



news nuggets

Castle Rock Church Plant Builds Community as it Prepares for Opening Sabbath »

As the story goes, a curious neighbor couldn't take the suspense any longer. For weeks and now months, he had driven past a new construction site, but never saw any work being done or structures set up. Frustrated by the uncertainty of it all, he ventured past the site's fencing to investigate more closely only. What did he find? A bustle of activity below ground level—unseen by most—to establish a solid foundation.



For the past seven months, a core team of families have been praying and planning about God's vision for planting a church in Castle Rock, CO where there is currently no Seventh-day Adventist congregation. In that time span, we haven't hosted many programs or ministries visible to the casual observer. Instead, our priority has been to build a sense of community amongst the team and to prayerfully establish a solid foundation and mission-oriented DNA for this new church.

As that foundation has taken more concrete shape, the core team has become more proactive in building bridges with the Castle Rock community. To bless the community, we've offered personal Bible studies and hosted small group gatherings. To share the gift of health, we set up a booth at the town's annual Starlighting event in November, offering heart-healthy food samples to passers-by and invitations to a Diabetes Undone seminar, which we began just a few weeks ago in the Castle Pines Library.

Friday, January 27, 2017



If there is anything
I think humanity needs . . .
especially in our time,
[it] is sanity.

Sanity is the ability
to oscillate
between soul and joy.
Between high wisdom
and simple things . . .

This ability to have
some kind of
a constant oscillation.
What is sane in this time?
The sanest thing in this time
is that you love outright.

--Adin Steinsatz

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We're also reaching out more broadly with other Adventists who may sense a call to be actively involved in developing a redemptive Adventist presence in Castle Rock. Between now and our **opening Sabbath on April 8**, we have begun hosting a monthly VisionVespers (Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and Mar. 18) at the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital to give people a chance to hear, experience, and respond to the vision God has for the this new church. To find out more, find us on Facebook (@castlerockadventist) or visit our website (castlerockadventist.church).

[Text and photo by Godfrey Miranda]

How Safety Sabbath Protects Your Church » We live in a world where terrible things happen. Fires damage or consume church buildings because of arsonists, accidents, and even poor maintenance. Active shooters enter sanctuaries and church classrooms and unleash violence, leaving behind hurt and grieving congregations. In addition to praying for the Lord's protection, the church needs to be educated and prepared by conducting annual safety drills.

The natural first response to an emergency is to deny that the situation is happening. When in denial, we fail to react in a way most efficient to prevent loss. Being unprepared and failing to respond can be deadly. Holding regular safety drills helps your church practice evacuation and response procedures. Proactive training prepares your church to prevent steep losses in a real emergency. It also sends the message that your church takes planning for the unexpected seriously.



"Prevention measures such as safety drills are essential to saving lives, lowering costs and preventing claims. We want Safety Sabbath to be part of a partnership with local churches

to protect their ministries and our most valuable assets--our people," says David Fournier, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. vice president and chief client care officer.

Your church is invited to join other churches in the North American Division and Adventist Risk Management, Inc. in making Adventist churches secure by holding a safety drill. Schedule Safety Sabbath for March 25 on your church calendar. Register your church to hold an Active Shooter or Fire Drill and access free videos, guides, children's activity sheets, and more emergency planning resources at SafetySabbath.com. Once you register, you will receive free Safety Sabbath 2017 resources.



Upcoming Events

Pastor's Meetings

January 29 - 31

Staff Meeting

February 6, 8 a.m.

RMC Property & Trust Committee

February 15, 9:30 a.m.

President's Day Holiday Office Closed

February 20

Executive Committee

February 21, 9:30 a.m.

GVR Board -- Conference Office

February 23, 9:30 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting WY

March 4 -- Casper Church

Town Hall Meeting NE CO

March 5 -- Campion Church

Kaleo Mission Trip

March 9 - 20

Executive Committee

March 21, 8 a.m. - Noon

Town Hall Meeting SE CO

April 1 -- Colorado Spr Central

REFLECTION

The Healing of Nations » Healing is a pressing need for humanity. Many desire it. Although we usually think of physical health in connection with healing, it is not limited to the physical. Many other aspects of our lives need healing too--relationships between people and nations, our emotional, financial, social, and spiritual selves.

Politically and financially, nations face unique challenges that involve terrorism, climate change, drug trafficking, migration to avoid the ravages of war, and military threat. Societies everywhere seek answers to these challenges.

As we take a backward look at America in 2016, we see both losses and gains. The American people, indeed the entire world, lived a year of social and political tensions. Although some say America's economy improved, the lowest income Americans "have yet to feel the impact of this recovery," according to Pew Research Center.

Will the new year bring healing for the misfortunes and tragedies of life? While difficult memories may linger, it is time to contemplate the future with hope. God's people have the opportunity to transmit the message of salvation to the world. What a message we have to share!

While "salvation" usually refers to "deliverance from sin and its consequences," it can also refer to "healing". It's this healing that we can share with the world.

"... in the middle of the city street and on either side of the river was the tree of life, which produces twelve fruits, giving its fruit each month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. " Revelation 22:2

What a glorious future! Every physical hurt or sickness, every relationship, every emotional, spiritual, social, and economic need will be healed by the leaves of this tree. Humanity will be given a new nature. Will we share this encouraging biblical promise of hope?

[Ruben Rivera]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program »

The Durango Church is holding a depression and anxiety treatment program which offers non-drug solutions designed to combat depression through improving energy levels, sleep quality, mood, relationships and emotional intelligence. The eight-week program begins January 23 at the church, 1775 Florida Road. For more information, call Marley at 970-749-1860.

Town Hall Meeting Denver Metro

April 2 -- LifeSource Church

Town Hall Meeting NW CO

April 8 -- Gr Jcnctn Church

Town Hall Meeting SW CO

April 9 -- Pinon Hills Church

Find out more...

[Click here](#) for info on any of these events.



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@mcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your

Diabetes Undone » The new Castle Rock church plant is holding an eight-week Diabetes Undone program from 7-8:30 p.m. January 17 to help stomp out this medical epidemic. Held at the Douglas County Library in Castle Pines, it is open to all -- those with diabetes or pre-diabetes, those who want to prevent it or have friends who want to prevent it, or those who want to learn how to organize their own event. The cost is \$15 with optional workbook and cookbook available for \$45. For more information, call Rick Mautz at 530-521-7429 or send an email to rickm@rmcsda.org. Visit our website at <http://castlerockadventist.church>.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 3 Americans has **diabetes** or **prediabetes**.

That doesn't have to be **your story**.

Your **lifestyle habits** can stop **type 2 diabetes** in its tracks.

diabetes UNDONE
INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Join us opening day, January 17 at 7:00 pm
for a dynamic, 8 session video course featuring Dr. Wes Youngberg, author of *Goodbye Diabetes*

Package Includes:

- Inspiring wellness talks
- Expert advice
- Group support
- Cooking demos and samples

Workbook, & cookbook Available for \$45

8 Sessions: from Jan. 17 through Mar. 7, 2017, 7:00 to 8:30pm

ONLY \$15

Douglas County Library in Castle Pines
360 Village Square Lane
Castle Pines, CO 80108
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Vegan Cooking School » The Longmont Church will host a vegan cooking school at 7 p.m. the evenings of January 24, 26, 31, and February 2. This is a FREE cooking school and all are invited. For more information, contact Lisa at 303-774-7612. The church is located at 1712 Mountain View in Longmont.

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.

Celebrating Life in Recovery » Twin Peaks Church is holding a 14-week program presented by Cheri Peters to help with recovery from domestic abuse, perfectionism, alcoholism, drug addiction, anger, dependency, and so much more. Join this FREE program at 7 p.m. Thursdays beginning February 2. Preregister at clirlouisville@gmail.com. For questions, call 720-890-3767. The Twin Peaks Church is located at 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO.



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CHRONISM STEALING
ALCOHOLISM DRUG ADDICTION
ADDICTION ALCOHOL ADDICTION**

THURSDAYS, 7PM

STARTING FEBRUARY 2
Twin Peaks Seventh-day Adventist Church
9696 Paschal Dr, Louisville CO
Preregister at clirlouisville@gmail.com or
for questions call 720-890-3767

by
Cheri
Peters



Mile High Academy Summer Camps » MHA's Kids University Camp is a great way to keep your children engaged and active all summer long. From a half-day sports camp to full-day weekly camps, we have choices for everyone. Each camp includes special activities, art, outdoor play and dynamic learning. The deadline for our weekly special pricing is March 10. You can find out more by going to milehighacademy.org/summercamp or by calling 303-744-1069. We can't wait to have fun this summer!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



H. M. S. Richards Adventist School is looking for a full-time teacher for Grades 3-4 who can also lead out in the music program for Grades 1-8 for the 2017-18 school year. Send resume to Diane Harris at dianeh@rmcsda.org by January 23.

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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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