



news nuggets

Friday, January 26, 2018

Large Number of Youth Gather for Prayer Summit at Glacier View Ranch »

“This is what it was like when I was a kid,” said a parent as he dropped off his teenager at Glacier View Ranch and saw the large number of other teenagers gathered for the Teen Prayer Summit. “This is like the good, old days.”



One hundred and forty-five youth flocked to Glacier View Ranch January 19-21 to hear Jonathan Leonardo speak for the summit, an increase of 55 over the previous year.

Leonardo, who currently works for the Hawaii Conference presenting the Love Reality tour on identity, purpose, and worth to youth all over Hawaii, shared his message with the youth of Rocky Mountain Conference as a soft-launch for the tour coming to Greeley (April 6-14) and Grand Junction (April 18-21).

His message communicates the reality of our identity in Christ. Repentance, he says, is the recognition of God’s love and an act of turning from the destructive power of sin to the life God wants us to live. Jesus defeated sin for us by dying on the cross. Sin no longer has power over us.

At the conclusion of Friday night’s message, kids were invited to write their responses to the theme on large posters on the platform saying “I AM.” Messages left included, “I am God’s.” “I am a child of God and He is my Father.” “I am His.”

“Jonathan’s message is at the center of my excitement about the weekend,” shared Kiefer Dooley, assistant youth

"Evangelism, the very heart of Christianity, is the theme of primary importance to those called to herald God's last warning to a doomed world. We are in time's closing hours, and the Advent Message, proclaimed to make ready a people for our Lord's return, must swell to a loud cry reaching the uttermost parts of the earth."

-- Ellen G. White

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director for the Rocky Mountain Conference. “That and the fact that 145 kids in our conference who want to work on their spiritual life attended.”



Dooley said he’d never seen the auditorium so full nor the people so engaged as that first Friday night together. Both kids and sponsors were divided randomly for icebreaker activities, giving them the opportunity to connect and invest in kids and sponsors from all over the conference. “The investment really showed [the rest of the weekend]” Dooley said.

During the morning Connection time, Hawaii Conference Youth Director, Erik VanDenburgh held a training session for the sponsors entitled, “From Sponsor to Mentor.” In the afternoon, the kids engaged in prayer-related activities, along with making S’Mores by an outdoor fire.

At 7:30 in the morning, as many as 80 kids showed up for prayer.

With the threat of a 24” snowstorm, some groups left early, posting messages on Facebook as they drove down the hill. “Leaving early to avoid snowstorm,” said one. “It was an amazing experience for all of us.”

According to Dooley, three things stood out for him during the weekend -- the obvious spiritual blessing during the weekend with fully engaged kids; the amount of fun everyone had with swimming, dodge ball, and other activities which actually took a second seat to the spiritual activities; and the safety experienced all weekend, with everyone going home better off than before they came.

Parent feedback was especially encouraging. “My kid got in the car and couldn’t stop talking about the weekend,” shared one parent. “My kid stood in the kitchen for three hours telling me what he experienced,” said another. “Thank you for what you’ve done for these kids. It’s made a difference.”

Sponsors exclaimed, “We’re clearing out our schedule. We want the Love Reality tour to come to our church.”

Be sure to register early for next year as the lodge fills up quickly.



Upcoming Events

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 26-28

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January 30-31

Revelation Speaks Peace

February 2-3

GVR Board -- RMC Office

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

Hispanic Pastors Meeting -- RMC Office

February 11

Youth Winter Retreat

February 15-17

Executive Committee

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

CANCELLED: GVR Board

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

RMC Property & Trust Committee

February 21; 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hispanic Youth Rally -- Bloomfield NM

February 23

INVITATION

"The meetings with Shawn Boonstra have been clear and compelling, some of the best I've ever heard," says Mickey Mallory, RMC ministerial director. "On top of that," he continues, "the venue is the best I've seen for an evangelistic series."

If you live in the Denver-Metro area, we would love to have you join us at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House at 1385 Curtis Street in downtown Denver, for one or more of the meetings this weekend: Friday--7 p.m.; Saturday--11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday--7 p.m.

Parking is free in either the 16th Street Center Garage at 951 16th Street, or at The Tabor Center at 1200 17th Street. A shuttle is provided from The Tabor Center--either all black or all white--and parked just down the street from the Westin Hotel entrance at the corner of Lawrence and 16th Street. Pick up a voucher at the meeting to use when leaving the garage.

A special invitation is extended to our church members for the morning worship on the next two Sabbaths. Your presence will greatly support those participating in the outreach.

Revelation Speaks Peace Meetings See Early Harvest »

Revelation Speaks Peace meetings continue at Ellie Caulkins Opera House drawing varying numbers--as many as 1,340 some nights and as few as 500. There has been a strong response from those in attendance.

Leaving Ellie Caulkins after the meetings, church members have remarked, "I've heard the topic presented my whole life, but I learned something new tonight."

The nearly 400 volunteers usually work all day and rush to get to the meetings so that they can serve as greeters, ushers, registrants, and fill other roles, yet they are "excited and full of energy," according to Eric Nelson, RMC vice-president for administration who oversees the volunteers.

He believes the series has been a blessing to our members and has "enlivened our churches." Pastors have been excited to "see interested guests who are genuinely seeking and drinking in the clarity of the message."

One attendee said they were impressed to look in a public trash can as they passed by. They discovered a handbill for Revelation Speaks Peace that someone had discarded and decided to attend the meetings. They believe the impression to look in the trash can was from God shares Kurt Johnson,



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 deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

director of the VOP Discover Bible School.



Byron (above left) attended the RSP meetings at the invitation of Pastor Bob Reynolds who had visited him in prison before his very recent release. When he expressed a desire to be baptized, it was arranged for January 23 during Revelation Speaks Peace.

"His baptism expresses his commitment to the Lord and is a powerful witness of what the Lord is doing in his life," said Reynolds. Members at his church (True Life Community) have invited him into their lives as he begins this new direction.

Diane (above right) mailed in a Bible study request which she had received by mail. Given to the Denver West Church, it was followed up by Ruddy Vivanco whose studies with her led to baptism.

Several ushers who work at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House have shown an interest in the meetings and the lead usher allowed them to go inside the auditorium when the music begins and the guests are seated. Some are even completing the Bible study lessons each night.

The excitement is palpable in the following story shared by Pastor Christian Martin.

"It's one thing, he says," to go the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in downtown Denver. It's another to step into the world of the ordinary men and women who are attending. Revelation Speaks Peace. Yesterday I stepped into five homes, listened to five real-life stories of ordinary people and now I'm seeing one amazing God begin something extraordinary in each of their lives."

Paul was pursuing fame and riches in Los Angeles, but ended up in Denver looking for meaning in life. Charles is an alcoholic and drug user from New York and a victim of lung cancer who was given only six months to live six years ago. Nancy is always searching for a deeper understanding of Scripture. She prayed for her boyfriend to come out of a gang. She recently celebrated 30 days of being smoke-free. Both she and her boyfriend are attending the meetings. Julie is battling an autoimmune disease and Lyme's disease, yet she is passionate about trusting in God and knowing Him.

Eric is a former gangster who was homeless, but now has his life back together. He senses that God is calling him to something even greater.

And what do these five very different people have in common? They all have made a decision to follow Christ through baptism. And there are several others.

"I have the greatest joy of cooperating with God in getting them ready to walk in the newness of life," shares Pastor Martin. "This is why I love public evangelism."

RMCNews with Eric Nelson, Kurt Johnson, and Christian Martin.

2017 Tithe Up » Although 2017 had one less Sabbath than 2016 (one Sabbath can bring in as much as \$299,000), tithe was up 10.23 percent for December 2017.

Year-end tithe, the total for the year, was up 1.77 percent, including windfall tithe. Without the windfall tithe, RMC still had a .65 percent increase.

Responding to this news, RMC President Ed Barnett said, "We are so grateful for the faithfulness of our members in stewardship. It's their generous giving that is helping to finish God's work in Rocky Mountain Conference."

-- RMCNews

Campion Observes Ten Days of Prayer »

Campion Academy joined with others in the Rocky Mountain Conference from January 10-20 who are putting a special emphasis on prayer during the 10 Days of Prayer.

Challenged to daily pray 18 minutes more than before, Campion kicked off the ten days on the heels of Christmas break by pairing students and staff with prayer partners. At 5:42 p.m., students gather around their Fountain for Prayer. Eighteen minutes later, at 6:00 p.m., they move on to other activities.



Along with their own needs, prayer partners pray for three specific things: 150 Warriors for Campion in January; \$200,000 for the Church building campaign; and an

ASSIST Coordinator for HMS Richards School.

Students have been very positive about this extra prayer time added to their day. Grant Velbis said, "I like how there are ten days set aside for the entire school to come together to pray." Theron Treat said, "I like how it brings me closer to God." Susan Wang: "The 10 Days of Prayer have brought me closer to my prayer partner (her roommate in the dorm). Prayer seems more real because many of my prayers have been answered."

Principal Don Reeder asks for continued prayer for God's guidance over decisions for Campion.

-- RMCNews with Don Reeder

Campion Students With a Testimony Travel to

Alamosa » Four Campion students, along with Campion recruiter Jessica Rios, made the five-hour trip by van to Alamosa the weekend of January 12 to share their testimony with church members in Alamosa.

On these weekend S.W.A.T. Trips, students can sign up to travel to churches around the conference to provide church services and share their testimonies with different congregations.

The church members in Alamosa were so accommodating and very supportive of Campion Academy and all of the students who visited.

Edwin G. preached the main sermon, while Naomi P., Amira D., and Cristian M. led out in song service. After church, several Campion alumni spent time reminiscing and comparing stories with our students.

One particular highlight of the church service was during the worship and song. The entire congregation began to harmonize with our students as they sang praises to God, which made the service sound so full of life. The students commented afterwards that they loved hearing the congregation singing with them and engaging in their worship, making the service extra special.

Church members especially enjoyed hearing the children's story given by one of their own church members and Campion student Amira. The congregation also commented that it meant a lot to them to see the positive effect that Campion has had on Amira, and they all look forward to receiving more visits from Campion students and staff.

-- Jessica Rios

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. Prepare for the message by reading the Daily Walk, a daily Bible study connected to each week's sermon at www.Boulder.Church/daily

Campion Won; Mile High Won » In what has become a tradition, Mile High Academy took on Campion Academy on the Pepsi Center basketball court for their annual arena game January 22.

The rivals face off in edge-of-your-seat games every year that keep viewers cheering till the end. Delanie, one of Campion's players, said she was "awestruck" to get to play on such a famous court.



The two women's varsity teams went head to head in a strong game. Agape Hammond, MHA director of marketing said, "The MHA girls did an amazing job keeping the game close, but in the end, Campion won the first game of the day with 38-34."

The MHA men's team began with a strong season behind them. Even so, things began slowly, leading to a 16:16 tie at half-time. As the third and fourth quarters crept by, the Campion Cougars began slipping behind and the MHA Mustangs won 48-26.



According to Hannah Phelps, Campion senior, "seeing the girls win after their disastrous loss against Mile High was the best part of this year's Pepsi Center game."

Development director Derek Baker responded to a question about his favorite part with, "The whole game was great from start to finish. I loved that even the Nuggets played a great game and took the win. It was an exciting end to the day." He went on to say that his absolute favorite part was between the Academy games and the Nuggets start, "when families gathered to recap the game, eat a meal together, and share in the MHA community spirit that makes us so strong."

"Thank you to all of our players, coaches, teachers, students, families, and community members who made yesterday's Pepsi Center game possible," said MHA athletic director Walter Weber. "It's a great experience for our student athletes, but also a celebration of our community and the bonds that connect us all."

"If you were at the game, you know that each team takes to center court with a confidence beyond their years," shares Hammond. "It is amazing to see our players play in such a large arena and keep their cool. Yes, we look forward to seeing our students take center stage and show off their skills but it is their strong characters that win us over. Every family represented on the court yesterday should be proud of their students."

According to Lauren Fry, senior from Campion, "it has been a tradition for students to make signs to bring to the annual Pepsi Center basketball game against Mile High Academy. Each year the signs become more and more creative, and this year, the Student Association wanted to award these high-achieving poster makers."

Faith Paden, "I not only want to show my support by making a sign, but also wish to make a spiritual impact." She wrote a Bible verse on her poster.

"What a great way to reflect the values of Campion," said Lauren.

The posters were judged by the SA members. The 1st



place victor was Faith Paden. Her poster was not only artistic but inspirational as well. "Competitions like this are part of what makes Campion Academy a fun place to be," Lauren said.

Commenting on the evening Pepsi Center event one Campion student said, "Hanging out with friends and cheering our school on is the perfect break from homework." -- RMCNews with Agape Hammond, Lauren Fry, and Kelby Eickmann; photos by

Larissa Barton, Lauren Fry, and Steve Eickmann

CORRECTION

In last week's article, *Newday Church Evolves into a Multi-site Adventist Congregation*, Pastor Roger Davis should have been written Paster Robert Davis.

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!

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETINGS 2018

La Vida Mission	May 11-13--new	La Vida Mission
NE Colorado	June 1-2	Campion Academy

Cowboy	July 11-15	Silver Jack Reservoir
Wyoming	July 17-21	Mills Spring Ranch
Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
Hispanic	Aug 31- Sept 3	Glacier View Ranch

TOWN HALLS 2018

SE Town Hall	March 17	Colorado Springs Central
Metro Town Hall	March 24	Denver South Church
SW Town Hall	April 28	Pinon Hills Church
NE Town Hall	May 19	Campion Church
NW Town Hall	June 9	Grand Junction Church
Hispanic Town Hall	June 16	Denver South Hispanic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Les Invitamos Cordialmente al Seminario Bíblico
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- ¿Soy producto de la Casualidad o un Diseño?
- ¿Por Qué Hay Tanto Sufrimiento en el Mundo?
- ¿Cuales son las Señales del Fin?

Estas y otras importantes incógnitas serán contestadas durante este Seminario a través de la Biblia y descubriremos que "Lo Mejor Está Por Venir"

Iglesia Vista Adventist Fellowship
 701 Kimbark St, Longmont, CO 80501

Julio Arias
 Por por el Conferencista Internacional y orador del programa radial "Familia y Salud"

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Sea of Miracles Vacation Bible Xperience Available Now! »

Sea of Miracles is an exciting new VBX program created by the North American Division Children's Ministries Department. Each day, kids will explore Jesus' life in Galilee. Solid, Christ-centered activities will introduce kids to Jesus and help them develop a growing relationship with Him. Available in English: <http://bit.ly/SeaofMiracles> and Spanish: <http://bit.ly/SeaofMiraclesSP>. Watch preview:

<https://vimeo.com/245211436>.

Order by January 30 and Save \$25





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

Campion Academy Talent Show » Join the students and Campion Academy community at 7 p.m., Saturday, January 27 for a fun night showcasing local talent. Food will be available for purchase. Both baked goods and seniors will be auctioned. Purchase an individual ticket for \$5 or a family ticket for \$15 at the door.

DINOSAURS! What Does the Bible Say?

» On February 9-11, Rich Aguilera, 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

tickets please visit www.OneMustardSeed.com.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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 immediate openings for two Ranch Support Personnel. The positions are part-time (28 hours/week) with housing provided on site. These positions 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.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please feel free to forward this email.

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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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