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"Speak Up. Don't Give Up!" Adventist NAD Leaders Challenge Young Adults of Facebook »

As participants of the "Is this thing on?" conversation with leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD) were filing out from a portable studio at Union College, their reaction was contained in one word: awesome.

A nearly two-hour live program streamed on Facebook on Tuesday evening, March 14, brought nearly 40 representatives from Adventist universities and colleges in North America, including members of the Adventist Collegiate Association. They made Dan Jackson and Alex Bryant, president and executive secretary, respectively, of the Seventh-day Adventist, become vulnerable to an unscripted Q and A about life and issues in their church.



Commenting for NewsNuggets minutes before the show, Dan Jackson said that his objective was to "open up openness between administrators and church leaders and young adults."

He added that what was important was to have a direct and "intentional dialogue with that group in the church that is absolutely essential to the well-being of the church."

The conversation attracted Facebook users from around North-America and internationally, including Europe, South and Central America, and even Asia, and attracted nearly 300,000 likes on Facebook. Reactions, including questions submitted to Jackson and Bryant, were also posted on Twitter on #NADnow.

"This was a social media event," said Daniel Weber,

Friday, March 17, 2017



The vernal equinox occurs on March 20 at 6:29 a.m. and signals the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere!

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producer of the show and communication director of NAD. The show received so many questions that “we could go on for much, much longer,” said one of the NAD social media experts.

The NAD communication department said that 1,300 comments and questions were logged on Facebook, and the #NADnow trended in second position on Twitter.

If you watched the show, you would have learned personal details of both leaders, something that is often hidden from public knowledge, and falls behind an image of seriousness that is usually attributed to church leaders. So, we heard that Roy Orbison was a favorite singer for Dan Jackson, his favorite sacred hymn is “And Can it Be”, and his comment about playing drums ended with an invitation to join the accompanying band on stage.

Alex Bryant, who grew up on a farm with chickens and pigs, has skydiving on his bucket list, enjoys gospel music, and on the first day of their working together, he impressed Jackson as “a man [who] is loyal to God, and a man of his word.”

The menu of topics raised during the “Is this thing on?” program included questions and comments about racism in the church, continuity of regional conferences, ordination of women, issues in supporting educational institutions, recognizing churches as safe spaces for all, including the LGBTQ community, and the engagement of young people in the mission of the church in the communities they live in. These topics, and much more can be viewed on <https://www.facebook.com/NADAdventist/>



In his concluding remarks Jackson was passionate in encouraging young adults to recognize their ownership of the church, and their reaching out into the world. “How can we touch people where they are actually at? We can’t use the same old and same old [methods],” Jackson said.

“I never get discouraged about the future of the Seventh-day Adventist Church when I am around young people. I just get discouraged when I am around people my age.”

“You are the church. Assert yourself in a kind and godly way



Upcoming Events

RMC Kaleo Mission Trip

March 9 - 20

Hispanic Women's Ministry Certification

March 17, 6 a.m. to

March 18, 6 p.m.

Executive Committee

March 21, 8 a.m. - Noon

Hispanic Children's Ministry Certification

March 31, 6 a.m. to

April 1, 6 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting SE CO

April 1 -- Colorado Spr Central

Town Hall Meeting Denver Metro

April 2 -- LifeSource Church

Staff Meeting

April 4, 8 a.m.

Women's Ministry Leadership Certification, Level One

April 7, 8 a.m. - April 8, 6 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting NW CO

April 8 -- Gr Jcnctn Church

Town Hall Meeting SW CO

April 9 -- Pinon Hills Church

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and get involved. Speak up, don't walk away. God did not call my generation to finish His work. He called your generation [to complete God's task]," he stated.

"Malaise of the church is silence ... and giving up," Jackson continued.

Alex Bryant added, "My hope is in you guys. You have begun to peel away the traditions of the church from the essence of the church. The essence of who we are is on point. What is our mission? Who should be among us in fellowship? You have challenged us. Do not [allow] your voices to be silenced," Alex Bryant added.

Organizers say that plans are underway to hold another "Is this thing on?" conversation in the Fall. In the interim, the leadership has indicated that some of the issues raised by students will be addressed by the church.

[Text and photos by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Logan County Seventh-day Adventist Churches Donate Toward Recovery Efforts in Wildfire »

The large brush fire in Logan County continues to burn with gusts up to 60 mph and very dry conditions encouraging its growth. Four homes were totally destroyed and 200 head of cattle were lost, but no deaths have been reported. As much as 35,000 acres have burned.



Rocky Mountain Conference ACS Coordinator Cathy Kissner spoke with Pastor Rex Bell who reported all churches in his district safe and all church members accounted for. Each of his five churches is donating money to help with the recovery process.

While seven fire engines were used to knock down hot spots and flare-ups and as many as 120 firefighters were on the scene, Adventist Community Services has not been called to help with recovery efforts.

[RMCNewsNuggets; photo courtesy of NewsOK.com]

He's My God Now » Growing up in the Adventist Church, God was never real to me until I was involved in the summer



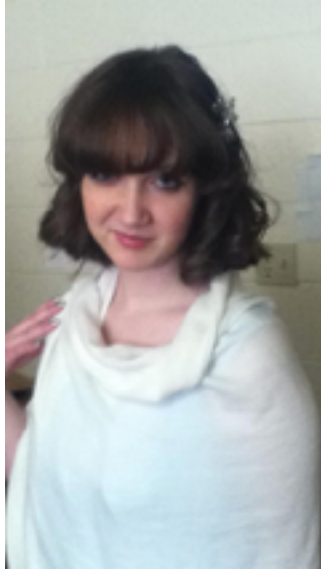
Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

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 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.**

literature evangelist (LE) ministry. At the beginning of the summer, I felt as though I didn't belong. God felt so far away even though I knew about Him. The choices I'd made in my life were too wrong, I felt, and created a distance between God and me. Most of the other LEs were so spiritual, I felt like I should just give up and go home, but I'd made a commitment



to stay and work.

Pastor Joe, the LE Director, gave us Bible studies to do, but I planned not to do them. Later, when I had nothing else to do, I worked on a few, but they didn't mean much to me. I went to the worships, but they never truly convicted me.

At a door one day, a man asked me about one of the topics we'd recently covered in our worship -- the 144,000 -- and I gave him my personal

understanding of it. After that incident, I read and read, trying to understand what it meant. I gained a slightly clearer explanation, but it didn't make a difference in my spiritual life.

Later that week, Pastor Joe (Martin) was giving an end-of-week worship. I didn't normally pay a lot of attention and I was tired from walking all day. Trying to fight the urge to fall asleep, I actually tuned in to what Pastor Joe was saying. I immediately sat up straighter when he talked about how we doubt God, but we don't doubt the devil, how we treat God like something we only need to pick up when we want something or when life is going badly, but we throw Him away when life is good.

I knew exactly what he was talking about. That's exactly what I'd been doing my whole life. I had never truly trusted God in anything and I only prayed in church, worships, and when I needed help with something. Pastor Joe continued talking and with each word, I gained conviction in my heart that I needed to stop pushing God away. I had always been searching for something more in this life and I suddenly realized it was God's love.

At the end of his talk that night, Pastor Joe gave an appeal asking us to accept Jesus into our lives and hearts. Silently, I prayed with sincere heartbreak and conviction and repentance to have Jesus come into my heart and be my Savior. A peace fell over me and I knew in my heart that my life had changed. At home that night, I worked on the Bible studies with renewed conviction because I wanted to know more.

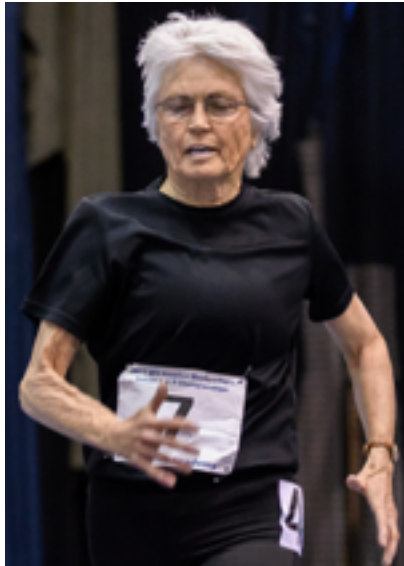
A few days later, after recovering sufficiently from a migraine that kept me out of work that day, I had the opportunity to talk to Joe about the mission trip I'd experienced and all the

baptisms that took place. When the conversation turned to Bible studies, I asked him what kind of Bible study he would give someone like me who had grown up in the church.

"I'm glad you asked," he responded, "because I've been feeling like I should ask if I could baptize you." For the first time in my life, I felt the need to be baptized to show my newfound desire to follow Christ in all things.

I'm not perfect, but Christ is working in me. Last summer, God became real to me, Pastor Joe gave me Bible studies, and I was baptized.

[Sara Roberts; photo courtesy of Facebook]



76-Year-Old Woman Becomes One of Fastest Sprinters in World »

Mary Smith of Colorado Springs has only been running track for about seven years. Even so, she placed first in the world in her age category--75-79 in a 400 meter race in Albuquerque, New Mexico, running a 5:45 minute/mile pace in 86 seconds.

She attributes her ability to run so fast to eating a plant-based diet and training hard and gives God all the glory for allowing her to stay active. Living in Colorado Springs, she has had to train in all kinds of weather. "The best part of running," says Mary, "is when I cross the finish line."

[Text and photo by June Cohen]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Arthur V Chadwick Videos » Southwestern Adventist University biology/geology professor, Dr. Arthur Chadwick, spoke on creation topics at at The Adventure Church during February. You can enjoy the final follow-up video at Kress Thjeatre:

7 p.m., Wednesday, March 22: *Master Designer: The Song*
Light vegetarian snacks served after the showing. Kress Theatre is located at 817 8th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631.
970-515-5717

Mile High Academy Kids' University Summer Camps »

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Join us for an amazing experience at three different locations at 7 p.m. Fridays, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sabbaths, **March 10 through April 22** at the Golden Church (March) and Denver West Church (April) or at 3 p.m. at Lakewood Fellowship (March and April). Come for Bible-based messages, kids' programs, music and more!

The Colorado Chorale Collaborates with Denver Pro Chorale »

Greek treasures conjure up the thought of the Acropolis, toga-wearing gods and goddesses, the black sands of Santorini and sunshine glistening off the crystal blue water. But what about the music? The Colorado Chorale presents a concert featuring Greek music and composers. Join us on **March 19** as we collaborate with the Denver Pro Chorale, leaving you with the enticing and hauntingly stoic sounds of ancient and modern Greece. Tickets: \$17; Seniors \$15; 21 years and under Free Group discounts available. Concert Location: Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2675 S Downing Street, Denver CO 80210.

Prophecy Seminar » Aurora First Church will hold a Prophecy Seminar on the books of Daniel and Revelation at 7 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning **March 19** and continuing through May 30. Aurora First Church is located at 11400 E Mississippi Avenue, Aurora CO 80012. All are welcome!

Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program »

The Durango Church is holding a depression and anxiety treatment program which offers non-drug solutions designed to combat depression through improving energy levels, sleep quality, mood, relationships and emotional intelligence. The **eight-week program continues through March 20** at the

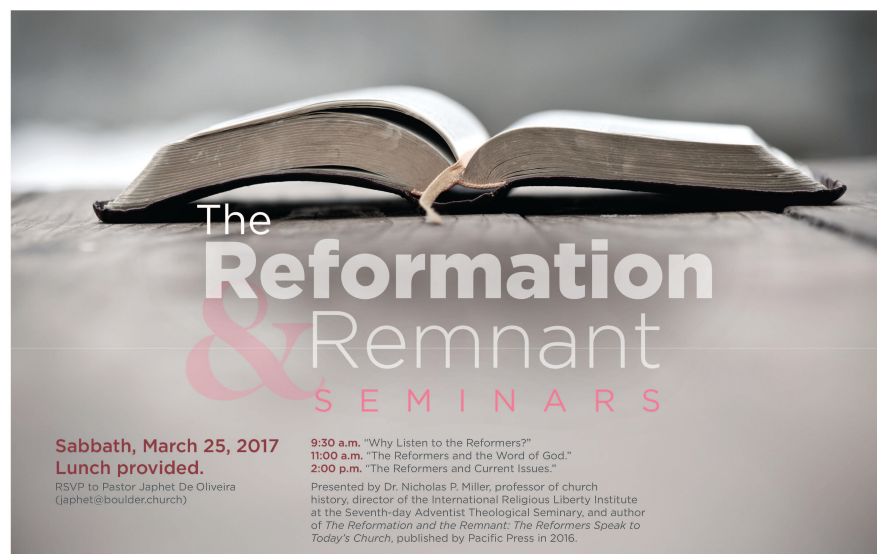
church, 1775 Florida Road. For more information, call Marley at 970-749-1860.

ADU Denver Healthcare Education Expo » Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) Denver is hosting their Healthcare Education Expo on Wednesday, **March 22**, from 4-7 p.m. On-campus programs offered include BS Nursing, BS Sonography, and AS Radiography. You'll be able to find out more about our programs, meet faculty, talk to current students, and tour the labs. RSVP at adu.edu/Denver.

Coming to Littleton Church » Chad and Fadia Kreuzer of ANCHOR POINT FILMS present *TRANSFORMED BRAIN: TRANSFORMED LIFE: Science, Health and Spiritual Principles to Better Health and a Better Life*.
7 p.m. Thursday, **March 23**, *Science, The Brain and The Bible*
7 p.m. Friday, March 24, *Media, The Brain and Overcoming*
11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, *Overcoming*
4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, *Transformed Life*
The Littleton Church is located at 7400 S Windemere Street, Littleton, CO 80120.

Vista Fellowship » Vista Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship is conducting a Prophecy Series presented by David Steward of Amazing Facts. Meetings are held Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at 6 p.m., **March 24 through April 22** at 701 Kimbark Street, Longmont. For more information, contact Tim Jones at timj@rmcsda.org.

Reformation and Remnant Seminars »



The Reformation and Remnant Seminars will be hosted at Boulder Adventist Church on **March 25**. Dr Nicholas P. Miller, Professor of Church History and Director, International Religious Liberty Institute at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary will be presenting three sessions. During worship at 9:30 am "Why Listen to the Reformers?"

Hebrews 12:1-2. Followed after at 11:00 am “The Reformers and the Word of God” and closing off in the afternoon at 2:00 pm with “The Reformers and Current Issues”. Please RSVP directly to Pastor Japhet De Oliveira (japhet@boulder.church) so we can plan for lunch. We would recommend you buy his book and read it in advance - *The Reformation and the Remnant: the Reformers Speak to Today's Church*, Pacific Press, 2016

Safety Sabbath and Your Church » Your church is invited to join other churches in the North American Division and Adventist Risk Management, Inc. in making Adventist churches secure by holding a safety drill. Schedule Safety Sabbath for **March 25** on your church calendar. Register your church to hold an Active Shooter or Fire Drill and access free videos, guides, children's activity sheets, and more emergency planning resources at SafetySabbath.com. Once you register, you will receive free Safety Sabbath 2017 resources.



It's April Fool's!

Let's break the rules!
We know it might be late,
But trust us, it's worth the wait.
So take a Sabbath afternoon nap,
And then eat a snack!
Join us for a late meal,
You won't want to miss out on this fun deal!
Join us for

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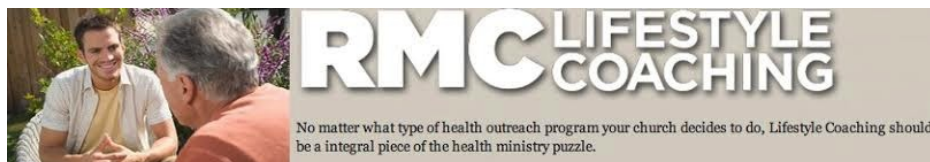
Saturday night, April 1st at 6:30 pm beginning with a special mission trip worship!
Brighton Church Annex
Kindly RSVP by March 25 to Tammy at [303-659-1999](tel:303-659-1999) or
Melissa at baabilling@gmail.com
Proceeds to benefit BAA Worthy Student

VBX Training 2017 » You're invited to the RMC's VBX training from 2-3 p.m., **April 1** at Denver South Hispanic Church. Learn the details of the new theme, *Cactusville: Where Kids are Called to Follow Jesus*. Please RSVP to Patty Rivera by March 15 at rivera710@msn.com. The church is located at 2005 S Lincoln Street, Denver 80210.



Women's Ministries Leadership Certification » Women are invited to attend a Level One Leadership Certification Seminar beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, **April 7**, and continuing from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sabbath, April 8 at the Rocky Mountain Conference Office Meeting Room, 2520 S. Downing Street. Carla Baker, Women's Ministries Director for the North American Division will conduct this seminar along with her team. Two meals will be provided on Sabbath. Any woman desiring to enhance leadership in ministry should attend. It will include a series of sessions on subjects such as "Principles of Effective Leadership", "Visioning and Goal Setting" and more. Each woman completing the seminar will receive a certificate. There is no charge to attend. You are responsible for your own lodging. Registration is essential. Contact Ginger Bell at 720-980-9006 or rexngingerbell@msn.com by March 31.

Castle Rock Church Plant VisionVespers » As the new Castle Rock church plant is preparing for its opening Sabbath, **April 8**, God is placing a burden on people's hearts to be part of this mission adventure in some way. All are welcome to join us for the last of our pre-launch monthly Vision Vespers--6-7:30 p.m. Sabbath, March 18, at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital (Gateway Mesa Conference Room). VisionVespers is a time for worship, prayer, and visioning as we share plans and dreams for the Castle Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church. You'll have a chance to give feedback, ask questions, and meet others interested in being part of what God is up to here in Castle Rock. Find out more at castlerockadventist.church or facebook.com/castlerockadventist.



Health Partner Training Retreats » Be part of the revolution in health ministry reflecting Christ's character. In just one weekend, you can become a Health Partner and experience a transformation in your own health and in your evangelistic programs. Learn how to help people move from information to real-life changes through effective coaching skills. Form a group of 10-15 from your church, or join another group and gather with us to enjoy a weekend retreat in beautiful Silverthorne, Colorado, while learning, practicing new

skills, relaxing, hiking and fellowshiping. Contact Rick Mautz for available dates for 2017 at 303-909-8274 or at rickm@rmcsda.org.

Celebrating Life in Recovery » Twin Peaks Church is holding a 14-week program presented by Cheri Peters to help with recovery from domestic abuse, perfectionism, alcoholism, drug addiction, anger, dependency, and so much more. Join this FREE program at 7 p.m. Thursdays beginning February 2 and continuing **through May 11**. Preregister at clirlouisville@gmail.com. For questions, call 720-890-3767. The Twin Peaks Church is located at 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO.

Women's Ministry Retreats 2017 » RMC Women's Ministries is excited to announce the Area Women's Retreats for 2017:

Wyoming: *Seaside Escape—a study of Sarah and Hagar*
Mills Spring Ranch on Casper Mountain
Fall (date announced soon)
Contact: Rhonda McDonald: 307-259-8147

Colorado Western Slope: *Falling in Love Again*
Speaker: Darla Sherman
Mountain Top Retreat (15 miles from Montrose)
October 6-8
Contact: Linda Johnson: 970-245-2294

Colorado Metro, NE/SE: *The Best Is Yet To Come*
Speaker: Jaclynn Huse with daughter Shelby-16
Location in Metro area (announced soon)
September 17
Concert: Jaclynn/Shelby, Saturday Eve, Sept 16
Contact: Ginger Bell: 720-980-9006

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Vista Ridge Academy » is looking for a part-time group leader and part-time aide for its preschool program. For more information, contact Sandy Hodgson at shodgson@vistaridge.org. They are also looking for a full-time teacher for Grades 7-8 for the 2017-18 school year. Send resume to Diane Harris at dianeh@rmcsda.org.



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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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--Editor

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