New Downtown Church Partners with Park Hill Church for Worship and Community Outreach

Newday Adventist Church in Parker is just two weeks away from officially launching their second location in downtown Denver. The 40 church members, who make up the core team, have been learning about what ministry in an urban context looks like. Their primary teachers were other churches in the area for years serving their communities. One such church is the Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, a primarily African-American congregation in the Park Hill community.

On Sabbath, March 3, Newday Denver and Park Hill had a joint worship service at Park Hill’s location. They formed a blended choir and worship team, and members from both churches were represented in the service. They talked about issues of injustice, and what it means to love our neighbors. Pastors Robert Davis from Park Hill, and Dave Kennedy from Newday team, jointly taught a sermon based on Jesus’ story about the Good Samaritan. After a lively worship service, the two churches enjoyed a fellowship lunch together.

A feature of the Sabbath was an after-lunch mission outreach with members from both churches going out into the Five Points neighborhood in small groups. They went door to door and prayed with people. Members of the Park Hill Church were partnered with members of Newday to train...
them on this form of urban ministry. Some 50 people took part in the outreach, with about 25 from Newday, and Park Hill each. After their time in the community, members gathered at Newday’s church to debrief their experience. Members from both churches shared exciting stories about the people they encountered, and the positive experiences they had reaching out to the community together.

Pastor Dave Kennedy, who was partnered together with Jeff Harris, an elder from Park Hill, shared during the debrief how good it is to work together in a community that for the most part is racially segregated. “We are people with good news,” he commented. “What we just did in working together to reach our community gives credibility to the gospel, and the church.”

Newday Denver is located at 2222 Marion Street in Denver. They officially launch their Sabbath services on March 31 at 4:00 pm. For more information, go to www.newdaysda.com.

--RMCNews with Dave Kennedy; photo courtesy of Dave Kennedy

**Kaleo Project Responds to La Vida Mission Needs**

Their journey to La Vida Mission, an RMC church and school in northwestern New Mexico, began March 4 with a temporary breakdown in Castle Rock, a blustery trip down I-25 and a blizzard as they drove over Cumbres Pass.

Undaunted, the group of nine young volunteer missionaries with RMC’s Kaleo Project eagerly blessed the Indian population at the mission through a variety of service projects and sharing.

The original plan was to take the students to Mexico City where they would work at a school to rebuild the music building damaged in the two recent earthquakes, according to Kaleo Project director, Shannon Werner, but because of parent concerns about safety and lodging logistics in Mexico City, that trip was cancelled. Leaders came up with Plan B, but without the time to promote the new destination and with area academies doing their own mission trips (Campion Academy took youth to Belize during this time), the trip was much smaller than the 30 or so students they previously took to the
Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Hawaii and other destinations.

Although they had requests from other parts of the world, the Kaleo Project leadership chose to bless La Vida Mission, a self-supporting missionary endeavor with an historic, supportive partnership with the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Since both the boy’s and girl's dormitory decks were sagging, they pitched in to rebuild them, using new materials they purchased for the mission and installing joists to replace the sagging ones in cold, 15-degree weather. Chuck Henry, an adult sponsor, spoke with La Vida’s project manager to ask him what tools he should bring for the projects they would be working on. “Pray over your tools and see what God would have you bring,” he was told. He brought them all.

During the evening, students preached an evangelistic series attended by the students and staff of La Vida Mission, along with a few of the locals. Having preached just once before during the Hawaiian mission trip in 2017, Brook Henry, and others, gave presentations on creation, salvation, the gospel health, and the state of the dead. A children’s program was held at the same time as the evangelistic series.

Kean Jagitsch, one of the youth on the mission trip was excited about the trip because he wants "to someday be involved in Native American ministry."

Taking advantage of the location, the group visited Chaco Canyon, a former center of culture for the Ancient Pueblo Peoples, to see the ruins and petroglyphs left by the Chacoans. Scientists believe that many of their buildings may have been aligned to capture the solar and lunar cycles which required generations of astronomical observations and centuries of skillful building.

On the last day of the mission trip, March 11, the group traveled to Pagosa Springs where they enjoyed the river and the hot springs, jumping into the cold water of the river when the hot springs became too hot and then returning to the springs to warm up.

-- Carol Bolden; photos by Shannon Werner

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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 personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.
Castle Rock Young Adults Practice "Church Ownership"  »  Ministry to youth and young adults in their local context, and creating an environment for connecting with God and other peers was at the center of a one-day young adult rally hosted by the Castle Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church plant, March 10.

Anil Kanda, director of senior youth and young adult ministries for Central California Conference, shared messages with more than 50 young adults entitled, “Conqueror: The Heart of God.” Kanda explored the lives of Jacob, Joshua, and David to pinpoint factors that lead to spiritual victory in our own lives.

“That was amazing,” reflected a young father. “I never experienced this kind of togetherness with other young adults back home,” shared a new Colorado resident.

It was “more than just creating an environment for connecting with God and other peers. This rally was about modeling something bigger,” reported Godfrey Miranda, Castle Rock Church plant pastor. He added that “while the event started out as the idea of the RMC Youth Department, in the end, the ownership was felt by the local church and its young adults.” Miranda acknowledged the blessing of having “conference support to spark momentum for efforts on the local level.”

Commenting on the primary goal of the youth ministry throughout RMC, Steve Hamilton, director, commented that the department “isn’t to do the work of ministry for churches.” Rather, maximum impact happens “when we can empower churches to minister to youth and young adults in their local context.”

That kind of impact happens not just when a conference empowers a church, but also when a church empowers its younger generation, Hamilton explains. What our 20-and-30-somethings need most is a community of faith that leans on them “to make significant kingdom impact, entrusting them with meaningful responsibility, so it becomes church,” he says, referencing the impact of the Castle Rock rally.
Not just attending the rally inspired Brent Learned, a Castle Rock young adult, but helping plan the event. Explaining his involvement, he said, “I have seen many young people walk right out the back door of their parents’ churches because they never had the opportunity to own the church themselves and be personally invested in its vision and mission.”

“I get to lead the change away from apathy and toward growth for me personally and for the church.”

The Castle Rock Church launched in April 2017 with a handful of committed families and has become the church home for nearly twenty households. According to Miranda, the church exists to make passionate followers of Christ who SEEK God, SHARE life, and SERVE the world.

--RMCNews with Godfrey Miranda, photo courtesy of Godfrey Miranda

Jonathan Leonardo Brings The Love Reality Tour to Rocky Mountain Conference » Geared toward our youth, yet cross-generational in nature, The Love Reality Tour is coming to the Greeley and Grand Junction churches in April. A native of the Dominican Republic, and currently serving out of Nashville and Honolulu, speaker Jonathan Leonardo believes you can revolutionize your walk with Jesus during this journey through the Gospel.

“So many people today are looking for love,” says Kiefer Dooley, assistant youth director for Rocky Mountain Conference. “They feel an emptiness in their heart, but can’t find anything to fill the void. They have trouble identifying their value, purpose, and worth.” Leonardo’s powerful worship and transformational messages can change that.

“His love is stronger than death,” exclaims Leonardo. “It is a love that will cast out sin.”

“The Love Principal is what really grabbed me,” said one man who attended the tour.

“If you are interested in understanding the depth of who God is, we have to take a look at love itself,” asserts Leonardo.

Youth, other church members, townspeople, anyone interested are invited to attend. Marketing is a grass-roots effort with church youth inviting their friends. The youth department will target the event and provide promotional material on Facebook and youth groups will pass out invitation cards door-to-door.

The two-part series focuses first on the basics of our 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.

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identity and who we are because of Jesus, followed by how our new understanding of our identity informs our beliefs. “The messages impacted my life in terms of my confidence in the gospel message and what that looks like for me to apply it on a day-to-day basis,” says Dooley. “It’s freeing.” He continues, “Jesus’ sacrifice defeated sin for us and it makes surrendering almost effortless. “It’s a complete perspective shift.”

The messages will give a fresh way to look at the gospel, energize membership, and create more engaged youth. The tour could produce a revival in the church.

The Greeley Tour will take place April 6-14 at the Greeley Church, 1002 21st Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631.

The Grand Junction Tour will take place April 18-21 at the Grand Junction Church, 550 25 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505.

To see a promotional video for the tour, go to www.facebook.com/rmcyouth or to www.theloverealitytour.com

-- Carol Bolden

Vista Ridge Academy Hosts The Town of Erie Candidates Forum » Vista Ridge Academy hosted the Town of Erie Candidates Forum presented by the Erie Chamber of Commerce and moderated by the League of Women Voters on March 8.

The Erie community was invited to meet and listen to the candidates for the upcoming Town of Erie mayoral and Board of Trustees election on April 3.

Erie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Elle Cabbage, and Administrative Assistant, Cory Thompson, organized the event. “This was the largest one that we ever had and it was the best planned out [forum], and I attribute that to the student ambassadors of Vista Ridge Academy and all their staff. We could never have done this event without all their help, and we are appreciative to all of them,” said Cabbage.
When asked why the forum is important, Cabbage replied, “It is always important for the people in any community to take part in their elections, and I think a lot of people, with our count close to 300, came out tonight to find out more about what is happening in our community.”

-- Text and photo by Marsha Bartulec

**Franktown Women's Ministry Group Assembles Newborn Care Packages**

Franktown Women's Ministry ladies assembled 104 newborn care packages March 4 and delivered them to Castle Rock and Parker Adventist hospitals later that week.

Containing receiving blankets, diapers, onesies, sleepers, A&D ointment, baby body wash or shampoo, items needed by a newborn, the packages blessed 104 mothers and babies in need in Douglas County.

Even before the bundles could be unloaded, one nurse already had someone in mind who needed these supplies.

-- RMCNews; photo by Rick Rosica

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Save the date! The Rocky Mountain Conference Music Festival is March 22-24. Students from across our conference will join together for music clinics on Thursday and Friday in preparation for a sacred and secular concert on March 24.

The festival will highlight choral, orchestra, and handbell music under the direction of three local clinicians. Clinton Anderson, Assistant Music Teacher at HMS Richards Jr. School, will direct our Festival Choir. Miki Shockley, Director of Amadeo Music School in Loveland, returns to direct the Handbells, and Yves Clouzet, Music Director at Campion Academy and Festival Organizer, will direct the Strings Orchestra.

Sabbath morning church service and sacred concert takes
place at 11:00 a.m. in the Campion Academy gym. The secular concert will begin immediately following vespers that evening at 7:00 p.m.

A special addition to this year’s festival is a Sabbath afternoon concert by violinist, Jaime Jorge. Jaime travels the world sharing the ministry of music and will perform at 2:30 p.m. in the Campion Church.

The Rocky Mountain Conference Music Festival is a highlight for many of our students across the conference. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of our concerts on March 24.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In Memoriam**  » A former RMC pastor, Gideon A. Haas, 99, passed away March 11. A minister to numerous churches in the United States and overseas, in 1974 his last pastorate was in Longmont where he retired in 1980.

Both the visitation and funeral service will be at the Longmont Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1712 Mountain View Avenue on Saturday, March 17. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. with the Funeral Service starting at 3 p.m.

Interment will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 19, at Foothills Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Contributions can be made to Union College and sent in care of Ahlberg Funeral Chapel.


**Yellowstone National Park Sabbath Services**  » Join us for worship at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Led by Rocky Mountain Conference pastors, the services begin at 10 a.m. in Old Faithful Lodge.

**Fire Rekindled 2018**  » The Golden, Lakewood, and Denver West churches join together to present Fire Rekindled 2018. These meetings begin March 16 and continue through April 27. For more information about speakers and dates, call or text 970-485-3613 or visit www.goldencosda.org

**Denver West Church**: 290 S Quitman Street, Denver 80219.

**Lakewood Church**: 8001 W 23rd Ave, Lakewood 80214.
Golden Church: 3101 S Golden Rd, Golden 80401.

Scott Michael Bennett in Concert  
Scott Michael Bennett will be presenting a concert at two churches:  
Denver South Church at 7:00 p.m., March 16  
Campion Church at 6:30 p.m. March 17

Scott and his wife Heather have been involved in Christian music ministry since 2008. He has made appearances on 3ABN and the Hope Channel. You can also hear his beautiful music on Youtube. This is an evening you won’t want to miss. A free will offering will be taken.

Jaime Jorge, a world-class violinist, will be performing at the Campion Church at 2:30 p.m. on March 24. Born in Cuba and raised in a communist country, Jaime has a passion for proclaiming the gospel through his music. His gift of musical interpretation brings new life and excitement to every song. You will be inspired by his music and blessed as he shares his testimony.

Save these dates for a diabetes prevention and reversal program presented at the Twin Peaks Adventist Church 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville CO 80027.

Sunday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. to Noon  
Monday, March 26 through April 23, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

*The $149 registration fee includes:

- Media presentations by Dr. Wes Youngberg, author of Goodbye Diabetes, and dietician Brenda Davis, author of Defeating Diabetes
- Plant to Plate cookbook
- Workbook and handouts
- Online extended education
- Glucometer and Hemoglobin A1C test
- Plant-based food recipes and sampling
- 8 Laws to a Better, Longer Life DVD

*Early bird registration fee is $139 if completed by March 11. Registration closes March 18. Program size is limited to 10 persons and their spouses. Contact Rosemary Cook 303-
465-4010 for more information and to reserve your spot for a new lease on life.

Children's Ministries Certification and VBX Training in Brighton . . . in Grand Junction » Join us for Child Evangelism Track 3 held at 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. Friday, **March 16** and 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, **March 17**.

This will be a weekend filled with learning and so much Jesus. Tracks will be taught in both Spanish and English at Brighton Church, 567 E Bromley Lane, Brighton CO 80601-3249. Register at rmcyouth.org/children or email Patty Rivera at pattyr@rmcsda.org, 303-910-1614. Registration deadline is March 7.

Join us for Children's Ministry Certification Track 2 held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, **April 28** at the Grand Junction Church, Taught in both English and Spanish, this training will cover Track 2 of the Children's Ministries certification. Grand Junction Church is located at 550 25 1/2 Road, Grand Junction CO 81505-6122. Register at rmcyouth.org/children or email Patty Rivera at pattyr@rmcsda.org, 303-910-1614. Registration deadline, **April 19**.

The Journey to the Cross and Beyond » Coming **March 31** from 1 to 6 p.m., The Journey to the Cross and Beyond is an important outreach which will lead into evangelistic meetings. Our community is waiting to be invited to know more about Jesus. You can do three things to help
make this major event a success:
Pray for its success and that people will be drawn closer to Jesus.
Bring your neighbors, family, and friends. It will not be an effective outreach without guests.
Get involved yourself. There are still plenty of positions that need to be filled. Some are behind the scenes and some up-front where the fun is. To get involved, contact Dick Stenbakken at 970-667-0866 or any of the Campion Church pastoral staff.

Academy Days at Campion

Academy Days at Campion is designed to give prospective students in grades 7-11 the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make new friends and "get a feel" for academy life.
Academy Days 2018 is scheduled for **April 13 and 14**. Under the theme “**The Ultimate Treasure**” visiting students will enjoy a Ninja Warrior Course, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food.

To register for Academy Days, go to www.campion.net.

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**Denver South Church Spring Concert**  » Denver South Church will present a spring concert on **April 21**. This dynamic and biblical choir/orchestra/drama program is an outreach to the community. Singers, instrumentalists, dramatists, ushers, greeters, prayer-givers and others are welcome to participate, Contact Missy Wherley at 720-985-8949 or branchofthevine@gmail.com to get involved.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Fort Collins Christian School »** The Fort Collins Christian School will start a state-licensed Preschool (ages 3-5) and is seeking a part-time preschool teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Candidates with a Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Special Education, Family and Child Development, Child Psychology, or an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education will be considered. If you are interested in this position, please contact Keiko Breese at keikonagasawa821@gmail.com or call her at 970-222-6347 for more information.

**Mile High Academy ESL Teacher Needed at 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](http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish)

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org for questions or to submit
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.

Glacier View Ranch » has the following employment opportunity available:

Support Personnel position. This is a part-time (28 hours/week) position with housing provided on site. The employee will perform a variety of tasks, assisting in multiple operational functions around the Ranch. For a full description of duties, including physical demands and working conditions, please review the job description on our website at http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-gyrsupportpersonnel where you will also find information on how to apply.

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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.
- 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.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines, see: [http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/](http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/)

--Editor

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Members can follow the link to sign up for weekly news and to keep up-to-date on what's happening around the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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