



news nuggets

Out With the Old, In With the New For the Grand Junction Church and School »

Especially recently, dates and developments were part of the daily staple of the Grand Junction Seventh-day Adventist Church. December 28 was a momentous day for the builders! "At 11:39 a.m., Gary Ross sent me a text message – 'YES. YES!! THE CO!!' In that brief exclamation, months of detailed work and years of planning and adaptation were fulfilled," said James Fox, interim pastor. Receiving the Certificate of Occupancy became a tipping point for the Grand Junction Church project.



This development was especially good news for Bernie Hartnell and the weary members of the Building and Finance Committees who were glad that this phase was over. This process has been long and sometimes traumatic.

Pastor Fox lists a series of challenges they overcame to arrive at that exciting development. He lists such issues as asbestos remediation, expanding building plans and project cost, church school principal and teacher transition, sacrificial giving in the short term and substantial commitment for the long term with a looming financial shortfall, as well as extended vacate deadlines with Colorado Mesa University, and more.

Add to this a pastoral transition issue, Fox explained. "This congregation, with God's blessing, has successfully exited crisis mode! And instead of the crises dividing us, we are more united than ever!" he adds.

Friday, January 5, 2018



"When your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand . . . you can give Him your will."

-- Ellen G. White

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Having a Certificate of Occupancy means that this official permit allows the congregation to begin to use the new building for church worship and Christian education. The structure is now permitted to function as a public building within the City of Grand Junction.

This enabled the believers to hold their final church service in the old church sanctuary on Sabbath, December 30.

They held hands and surrounded the perimeter of their church and sang “Side by side we stand,” thanking the Lord for decades of worship at the 730 Mesa Avenue church and school. Pastor Fox looked into the future ahead of the congregation and preached about “New beginnings.”

They all beamed with excitement as they looked toward their first church service in the new location at 550 25 ½ Road on Sabbath, January 6. “We will have a dedication of the new building to the Lord and a special service of thanksgiving and prayer,” said James Fox, interim pastor. “Psalm 121 states it clearly, ‘Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.’ We want to invite the Lord to fill this new house with His presence to bless and dwell with His people,” he continued. “This Sabbath will be a time to reflect and remember how God has blessed us on Mesa Avenue through the decades! As we remember His blessings in the past, we can look forward with confidence to His presence and guidance in the days to come,” he said.



Since “we are a church and a school united in one building, we have passed the highest standards for Fire and Building within the City of Grand Junction. Perhaps it is more helpful to realize what our building would be without a Certificate of Occupancy, Fox explains. It would just be a building site with no public worship, gatherings or operations.

“Now, Sabbath School teachers and children’s division leaders can finish moving into their rooms and customizing their learning environment. Now, our teachers can begin to move the items that are stored in the gym into the classrooms and bring order out of chaos,” he added. A daily program in the new school building of the Intermountain



Upcoming Events

VOP Dress Rehearsal

January 4

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 5-7

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 9-10

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 12-14

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

Adventist Academy is set to begin in January 16.

Preparations are underway to make it happen.

Church leaders say that the last major project, the Little Lambs Learning Center Building still needs to be completed and is on top of the church's agenda.

The Grand Junction church is "out with the old, in with the new," Fox comments. The church members are replacing the chaos of the last weeks into order, though the new church office is currently still "chaos central" with the old desks fractured and broken apart as they were being moved. Computer operations with Wi-Fi and fax and phone are not yet in place.

"Order out of chaos is in our future," the pastor exclaims.

--RMCNews with James Fox; photos by Ronald Johnson

Many Involved in Preparation for Revelation Speaks Peace Meetings »

Metro-Denver churches have been responding to more than 2,000 Bible study requests for months in preparation for Shawn Boonstra's Revelation Speaks Peace seminar taking place several nights a week between January 5 and February 3. Baptisms are already occurring and will continue throughout the seminar and beyond.



Some churches were inundated with as many as 300 Bible study requests which members have scrambled to respond to.

"It has been exciting to see God open doors in answer to every roadblock we've encountered," said RMC VP for administration, Eric Nelson, who is also the evangelism coordinator for the Revelation Speaks Peace seminar. "When we had trouble finding a facility or parking, when we had transportation issues or not enough volunteers, doors opened and we walked through," he finished.

The Heritage Room at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House where the seminar is taking place, usually costs \$1600, but seminar planners asked the Arts Complex management to throw it in as part of the whole deal. Management agreed

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.



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

and the room will be used during the seminar as a prayer room.



The Ellie Caulkins Opera House can seat 2,225.

As a housecleaner, LifeSource Adventist Fellowship member Mary Scott has access to many people and she never fails to share a pamphlet or a word with her people. On opening night of the Revelation Speaks Peace seminar, she will be driving three of the people she has met through giving Bible studies. Two others are driving themselves.

“It’s like picking vegetables,” Mary explained, quoting Shawn Boonstra from the bootcamp held earlier this year. “When they turn ripe, you pick them. If you wait too long, they rot. I can’t change a heart, but I can let the Holy Spirit use me as a tool. He does the changing of the heart and I do the footwork,” Mary explains.

Patti Rivera, RMC Children’s Ministry Coordinator, who will be working with children’s ministry during Revelation Speaks Peace, shares the story of Margarita, a woman who has helped her with children’s ministry events for a number of years. It was only recently that Patti learned Margarita’s story.

“I was having a lot of problems,” Margarita explained, “when I received an invitation by mail to the Mark Finley meetings held more than ten years ago, which promised a solution to life’s problems.” She knew she had to go.

“I know Jesus because of a postcard,” Margarita said. “Someone is going to know Jesus because they will attend these meetings and I want to be part of this event.”

--Carol Bolden; photos by Palmer Halvorson

Montrose Church Reaches Out to Homeless

» The Montrose Seventh-day Adventist Church recently collaborated with the Montrose Police Department to help the homeless in their area. Church members stuffed bags with items to prevent hypothermia, along with items of basic hygiene such as toothpaste, flashlight, Peruvian hats and mylar blankets.

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.



"We can do something for the homeless," declared W.D. Hess, a member of the church subcommittee on community outreach. The committee came up with the idea in response to the bitter cold the homeless are experiencing.

According to Police Chief Lillard, "The items in the bags were put into thirty patrol cars and were available for officers to hand out when they encountered individuals who seemed to need a hand up."

The emergency bags gave the police a chance to show they care about those in need and have a concern for them beyond the laws they are tasked to uphold. It also gives the Adventist community in Montrose a purpose as they follow Christ's instructions to care for the poor in our midst.

--Zane Berry, text and photo

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!

January 6 - First Quarter Day of Prayer and Fasting

The first Sabbath of every new quarter is designated as a day of prayer and fasting. The focus for our first day of prayer/fasting is "Interceding for our Families," and you will find GREAT resources at www.revivalandreformation.org. If the first Sabbath is not the best for you, why not try another Sabbath? You'll be blessed! Let's PRAY!

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 December 31 for the best prices. Prices increase January 1 and the gathering is likely to sell out.



Revelation Speaks Peace Volunteers Needed

» Join us in equipping the world for Christ to come. The series begins January 5 and runs through February 3, 2018. To volunteer, click [here](#) for a volunteer form which can be emailed to ericn@rmcsda.org.

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>.



Become a Warrior for Champion » Our mission at Champion 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 Champion and want nothing but the

best for their futures.

However, we cannot do this alone - we need your help! **Warriors for Champion** 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 Champion, 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 Champion Academy and continue to grow in Christ.

Do you want to become a Warrior for Champion? Please click [here](#) to learn more! Deadline: February 1, 2018

Mile High Academy Kindergarten Visitation

» Kindergarten Visitation at Mile High Academy is a great way for your child to get to know our teachers, meet new friends, and get to know what a future at MHA means. Join us from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, January 11. Designed especially for any family who has an interest in MHA and would like to try it out for themselves, families are

encouraged to spend the morning with us at our Open House to talk about the programs we offer, meet Administration, discuss the application process, and enjoy a continental breakfast with us. Your child will want to start school right away. For any questions about Kindergarten Visitation or the Open House RSVP to Agape Hammond at ahammond@milehighacademy.org.

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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