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NEWS & NUGGETS



Community Services in Step With Societal Needs »

Judging by written accounts of the church's history, the women of yesterday, those who handcrafted quilts and dispensed food and clothing to the needy, made up the church's original community outreach program. Known as the Dorcas Society, the organization

experienced several name changes and evolved into a program aimed at alleviating all kinds of human suffering. Today, the domestic side is known as Adventist Community Services (ACS).

Activities of Denver's ACS, the modern equivalent of a Dorcas Society, is a story of unending needs, but also of an impressive volume of daily tasks, interfacing with more than 70,000 people annually. They offer basic healthcare, food, emergency clothing and shelter, utility assistance and workforce development.

Drive by their office, located on 1st Avenue in Denver, between 9 a.m. and noon, and you'll see a long line of clients waiting on the sidewalk in order to access the food bank or request other services.

Almost daily, homeless veterans arrive to receive food and toiletries and to shower. Families come at the end of the month when money runs out for food to stretch their grocery budget.

Amanda, a former restaurant worker, discovered ACS following surgery for carpal tunnel. Out of work for six months, she was able to eat because of the services ACS provides. In her native Spanish, Amanda says, "Muy bueno," meaning "Very good" speaking of the program and the staff.

With her groceries being loaded into her car by an assigned shopper and her four-year-old daughter sitting in the shade beside the car, waiting. Sonya explains, "I've been coming for a year. We

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Upcoming Events

NAD Ministerial Convention
June 28

General Conference
July 1

Wyoming Camp Meeting
July 14

Speaker: Jim Ayer, AWR

needed food and my friend told me about this program." She drives all the way from north Denver once a month. [\[more\]](#)

Local Food Bank Honors Volunteers » In a small town



just north of Denver, one food bank is giving away hundreds of thousands of pounds of food. In 2014 alone, the food bank, run out of the Brighton Seventh-day Adventist church, distributed 265,554 pounds of food and are

now projecting over 270,000 pounds for this year.

Originally started in 2010, the church's food bank has almost doubled in the five years since. Charles Blood, a church member and a co-organizer of the service, joined mere months after the food bank began. "I didn't even know it was happening until I happened by the church one night and saw these women unloading food from vans," he said. "I felt sorry for them, unloading in the snow and cold, so I volunteered my truck and my help and that's how I started."

Running every second and fourth Thursday of the month, the food bank usually boasts a long line of people before the doors open at 8 am, some clients arriving as early as 4:30. While the clients wait their turn, a presentation is put on by either the volunteers, the church or the Adventist elementary school, usually dealing with healthy eating or a short devotional.

The food is delivered on Wednesday nights, most of it from the Food Bank of the Rockies, located in northeast Denver. Volunteers come to help unload and prepare the boxes. What makes this food bank special is the volunteers. Many are not members of the Brighton church and are actually clients themselves. Instead of just showing up on Thursday and taking their box of food, many clients volunteer their time to get things ready. [\[more\]](#)



**RMC Pastors
Attend NAD
Ministerial
Convention** »

Forty-five pastors and their families are set to attend the North American Division Ministerial Convention in Austin, Texas, June 28-July 1. A gathering of more than 4,000 pastors, their spouses and children, will offer opportunities to connect with others, receive training and resources, exchange ideas in evangelism while also providing spiritual refreshment through preaching and music.

The convention, under a theme "Called," is taking place just prior to the commencement of the General Conference Session in San Antonio, July 2-11, to allow for those who wish to attend both events.

"As the theme reflects, this will serve as a time of confirmation and encouragement to each pastor of their calling from God to serve Him and his people," says Craig Carr,

RMC ministerial director. The meeting in Austin will offer an opportunity to discuss evangelism plans for 2016 in Denver, with a participation of evangelist Mark Finley and his team. [\[RMCNews\]](#)

Contact: Pastor Don Barnt

Wyoming Town Hall

July 18, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Wyoming Taskforce

July 19, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

July 21, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee

July 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 22

Speakers:

Tom Lemon & Seth Coridan
Begins 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Ends about 10:00 a.m. Sunday

NE Colorado Camp Meeting

July 24

Speaker:

Merlin Burt, White Estate
Contact: Pastor Michael Goetz

Christian Adventure Outpost

July 29

Speakers:

Ed Barnett, Craig Carr
Contact: Pastor Bruce Aalborg

Teacher Convention

August 3

Korean Camp Meeting

August 6

Contact: George Hahn, 303-756-2809

Conference Staff Meeting

August 11, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

RMC Property & Trust

Committee

August 11, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Opening of Mile High

Academy

August 16, 1-4 p.m.

GVR Board

August 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 27-29, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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'Nothing Is Impossible' is Theme of the Colorado Family Retreat » For the seventh-time time, a Colorado Family Retreat is being organized at the Eden Valley Institute, west of

Loveland, July 29-August 1, focusing on reconnecting people with Christ, for both families and individuals alike. According to Amanda Plank, a spokesperson for the organizers, the speakers and messages are designed to impact regardless of age, relationship status or socioeconomic background. "The theme is 'Nothing is Impossible,'" she explained.

This year's speakers are Tom and Alane Waters and Paul and Carolyn Rayne (along with their children, Caleb and Hannah) of Restoration International. In addition to the scheduled messages, the speakers host breakout sessions and are available for one-on-one, couple, or family counseling sessions. It is a first-come, first-served basis so if you're interested, contact the speakers ASAP!

Christ-centered song services will begin each meeting, led out by the children and youth. Encourage your young ones to join and sing out for Christ! You can also sign your family up to perform a special music, which is also first-come, first-served. Bring your instruments and sign up fast. In the free time, check out the hiking trails, zip line or participate in the family freeze tag in the afternoons. Registration is FREE and the only charges would be for meals and lodging, if you so desire. More information here: [FAQs](#), [registration](#), and [daily schedule](#).

News from the General Conference Session to your email box » *NewsNuggets* will be bringing to you news from the world church session in San Antonio, Texas. We will partner with a sister e-newsletter, *myOUTLOOK* from Mid-America Union. "OUTLOOK is creating an attractive e-newsletter that will include daily summaries of events, stories and photos from San Antonio," says Brenda Dickerson, MAU communication director, *OUTLOOK* editor. Sign up yourself and help our constituents stay in the loop by forwarding sign-up link to any of your contacts you think would be interested: <http://eepurl.com/bq1-c4v>. It only takes a minute.
[RMCNews]

The Healing Place Event Changes » Organizers of The Healing Place event at Woodland Park have provided us with the following changes: Michael Charles will speak at 9:30 and 11 a.m. on June 27. His afternoon presentation is cancelled. Michael Charles cooking demo is at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 28.

NE Colorado Camp Meeting Takes Place at Champion Academy Campus » "The Mission of Adventism and the Prophetic Writings" will be shared by Merlin Burt at NE Colorado camp meeting on the Champion Academy campus July 24-25. Burt is a professor of church history at Andrews University Theological Seminary, director of the Center for Adventist Research (CAR), and director of the White Estate branch office. The weekend begins at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School, 11 a.m. worship service and 7 p.m. final meeting. For more information and to reserve campsites, call 970-667-7403 or email office@championchurch.org

Men's Advance Coming in September » Tom Lemon,

MAUC president, will speak at the Men's Advance coming September 11-13 at Waunita Hot Springs east of Gunnison. Dave Phillips will lead a Jeep trip Friday evening that ends at the Springs. For more information, contact Wayne Oldham at 970-209-7911 or email woldham170@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunity at ACS » Adventist Community Services has an immediate opening for a part-time (14hrs/week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.) **Certified Medical Assistant** at its Denver location. The Certified Medical Assistant promotes the optimal health, well-being and safety of the patient in accordance with patient care standards. Bilingual (English and Spanish) is preferred. For a complete job description and application, please visit <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-pr-certified-medical-assistant>. For more information about ACS and its ministries, please visit <https://www.acslift.org/>.

Pre-Camp Meeting Sale at Adventist Book Center » Adventist Book Center in Denver will be offering Camp Meeting sale prices for one day at its store at 2520 S Downing Street from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, Sunday July 5. All Worthington, Loma Linda and Caroline's foods are on sale. Once again they are offering a special on quantity cases -- \$21 for 7 cases and \$42 for 13 cases. Stock up on all the products many of us know and love. Look for our summer catalog in the mail with many other items on sale that day and all through the summer.

Upcoming Concerts:

June 30 -- Tuesday

JJ Heller, 6 p.m. June 30, Glacier View Ranch -- FREE

August 1 -- Sabbath

Heritage, 7 p.m. LifeSource Fellowship -- FREE

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