



NEWS NUGGETS

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Fort Collins Adventists Celebrate Opening of New Church and School »



The Fort Collins Seventh-day Adventist Church and Fort Collins Christian School celebrated their grand openings in brand new church and school facilities this past weekend, June 9-10.


Just a year and one month from the groundbreaking ceremony, the church celebrated its first Sabbath in the new sanctuary with testimonies of prayer being answered and long-awaited dreams becoming reality.

Representing the Rocky Mountain Conference, Lonnie Hetterle, vice president of education commented, "It was exciting for me to see the progress of the new church and school being built. The finished project is magnificent and it's obvious how much hard work and effort was put into the project.

The Adventist church in Fort Collins was established in 1886 with services taking place in members' homes. Over the years, it has grown and moved to several different buildings. Earlier buildings were located in the country, but now the church is excited to have its home in the heart of Fort Collins. Members and visitors buzzed with excitement at the grand opening on Saturday from the moment they filled Sabbath School classrooms until the last person strolled through the potluck line. About 250 people came to celebrate this special occasion.

"If not us, who?
If not now, when?"


~John F Kennedy

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**Hispanic Town Hall --
Denver South Hispanic**



In his message to participants, Ed Barnett, RMC president, congratulated the church and school on this accomplishment in Fort Collins, an important educational and arts city in Northern Colorado. "It is a great opportunity to have a new worship center where you can invite friends and the community to join you in worship," Barnett said.

The festivities continued on Sunday when the Fort Collins Christian school, formerly known as Beebe Christian School, held its grand opening for the community. Since the sale of the old school building in 2016, classes had been held in the basement of the former church. Last year 12 students attended the pre-K-8 Christian School. Teaching staff includes, Keiko Breese, Dennis, Breese, and Jessica Reeder.

Wade Troxell, the mayor of Fort Collins, was present to cut the red ribbon and officially open the new school. Families enjoyed tours of the new facility, great food, bounce houses, pony rides, face painting, and balloon twisting.

In addition, emergency services, including firefighters and wildlife search and rescue personnel were present to interact with and educate those who came. In all, 94 volunteers served close to 150 community members. Four new students expressed an interest in joining the school within the next two school years.

"It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will surround your church and school and that only great things will come as a result of your being in this new location," said RMC ministerial director, Mickey Mallory.



June 16

GVR Board

June 19, 9:30 a.m.

RMC Property & Trust

June 20, 9:30 a.m.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Basic Staff/Master Guide Training

Brighton Academy

June 23, 24

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 11 - 15, 7 a.m.

Wyoming Camp Meeting

July 17 - 21, 7 a.m.

Hispanic Marriage Retreat

July 21, 22

Mid-America Union Hispanic Youth Camp

July 27-30

Western Slope Camp Meeting

August 1-4, 7 a.m.

Pathfinder Camporee

GVR

August 2-5

Hispanic Pastor's Meeting

Glenwood Springs

August 7-9

Hispanic INTEL Class

August 10-11

Pastors Meeting

August 12-15

RMC Property and Trust Committee

August 15, 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting

August 21

GVR Board

August 21, 9:30 am

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 31- September 2

Pastor Daniel Birai commented that the church and the school are excited to see how God will continue to lead them in the days and months to come. “God opened all the doors for the new building, and as Jeremiah 29:11 says, He has plans for us to give us ‘a future and a hope,’” he added.

“The grand opening is only the beginning of the journey. It is now time to start our ministry and be a light for the community in Fort Collins and beyond,” added Hetterle.

-- Ashley Miller with Daniel Birai and Alaysha Harris, photos by Erin Hannah and Enderson Cruise

Immigrants Find Home in Denver Church After Fleeing Refugee Camp» Known as Isaac, he was born Dyirengiro Amini Byiringiro in 1988 in the Congo and fled with his parents and two sisters to a Rwandan refugee camp after the collapse of the People’s Republic of the Congo and the resulting Civil War. At that time, Isaac was about five years old. His youngest sibling, a brother, was born in this temporary settlement where they lived for nearly 20 years. The family was finally able to immigrate to the United States within the last few years.



In the middle of the camp, the family discovered an Adventist church, which they began attending each Sabbath. Most of the family was baptized there. It was also there that ten members of this extended family formed their own choir and began singing for their church family.

When Christian Martin came to the Rocky Mountain Conference to pastor Denver South Church, he noticed a young man in the congregation from Africa. As Martin became acquainted with this young man called Isaac, he learned that several other family members lived in Denver. Visiting their home, Martin said he felt like he had been “transported from Denver to the heart of Africa.” There was a warm feeling in the home and food was offered.

None but the younger kids spoke English, but Martin was introduced to Isaac’s parents, along with his siblings and other extended family. They struck up an “amazing friendship” according to Martin, who discovered that they were Seventh-



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day Adventists and typically met in their homes on Sabbath, occasionally attending an area church.



Martin also discovered that most of the family group had been baptized in the refugee camp, but hadn't transferred their memberships to a Denver church, their baptismal records from the refugee camp being non-existent. "Would you like to be accepted into our church by profession of faith?" Martin asked. "Even without knowing the language, they understood and had huge smiles on their faces," Martin explained with a grin. There were 15 people in the room who all wanted to become members of the local church.

On May 19, Martin met with the family around a bowl of rice, vegetables and potatoes and passion fruit juice. With Isaac's help translating, each repeated their vows in their mother tongue. "Amen!" they all said after the 13th person completed the vows. They asked if they could sing a song for Martin to express the joy they felt at becoming members of Denver South Church. The family choir sang their joy in beautiful harmony.


Others came in by profession of faith on June 2, and the final two, who had taken Bible studies with Martin using a translator, were baptized into membership. On the Sabbath of the baptism, after the family choir sang a song of thanksgiving, Martin addressed the congregation asking, "Is there a motion to accept these beautiful brothers and sisters into membership? There was a resounding "Yes!" The "Amen!" that followed nearly shook the floor of the sanctuary.

"Brothers and sisters," Martin said addressing the broadly-smiling family, "welcome to a place where you belong. We embrace you as a part of this church family and we look forward to seeing what the Lord will do in your lives."

"This is happy day for our family," Isaac expressed, "because we are members of a Christian church."

-- Carol Bolden; photos by Christian Martin

RMC Staff Takes a Trip to the Biblical Past with the Dead Sea Scrolls » With the Dead Sea Scrolls being

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displayed at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, RMC office staff took a half-day educational trip to see these ancient manuscripts.



The exhibit consists of a timeline displaying objects dating back to the millenia of the Old Testament, some as far as 3,000 years ago. These authentic objects show the lives and beliefs of people during those ancient times. Staff also watched a brief history video on the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and saw fragments of the ancient manuscripts, some on public display for the first time.

RMC staff members described their experience as a “good time spent with coworkers outside of the office” and when asked about their reaction to the excursion, this is how they responded:

Susan English, an accountant in the treasury department - “It was fascinating to see the penmanship of those who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls and it amazes me how they wrote so much without even relying on white-out!”

Mickey Mallory, ministerial director - “For me the validation of what I always believed to be true about the Bible and then seeing the artifacts in person was incredible.”

Brittany Bartter, treasurer of property and trust services - “The exhibit was enlightening and the company was amazing.”

Ed Barnett, RMC president - “The fun thing about seeing the Dead Sea Scrolls was that it verifies so much of Scripture. It was great to see such an interest from people in the office.”

Vivien Vasquez, human resources assistant, who also assisted in planning the event - “What I liked most about the exhibit is the assurance that in the same way God preserved those manuscripts, He will preserve His people to the very end. It was a nice reminder that no matter what happens during the history of humankind, we will be put back together with His original plan.”

Thirza Powell, accountant in the treasury department - “In the exhibit I was impressed by how people in those ancient times relied on handmade pottery for useful everyday things.

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It was amazing to see how each ancient pottery piece was unique and different.”

Doug English, director of planned giving and trust services - “I was overwhelmed by how God has preserved His Word and has given us clear evidence of it.”

Danielle Toddy, human resources director - “It was time well spent for the office staff. The exhibit was fascinating and it was inspiring to see the manuscripts in person because they provide clear evidence that reaffirms my faith and beliefs.”

Mary Lynn Green, assistant director of planned giving and trust services - “It was a nice opportunity to spend time with coworkers outside of the office. I appreciate the effort that went into planning the event because the exhibit was wonderful.”

DeeAnn Bragaw, women's ministries director - “It’s amazing to see tangible evidence from the past. To be able to hear stories and see things that are mentioned in the Bible made it so much more surreal for me. This experience was absolutely incredible, this exhibit is a must-see!”

The exhibit continues until September 2 at the Denver Museum of Science and Natural History.

-- Text and photo by Alaysha Harris

Campion says Farewell to Beloved Development Director and Alumni Coordinator, Marilyn Jackson »

Campion says farewell to Development Director and Alumni Coordinator Warmly known as “Everybody’s Mom,” Marilyn Jackson served Campion Academy for 13 years by connecting with alumni and drawing their thoughts back to their beloved alma mater. Jackson and her husband, Bob, will be moving to Carlisle, Ohio this month to be near their children and grandchildren. “I am excited because it is a new adventure; we’ll get to be by grandchildren, some great friends, and family,” Jackson commented.

Jackson was known as a tireless and efficient worker who kept everyone going. “God gave her the gift of hospitality and Marilyn made everyone feel welcome at alumni weekends, chapter meetings and donor dinners,” principal Don Reeder commented. “Students loved being in her faculty family. She prepared great food for them and treated them special.”



Jackson will have fond memories of her time serving at Campion. "I enjoyed the connections with the alumni. Through chapter meetings, I really formed good relationships with them, and they hold a place in my heart. Their support has meant a lot to me."

Both she and her husband will continue working when they move to the Carlisle area, but they are ready to reduce the amount of responsibilities they've carried and have a bit more time to relax. As her passion for Adventist education hasn't diminished, Jackson also plans to volunteer at the local Adventist elementary school.

One thing Jackson was most pleased to see happen during her tenure at Campion was the reconstruction of Hankins Hall. "I know how much this meant to the older alumni. That building was their whole school," she reflected.

She will be deeply missed by all of the Campion family, but we know she will keep in touch. "I wish only the best for Campion and that the Lord will bless the school with more students and the financial ability to support them. Primarily, I pray the students will come out of academy with a closer walk with God that will stay with them the rest of their lives."

-- Jill Harlow; photo by Bob Jackson

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETINGS 20

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

SABBATH SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

Rocky Mountain Pastors will be at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Traveling through Yellowstone this summer? Join them for worship beginning at 10 a.m. each Sabbath in Old Faithful Lodge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

True Life Community Church » Jerry Nelson, pianist, vocalist, former music director for First Church of the Nazarene in Denver, and producer of the Saturday Nights in the Denver Gospel Music programs will bring his music ministry of gospel piano, singing, and video for the 11 a.m. Sabbath service on **June 23** at True Life Community

Church, held in the Praise Chapel building on June 23 at, [6054 So. Kipling Parkway, Littleton, 80127](#). Nelson will perform a piano duet with Lucille Claridge, age 99, a church pianist from the Littleton Church.

New Freedom to Love: Truth About Love and

Porn » New Freedom to Love is a live, two-day seminar designed to bring educational awareness to the issue of pornography usage in the Christian life. It is presented by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists and features specialized sessions by Erik Steinbakken, Mike Tucker, Bernie Anderson, Celeste Holbrook, and Troy Beans. [Reserve](#) your seat for Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22 at Hensel Phelps Theatre, [701 10th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631](#). Times will vary by session.

Celebrating Life in Recovery » is a 14-week program to guide adults, using a biblical approach, to recovery from addictions of many kinds. Held June 28 through September 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lakewood Fellowship, 8001 W 23rd Avenue, Lakewood. Invite a friend. For more information, contact Tenisha at 970-485-9876.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

H.O.P.E. Prayer Summit » Featuring James Black from NAD Prayer Ministries, this prayer summit will be held September 7-9 at Glacier View Ranch.

Annual RMC Women's Retreat » Heather-Dawn Small, GC Women's Ministry Director will speak at the annual retreat September 28-30 at Glacier View Ranch.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Intermountain Adventist Academy »

Accountant/Administrative Assistant. This is a full time job, and the candidate must have excellent communication skills and prior experience, managing accounting systems. Candidate must also be able to perform basic office managing duties. Salary will be determined by candidate's education and experience. Contact Joel Reyes at jojenbe@gmail.com for more details and job description.

Voice of Prophecy Openings » Full-time Bible School department Assistant. This full-time staff member will operate the *Discover* Distributor Student Record System, manage *Discover* Bible School records, answer telephones and perform general departmental office duties.

Part-Time Bible School Department Assistant. Primary

tasks will include grading correspondence Bible lessons, answering phone calls and general secretarial duties.

Learn more at vop.com/jobs or by contacting Carolina De Paoli at 805-955-7656.

Rocky Mountain Conference » The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time **Maintenance Coordinator**. The Maintenance Coordinator will plan, direct and control the overall maintenance of the facility's physical plant. This position must perform or oversee electrical, plumbing, carpentry, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and other technical tasks. For information regarding duties, qualifications and how to apply, please visit our website at: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-maintenance-coordinator>

HMS Richards Elementary » Located on the campus of Champion Academy, HMS Richards Elementary School is looking for a **part-time preschool teacher** for the upcoming school year, 2018-19. To qualify, you must have teaching certification or a director's license. If you are interested, send your resume to hmsrichardselementary@gmail.com or call 970-667-2427.

Delta School » The Delta school is seeking grades **1–8 teacher** for the 2018-19 school year. To apply, go to the union website: <http://adventisteducation.org/employment/opportunities?category=4> or contact the Rocky Mountain Conference education department.

Vista Ridge Academy » Vista Ridge Academy is seeking a **part-time aide** for our Early Childhood Education program. Candidates must meet state requirements for an Early Childhood preschool teacher. For more information or to find qualifications, contact our Early Childhood Education Director, Sandy Hepp, at shepp@vistaridge.org (303.828.4944).

ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School 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.

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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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- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, *NewsNuggets* will not publish

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- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

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--Editor

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