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### Students From Front-Range Adventist Schools Run the Town »



Every child has wanted to be in charge and that happened for some RMC elementary students on February 29. Seventy-one students in Grades 3-6 were part of AmeriTowne, a program designed to give students practical financial and business skills.

"AmeriTowne provides real-life learning for students. In addition to experiencing free enterprise, budgeting and accounting principles, students must work together to make their businesses successful. It is also a great opportunity for our sister schools to collaborate on a project that introduces students to the world of economics," explains Sandy Hodgson, principal and teacher at Vista Ridge Academy in Erie.

Students spend the day in a mini-sized town, complete with mayor, laws, and bank. Kids are the city officials, accountants, and various employees of 16 businesses, and they receive paychecks and the opportunity to purchase items. Our RMC students learned to write checks, to track their spending, and about legal fees and medical copays, teaching one student, Diego, that "money runs out fast." While another student, Sierra, enjoyed living like a grownup,

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she leaned "not to spend all my money in the first break."



"It was great to have Brighton Adventist Academy, HMS Richards Elementary, Mile High Academy and Vista Ridge Academy come together and have a day of fun and new friends . . . the best way to learn," commented Kelly Waller, RMC education assistant, who joined the learning experience of young students in the Denver center of AmeriTowne.

The day was not simply about the financial aspect of adulthood. Braden was quick to say, "It's tough to pay attention to everyone at one time," and Brie discovered, "It's hard to get everything done!"

It's impossible to discount the learning provided through this program. "My students decided that being an adult is hard work," shared Heather Blaire, teacher at Brighton Adventist Academy. "However, they loved the experience!" [Text and photos by Kelly Waller]

Campion Academy's Week of Prayer Completes a 40-Day Prayer Challenge » Members of the Rocky Mountain Conference staff hosted a week of prayer at Campion Academy to mark the final days of Campion Academy's campus-wide 40-day prayer challenge.

Speakers Eric Nelson, VP for administration; Craig Carr, ministerial director; Anthony Handal and Heidi Littell, both assistant youth directors, shared personal stories explaining how prayer has played an important part in each of their lives and what God has done for them.



After week of prayer . . . I started to pray more than before," said sophomore David Marroquin, a village student.

"I learned that God always hears us, even if our prayers aren't answered in the way we think they should be," shared Rayna Williams. "I learned to pray boldly," she adds.

Led by Pastor Michael Goetz, Campion Church pastor, Pastor Nick Clark, campus chaplain, and Pastor Nestor Soriano, associate pastor for Campion Church, the students shared how God worked in their lives during the week of prayer, from physical and spiritual healing to new friendships and divine appointments. These testimonies were followed by foot washing and communion.

Also on Friday evening, staff, students and church

NE Colorado Town Hall Campion Church March 29, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Western CO Town Hall
Grand Junction Church
April 2 -- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Hispanic Town Hall
Denver South Hispanic
Church

April 3 -- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Metro Town Hall LifeSource Fellowship April 4 -- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**SE Colorado Town Hall**Colorado Springs Central
Church *April 6, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.* 

**SW Colorado Town Hall** Pinon Hills Church, Farmington *April 7, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.* 

Wyoming Town Hall
Casper Church
April 9 -- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

MHA Alumni April 16

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news! » News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information that expresses 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

members chose time slots to spend in a prayer room in the administration building where they collectively prayed for 24 hours.

At the closing of the Sabbath hours, students were able to view *War Room*, a compelling video on what prayer can do. "*War Room* opened my eyes to how powerful prayer is and influenced me to commit to more prayer in my daily life," stated senior Wes Carle. [Gabrielle Williams and Alyse Maxwell; photos by Campion Academy Yearbook staff]

## **Church Membership Growth and Positive Financial Report Noted by RMC Executive Committee** »



Members of the Rocky Mountain Conference Executive Committee heard with interest the end-of-year results of church growth and stewardship in 2015 during their quarterly meeting, March 1.

"Baptisms in 2015 and an increase in the overall membership are not only worth noting, but with it, we wish to express our gratitude for God's leading and exemplary ministry of our laity and ministers," said Ed Barnett, RMC president.

His comments were echoed by George Crumley, VP for finance, whose report presented a tithe gain of 3.55 percent in 2015. He noted the 2014 annual report showed a tithe gain of 4.39 percent. Crumley reported that the Mid-America Union Conference returned an appropriation of \$127,809 to RMC for evangelism and that "our conference experienced a strong, unaudited gain by the end of 2015 amounting to \$805,000."

The committee approved distribution of the 2015 gain which will support the following funds: evangelism, rural Bible worker subsidy, church planting reserves, student literature evangelism, an allocation to Campion Academy, and medical reserve. "Due to the Lord's blessing, we can fund additional ministry opportunities," Crumley stated.

Commenting on the criteria for gain distribution, Ed Barnett said that conference leadership "recognized primacy of mission. It happens through our witness locally and through our institutions. New methods and creative approaches for community outreach are being encouraged. We believe that this financial gain gives us encouragement to further increase our ministry and evangelistic efforts."

The committee also received an RMC Finance Committee report which included a balanced budget for 2016 and reported that the ABC ended the year with a gain of \$7,772.

In additional agenda items, the committee was introduced to several new staff members who are filling vacant positions in the RMC office. These include: MaryLynn Green, executive assistant for Property and Trust; Julio Arias, field representative for Trust, Chanelle Watson, administrative assistant for administration; and Brittany Bartter, treasurer for

experiences of church members.

Please email your story to <a href="mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org">nuggets@rmcsda.org</a> 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.

Trust; Mitch Williams, pastor of The Adventure and Greeley churches, prayer ministries coordinator; and Enid Almeida, volunteer Prison Ministry coordinator.

The meeting was the last for Blake Jones, pastor of the Twin Peaks Church and Vista Fellowship congregation, who was a committee member since 2012. He is moving to the Ft. Myers congregation in Florida.

There was also a name change request from Rocky Mountain Indonesian Church to Rocky Mountain Indonesian-American Church which was approved. [RMCNews; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

**Volunteers of America/Pathfinder Sabbath** » Golden Pathfinders, in collaboration with the Volunteers of America (VOA) celebrated Pathfinder Sabbath by serving the homeless on March 27.

The VOA mission, located in Denver's downtown district, feeds the homeless every day and church services are held on weekends. It was here that Golden's Pathfinder Club presented a worship service for the homeless that gathered.



Curious faces watched as the Pathfinder color guard marched forward carrying their flags to the Pathfinder theme song.

The program that followed featured a mission story and Pathfinder staff sharing testimonies to lots of "Amens" and "Uhums". In a skit performed by two Pathfinders, Alexander Rodriguez and Daniel Padilla, Jesus was sculpting a masterpiece -- a human being. The skit was intended to show the relationship between Creator and created and how our Creator wants to fashion us for His glory, yet how often we fight His wisdom.

More than two hundred meals were served that Sabbath and many conversations were shared regarding the Adventist faith.

Pathfinders spent their afternoon going door-to-door distributing Steps to Christ and praying for those who were open to it. [Golden Pathfinder Club]

#### **Campion Prepares to Host Annual Music Fest** »

Musical talent abounds throughout the territory of the Rocky Mountain Conference. Music students will converge on Campion Academy campus the weekend of March 17-19 for its annual Music Festival. Coming from Campion

Academy as well as



public schools and home schools, these students will receive

two days of music instruction and have the opportunity to perform in groups.

Clinicians Melissa Clouzet, music department chair at Campion, and Miki Shockley, on-site principal for Thompson School District LEAP School, will direct choral and handbell ensembles.

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to attend by registering online by Friday, March 4. The registration fee is \$30. For more information or to register, visit

http://www.campion.net/rocky-mountain-music-festival.html

The weekend schedule includes -- Packet pick up, March 17, 8 - 8:30 a.m.; Vespers at Campion Church, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. with performances by CA music department; March 18 at 9:30 a.m., Sabbath School at Campion Church, 11 a.m. church service with performances by festival ensembles and Strings of the Rockies; and 7 p.m. final concert in gymnasium featuring festival ensembles.

Jacque's Story: From Fear to Confidence »



The Eden Valley Seventh-day Adventist congregation were blessed with the baptism of Jacque Dooley on Sabbath, February 13, She was baptized by Pastor Daniel Birai and welcomed into fellowship by the church members She shares her inspiring story:

Growing up, I went to church every Sunday, but fear was the underlying feeling I had about God as a child.

There were special moments when I felt close to God -sometimes during prayer or when seeing Jesus' loving face in
a picture. Yet I was getting mixed messages from school and
church and I had many unanswered questions.

In high school, my doubts about religion started to nag at me and by the time I went off to college, I gave up going to church altogether, deciding to party instead. The expression "looking for love in all the wrong places" was a good description of me.

My first marriage introduced me to an Eastern religion and philosophy that I embraced wholeheartedly. "This is it!" I thought. "I've found what I've been searching for." The marriage and the religion lasted about two years.

When I got a cold in my forties, I didn't go to the doctor until it developed into a severe cough and eventually turned into laryngitis, a condition that never went away and which eventually caused the vocal cords to function erratically.

This diagnosis triggered a powerful change of direction in my life because I could no longer count on my voice. I had to be retrained in a a new job and I chose massage therapy. I learned about natural therapies and helping others. Although I didn't know it, God was answering my prayers.

When I received a cancer diagnosis in 2014, my first instinct was to use natural therapies, but I also tried chemotherapy. After a bad reaction to the chemo, however, I

discovered the lifestyle program at Eden Valley and decided to attend their 18-day program. I wasn't looking for anything religious. I was just there to get well.

And I did. My next CT scan showed no tumor growth and no spreading of the cancer. Most importantly, I found a way to fill that empty hole inside me. And I found the book that had the answers I'd been seeking -- the Bible!

I have such gratitude for the amazing grace God has shown me. No matter what God's will is for my future, He has given me the tools to handle it. [Jacque Dooley; photo by Beverly Christensen]

#### **RMC EVENTS**

**Youth Department** » Copper Mountain Lift Tickets for the 2015-2016 Season are available through the RMC Youth Department at an amazing rate. There are NO BLACKOUT DATES!

Adults: \$62/ticket

Children: \$55/ticket (6-12 years)

**Discounts:** 

For 5 or more tickets, get \$2 off per \$60 ticket. For 20 or more tickets, get \$4 off \$58 ticket.

Discounts are for adult tickets ONLY.

Order online at <a href="mailto:rmcyouth.org/tickets">rmcyouth.org/tickets</a> or call 303-282-3664 or email youth@rmcsda.org. Payment options are by check, cash or credit card. Add \$3 to mail tickets.

#### Camp Meeting 2016 »

**Cowboy Camp Meeting:** July 6-10, Silver Jack Reservoir, near Cimarron, CO, Speaker: Mic Thurber, Contact: Fritz Krieger, 970-497-6175

**Wyoming Camp Meeting:** July 12-16, Mills Spring Ranch, Casper, WY, Speaker: David Asscherick, Contact: Don Barnt, 307-757-7618

Connect Colorado -- a weekend focus on mission and worship in NE Colorado, June 3-4, Campion

Academy, Loveland, CO, Speaker: Mic Thurber, Contact: Michael Goetz, 970-667-7403

Hispanic Camp Meeting: Theme: "Recibelo, Vivelo y Compartelo", September 2-4, Glacier View Ranch, Ward, CO, Speaker: Pastor Omar Grieve, Youth Speaker: Dr. Oscar Carreon, Contact: Ruben Rivera, 303-910-1614

Native Camp Meeting: Theme: The Centennial, September 16-18, La Vida Mission, Crown Point, NM, Speaker: Monte Church, Contact: Dorie Panganiban, 213-321-0002 Western Slope Camp Meeting: Will not take place as anticipated

**David Asscherick** is the pastor of the Kingscliff Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chinderah, New South Wales, Australia, and the co-founder of the ARISE ministry.

**Omar Grieve** is a pastor and speaker for La Voz de la Esperanza which is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide.

**Dr. Oscar Carreon** is a doctor of opthalmology and participates in the First Christian Entrepreneurs Forum in IASD Cumbres, Monterrey.

**Monte Church** is the director of Native Ministries for the North Pacific Union Conference. [RMC*News;* photo from 2015 Wyoming Camp Meeting, pictured is Sage Creek Gospel Bank from Casper]

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Denver South Church** » presents "Amazing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible," a full-fledged, six-part seminar the weekends of March 5 and 12. This presentation will be led by Michael Hasel, PhD, director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology at Southern Adventist University. All presentations will be held in the church. Admission is free. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear compelling evidence for your faith in God and the Bible.

#### **March 4-5:**

Friday evening -- 7 p.m. -- "Egyptian Wonders that Stunned the World"

Sabbath sermon -- 11 a.m. -- "Facing a Prophetic Crisis: Sennacherib Attacks the City of God"

Sabbath evening -- 5 p.m. -- "Babylon, Saddam Hussein, and the Quest for Power"

#### March 11-12:

Friday evening -- 7 p.m. -- "The Greatest Discoveries in the Land of Israel"

Sabbath sermon -- 11 a.m. -- "The Spade and the Historical Jesus"

Sabbath evening -- 5 p.m. -- "The Battle Over David: Excavating in the Elah Valley"

**Denver West Church** » Seven hours of prayer will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sabbath, **March 5** at Denver West Church.

Come pray for our world. Come pray for our country.

Come pray for our city. Come pray for our neighborhood.

Come pray for our family. Come pray for YOU.

Come for an hour. Come for all seven, but come!

Littleton Church » Walla Walla University president John McVay and members of the alumni team will present "Passion for Christ" during a spiritual emphasis weekend beginning at 7 p.m. March 11 and continuing Sabbath March 12. All are invited. A potluck will follow with WWU providing a dessert buffet and community and church members providing the potluck lunch.

Cheyenne Church » Registered Cheyenne members will be discovering how God has intervened in their lives by developing their personal Timeline, discovering their unique Biblical Identity, and developing their Personal Mission Statement during an Empower seminar. See schedule below: Friday, March 11

5:45 p.m. -- Catered supper and seminar

#### Sabbath, March 12

9:15 a.m. -- Seminar

1:00 p.m. -- Fellowship dinner

2:00 p.m. -- Seminar



#### Fire Rekindled 2016 »

Seven weekends, seven powerful speakers are coming to

Golden and Denver West churches.

**Phil Sizemore,** pastor Cape Girardeau Church, will speak March 11 and 12 at Denver West Church.

**Dr. Michael Goetz**, senior pastor, Campion Church, will speak at Denver West Church March 18 and 19.

**Dr. Hyveth Williams,** professor of homiletics, Andrews University, will speak at Denver West Church March 25 and 26.

**Dr. Karl Haffner**, senior pastor, Kettering Church, at Golden Church April 1 and 2.

**Jerry Page**, ministerial secretary for General Conference, will speak at Golden Church April 8 and 9.

**John Lomacang**, pastor and recording artist, will speak at Golden Church April 15 and 16.

Maurice Valentine, executive secretary Lake Union
Conference, will speak at Golden Church April 22 and 23.
All presentations will be at 7 p.m. Friday; 9:30 and 11 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The Golden Church is at 3101 S
Golden Road, Golden, CO 80401. Denver West Church is at 290 S Quitman Street, Denver CO 80219.



Campion Church » Journey to the Cross and Beyond, an interactive event depicting the streets of Jerusalem in Loveland at Campion Adventist Academy will take place from 2-4 p.m. March 26 and 27. This makeshift first-century Jerusalem marketplace makes the Easter story more visible. No registration is required and the event is free.

**Prophecy Seminars** » Aspen Park Church, under the direction of Elder Ron Spurling, is holding an eight-week prophecy seminar from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Sabbath afternoons beginning **March 5** and continuing until **April 23** at Mountain Resource Center, located at 11030 Kitty Drive, Conifer 80433. You are invited to pray for Aspen Park's outreach to the rural communities in the area. Please RSVP to Elder Spurling by calling 303-596-0016.

**Mile High Academy** » is hosting its annual "Bring a Friend to School Day" for K-12th grade. Invite a friend, be a friend, make a friend. Join us on Wednesday, **March 30** from 8 - 3:30 p.m. As our friend, you will attend classes, participate in fun activities and enjoy lunch on us. Register online or call 303-744-1069 to save your place.

NAD Children's Ministries Certification » Attending the Children's Ministries Certification, Track 2, will enhance your understanding of faith development and the life stage, children with special needs, multiple intelligences, positive class discipline and more. Register online at <a href="RMYouth.org/children">RMYouth.org/children</a> or call Patty Rivera at 303-910-3548. The seminar will be held March 25-26 at Denver South Church. Your \$20 registration fee will provide two meals, supplies and excellent speakers. Register before March 17.

Daystar Christian School » Offers a Christ-centered, Grades 1-8, education in Pueblo, Colorado. With a low student-teacher ratio, it provides broadcasting opportunities on 105.9 FM, project-based learning, Spanish, music, art and state-of-the-art technology. An open house will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29. Pre-registration discounts for the 2016-17 school year will be available. Come see for yourself how Adventist education can set your child up for success. For more information, go

to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC4oPvKHvb8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC4oPvKHvb8</a>

Cheyenne Church » Cheyenne members will hold CREATION Health seminars at Laramie County Community College on Sabbath afternoons beginning **April 2** and continuing through May 14. For more information, contact Lana Anderson at 307-632-9908.

ASI Rally » Jeffrey Rosario of Light Bearer's Ministry will speak on the ASI member's motto, "Share Christ in the Marketplace" at 10 a.m., April 2 at Denver South Church. A fellowship luncheon and afternoon rally will follow. ASI is a lay organization whose mission is to finish the work through personal and public evangelism in cooperation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A special envelope will be available to designate your tithes and offerings for your own church.

**ASI Mid-America Convention** » Doug Bachelor will speak Friday evening, Sabbath morning and Saturday night at the ASI Mid-America Convention **April 21-24**. Held at Denver Ramada Plaza Hotel at 120th and I-25, the convention will kick off with Thursday evening keynote speaker, Steve Dickman, president of National ASI.

Other speakers include Gary Thurber, president of Mid-America Union Conference, who will present the morning devotionals and Vicki Griffen, who will offer seminars.

A special feature, "Members in Action" will highlight the many projects funded by ASI. Exhibit booths can be perused and children's programming will be available.

Meal tickets for Sabbath meals will be available for purchase before sundown Friday which will include Friday supper and Sabbath lunch and dinner. Special rates are available at the hotel for those attending the ASI convention.

An envelope for tithes and offering to go to individual churches will be available on Sabbath.

For more information, contact Barbara Taylor, president of Mid-America ASI, at 303-898-3133.

Twin Peaks Church » Presented by Tim Jones, a five-week prophecy seminar is planned for 7 to 8 p.m. Saturdays, Sunday, Mondays and Wednesdays beginning March 18 and continuing through April 23 at Twin Peaks Church. You can RSVP to Annette Tapp by calling 720-890-3767. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.kwinpeakssda.org">www.kwinpeakssda.org</a> or <a href="https://www.kwinpeakssda.org">www.kwinpeakssda.org</a> or <a href="https://www.kwinpeakssda.org">www.kelevantSeminars.org/Louisville</a>. The church is located at 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO 80027.

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**Mile High Academy** is looking for a full-time accountant. The accountant is a key member of the Business office, reporting to the VP of Finance. The accountant's tasks include general ledger,



adjusting entries, restricted and non-restricted fund management, A/P, A/R, collections, payroll, banking and more. For a full job description and application, visit http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/. To apply, send your resume to

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