



# news nuggets

## Sheridan Church Attendance Grows by 28 Percent »

Sheridan, Wyoming has a population of 18,000, yet just 50 members from the Sheridan Adventist Church are making a difference for Christ. Here is their story:

"The church is on fire right now," shares Sheridan pastor, Chuck Gadway, speaking about member commitment to and involvement with the recent 26-night series on the Book of Revelation held at their church.



People from the community came in response to flyers mailed and Bible studies already in progress. The results from the meetings were heartening. Eight people were baptized by pastoral assistant Benton Davis and welcomed into fellowship. Six more await another day, while ten are studying.

Members helped with visitation, Bible studies, making friends, leading out in small groups, and training new members to lead small groups.

Wes, who was raised a Roman Catholic, is "super excited and really on fire," says Gadway. Although sick during the first baptism, he anxiously awaits the next.

"I didn't know anything about Adventists," Wes explained, "but remembered working with Tony Gowler [Sheridan Church member] a few years ago and couldn't have asked for a more Christian man. He just exhibited the love of Christ."

He tried to get Tony into arguments, but all he got from Tony was smiles and friendliness. "He wouldn't argue," Wes explained. "I found out when I came to the meetings, Wes continued, "that everyone is like that."

Friday, May 26, 2017



"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."


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"I can't wait to be part of this family," Wes exclaimed.

Others who attended related that nobody had ever loved them, that they didn't know what love was. They discovered, during the meetings, that Jesus loves them and that His love is sufficient.

We could say "it sounds like a pastor's dream."

"So much of the church is excited and participating," Pastor Gadway comments. "They want to keep this going. They want this to be [just] the start."

[Carol Bolden; photo by Rebecca Pooley]

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## Lighthouse School Students Bless Babies Through Service Project »

"What a blessing it is to be a part of this great community," comments Jodi Aakko, principal of the Lighthouse Seventh-day Adventist Christian School in Fort Morgan. Her comment reflects the role the school plays in the town, as shown in the *Fort Morgan Times* May 19 article by Jenni Grubbs (courtesy of *Fort Morgan Times*).

Jodie Aakko had a fun idea for a spring service project for the students at Lighthouse Seventh-Day Adventist Christian



School in Fort Morgan. The principal called it a "Baby Care-a-Thon," and it meant having the students visit local grocery stores and ask customers who were there to purchase items for babies and then donate them to the students as they left.

"Our students stood at the doors with smiles to greet customers, hand them a cart, and tell them about our Baby Care-A-Thon," Aakko said. "By the end of just one fast hour, our tables

were full with baby items."

The students were seeking baby food, pacifiers, diapers, baby toys or any other items babies and their parents might need. They gave the customers at Walmart, Safeway and Edwards Right Price Market a small piece of paper explaining the project, and then were at the door by the checkouts to gather any items people were donating.

"We are delivering the items to Rising Up, to be distributed to needy families in our community," stated the paper the



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## Upcoming Events

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### Hispanic Men's Retreat

May 26--6 a.m.-May 28--6 p.m.

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### Memorial Day -- Office Closed

May 28

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### Staff Meeting

June 6 -- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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### NE Camp Meeting

June 8 -- June 9

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### Hispanic Evangelism Training (Denver)

June 17 -- 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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### Hispanic Evangelism Training (Grand Junction)

June 18 -- 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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### GVR Board

June 20 -- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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### RMC Property & Trust Committee

June 21 -- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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### July 4th -- Office Closed

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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### Find out more...

[Click here](#) for info on any of these events.

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### RMC CAMP MEETINGS

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### NE Camp Meeting

store customers got from the students.

Students in grades one through eight at Lighthouse SDA Christian School participated in the "Baby Care-a-Thon" on May 10, Aakko said.

"The excited students broke up into three teams" and went to the three grocery stores, she said.

"One customer was in a hurry, so he gave us \$30 to buy the baby food," reported sixth-grader Brayan Orona. "Another customer said that they got some baby food for us because they would feel guilty if they didn't. But we were so excited because we also got to meet a Vietnam veteran at the store."

Next, the Lighthouse students went to Rising up to drop off "the mountain of baby items, take a tour of the agency, and assemble 'travel packs,'" Aakko said.

After hearing Trish Moreno from Rising Up explain what the nonprofit does to support the community, the students toured the Rising Up facility at the United Methodist Church Annex. They then put the travel bags together assembly-line-style and then placed the other baby items on the pantry shelves.

"We planned on how we would like to partner with this agency next school year," Aakko said. "It is true... when you help someone, you receive a blessing knowing that you helped the community."

The Lighthouse students concluded the service project outing by walking over to Fort Morgan City Park and picking up "any trash they could spy," she said. "This activity was a homerun."

RMCNews with Jenni Grubbs; courtesy of *Fort Morgan Times*]

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### **Trinidad Church Reaches Community Through Health Expo »**

Better understanding the effect that food choices and engaging in exercise have on our bodies as well as an interest in sharing this information with the church and community resulted in a Health Expo organized by Deloris Swann, health ministries director for the Trinidad Church. The event focused on wellness and prevention, and was supported by a group of church members, according to Wayne Nazarenus, church pastor.

Campion -- June 9-10  
Contact 970-667-7403

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### **Cowboy Camp Meeting**

Silver Jack Reservoir

July 5-9

Contact Adam Smith 303-591-7277

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### **Wyoming Camp Meeting**

Mills Spring Ranch

July 11-15

Contact Jodie Gage 307-259-5301

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### **Hispanic Camp Meeting**

Glacier View Ranch

September 1-3

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Held at the Trinidad Community Center on Sunday, May 7, the 50 people in attendance were able to walk among the display tables while learning about eliminating harmful things from their diets and substituting healthy options. "Education is critical," said Deloris, believing it helps us to make good decisions.

Attendees were able to sample a variety of vegan foods, the favorites being scrambled tofu and mock pulled pork. The carob drops were "sweet and surprisingly similar in taste to chocolate," said Jessica O'Connell, correspondent for *The Chronicle* in Trinidad.

The Expo covered much more than diet and exercise, with opportunities to learn about, among other things, the harmful effects of caffeine, managing/relieving pain, and protecting your hearing.

Swann provided a free healthy eating cookbook, which she had compiled for the event, containing ideas for breakfast foods, entrees, sauces, jams, smoothies and desserts. It also included a kid's menu, along with recipes for many of the foods available for sampling.

"God sent *The Chronicle* to share the health message with those [in the community] who didn't attend the Health Expo," explains Deloris, "so our goal was accomplished and Trinidad heard that there is a better way to live and eat."

Already Deloris and her vendors are planning for next year and getting ready to hold a cooking class for those who signed up at the Expo.

[Carol Bolden; photo by Wayne Nazarene]

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.**

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### **"Be the Light" Pathfinder Fair Held at Campion »**

Seventeen Pathfinder clubs representing 320 Pathfinders and staff from all corners of the Rocky Mountain Conference converged on the campus of Campion Academy early Sunday, May 21, for the annual RMC Pathfinder Fair.



Under warm, sunny skies, three new clubs, Canon City's Royal Gorge, Nueva Esperanza's Orion and Longmont's Thunder, were welcomed.

A parade led by Pathfinder Teen Representative Billy Nelson, along with color guards Jared Drain (Colorado Springs' Pikes Peak) and Sabrina Berlin (Denver South's Trailblazers) featured marching clubs, decorated floats and bicycles, along with a full drum corps from Denver South Hispanic's Lion of Judah Club.

In the gymnasium, clubs set up booths to display crafts and nature honors and to depict the theme, "Be the Light".

"Amazing creativity was presented by the Pathfinders," enthused Chris Hill, Pathfinder Executive Director "and many booths were beyond excellent."

Eight clubs prepared mouth-watering cuisine for the lunchtime break, their profits going toward paying for their trip to the Mid-America Union Camporee which will be held in Custer, South Dakota in July.

A large number of friends and family were in attendance to observe and cheer on the Pathfinders during the Drill and March competition. Field activities engaged Pathfinders and staff in the afternoon until wind and rain forced everyone inside for the awards ceremony.

"This is the best Pathfinder Fair since I have been in Rocky Mountain Conference." said youth director Steve Hamilton. [Chris Hill; photo by Paula Nelson]

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### **Kark Haffner Speaks at Second Annual Sanitas Lecture Series at Boulder Adventist Church »**

The always-popular Dr. Karl Haffner, pastor of the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio, presented four sermons focused on the theme "Jesus Encounters: Life-changing Conversations with Christ" to a packed church on Sabbath, May 20.



The Sanitas Lectureship is an annual event spearheaded by the Boulder Church--in particular, Elder Gordy Gates--to encourage people to connect with God through the Bible.

The original plan was for the Sanitas Lectureship to begin on Friday evening, as it did last year. United Airlines, however, had other plans. After Pastor Haffner spent more than eight hours in Dayton, Ohio, waiting for his flight to take off, Boulder Church pastor Japhet De Oliveira made the decision to cancel Friday evening's presentation.

With some creative juggling, the church managed to find a way to fit all four presentations into the Sabbath schedule. The four sermons, titled "The Woman on Death Row," "The Olympic Wannabe," "The Bigger Sinner," and "The Poor Rich Guy" are available in video or audio at the Boulder Adventist Church website: [www.boulder.church](http://www.boulder.church)

Last year's Sanitas Lectureship speaker was Dr. Laurence Turner, a noted Old Testament scholar and former Newbold College professor who lives in Yorkshire, England. The speaker for 2018 will be Randy Roberts, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University Church in Loma Linda, California. [Becky De Oliveira; photo by Delwin Finch]

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### **New VP of Academics Appointed for Champion**

**Academy »** Currently teaching chemistry, physics, and calculus, Kent Kast was recently appointed to serve as Champion Academy's new vice principal of academics. Kent has taught at Champion for six years, beginning in the fall of 2011. He will continue to teach along with taking on these new responsibilities.

As the new vice president of academics, Kent will work closely with the administrative staff at Champion on envisioning and implementing the school's academic future. His role also involves organizing and participating in teacher evaluations and their professional development. Ensuring academic excellence at Champion and certifying that graduating seniors have completed the necessary courses, according to the principal's office, are other focal points of his



new role.

Sherry Hay, registrar, who welcomes Kent's appointment, remarked that "Kent is a great person to work with. He is kind and giving, and always makes time for his students. He is involved in music and outdoor club as well, which helps him develop relationships with all of our students on campus."



Kent will be working closely with Don Reeder, principal, who said that Kent comes into this position as VP of academics with 30 years of experience. "Not only has he been a teacher of many different grade levels, but he also has experience as principal, and we are excited to have him be a part of our administrative team. What I appreciate about Kent is that if there is a need on our campus, he is willing to fill it."

[RMCNews with Kelsey Cate; photo courtesy of Campion Academy]

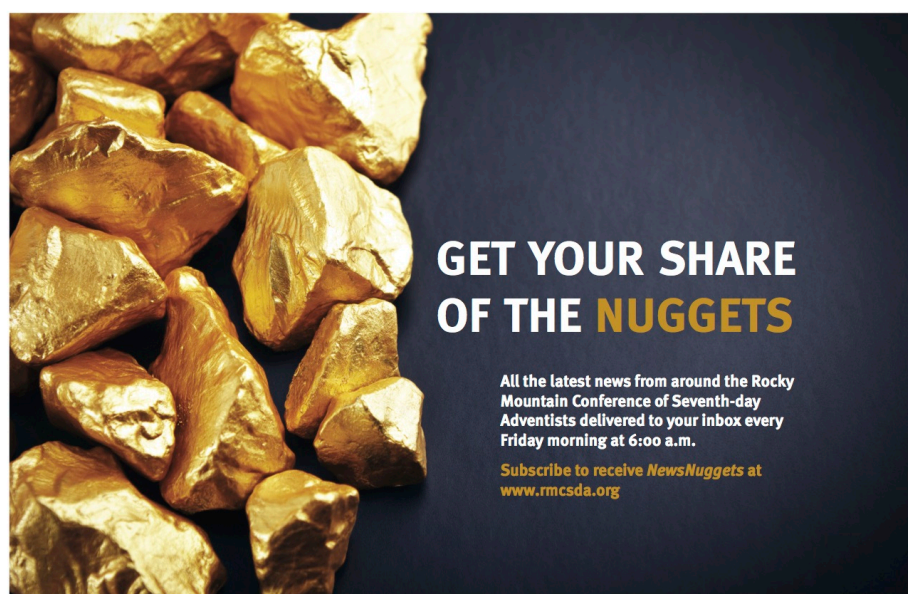
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## CORRECTION

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The photo of Lee Lee Dart in last week's article on becoming lead pastor at The Adventure Church was taken by Cher Nelson.

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## RMC CAMP MEETINGS

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**NE Camp Meeting »** Held at Campion Church, NE Camp Meeting will take place **June 9-10** (not June 2-3 as previously announced). Ed Schmidt is the speaker. For more information, call Campion Church at 970-667-7403. The church is located at 300 42nd Street SW, Loveland CO

80537.

**Cowboy Camp Meeting »** Cowboys at heart will meet on Forestry land about a mile past Silver Jack Reservoir from **July 5-9** for Cowboy Camp Meeting. Delinda Hamilton will speak on the *Gospel of the Stars* and Amy Gane, on the *Science of Creation*. For more information, including detailed directions to camp meeting location, contact Adam Smith at 303-591-7277. Silver Jack Reservoir is located south of Cimarron, Colorado, on Interstate 50. Take Big Cimarron Road south into the Uncompahgre National Forest and watch for signs as you near Silver Jack Reservoir.

**Wyoming Camp Meeting »** Held at Mills Spring Ranch **July 11-15**, Wyoming Camp Meeting will feature Philip Samaan for both the afternoon series, "Dare to be a Daniel" and the evening series, "Jesus is Still the Way." Rocky Mountain president and vice-president, Ed Barnett and Eric Nelson, will present the morning meetings followed by Olivia Gold, teacher at Forest Lake Education Center, who will present "Catching Kids for Christ: Reaching Every Age with the Age-old Truth." To reserve a cabin or RV/tent space, call Jodie Gage at 307-259-5301. Mills Spring Ranch is located at 8000 Tower Hill Road, Casper WY 82601.

**Hispanic Camp Meeting »** From **September 1-3**, Glacier View Ranch will host Hispanic Camp Meeting with the theme *Small Groups*. Guest speakers include Omar Grieve and Nussy Pittau-Grieve, both from the Hispanic Voice of Prophecy, and Julio Chazarreta from Pacific Press. Lourdes Chazarreta will present music through voice. Worship and activities will be held for the children. Glacier View Ranch is located at 8748 Overland Road, Ward CO 80481.

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**Summer Camp »** Glacier View Ranch and Mills Spring Ranch camp sessions are filling up. Spots go quickly, so sign up today at [rmccamps](http://rmccamps).

**GLACIER VIEW RANCH**

| Sessions     | Dates          | Ages  | Cost            |
|--------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Cub I        | June 4-11      | 7-10  | \$275           |
| Cub II       | June 11-18     | 8-11  | \$275           |
| Junior       | June 18-25     | 10-12 | \$295           |
| Family       | June 25-July 2 | All   | \$140 + Lodging |
| Tween        | July 2-9       | 12-14 | \$295           |
| Teen         | July 9-16      | 13-17 | \$295           |
| Climbing     | June 11-18     | 13-17 | \$300           |
| Backpacking  | June 18-25     | 13-17 | \$300           |
| Teen Outpost | July 2-9       | 13-17 | \$335           |

**MILLS SPRING RANCH**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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

August 26, 27

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

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The Voice of Prophecy is looking for a digital content specialist/webmaster to work at the ministry headquarters in



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--Editor

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