Mitch Williams Appointed RMC Prayer Coordinator

Recognizing a need to promote and coordinate prayer ministry in the Rocky Mountain Conference, Mitch Williams, pastor of The Adventure and Greeley churches, was appointed as prayer ministry coordinator beginning February 1. NewsNuggets asked Mitch to share his vision for this ministry.

He refers to prayer as the "heartbeat of every church."

"One of the most intense and emotional episodes of Jesus’ ministry came when he drove out those doing business in the temple. After knocking over the carnival of booths and dispersing the money, merchandise and marketers, with full authority, Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer," (Matthew 21:12 NIV) says Mitch.

According to Williams, as we reflect upon Jesus’ words, shouldn't this also be our name and identity as a church today? As important as preaching is, Jesus never called His church a house of preaching. As essential as music is, Jesus never called His church a house of music. As comforting as fellowship is, Jesus never called His church a house of fellowship. But Jesus did say, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

Pastor Williams lists a few challenging questions: What if we made a renewed effort to make prayer the heartbeat of every church in the RMC? What if our members came together like never before and prayed? What if every Sabbath was a time of intense prayer before, during and after the worship service? What if we prayed more in our small groups? What if we prayed more as individuals? What would happen to the RMC if every church became known as a house of prayer?
"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land," (2 Chronicles 2:17 NIV).

“I look forward to partnering with pastors and church leaders to make prayer a greater part of our DNA in 2016 and beyond,” Mitch Williams states. "Just think what God may have in store for His people if we would pray like never before!” [RMCNews]

**New Edition Journey to the Cross Planned for Easter Weekend »**

Following last year's successful and popular staging of an Easter commemoration, Journey to the Cross and Beyond, staged on the premises of Campion Academy in Loveland, a 2016 event is being planned for Sabbath, March 26, and Sunday, March 27.

According to Dick Stenbakken, creator of the event concept, the upcoming two-day Easter presentation is expanded with new and additional attraction to the staging of Jerusalem in Loveland," says Stenbakken.

Beginning every hour and half hour, between 2 and 6 p.m., tour groups will move through a first-century interactive makeshift marketplace in Jerusalem. The event will begin in the Campion church with music and special presentations, following which the visitors will enter the Campion Academy gym and take a tour through the streets and markets of Jerusalem at Passover. They will encounter Roman soldiers, tax collectors, priests, beggars, and merchants. On exiting the streets, they will experience scenes of the death, burial, resurrection and Second Coming of Christ.

Following the Journey to the Cross and Beyond, visitors will be provided with refreshments and invited to visit a Bible exhibit in the Campion church fellowship hall.

During the 2015 Easter event, some 80 people volunteered for various parts of the program. In addition, about 10 different craftspeople made costumes and 12 volunteers helped set up and take down the sets. "We welcome volunteers for our upcoming production," Stenbakken adds.

To sign up and/or for more information, call 970-667-0866. Stenbakken said that volunteers came from virtually all of the local Seventh-day Adventist churches and, by working together, they displayed a remarkable spirit of inter-church cooperation.

There is no charge for the Journey to the Cross and Beyond, but people are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the local community food bank. [Ardis Stenbakken; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

**Putting a Face on Mission: 10-Year Anniversary of Adventist Mission DVDs »** Ten years ago, the average
The price of gas was $2.60, Adventist church membership was just nearing over 15 million and the first Adventist Mission DVD was sent to churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Sent free to all churches in the North American Division, the AM-DVD featured video mission stories to help connect Rocky Mountain Conference members with the people and places of mission. The first DVD featured the South American Division and a story from Argentina called "A Cowboy's Tale," which was shot and produced by Dan Weber, now NAD Communication director. The video introduced 87-year-old Manuel Ledesma (pictured) and his grandson, and showed them getting the small 20-member church on his property ready for Sabbath.

Today, the AM-DVD is known as "Mission Spotlight," named after programs produced by Oscar Heinrich and his family for many years. Until now, free copies of the DVD have been sent to every church in the North American Division each quarter, but starting next year, churches will need to sign up if they want to continue receiving a free DVD in the mail.

"The Mission Spotlight videos are available for download online," according to Ricky Oliveras, Mission Spotlight Producer. "The online videos are HD and are higher quality than we can put on the DVD. Currently, many churches are downloading or streaming the videos, but we recognize that some will still want a DVD. So, we will still send DVDs to those who request it."

The new Mission Spotlight features two sets of videos:

- Weekly videos, usually 3-5 minutes -- one per week
- Monthly videos, usually 8-10 minutes -- one per month

"Some churches don't have a regular Sabbath school program, but the shorter monthly videos are great to use in smaller Sabbath school classes, just before the church service or even in schools," says Oliveras. "People can sign up at MissionSpotlight.com/subscription if they want to continue getting the DVD, or they can opt for an email with links to the online videos."

Adventist Mission also produces the Mission 360 TV program, shown on the Hope Channel, and Global Mission
Spotlight, on 3ABN. Mission 360 magazine is available as a tablet app or on the website. Readers can visit https://www.adventistmission.org/ for mission stories and videos from the Mission 360 magazine, TV show and the Sabbath school mission quarterlies. If your church does not receive these DVDs, they can be ordered free of charge at MissionSpotlight.org/subscription [Rick Kajura; photos by Dan Weber]

**Literacy PIE Night** » The Pueblo Lamb Library librarian and Pueblo firefighters attended the Literacy PIE (Parents Involved in Education) Night at Daystar Christian School January 26. These guests read with and interacted with the students and made it a great night for the approximately 60 participants. Filled with literacy activities, free books, delicious pies and goody bags, parents were already asking when the next PIE Night would be held. [Michelle Velbis; photo by Wayne Nazarenus]

**Former Youth Department Worker, Joanna Rivera, Featured on Andrews University Website** » "I never thought I could change someone's life," Joanna Rivera shares with Andrews University's [Becky St. Clair](https://www.andrews.edu/agenda/40385/) referring to her almost two years of student missions experience in Rocky Mountain Conference. In her description of her experience here she looks back at the catastrophic flooding that took place along Colorado's Front Range, the devastation it brought and the lives lost. She recalls helping to transport people through roads that had been destroyed and assisting with communication during the power outage. "We developed wonderful relationships," Joanna states, "and shared God's love in a way I never imagined."

Joanna is currently completing her junior year in social work at Andrews University. [Carol Bolden]

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**RMC EVENTS**
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare Foundation
Open House » Come on over to a come-and-go open house for the new location at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **February 4.** Meet the team and enjoy light refreshments while having your foundation questions answered. You'll find us at 2525 S Downing Street, Mason Hall, Second Floor behind Porter Adventist Hospital.

Sharing the Great Controversy » Chenani Church in Aurora is organizing a special distribution of "The Great Controversy" in their area from 2-4 p.m. February 13 and 14. For more information, contact Alan Brown at 303-915-6841. Chenani is located at 3600 Helena Street, Aurora CO on I-70 and Chambers, Exit 283.

Mile High Academy » "The Perfect Class," a dinner theater presented by the 8th grade class at Mile High Academy will take place at 6:30 p.m. February 27. Tickets are $15 for individuals; $13 for four or more as well as for seniors. Proceeds go toward the 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. and graduation. Purchase your tickets through class sponsor, Mrs. Rettler, or any class member.

Safety Sabbath 2016 » Thousands of churches across North America will hold safety drills during their morning worship services in the month of March for a unified effort to promote safety in their congregations. This special event called Safety Sabbath is sponsored by Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM) and supported by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists and General Conference Youth Ministries Department. Safety Sabbath will focus on encouraging local churches to conduct emergency preparations and a safety drill with their congregations and leaders during the month of March culminating on March 26, the last chance to participate in the event. Churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference are
encouraged to set aside a Sabbath to address this timely and contemporary issue of safety.

ARM will provide training resources through the Safety Sabbath website and ARM's weekly e-newsletter Solutions. Churches will choose one of three emergency drills -- fire, missing child or active shooter.

"With the Safety Sabbath event, we hope every church will join us in conducting safety drills and learn the importance of them along the way," said Bob Kyte, president of ARM. To get involved, register your church at SafetySabbath.com.

NAD Children's Ministries Certification» Coming to Denver South Church, March 25-26. Those interested in this certification should watch for further details or contact Patricia Rivera, 303-910-3548.

Prophecy Seminars » Aspen Park Church, under the direction of Elder Ron Spurling, is holding prophecy seminars for eight weeks from 2 - 4:30 p.m. Sabbath afternoons beginning March 5 and ending April 23. Mountain Resource Center is located at 11030 Kitty Drive, Conifer, CO 80433. You are invited to pray for Aspen Park’s outreach to the rural communities in the area. Please RSVP to Elder Spurling by calling 303-596-0016.

Laura E. Mason Christian Academy » Clean out your closets and donate your new or gently-used shoes for a great cause! This fundraiser will help individual sin a country from the developing world. Support the amazing Cheyenne church school and get rid of those extra shoes lying around. Contact the school at 307-638-2457 or drop them off in the bin outside the school door at 723 Storey Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyoming. Thank you!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mile High Academy has an immediate opening for a full-time accountant. The accountant is a key member of the Business office, reporting to the VP of Finance. The accountant's duties include general ledger, adjusting entries, restricted and non-restricted fund management, A/P, A/R, collections, and more. For a full job description and application, visit http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/. To apply, send your resume to jaalborg@milehighacademy.org.

ACS Community LIFT is accepting applications for a part-time (32 hrs/wk, M-Th) Medical Assistant at its Denver location. Applicants must have at least two years experience working in a medical clinic, hospital, doctor's office or other health care setting. For a complete job description and application, visit http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-medical-assistant.

The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a full-time paralegal in its Planned Giving and Trust Services Department. The paralegal is responsible for assisting the department in managing wills and trusts under the direction of the conference attorney and in harmony with General Conference requirements and accreditation standards. The employee will be expected to obtain and maintain Trust certification as required by the North American Division. Candidates should have experience in preparing estate planning documents and probate proceedings.
Associate Producer -- Media, Production & Programming: The Voice of Prophecy is looking for a passionate person who loves using media and technology to share the Good News. The ideal candidate should be proficient with audio, video and digital media production. This person should also be a strong manager who can design engaging radio shows, produce compelling TV, manage teams, run multiple large projects, and think about the future of media technology.

Associate Director -- VOP Creative Department: 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.

Assistant Supervisor -- Mailroom: 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.

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 of NewsNuggets. Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday.

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Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as NewsNuggets continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

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