, spiritual guardians, involvement in ministry, and a moratorium on openly discussing our favorite Adventist hot potato issues," he added.

Pastor Schleif is inviting the RMC church-family to pray that the church will continue to be a safe place for the Lord to keep these new members in their new faith community. [Bradford Schleif; photo by Cheryl Schleif]

Top Ranking for Mile High Academy » Mile High Academy topped the list in several key areas in this year's private high schools 2017 Best School in America list by Niche. Niche, the largest website for researching K-12 schools, uses rigorous analysis of statistics and student and parent reviews in order to rank schools. "Parents trying to make the best decision for their children's education can add national rankings to their list of criteria, said Agape Hammond, director for marketing.



The MHA top rankings include, first in 2017 Most Diverse Private High Schools in Colorado; third 2017 Best Christian High Schools in Denver Metro; and fourth in 2017 Best

Staff Christmas Party

December 5, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

December 6, 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee

December 6, 8 a.m. - Noon

GVR Board

December 20, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RMC Property & Trust Committee

December 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

New Year Day Holiday -- Office Closed

January 2, 2017

Staff Meeting

January 3, 8:00 a.m.

NAD Ministries Conference

January 7 - 11

Pastor's Meetings

January 28 - 30

Staff Meeting

February 6, 8 a.m. - Noon

RMC Property & Trust Committee

February 15, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Christian High Schools in Colorado.

Hammond explained that such a high ranking indicates students are happy with their school experience, the school is doing a good job providing high standards of academics, fosters an accepting and positive school culture, and students are actively involved in a variety of extracurricular activities that provide balanced learning.

"We have been working hard to provide our students with the tools they need for their future. However, getting national recognition for all the hard work our teachers and students put in daily, that is gratifying," Hammond commented.

To learn more: k12.niche.com/mile-high-academy-denver-co/rankings

[Agape Hammond, photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Modern-Day Dorcas Keeps on Giving Back to the Lord »

Rose Gates was sitting at a card table working a puzzle with her daughter-in-law Karen when I arrived at her room at Holly Creek Retirement Community. A small woman, Rose nevertheless has an oversized heart. At 93, she can look back over a long life of service to the poor. That tradition continues even today.

Within months of moving to Holly Creek, Rose formed a group of ladies interested in sewing and knitting. "Needles and Threads" meets every Tuesday in order to create blankets, sweaters, caps and booties for newborns which they deliver to Warm Hearts, Warm Babies four times each year. With financial help from Holly Creek Christian Living Center, the ladies sent 70 blankets, 14 quilts, and 6 knitted blankets, along with 15 sweater sets last month.

Rose's journey began January 9, 1923, when she and her identical twin sister Ruthie, were born in Arriba, Colorado, into a world of difficulty. Because their father was in and out of their lives and their mother was "very loose", the girls received little care or direction. From Arriba, they moved to Boulder and following "lots of problems" the state placed them in a foster home which was really no better than the home they came from as the father there was abusive.

Their foster mother was only 12 years older than the twins, but did her best to care for them and her own two children.

During their stay with the foster family, two elderly people came to their door, inviting them to a Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting at Chautauqua Park. They attended and, impressed by the experience, Rose, Ruthie, and their foster



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 name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. **Submission**

mother took Bible studies and were baptized into the Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As the girls matured, members of the Boulder Church decided they should attend Campion Academy. The same members provided for their tuition. It was the church and the academy that brought the direction and foundation

lacking in their lives. They were “very happy there”.

After Rose and Ruthie graduated from Campion Academy, Rose met Bob Gates, also a twin. They married three months later. Rose's children remember him telling them that he had “seen an angel in a tree who told him he should marry her”.

Soon after the wedding, with Rose then pregnant, Bob signed up for the Army when his twin brother was drafted. Although Rose didn't know Bob was going to join, being a twin, she understood the connection between Bob and his brother. Both boys were sent overseas as conscientious objectors during World War II.

Having received no training in any line of work, “I didn't know how to do anything,” Rose states about this time in her life, but she began working with the Dorcas Society. After growing up on the streets, she understood poverty, so her life service has been for people in need.

“I spent every day of my life giving back to the Lord what He gave me,” Rose states emphatically.

When she gained custody of her 14-year-old brother and was caring for a newborn baby, her hands were full, yet she still found time to serve others.

In her work, Rose made sure the clothing they gave out had been washed, mended and ironed. “I wouldn't give something to someone else that I wouldn't wear” was her standard.

It wasn't long before she was president of the Dorcas



**deadlines are Wednesdays
by noon.**

Society.

No matter where she lived, she continued her work with welfare centers. She and other workers often spent two or three nights putting together Thanksgiving baskets to deliver to the people “we knew needed them”.

When Bob returned from military service, he and Rose together started Street Beat, a ministry for the homeless. They would build a cauldron fire beneath the viaducts on Colfax for warmth and set up racks of clothing for the street people.

At the center on Ogden and Colfax, they had an old washing machine that “followed us out of the room,” Rose said wryly.

Rose helped to open the Adventist Community Service Center on 1st Street near Sheridan. The history of this facility is a story of unending needs met through the years by offering emergency clothing and shelter, basic healthcare, utility assistance and workforce development.

Over lunch at Holly Creek, Karen remarked to Rose, “You took the hard times of your life and gave back to others. You have totally turned it around and are giving back.”

As she finished, a young Holly Creek employee walked up, all smiles, saying, “I was just told to check the dining room because “Trouble” is here,” she exclaimed, hugging Rose as she spoke.

“They adore you, Mother!” Karen declared.

[Carol Bolden; photo by Karen Gates]

SOMETHING TO PONDER

"In me there is darkness,
But with You there is light;
I am lonely, but You do not leave me;
I am feeble in heart, but with You there is help;
I am restless, but with You there is peace.
In me there is bitterness, but with You there is patience;
I do not understand Your ways,
But You know the way for me."

"Lord Jesus Christ,
You were poor
And in distress, a captive and forsaken as I am.
You know all man's troubles;
You abide with me

When all men fail me;
You remember and seek me;
It is Your will that I should know You
And turn to You.
Lord, I hear Your call and follow;
Help me."
--- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison

RMC CHANGES

Pastor Taufoai "Tom" Tupito is coming from the Utah Samoan Church in West Valley City UT to pastor the Aurora First Church beginning January 1, 2017.

Pastor Ramon Ulangca is transitioning to the Indiana Conference. His last day of work is December 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share Infographics From BibleInfo.com to Tell Story of Desmond Doss »

On November 4, Hacksaw Ridge was released on the big screen. In this film--which is based on true events--Desmond Doss, a medic in the U.S. Army, braves heavy enemy fire and saves an estimated 75 lives by lowering them down a cliff to safety. Even though Doss repeatedly risks his life to save his fellow soldiers, he is remarkably spared by the power of God and eventually receives the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. Inspired by this amazing story, on the Voice of Prophecy's Bibleinfo.com website, you will find in-depth infographics that explain the true story of Hacksaw Ridge. These resources answer questions such as: *Where is Hacksaw Ridge and what does it look like today?

*How would Doss compare with a modern-day soldier?

*How can the lessons from Doss' experience impact my life?

Go to www.bibleinfo.com/doss for more information.

RMC Youth Mission

Trip to Waianae »

Calling all teens! Join the Rocky Mountain Conference Youth Department for a mission trip to Waianae on the island of Oahu. Projects include evangelistic meetings, VBS,

homeless/health ministry

and building projects at Camp Waianae. For more information and to register, visit www.rmcyouth.org/mission-trip-2017 or call 303-282-3660. Registration deadline extended until December 31. Adults can join as a trip chaperone. Spots are limited, so contact Shannon Werner at shannonw@rmcsda.org for more information and to register.



Copper Mountain Lift Tickets at Discounted Rate »

Order your tickets from RMC's Youth Department:

Adult (ages 13+) \$65 each

\$2 off per ticket for purchases of 5-24

\$5 off per ticket for purchases of 25

Child (ages 6-12) \$58 each flat rate

Flat mailing fee of \$3 per order or pick up at the RMC Conference office free!

Certified Copper Mountain Lift Tickets for the 2016-17 ski season are day passes.

Ticket supply is limited, so order today!

To purchase tickets, visit www.rmcyouth.org/snowfun or call 303-282-3664.

NewsNuggets Archive Now Online » The NewsNuggets archive is now online, and can be found at <https://www-rmcsda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-archive>.

Boulder Church » The Boulder Adventist Church is actively building a "mental health" database of professionals. If you are currently licensed in the state of Colorado or know of a professional in the field you could recommend, please contact Pastor Japhet De Oliveira at japhet@boulder.church. We have particular needs for Christian specialists, but are



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD! » We would like to break yet another record for attendance at a One project gathering. Our San Diego gathering (February 24-27, 2017) includes a two-day focus on the book of Revelation on Saturday and Sunday, as well as an evening of creative worship preceding the gathering and the one-day Create conference afterward.

There are [special programs](#) for teens and children.

If you haven't [registered](#) yet, do so now! Remember to [book](#) your accommodation early while rooms are still available.

For information on the One project, contact Boulder Adventist Church pastor Japhet De Oliveira: t. 303-601-6349 e. japhet@boulder.church

The Black Hills Lifestyle Medicine Center » is pleased to announce their partnering with one of the most respected and current lifestyle outpatient educational programs globally. They now use the CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) materials for the core curriculum in this unique residential lifestyle treatment program. This partnership not only improves the Black Hills Lifestyle program, but also provides an upgrade toward a more research-driven and evidence-based program. Graduates will be both Black Hills Lifestyle alumni as well as CHIP alumni, giving them access to CHIP resources, including local CHIP chapters and online materials. CHIP alumni who sign up for a Black Hills session and bring their CHIP Kit with them will

receive a \$100 reduction in program fee. This holiday season, give yourself or your loved one the gift of improved health. Our gift to you? A \$500 scholarship plus a generous transportation allowance. Our next program begins December 4-22. Call today for a reservation at 605-255-4101.

Financial Peace University » If you are a young adult interested in gaining relevant financial guidance and connecting with other young adults in the Denver area, Rocky Mountain Conference's Youth Department is holding a nine-week class at the conference office for you. The class will meet each Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning October 18 and **continuing through December 13**.

The cost is \$93 for materials and membership and the first 15 people to register will receive a 50 percent discount. For more information and to register, email shannonw@rmcsda.org or for an overview of the class, go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview. The office is located at 2520 S. Downing Street, Denver CO 80210.

Christmas Wish List from Glacier View Ranch »

Please choose one or more items that speak to your heart or join with someone else:

Naturalizing perennial **flower bulbs** (for around ranch, front entrance sign); **Garden hoses** for watering; **Bushes** for landscaping around buildings; **Grass seed** for lake front; **lamp shades** for lodge guest rooms; **Window treatments** for lodge guest rooms; **Furniture** for common area in lodge; **Paint** for inside lodge, exterior of summer camp cabins, pool meeting room, cafeteria, summer camp office, all building exteriors; **Stain** for exterior wood; **Heaters** for summer camp cabins; **Curtain rods and curtains** for summer camp cabins; **Insulation, sheet rock and installation** in breezeway; **Doors** in breezeway; **PA system** for lodge, auditorium, Long House and Campfire Bowl; **Fencing** to update and unify ranch fencing; **Road treatment** of gravel and/or solution for summertime dust; **Razor** for summer camp activity; **Razor Track** to prevent unnecessary accidents; **Pool repair** of paint and water to refill pool after repair; **Pool ceiling repair** and insulation; **De-Humidifier** in pool area; **Snow blower** to clear ranch roads in winter; **Man-lift** for maintenance in high areas; **Swings** for lake front, prayer garden and cafeteria areas; **Commercial washer** for laundry room; **Commercial dryer**

for laundry room; **Benches** for Camp Fire Bowl and Wagon Camp; **Flooring** for cafeteria; New **kitchen equipment** for main kitchen and prep area; **Fridge, freezer, oven/range** for Long House kitchen; **Box truck, van/suburban, pick-up truck; RTV/Gator/Polaris; 60'x80' activity building** for use in bad weather; **New building** for Nature Center.

Check GVR website for updates at

<http://www.glacierviewranch.com/projects-donation-opportunities/>

Financial Peace University » The Littleton Church is hosting Financial Peace University beginning at 6:30 p.m. January 9. For more information, text Daniel at 720-668-6529. The church is located at 7400 S Windermere Street, Littleton CO 80120.

Prison Ministries Training » The Alliance of Prison Ministry Organizations & Affiliates (APMOA) announces its biennial prison ministry training convocation on July 27-29, 2017 in Crystal City, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. Plan to attend and make it a family vacation. To get a training convocation brochure when it becomes available, email laurieanne2011@hotmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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 michellelevelbis@gmail.com or call [719-561-9120](tel:719-561-9120).



Voice of Prophecy: The Voice of Prophecy is looking to fill three positions: gift planning departmental assistant with accounting experience, digital

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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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--Editor

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