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Revelation Speaks Peace Meetings See Strong Response »

Opening night of Revelation Speaks Peace seemed like most opening nights of Revelation seminars. On the surface, nothing out of the ordinary happened, but the meetings brought nearly 1,100 people out to hear Shawn Boonstra speak on "A New World Order." Sixty percent of those attending came from the community while the balance were local church members, according to Kurt Johnson, VOP's Discover Bible School director.



Given the setting of metropolitan Denver where Seventh-day Adventists have no congregation, organizers were encouraged by the good attendance.

As visitors filed in, some church members wondered how Shawn Boonstra would connect with urbanites, a class that is difficult to reach. Others wondered about the use of media and music. One church member said, "I thought the music fit very well into the opera setting." RMC ministerial director, Mickey Mallory, said, "Boonstra's connection to the audience was obvious."

Organizers were at first concerned about getting enough volunteers to staff the meetings, but were inundated with volunteers as the meetings began with twice the number originally needed.

While the event may have seemed ordinary, extraordinary things were happening below the surface.

One visitor who has attended each night with his wife and

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

-- C.S. Lewis

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Upcoming Events

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 12-14

his wife's parents said, "I've learned more in the last few days than I've learned in a lifetime." He was excited about hearing Bible prophecy.

Another visitor, Angel, is paralyzed from the chest down after an altercation in his early 20s during which he was shot five times, leaving a bullet lodged near his spinal cord.

While Angel was waiting for an ultrasound during a hospital stay, he was crying out to God saying, "Why did this happen to me?" In the midst of this prayer, Kevin, a member of Denver South Church and the ultrasound technician, walked in.

The two began a spiritual conversation, which ended with prayer. They agreed to stay in touch and when the Discover Bible School initiative was launched the following week, Kevin called Angel and offered to study with him. He was definitely interested and so were his mother, his brother and his brother's girlfriend. They've all been studying together for many weeks.

When Angel again landed in the hospital with an infection, Kevin explained the biblical principle of anointing and suggested he be anointed. Denver South's pastor, Christian Martin, met with and anointed him.

Angel believes that Kevin is an answer to the prayer he prayed that day waiting for an ultrasound. He asked Kevin to take him to the Revelation Speaks Peace seminar.



"This program is different than many Revelation seminars," said Vivien Vasquez, member at Golden Church. "It has a new approach to evangelism combining more history with what the Bible tells us. I see people--including young people--engaged."

"I decided it was time to wrap things up," said speaker Shawn Boonstra on Tuesday night, "when I saw that people in the audience were crying." The altar call he gave brought 232 people to a decision for Christ and 17 to a decision for baptism in spite of the fact that no one has yet made an appeal for baptism. "These decisions were the strongest I've ever seen," Boonstra expressed. "The level of conviction is

Area Pathfinder PBE

January 13; 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 16-17

Teen Prayer Summit

January 18 - 20

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 19-21

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 23-24

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 26-28

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 30-31

Revelation Speaks Peace

February 2-3

GVR Board -- RMC Office

February 6; 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

CANCELLED: GVR Board

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



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unbelievably high. We usually get between 5 to 100 responses even when there are 2,000 in attendance."

--Carol Bolden; photos by Christian Martin

Boulder Church Holds Men's Ministries Agape Feast and Dedication »

The men of Boulder Adventist Church are determined to become stronger disciples of Christ through the power of intentional community and accountability. They have been meeting regularly for several months, but decided to start off the new year with a special agape feast—complete with foot washing—and a dedication service to mark their intention to live as Godly men in their homes, workplaces, and communities.



This took place on Saturday night, January 6, with 40 in attendance. "Called," the men's ministry, led by Dr. Tom Eickmann, Dr. Bryan Wernick, and Pastor Japhet De Oliveira, followed a simple program for the evening: *Called to gather, Called to pause, Called to eat, Called to sing, Called to reflect, Called to serve, Called to remember, Called to bless,* and finally, *Called to commit*. Pastor Japhet De Oliveira used some of the latest research on the qualities society now associates with the "best" candidates for leadership, along with those portrayed in the books of Genesis and Isaiah. He reminded the men that Jesus is restoring a different character for each and every one of us.

For some of the men, this was the very first time they had taken part in the ordinance of foot washing. Others shared that they were finally able to open up to each other about the struggles they intend to push through in 2018. Each man was asked to make a pledge for the new year in two areas: faith development and relationships. "Called" will meet every month in 2018. In February, the men will be called to huddle in small groups and in March they will gather together for a retreat. To find out more about Called, contact Pastor Japhet De Oliveira.

--Becky De Oliveira; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski

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 deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.**

Lisa Engelkemier Commissioned to the Gospel Ministry »

Hope. Peace. Mission. These are words used to characterize Lisa Engelkemier and her ministry at Newday Christian Church in Parker, words used by those introducing, affirming, and commissioning her during a special service last Sabbath afternoon, January 6, at Newday Church.



The full house exuded an atmosphere of love and a sense of pride. Many of those gathered were people who have known, loved, and been blessed by Lisa's ministry at Newday, a ministry she sees as a dream come true birthed many years ago in Michigan with David and Kim Kennedy. She sees her ministry as "the bright spot in her life."

Dr. Herdley Paolini, a psychologist and Lisa's long-time friend, introduced her as the commissioning candidate in glowing terms. When asked if she was Lisa's psychologist, her response was, "No, she's mine."

On hand to welcome and affirm Lisa was Mid-America Union Conference ministerial director, Mic Thurber as well as MAUC president Gary Thurber.

Fellow church members, Terry Tautz and Tim McTavish each shared ministry affirmations, explaining the personal impact she has had on their lives.

"It was evident that the Newday Church appreciates immensely the gifts God has given to Lisa for ministry," said Eric Nelson, RMC vice-president for administration.

"As far back as I can remember, my heart has naturally turned toward God," Lisa writes in her biographical sketch included in her commissioning program. Throughout her life, she has continued to hold leadership roles in the church. "I will forever consider it my privilege and honor to pour out my life for the bride of Christ in the world -- His church," Lisa says at the end of her sketch.

Lisa Engelkemier is one of several women who have been commissioned in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Those still working within the conference include Carol Turk, Chaplain;

Dorie Panganiban, Chaplain (not employed by RMC, but serves in our territory; and Lee Lee Dart, Senior Pastor.
--Carol Bolden; photo by Tim McTavish

Record Attendance at Grand Junction Church Dedication »

Some 270 worshippers attended a dedication service, and the first Sabbath worship of 2018 in the 300-seat sanctuary of the newly built church in Grand Junction.



The dedication service of the church as the Lord's house of worship, included prayers by five of the church elders and interim pastor, James Fox. Each presented thanksgiving prayers praising God for His blessings in the planning, negotiating, fundraising, and construction phases leading up to their occupancy of the church and school facility.

Entitled "Unless the Lord Builds the House" based on Psalm 127:1, the first sermon in the new church was delivered by Pastor Fox. As on the previous Sabbath when a farewell was said to the old church building, the congregation held hands around the new sanctuary and sang, "Side by side we stand".



More than 270 members and friends of the Grand Junction Church came to worship and experience the new building on January 6. The entire congregation realized the magnitude of this number when off-street parking was completely filled by 9:45 am. Street parking near the church became increasingly difficult to find.

"Two hundred seventy worshippers is a record attendance

in recent memory," stated Bernie Hartnell, Building Committee Chairperson.

This first Sabbath worship was a testimony to the Power of God and the faithfulness of His people. The building process has presented unique challenges to the congregation both financially and relationally. "God has moved upon this congregation powerfully so that we are stronger in unity and finances than we were before," said Pastor Fox. "God has been so good!"

In a congratulatory letter read by Karla Klemm, a prominent leader in the church, RMC president Ed Barnett said that, "there is not another church in our Conference who has gone through more stress and duress than your church in the last couple of years. Building programs are incredibly difficult, pastoral changes seem to bring great angst and you have gone through both."

Barnett thanked the "lay leadership for the way you stepped up and continued to move forward through very difficult days. And I thank God for James Fox moving in at just the right time and being willing to step in as interim pastor. Does God know what He is doing or what?"

He also stated that "God is doing miraculous things in Grand Junction. Your facility will be a great place for worship and fellowship. I know it will be a beacon of light in your community."

Ron Johnson, communication director for the church and someone who could be referred to as a church old-timer, commented that a move to a new facility offered a more contemporary worship place, and the various church departments are adjusting to their new meeting places and storage rooms.

"I was giddy with excitement when I first walked the into the new Church. Even the smell of the building was new and fresh and beautiful!" said Alicia Moodie, Praise Team Leader.

Naturally, changes bring challenges, and as relocation encompassed just a brief period of time, the church "thankfully, is looking into the future while adjusting to the new place," Johnson said.

The Grand Junction Campus hosts three different organizations, explains Pastor Fox. Intermountain Adventist Academy will open its doors next week and renew their ministry to students and parents. This three-teacher K-8 Church School is growing with 36 students currently enrolled and great plans for future growth in ministry. The campus includes the Little Lambs Learning Center, LLC, a daycare provider in Grand Junction with a great reputation in the community for quality Christian service to pre-school children. The new daycare building is planned for occupancy

by May 31, 2018. The new building will provide space for 85 children and will increase LLC's ability to serve the community. The above-mentioned institutions are sister-entities of the Grand Junction Church.

--RMCNews with James Fox and Ron Johnson; photos by Ron Johnson

Packed House for Andre Wang at Boulder Adventist Church »

Andre Wang, the first speaker of 2018 and a special guest from the North Pacific Union Conference, packed Boulder Adventist Church on Sabbath, January 6. As a lawyer and former politician, Andre brought the book of Acts and the reality of Christian discipleship to life through personal stories and thought-provoking illustrations. He pointed out that Jesus, upon leaving the disciples, gave them an instruction, an admonition, and a commission.

Naturally, these extend to us today as disciples as well and we can learn lessons to apply to our own lives from the experiences of those in the early Church.



Discipleship is hard. "Jesus never puts you in an easy or safe place to expand the kingdom," Andre cautioned. On the positive side, he also pointed out that it's important to remember that Jesus sent His Spirit to help those in the early church—and He also sends the Spirit to help us. He compared this to the experience of learning to ride a bicycle and having a parent running alongside the bike even after they've let go. The Holy Spirit not only offers us encouragement and comfort, but He functions as "spiritual dynamite" empowering us to do things we could never do alone.

Discipleship requires a complete focus on Jesus. "It can't be about you," Andre noted, recalling his determination to keep his political campaign (for the Oregon legislature in 2010) civil and service-focused. He kept a group of five friends close to hold him accountable throughout the campaign.

Andre closed an inspiring message with the example of a

pilot taking off from an aircraft carrier. The pilot waits for the sign from the deck marshal who bends down, touches the deck, and then points to the ocean. When the pilot sees this gesture, he knows it's time to fly. "This is what Jesus is telling us to do," Andre said.

After lunch, an audience returned to hear Andre discuss current issues in the church from his point of view as general counsel.

Boulder Adventist Church will have one guest speaker each month in 2018. Each of the carefully-selected presenters is a dynamic orator with unique perspectives on Christian discipleship. This will be an exciting year for spiritual growth!

Wyoming Winter Retreat » Wyoming Winter Retreat began in 1988 with the Newcastle SDA Church. Dedicated families snowshoed into Mills Spring Ranch on Casper Mountain, hauled water from the well and slept in unheated cabins. Many improvements have been made since that time. You can still snowshoe in, if you desire, but now snowcats can transport you over a winter wonderland to your retreat destination. Cabins are heated, the cafeteria has running water for food prep, and showers and bathrooms are available.



Wyoming Winter Retreat has continued each year drawing people together to experience God's nature, Christian fellowship and messages from God. Many participants of Wyoming Winter Retreat have invited their non-church friends to experience this outreach event.

Wyoming Winter Retreat is an annual family retreat weekend held at Mills Spring Ranch each President's Day weekend (February 16-18). Winter activities, such as sledding, snow shoeing and gathering around the fire are favorites combined with excellent devotional messages. Our speakers this year come to us from Colorado, via Guam & Alaska and we are looking forward to hearing Robbie and Jasmine share with us the amazing things God can do when you allow Him to lead. Please see the Wyoming Winter

Retreat [flyer](#) for more information or contact Liz Cornett at [307-277-5084](tel:307-277-5084) or mtnmomwy@yahoo.com. You can also see pictures & posts of past winter retreats at <https://www.facebook.com/wyomingwinterretreat>

FAMILY LIFE



"There has been altogether too little attention paid to our children and youth, and they have failed to develop as they should in the Christian life, because the church members have not looked upon them with tenderness and sympathy, desiring that they might be advanced in the divine life."

Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, p.41

Teen Prayer Summit 2018 »

WHEN? January 19-21, 2018

WHERE: Glacier View Ranch in Ward, CO

AGES? 13-19

COST? 1-4 Tickets: \$75 each

5-9 Tickets: \$70 each

10-14 Tickets: \$65 each

15 Tickets \$60 each

THEME: "I AM"

GUEST SPEAKERS: Jonathan Leonardo (top) and Erik



VanDenburgh (bottom)

Sponsors are required to accompany your youth to the summit! One male sponsor is required per ten male participants and one female sponsor per ten female participants. Sponsors must be 21 years of age or older and

complete Verified Volunteers training online.

For more information and to register your youth (and sponsors) please visit: <http://rmcyouth.org/prayersummit>
We would be thrilled if all of the teens from your church (and even your geographical area) were able to attend. Please



distribute this information to your youth leaders and include it in your bulletin and announcements. All teens are welcome!

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)*

TEN DAYS OF PRAYER

Every new year starts with an opportunity to deepen our walk with Jesus through prayer! **Ten Days of Prayer** for 2018 is "officially" January 10-20, and the focus will be on "A Prayer Experience With Our High Priest." Incredible resources and ways to do 10 days of prayer at your church can be found at www.tendaysofprayer.org. Some churches do the 10 days as a conference call - others gather every night. Whatever way works best for your church, please, join in and be blessed! ALSO - If you cannot do the January dates, you are welcome to use the materials any 10 days throughout the year!!! Check it out - Let's PRAY!

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!

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETING 2018

LaVida Mission Camp Meeting	April 27-29
SE Colorado Camp Meeting	June 1-2
Cowboy Camp Meeting	July 11-15
Wyoming Camp Meeting	July 17-21
Western Slope Camp Meeting	August 1-4
Hispanic Camp Meeting	Aug 31- Sept 3

TOWN HALLS 2018

SE Town Hall	March 17
Metro Town Hall	March 24
SW Town Hall	April 28
NE Town Hall	May 19
Hispanic Town Hall	June 16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

the One project » The final gathering of the One project will be held at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego February 11, 12. This grand finale promises to be a unique and moving experience.

RMC President Ed Barnett commented, "I get excited about programs in our church that really focus on Jesus. Those who attended the gatherings--and several of our church members went to more than one--have shared with me how valuable, biblically-anchored, and affirming they were for them as Seventh-day Adventists. The San Diego gathering is last, but still offers a chance for our RMC members to participate. They will be blessed, I am sure."



No recordings will be made of this gathering, and since it will include an open session for everyone to share thoughts and experiences, we anticipate that it will be challenging and refreshing. According to Japhet De Oliveira, senior pastor of the Boulder Adventist Church, and co-founder of the One project, "We invite speakers and participants alike to proclaim 'Oh, How I Love Jesus!' Register at www.the1project.org before registration closes on January 14.

La Vida Mission » Partner with La Vida Mission in helping our Navajo friends! An anonymous donor is matching all donations from new donors to La Vida Mission from now until December 31, 2017. If you have not donated to the mission before or you know someone who has not donated before, please spread the word. That donation will be matched this month only. You can donate securely online by going to <http://lavidamission.org> and click on the donation

button or call [505-786-5539](tel:505-786-5539) (with a credit card number) or send a check to La Vida Mission, PO Box 3308, Farmington, NM 87499 and be sure it is postmarked by December 31 to get the match. Thank you for partnering with us to help the underprivileged children of the Navajo Nation find Jesus and live a better, healthier life. La Vida Mission is a 501(c)3 non-profit and your donations are tax deductible.

Sign up to Receive The Daily Walk » The Daily Walk is a continuing seven-day Bible study course built around the sermons at Boulder Adventist Church. The Daily Walk offers an opportunity to connect with the Scriptures daily. To sign up for The Daily Walk online, go to:

<https://confirmsubscription.com/h/r/F60BDC64AEAA7A5A>.



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 gives students who cannot afford full tuition financial help. As a Warrior for Campion, we are asking for a pledge of \$100 a month for 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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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.

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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. Please send all your submissions to nuggets@rmcsda.org.**

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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--Editor

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