



NEWS NUGGETS

Friday, June 22, 2018

“Suffer the Little Children ...”

An Appeal From the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America

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As Jesus was preaching in Israel, parents started to bring their young infants for Him to bless. The disciples became frustrated with this and started to push the parents away. Jesus responded with words that ring true today: “Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein” (Luke 18:16-17, KJV).

Recent events in the United States have brought the news of young children being separated from their parents as they cross our borders. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America joins other faith-based groups in expressing concern over these actions, and it is deeply worried when biblical texts are used by those in power to affirm them. We strongly encourage all political parties to quickly seek a joint resolution that will not only bring these separated families back together, but also keep this from ever happening again.


We affirm the right of our government to protect its borders and enforce the law; but it is a moral obligation of this country to protect all who cross our borders.

Romans 13:10 guides us with these words: “Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”

Please join us in praying for the families that are currently separated and fearful for those they love. May they soon find peace and joy in each other’s arms.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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Hundreds of Church Members Attend RMC 2018 Town Halls » An annual series of church gatherings, the

2018 Town Hall meetings attracted hundreds of church members in seven locations throughout Rocky Mountain Conference. In addition to “state of the church” presentations by the Conference leaders, Ed Barnett, Eric Nelson, and George Crumley, this year’s series of gatherings expanded their program by adding six departmental training seminars.



“Our people seemed to appreciate developments within our region and their comments indicated their support of the church programs and progress,” said Ed Barnett, RMC president. The church officers noted that several comments, both during the public gatherings, as well as in one-on-one conversations, expressed positive appraisal of church developments. “We don’t usually hear such comments in public,” said Eric Nelson, RMC VP for administration.

Following several of the Town Halls, Barnett expressed his surprise that “we didn’t get near the attendance we’d like to see. It’s always encouraging to me to get out to all the different parts of our conference.” He added that “openness in the way we are communicating throughout the church and being accountable play a role in lay members’ continuous support of the ministry and mission of our church.”

The Conference leaders were also surprised by how few questions were voiced during the Q&A part of each event. In Barnett’s words, “after we gave the report people were like, ‘Okay, sounds good,’” he said.

Barnett added that it “costs a lot of money for all of us to travel to all these different places, but our Conference bylaws state that we must hold these meetings annually.” The Town Halls have two decades of history and have featured a variety of formats for church leadership interacting with constituents.

In planning next year’s Town Halls, leaders will look at new and more efficient approaches. The way we do this in the future is under consideration, Barnett said. “We are not locked into one format of conducting such events,” Barnett said. Consultations on how this should be accomplished will include using technology as an option. “With some creativity, it will be fun to see all that we come up with,” Barnett added.

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*

This year's Town Halls took place over seven different weekends, with the first gathering on March 17 in Colorado Springs. They continued until June 16 and were held in Casper, Wyoming; Farmington, New Mexico; Loveland, Colorado; South Denver, Colorado; Grand Junction, Colorado; and the 2018 series concluded with the Hispanic Town Hall in Denver.

Much interest was expressed in the positive financial report presented by the Conference. Financial health supports evangelism, Barnett said. "When you are dealing with evangelism and there's a successful evangelistic meeting somewhere else, we get comments, like in Colorado Springs and Grand Junction, asking if similar outreach could also come to their territory. We take these requests very seriously," he stated.

Training sessions presented at the Town Hall meetings included presentations on "Church presence, relevance and mission of hope" by Rajmund Dabrowski; "Making first impressions" by Mickey Mallory; "How to give Bible studies" by Ed Barnett; "Diabetes Undone" by Rick Mautz; as well as "Elder's training" by Eric Nelson; and "Diaconate training" by Doug English.

--Rajmund Dabrowski, text and photo

Campion Teachers Are Trained to Serve in Emergency »

While students were just beginning their summer break, Campion teachers and staff headed back to class. Chris Wolf, of Fort Collins Poudre Fire Authority, instructed teachers in the Federal Emergency Management System's (FEMA) National Incident Management System (NIMS) which also includes the Incident Command System. Campion Academy's campus is being designated as a potential shelter area in the case of a major incident, such as a flood or fire, in which large groups of people need to be evacuated and cared for.



Principal Don Reeder says, "Our staff needed to be trained in order to effectively respond in the event of a disaster and



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know what their roles and responsibilities are. We have the appropriate facilities and we want to be able to support our community in times of need.”

In order to appropriately respond to an incident, each volunteer needs to be aware of the overall plan and respect the chain of command. The teachers learned about how the organizational structure set in place by NIMS can help us to better prepare for and respond to an emergency.

“You can either be part of the solution by following the appropriate procedures, or you may be part of the problem by self-deploying,” said Cathy Kissner, RMC ACS Director.


Following this course, Kissner spoke to the teachers about the role of Adventist Community Services (ACS) in assisting victims of disasters. “We are the state of Colorado’s preferred donations manager in an event that reaches the state level,” she explained. “By getting trained and being involved in donation management, Champion Academy teachers and students can show the love of the Father by meeting the needs of people in the community in a disaster.”

Through this training, Champion Academy has sought to learn from and partner with emergency responders in our area. Our aim is to improve our ability to keep students safe and reach out to help others in the community when they are in need.

-- Jill Harlow; photo by Don Reeder

Kids Get "AMPED" at Boulder Church Vacation Bible School »


Boulder Adventist Church’s Vacation Bible School is well-known as a week of high energy and fun, but this summer exceeded all expectations under the theme “AMPED.” During the week of June 4-8, 36 kids descended upon Vista Ridge Academy in Erie to learn more about what Jesus meant when He said that He came so that we might have “life more abundant” (John 10:10). Each night, kids were encouraged to remember the bottom line from the day. Monday, the story of Joseph taught us to “Live like you know God is with you.” Tuesday, the story of Esther taught us to “Live like God has a plan for you.” Wednesday, the story of the Road to Emmaus taught us to “Live like Jesus is alive.” Thursday, the story of the early church in Acts taught us to “Live like other people matter.” Friday, the story of Paul taught us to “Live like you’re part of a bigger story.”

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The AMPED theme song, “Fully Alive,” was a crowd favorite—engaging both the kids and the many adult volunteers. The nightly snacks, crafts, and obstacle course activity not only served as real-life examples of living fully alive, but tied back to each day’s bottom line as well as the theme for the week. Although the kids were sad to see VBS end, they were excited for Camp Sanitas which is just as much fun and takes place every Saturday morning at Boulder Adventist Church at 11:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School was led by Boulder Church’s endlessly energetic and fun associate pastor Jessyka Albert and a team of dedicated volunteers who spent time setting up, taking down, and leading out over the week.

-- Becky de Oliveira; photo by Jessyka Albert

Littleton VBS Kids Raise Money For

Seeds » Nearly 50 young attendees came to Littleton Adventist Church for a week of Vacation Bible School fun June 5-8. "Shipwrecked" on a deserted island, these 50 kids became castaways and learned the important message that “Jesus Rescues” as they sang songs, participated in skits, science experiments, and games and watched videos.



These castaways were also excited to support a service project called Operation Kid to Kid through World Vision, raising money to buy seeds to help the impoverished in Haiti to grow sustainable crops. The children’s hard work paid off and brought in \$464.

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LifeSource: Evangelism Through Church



Beautification »

An Instagram post from LifeSource Adventist Fellowship recently caught our attention: “This is Bob! He is an amazing volunteer who makes our campus beautiful. He invests hundreds of hours planting flowers and landscaping our

church. For all he does, we at LifeSource are extremely grateful. Thank you, Bob, for being awesome.”

It was three years ago when LifeSource members Bob and Tamara Cummings noticed the thistles and other weeds among the flowerbeds at their church while walking the campus. “That looks terrible,” Tamara commented. Knowing that Bob spent his childhood on a farm growing vegetables and flowers, she said, “You need to get over here and do something about it.”

Although Tamara was still working, Bob was retired and had time to take on a project. He approached Pastor Dany Hernandez with three plans – a \$20,000 plan to make the flower beds look like new-construction landscaping; a \$5,000 plan whose ultimate goal would be the same, but would take much longer to complete; and a \$500 plan, involving planting a mix of perennial wildflowers.

Putting in about 20 hours a week over the last three years, Bob has beautified the LifeSource campus mostly under the \$500 plan. Using bulb donations from a community member and contributing some of his own money, he has planted a variety of grasses, Russian sage, crocus, tulips, lilies, iris, and a mix of native wildflowers including poppies and blue flax.



“I’m just glad it looks better than it did,” Bob says when

asked how the results make him feel.

He sees his efforts as just a part of a whole system of people working to bless the neighborhood. Other church members do so much, but it's not seen. His work just happens to be visual, Bob explains.

"Neighbors appreciate it," Bob comments, "because it helps property values." Not only that, but it has acted as a deterrent to vandalism. Neighbors will speak up when they see something going on that shouldn't.

He has observed people walking their dogs through the campus and families who spread out a picnic lunch in the grass. He likes seeing neighbors enjoy his work. Some neighbors bring their children to the children's classes on Sabbath morning.

Bob's hard work gives a visual invitation to neighbors and testifies to the importance of caring for the church.

-- Carol Bolden; top photo from Instagram by @lafdenver; bottom photo by Carol Bolden

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 S Kipling Parkway, Littleton 80127. Nelson will perform a piano duet with Lucille Claridge, age 99, a church pianist from the Littleton Church.

Montrose Church » A musical program by Don and Donna Mohl will be held Sabbath, **July 7** at 7:30 p.m. This husband and wife team plays a mix of mountain and folk gospel with traditional hymns and new gospel on old-time biblical instruments like bowed psaltery , zither mandolin and dulcimer. CDs and DVDs will be available after the program . For those who wish to contribute, a free-will offering will be taken. All Western Slope churches are urged to attend the program.

New Freedom to Love: Truth About Love and Porn »

Note the following facts: There are 68 million internet search queries for pornography each day.

- The top five porn sites in the world have a combined 17.73 *billion* visits per month (that's 738,750,000 per hour, 12,312,500 per minute, or 205,208 per second).
- 77% of Christian men ages 18-30 view porn at least monthly.
- 30% of pastors report they have visited a pornography site within the last 30 days.
- The average age of exposure to porn in the U.S. is 11 years old and dropping

Pornography use has become rampant across nearly all demographics. It doesn't stop at the church doors, and it doesn't stop at the doors of the family home. Silence and shame on this topic are no longer an option.

New Freedom to Love is a live, 5-part, church-sponsored seminar that opens the subject of pornography up for frank discussion. It provides an educational, holistic look at how pornography affects us bio-chemically, emotionally, and spiritually.

July 21 at 2:00 p.m., Erik Stenbakken, Local NFTL producer and speaker

July 21 at 4:00 p.m., Mike Tucker, Faith for Today and Mad About Marriage speaker

July 22 at 1:00 p.m., Bernie Anderson, pastor, speaker, and coach

July 22 at 3:00 p.m., Dr. Celeste Holbrook, Christian sexologist and speaker

July 22 at 6:00 p.m., Troy Beans, Speaker and Coach

Everyone ages 10 and up is encouraged to reserve a free seat at <http://newfreedomtolove.eventbrite.com>

Celebrating Life in Recovery » is a 14-week program with a biblical approach to guide adults to recovery from addictions of many kinds. Held Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30

p.m., **June 28 through September 27** at Lakewood Fellowship, 8001 W 23rd Avenue, Lakewood.

The gospel principles are integrated with health principles to recover our physical, mental, and spiritual health through God's power. Topics include recovering from drugs and alcohol, controlling anger, finding forgiveness in the unexpected death of children, adultery, and other areas of common struggle. Invite a friend. For more information, contact Tenisha at 970-485-9876.

If you would like to meet Cheri Peters in person, who started "Celebrating Life in Recovery", she will be speaking at **7 p.m. Friday, June 22** at Denver West Church; **11 a.m. Sabbath, June 23** at the Golden Church; and **3 p.m. Sabbath, June 23** at Lakewood Fellowship Church. Cheri will be presenting a new topic at each church, so don't miss out.

Alliance of Prison Ministry Annual Convention 2018

» Enjoy an opportunity for Seventh-day Adventists to network in person, worship, and fellowship with other Adventist prison and jail missionaries, criminal justice professionals, and non-Adventist prison ministry leaders **July 25-28** in Colorado Springs. You will receive "best practices" training and Christ-centered methods in ministering to prisoners, families of prisoners, and former prisoners returning to society. For more information and to register, click on this link:

<https://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.registration.details.aspx?event=502&page=1>

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

La Vida Mission » Have you always wanted to be a missionary? The Navajo Nation is a mission field in your backyard. We are needing a husband/wife team for the boys' dorm for this coming year. This position will include other jobs, of course, such as teaching, maintenance, cook's helper, janitorial, or grounds keeper, etc. If you can come over to the Navajo Nation and help us, please send me an email

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 » The Voice of Prophecy is hiring! This evangelism-focused ministry is looking for two dynamic people to join the Bible School team. Although both full-time positions are similar, the first requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in religion or theology, while the second requires the minimum of an associate's degree. Both the Bible School & Evangelism Assistant Director and the Bible School & Evangelism Bible Worker will provide training, consultation, support and promotion for the Voice of Prophecy *Discover* Bible Schools and Discovery Centers. Learn more and apply at vop.com/jobs.

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 Campion 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.

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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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.

NOTE: Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general

church news stories are also considered for publication.

- 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 posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.

- 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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