As Denver Outreach Winds Down, Baptisms to Continue in Local Churches

With an increase of 300 individuals, attendees at the Revelation Speaks Peace seminar during the January 27 Sabbath service at the Ellie Caulkings Opera House rose to 1,672. Forty percent of these come from other denominations or from people attending no church at all, while 60 percent are Seventh-day Adventists.

The number requesting baptism are expected to rise beyond the almost 70 individuals already interested as the Discover Bible School enrollees complete their studies and as churches provide continuing Bible study, Bible marking, the Shadow Empire series, health seminars and cooking classes.

Discover Bible School has 200 enrolled and the Voice of Prophecy has given away more than 200 Bibles to those who have attended at least nine of the meetings during the past month.

The addictions class, held immediately after the RSP meetings, has seen as many as 75 people wanting to conquer various kinds of addictions. Class members celebrated with Nancy this week when she said she has been smoke-free for 46 days. Mary, who attended a similar series in 2004, gave up smoking and marijuana usage simultaneously and “I haven’t touched them since, she beams.”

“I am going to miss you people after you’re gone,” said
Sam, an usher working for the Ellie Caulkins facility. He enjoyed the lectures and likes “the style of sharing.” Pastors prayed with him during the meetings, which he described as “very helpful.”

“I’ve heard things I’ve never heard before,” said Mary, a visitor from a non-denominational church.

Revelation Speaks Peace ends this weekend after the 7 p.m. Friday night meeting, and the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday meetings. However, RSP speaker Shawn Boonstra will meet three consecutive nights, beginning Sunday, February 4, at Denver South Hispanic Church; Tuesday, February 5, at Chapel Haven Church; and Wednesday, February 6, at Denver South Church.

Denver-metro pastors meet regularly with the Voice Of Prophecy staff to make sure not one interest is forgotten. “These are precious people,” expressed RMC ministerial director Mickey Mallory.

Follow-up meetings at various churches around the Denver-metro area include:

**Bible marking classes** are set to begin February 10 at True Life Community Church (720-312-7962); Chapel Haven Church (303-451-1800); Brighton Church (303-659-1999); and February 14 at Fort Lupton Church (303-887-9197).

**Bible study groups** will begin on February 8 at Newday Denver Church (pastored@newdaysda.com); February 13 at Chapel Haven Church (303-451-1800); and February 15-18 at Denver South Church (303-744-1271).

**Health seminars** are available on March 7 at True Life Community Church (720-312-7962); and cooking classes will be scheduled at the Fort Lupton Church depending on demand (303-887-9197).

**Other events** include “Face to Face With Jesus” on February 4 at Denver South Hispanic Church (612-205-0965); “All About Jesus Revival” at True Life Community Church (720-312-7962); “Discover Newday” on February 16 (720-312-7962); “Fire Rekindled” at the Golden Church (970-485-3613); “Jesus 201” at the Golden Church (970-485-3613); “Grace Link” at the Littleton Church (303-798-5648); adult and youth Bible study at Agape Haitian Church (720-809-9588).

Join a new church that meets at 4 p.m. every Saturday, 2222 N Marion Street, Denver CO 80205.

-- Carol Bolden; photo by Palmer Halvorson

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**To be a Chaplain Means to Serve Selflessly**

He is retired, but not really. Dick Stenebakken, a retired Army Chaplain (Col.), continues to make headlines as a trainer of chaplains, frequently invited to assist in making the...
profession “go a little deeper with their own sense of who they are,” said Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Paul K. Hurley, Chief of Army Chaplain Corps, during the event with unit ministry teams, January 17-19, at Liberty Chapel in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The presentations at Fort Campbell were part of an ongoing series done in conjunction with the Army Chief of Chaplains major training events all across the U.S. Army system.

“I do first person presentations as a survivor of the sinking of the troop ship, the Dorchester, where the four chaplains on board gave their life vests to the next four soldiers who needed them after all the other life vests were gone. The points are raised about what it means to be a chaplain, and to serve selflessly,” Stenbakken explained.

The presentations are done in original WWII era uniforms, using WWII props to make the story more realistic and believable. The skit was intended to feel very real, with the majority of attendees not knowing it’s just acting. “They are so believable in fact, that people often ask me afterwards, ‘How old are you? Were you really on the Dorchester?” he adds.

A news report published by Clarksville Online described the training event noting that “one interesting activity involves a retired chaplain, who has a great ability to portray chaplains from previous eras in little vignettes of [events] they would have been involved with,” Hurley said. “His presentation is so powerful. He’s acting out a scenario of something either a chaplain or chaplain’s assistant would have gone through.”

“Dr. Dick Stenbakken, retired Army Chaplain (Col.), somberly took the audience through ‘his’ experience as a chaplain during the Nuremburg trials and how as a chaplain, he had to find the ability to serve these men who had committed heinous crimes.

“Hurley said the scenes are intended to feel very real, with the majority of attendees not knowing it’s just acting,” the report stated.

Hurley explained that the speakers and group activities help everyone as individuals be stronger in their own identity.

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 deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.
The other Stenbakken presentation is as Chaplain Henry Gerecke, a Missouri Synod Lutheran Army Chaplain, who was assigned to serve as chaplain/pastor to the German High Commanders who were on trial at Nuremberg for war crimes. He served his parishioners for 11 months, then walked with them up the 13 steps to the gallows to pray with them before they died.

Stenbakken explains that the challenge for chaplains is to examine why they do ministry and to look at the tensions in ministry where we are called to minister in situations not of our own choice, but to meet the needs of people because they have needs, not because they are worthy, popular, or people we would want as neighbors.

Stenbakken recalls that Chaplain Gerecke, while stationed in England, assisted Seventh-day Adventist personnel in setting up Adventist services. “He even preached and lead services for them from time to time. He was a fascinating person. He also set up Jewish services when there were none. The Jewish personnel had a special ring made for him with the letters GZY, abbreviation for the Hebrew gamzu-ya-avor (this too shall pass). He wore the ring the rest of his life,” Stenbakken commented.

“For me, as a retired Army chaplain (at the rank of full Colonel), doing these presentations and being with the top leaders of the Army chaplain corps is like coming home in many ways. It was my privilege to have served as a member of the Office of the Chief of Chaplains as a very young Major in charge of Marriage and Family Life Ministries for the Army Chaplain Corps. Then, after leaving the Army, to have continued working with all branches of the military as a Military Endorser, bringing Seventh-day Adventist clergy into the military services as chaplains,” he said.

Before his retirement in 2004, Stenbakken served as director of Adventist Chaplaincy Services at the General Conference and North-American Division headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. Married to Ardis Stenbakken, former Women’s Ministries director of the Seventh-day Adventist world Church, the Stenbakkens are members of the Campion Church, and live in Loveland, Colorado.

--Rajmund Dabrowski; photo courtesy of Sgt. Samantha Stoffregen, U.S. Army

**Campion Students Rewarded for Hard Work**

Over brunch in the cafeteria, Campion students with a 3.5 and above for first semester were honored for their academic excellence during the Annual Scholarship and Scholar’s Reception on Sunday, January 28. The Scholar’s reception is meant to encourage and motivate students in their pursuit of
academic excellence, along with other areas of their scholastic experience.

The spotlight then turned to students chosen as recipients of various scholarships provided by donors to Campion who set aside money each school year to aid student tuition. Fifteen students received these scholarships.

The National Honors Society recognized seniors who are part of NHS by presenting them with their cords for graduation. They welcomed juniors as provisional members of NHS. All together, 14 seniors and 13 juniors are part of the National Honors Society. These students are chosen and inducted into NHS based on four areas: scholarship, service, leadership and character. The Campion Academy teachers and staff are extremely proud of these students and their accomplishments and wish them the very best as these students work hard to finish out this school year.

-- Kelsey Cate; photo by Steve Eickmann shows students with 4.0 GPA and above

Senior Recognition Weekend Observed

Students, parents, and grandparents alike enjoyed a small taste of the approaching graduation weekend by recognizing the Senior Class of 2018. During Friday night vespers, various staff members reflected on the good, as well as the funny, memories of each individual senior. “It was a moment we had been waiting three and a half years for, and hearing how much the staff cares about our lives and who we are was really meaningful to me,” said senior Hannah Phelps. The senior class was surprised at how quickly their turn in the spotlight had come.
Saturday night, the Seniors hosted Campion’s Annual Talent Show full of astounding, comical, and surprising performances. Of the ten participating acts, seven judges critiqued and voted Rachel Marpaung in 3rd place, Madi Jordan in 2nd place, and Jordi Obregon and Austin Rotinsulu for a winning 1st place. Second place winner Madi Jordan recounts, “Talent show was a fun and great experience. It was the first time fiddling for me, so I was both nervous and excited when the curtains opened.”

Lastly, this busy weekend ended with honoring the hard working scholars and National Honors Society members of Campion Academy. Over a light brunch, students with a 3.5 and above GPA were recognized and applauded. Fifteen selected students were also recipients of additional scholarships to aid in their tuition.

Senior recipient, Angie Cedano expresses her thanks, “I really appreciated receiving the scholarship. It was interesting to hear the stories behind the people who choose to donate money to help us receive a quality Christian education at Campion.”

All in all, the students and visiting parents delighted in the events of the senior recognition weekend.

-- Text and photo by Jordyn Hammond

**HMS Students Lift Hearts at Assisted Living Center**  
HMS students in grades 1-4 sang and played violins while senior residents of Brookdale Assisted Living Center joined in singing the familiar tunes. The students have visited nursing homes for the past three years on Martin Luther King Jr. Day which HMS recognizes as a day for community service.
Besides performing a selection of songs from their Christmas musical directed by Leah Anderson, students also demonstrated their lessons on the violin with Yves Clouzet. One resident helped students keep time by conducting from the front row.

Cassandra Cooley, parent of an HMS pre-K student and Health and Wellness director for Brookdale, said the residents greatly appreciated the children coming out and that it was the largest turn-out of residents for that type of event she knows of. About 25 out of 40 residents attended, including their oldest resident, a lady who is 107 years old.

After the performance, students spent time talking to residents and passing out hand-made cards with uplifting messages and unique artwork from each student. Teacher Mrs. Lange commented, "One of the students said it was like visiting their grandma or grandpa and they LOVE their grandparents."

-- Text and photo by Jill Harlow

Get Ready for Safety Sabbath » Most of us can recall participating in fire drills when we were in school, but how many of us have participated in a church emergency drill?"

Safety Sabbath is all about preparation and practice. It is a day set aside for churches to emphasize emergency and safety planning. It is a day to practice the plan you have prepared, and make sure the congregation is ready for emergencies. It is an opportunity for churches to learn about the risks and potential incidents they may face, and prepare themselves to navigate those incidents.

Church leaders are responsible for safeguarding the church facility and its members, but if we don't have a designated
emergency plan, and if we do not practice this plan, we could quickly lose all that we have protected in a matter of minutes.

Why does your church need to be part of Safety Sabbath this year?

"Each church is encouraged to get involved," says Linda Reece, Risk Control Manager for the Rocky Mountain Conference. "It is important to provide a safe environment for our members, guests, and young people as they participate in our ministries."

**Because you never know what you will do in a situation until you are in it.**

Many people know the necessary steps needed to evacuate a building when a fire alarm sounds, but what happens when the flames and smoke materialize, or an attacker enters your facility, or you feel a sudden shaking of the ground?

Conducting emergency drills allows participants to become familiar with the response plan in a safe environment and provides room for trial and error.

**Because a fire is not the only risk you may face this year.**

In the past few years, news coverage reports that emergency situations occurring in schools and churches have increased. These emergency situations may happen at any time and in any place. Church leaders must make it a priority to conduct a variety of emergency drills.

Each crisis -- a fire emergency, a natural disaster, or other physical threat -- requires a different response. One may require an efficient evacuation; another may call for individuals to shelter-in-place. We must be prepared for any type of emergency.

**Because it’s important to know what to do after you have evacuated the building.**

An emergency drill doesn’t end when the congregation has safely left the building. There is still work to be done.

Conducting a drill helps members and leaders learn what to do after evacuating the building. Safety Sabbath provides materials and guides on the steps of each phase of the drill and includes what to do after the drill has occurred. Getting safely outside is just as important as helping your church return to its regular activities in an efficient manner.

**Because there is always room for improvement.**

Each time your church conducts an emergency drill is an opportunity to improve

At the end of each drill, assess the performance and make a note of areas that need improvement. Implement those changes in the emergency plan. Then act on those changes in the next drill.
Because our environment is always changing. Whether it is a new church member, a new church leader, or a redesign in the layout of the church, our environments are always changing. Conducting regular emergency drills allows new members to become familiar with the emergency plan and help new leaders understand their role in making the training run smoothly. Participants learn what to do if they encounter blocked primary exits or if they are in a different area of the church at the time of the drill.

**Be a part of Safety Sabbath--be ready for emergencies!**
Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM) invites you to join churches across the North American Division in conducting a drill on Safety Sabbath: March 24, 2018. This annual safety event is your opportunity to learn about the risks your church faces, prepare for those risks, and confidently be ready for emergencies before they occur. Get started at SafetySabbath.com.

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**PRAYER CORNER**

**18 minutes in 2018**
One of our churches is launching a prayer challenge! During 2018, how about increasing your prayer time by 18 minutes (for 2018) a day? Imagine what could happen if all of our members prayed an extra 18 minutes each day? C’mon Rocky Mountain Conference! *Let’s PRAY!*

*“Prayer unites us with one another and with God. Prayer brings Jesus to our side, and gives to the fainting, perplexed soul new strength to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. Prayer turns aside the attacks of Satan.”*([Christ's Object Lessons 250](#))

**SAVE THE DATE!** Save the dates of September 7, 8, and 9 for our H.O.P.E. (Houses Of Prayer Everywhere) Prayer Summit at Glacier View Ranch. This will be a weekend of inspiration, learning how to pray more effectively and praying! Our guest speaker will be James Black, new NAD prayer ministries director. Plan NOW to attend!

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**TOWN HALLS 2018**
Boulder Adventist Church Hosts Speaker Alex Bryan

Alex Bryan, senior pastor of Walla Walla University Church in College Place, Washington, will present the message at Boulder Adventist Church during the worship service on Sabbath, February 3. Alex will be speaking on *Persecution and Growth* and focusing on Acts 5:17-42.

His sermon is part of a six-week series called *The Mvmnt* that is all about filling in the blanks in life, and it uses the experiences of the disciples in the early church as described in the book of Acts as a framework.

We hope the series will help you get 2018 off to a good start as you continue your faith journey. Note that Boulder Church follows a different schedule than many other churches. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. and is followed by Connect groups at 11 a.m. Refreshments are served from 9 a.m. every week More at www.boulder.church.

Register Now for Blind Camp »

Christian Record Services for the Blind is announcing the schedule for the 2018 National Camps for Blind Children (NCBC) summer camping season.

People who are legally blind, ages 9-65, are invited to register to attend camp at one of 10 locations around the United States. Campers enjoy confidence-building experiences such as archery, swimming, crafts, horseback
riding, and more (experiences vary by location), as well as opportunities to build lifelong friendships.

NCBC, a Christian Record program, has offered camping experiences for children and adults who are legally blind since 1967.

Click here to learn more about National Camps for Blind Children and the summer roster.

**IMPACT: Young Adult Conference**

IMPACT is an annual conference designed to inspire young adults to share the gospel as well as connect and fellowship with each other. This year's conference will take place February 9-10 with speaker Chad Bernard. The cost is $25 which includes meals. To register, go to [www.impactrmc.org](http://www.impactrmc.org).

**DINOSAURS! WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

On February 9-11, Rich Aguiler, the "Mud Guy" from Guide Magazine and 3ABN Kids'Time will be bringing a special event to Colorado Conference, Dinosaurs, what does the Bible say?

All kids seem to love dinosaurs and most adults still find them fascinating. Unfortunately, our society pushes an extremely anti-God view on dinosaurs. Rich travels around the world teaching thousands how dinosaurs fit into the biblical world-view in an exciting event experience.

Rich's events use a giant screen, special effects, audience interaction, prizes and surprises as he asks and answers some of the toughest "dino" questions around! This special event is for kids and adults of all ages to enjoy together so bring the whole family!

The event will be available in 3 cities that weekend- February 9 in Colorado Springs, February 10 in Denver, and February 11 in Loveland. For more information and
Become Certified in Donations Management  » When a disaster happens, will you be ready to assist? Why not become certified in Donations Management? Recognized by FEMA and the State of Colorado Emergency Management, this training will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, February 25 at Rocky Mountain Conference office board room or Sunday, March 4 at the Alamosa Church Fellowship Hall. The cost of $25 covers the class manual, lunch, and a photo ID.

Instructor Cathy Kissner is the Community Service Director and Disaster Response Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Conference and is certified by NAD, ACSDR, FEMA and Colorado Division of Emergency Management as a training instructor in Donations Management.

Sea of Miracles Vacation Bible Xperience Available Now!  » The new Sea of Miracles Vacation Bible School program is based on the Bible and focused on the life of Jesus. Kids will meet Jesus and learn about the plan of salvation through interactive Bible stories, meaningful songs, creative prayer experiences, games with a purpose, and hands-on activities inspired by 1st century Galilee.

The Starter Kit includes everything you need to plan a Sea of Miracles VBX program. You'll find a director's guide, manuals for all stations, contemporary and traditional music options, sheet music, videos for the opening and closing programs, posters, sample resources, and more.

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Do You Want to Become a Warrior for Campion?

Our mission at Campion Academy is to bring young people into our school family and not only educate them for the future, but train them as disciples for Christ. We cherish our students deeply at Campion and want nothing but the best for their futures.

However, we cannot do this alone - we need your help! Warriors for Campion is a new campaign geared toward raising money for our Worthy Student Fund that goes to give students who cannot afford full tuition financial help. As a Warrior for Campion, we are asking for a pledge of $100 a month for the two years or $1,000 per year for the next two years.

In raising this money, you will be guaranteeing that students and staff will be able to remain at Campion Academy and continue to grow in Christ.

Do you want to become a Warrior for Campion? Please click here to learn more!

Deadline: February 1, 2018

Children's Ministries Training in Denver Area

Join us for the Child Evangelism Track 3 which will be held at 6:30 p.m. both Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17. Come again at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 18 for Vacation Bible School (VBX) training. This will be a weekend filled with learning and so much Jesus. Tracks will be taught in both Spanish and English at Brighton Church, 567 E Bromley Lane, Brighton CO 80601-3249.

Children's Ministries VBX Training and Certification in Grand Junction

If you live in the Grand Junction area, consider joining us for the VBX training and certification class held 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28 and 12 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at the Grand Junction Church, Taught in both English and Spanish, this training will cover Track 2 of the Children's Ministries certification. Grand Junction Church is located at 550 25 1/2 Road, Grand Junction CO 81505-6122.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rocky Mountain Conference Job Opening

The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time Human Resources Clerk (4.5 hours/day, Monday - Thursday). Qualified candidates will be highly
efficient and organized, as well as proficient with Microsoft Office, frequently using both Word and Excel as well as other specific HR tools. Employee will be working with HR data on a daily basis and managing HR's filing systems. 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-part-time-hr-clerk

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

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org for questions or to submit your resume.

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.

Glacier View Ranch » has an immediate opening for a Ranch 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 where you will also find information on how to apply.

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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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