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Laurence Turner Explains Persuasive Value of Biblical Narratives at Inaugural Sanitas Lectureship in Boulder »



"To experience God, we must embrace imagination and wonder" as we read the biblical narratives. When we read them, we should "not just understand them, but enjoy them," said Dr. Lawrence Turner, a noted theologian from Newbold College, England, stated with conviction on the opening night, May 20, of the inaugural Sanitas Lectureship at Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church.

When read with imagination and wonder, "biblical stories are irresistibly persuasive," said Turner. The opening lecture considered the question, "Why does the Bible tell stories?" Turner proposed that they are a product of Semitic culture, which explains the works of God in all of life, and to understand it, one must invoke imagination.

Turner prefers to speak of the Old Testament as the First Testament, and explained that, "[the] Bible is a product of [the] Semitic mind." Turner said that, "when you want to talk about profound matters, you tell a story . . . Through stories, we communicate the human aspect of our relationship with God."

Expert in biblical studies and Principal Lecturer Emeritus,

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Old Testament, Turner said that "biblical narratives convey messages through human experience." He cited the experience of Abraham and Sarah, as well as such characters as Samson and Delilah, David and Absalom, popular with Old Testament readers and often preached about.

Attending the lectures and then meeting Dr. Turner gave Gordy Gates, a church member from Boulder, a deeper perspective on biblical narratives. He noted the theologian's point, that "one-third of the First Testament is stories, which we all love and enjoy, but suggested that we read the stories with imagination and wonder, elements which force us to be engaged."

"These same stories then become irresistibly persuasive, persuasive in explaining life and God. This gave an even deeper appreciation of the First Testament," Gates commented for *NewsNuggets*.

The series was entitled, "Narratives, Imagination and Experiencing God -- Why the Bible Tells Stories," and continued on Sabbath, May 21. The audience appeared to enjoy Dr. Turner's uniquely witty and insightful interpretations of Old Testament, or First Testament, themes that have made him a popular speaker for a wide variety of audiences around the world, as Japhet De Oliveira, senior pastor of the Boulder Church commented when introducing the lectures.

Jackie Hayes, also a member of the Boulder congregation, could not hide her expressed appreciation for hearing Turner's presentations. "Details, details. Normally, one might think that a lecturer who specializes in pointing out the minute details of a story might miss the bigger picture, the grand meaning. Not so of Dr. Turner," she commented.

"Who would have related the fixation of the biblical Absalom on his hair -- even the weight of it -- with the cause of his very demise?"

The presentation showed how repeated details of biblical stories often were major clues to the moral of the story, as it were, Hayes added. "Who knew how important the stories of Samson and Delilah and David and Bathsheba were in showing how little departures from God's plan for us can lead us step by step away from our calling?" she commented.

Reflecting on the lectureship, De Oliveira commented that "from the texts, emails, and conversations, the inaugural Sanitas Lectureship was a complete success. People were inspired to return to the Bible with fresh eyes and open hearts."

On the final day of the series, the presenter spoke on ways to read and preach biblical narratives. These lectures were primarily aimed at assisting ministers in their role as preachers. Seventh-day Adventist pastors from the northeastern part of Colorado were joined by clergy from other Christian churches in Boulder.

Initiating the Sanitas Lectureship, the Boulder Church intends to create a safe place for people to connect with God as presented through the lens of the Bible, says De Oliveira.

Named after the Sanitas Mountain behind the church itself at Boulder's 345 Mapleton Avenue, the congregation invites the community to consider the church a destination where biblical scholarship is celebrated and shared.

According to De Oliveira, the lectureship series aims to become an annual gathering and "will include presentations from world-renowned experts in Old and New Testament

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Scriptures, all with the purpose of understanding more about how the God of the Bible is still at work in the shared story of humanity."

Jackie Hayes smiled as she said that, "only one aspect of Dr. Turner's presentations was missing -- more! The little dip into understanding the difference between Hebrew and Greek thought, and the presentation on David and Bathsheba left me wanting more -- more of Dr. Turner's wisdom and knowledge and more delving into the messages God wants me to get from His Word."

Dr. Turner's lectures are available on the Boulder Church website:

See them in video at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/boulder-church-video-podcast/id1097171598?mt=2> or hear them in audio at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/boulder-church-audio-podcast/id1097173519?mt=2> [Text and photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Fresh, Nutritious Food Hallmark of Castle Rock Adventist Hospital Eatery »



Hiring a resident farmer was a natural decision for Castle Rock Adventist Hospital whose emphasis on healthy eating grows from its mission of "nurturing the health of the people in our communities."

The garden "is part of the hospital's emphasis on wellness, not just medicine," comments Dan Skay, nutrition manager and executive chef for Manna, the hospital's restaurant.

Running a full-scale restaurant while providing food suitable to the dietary needs of 60 hospital patients is no easy task, but Dan Skay, nutrition manager, founder and executive chef of Manna at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital does it with aplomb.

The day I talked with him, he had just put in two very long days and was under pressure with the Joint Commission for Accreditation there. Yet, he was quite helpful and willing to talk about his responsibilities.

"Most hospitals have separate kitchens for production, room service and cafeteria," he told me. "My thought was to go back to my days of working in hotels where you have one main kitchen and a lot of things come out of that one kitchen."

One side of our island, he explained, does room service; the other side does the restaurant and they all pitch in to help. "My staff calls the kitchen a 'brigade,'" he laughs.

"As far as I know," Dan explains in a May 5 *Denver Post* [article](#), "we're the first free-standing restaurant operating in a hospital that is run by the hospital."

Changing the menu with the seasons to match the available produce from their own garden, Dan and Adam Freisem, chef de cuisine for Manna, often have multiple specials using

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produce such as black radishes or rhubarb or whatever is prolific at the time.

Since the start of the new menu within the last week, the restaurant is filling as much as three to four times during lunch and dinner, Dan comments. Room service at lunch requires 60 meals and 70 to 75 with guest trays for dinner.

Chef Dan's philosophy for healthy eating includes beginning with quality ingredients by using good local fruit, veggies, meat and grains, all organic when possible. Besides produce from the hospital's garden, Manna uses a local micro-farmer in Franktown for fresh basil and arugula.

Gardener Brian Fitzgerald spent the morning planting rows of Three Sisters -- a mix of corn, green beans and squash -- produce for the hospital's Manna restaurant. He is already harvesting herbs from the hospital garden.

Not really a farmer, Brian started out as a mortgage banker until six or seven years ago when "God called my wife and me to start a community garden at The Rock," a church in Castle Rock. From this garden, they were able to raise 15,000 pounds of produce to feed the Douglas County



Taskforce each summer.

"I fell in love with the idea of feeding people with fresh produce," comments Brian.

Now, he not only raises produce for Manna, but acts as contact and consultant for the community gardeners who rent the 6' x 12' raised beds. Of the 96 available beds, all but 9 are rented so far this year.

Brian received his gardening training from his dad, who was an agricultural consultant, when he was a kid. "I must have learned a lot along the way," he shares.

"I love watching plants be prolific and be as healthy as possible," enthuses Brian, who never uses pesticides. Instead, he mixes vinegar and salt to kill weeds and has a special concoction he uses as a fertilizer and bug killer containing liquid soap and ammonia.

In cooperation with the concierge for the hospital's birthing unit, Manna helps to pamper expecting and new parents by providing them with a certificate to come into the restaurant for a Baby-on-the-Way Getaway.

When parents take the baby home, Manna sends a meal in a carry-out bag which includes take-and-bake lasagna, garlic bread and a big salad with dressing.

The Manna restaurant caters to vegetarians, vegans, gluten-free and meat-eaters, offering something for everyone.

Visit Castle Rock Hospital's Manna restaurant and meet Chef Dan Skay at 2350 Meadows Blvd., Castle Rock CO 80109.

If you live locally and would like to rent a raised garden this season, email Christine Alexander at christinealexander@century.org. [Carol Bolden; photos provided by Manna; top Executive Chef Dan Skay, right, talks with Chef Adam Friesem, left]

Canon City Church Members Provide Spiritual Guidance for Prison City »

Some church ministries are difficult to quantify for their influence and results. Ministering to prisoners is one such Christian service whose quiet influence changes the lives of even the hardest of people to

reach.

Colorado Territorial Prison opened in June 1871 in Canon City, five years before Colorado became the United State's 38th state. In 1876, the facility was designated as the state penitentiary.

Since then, additional prisons have been built in the area. Currently, there are seven state prisons and four federal prisons within Fremont County. The total prison population is more than 7,500.



In recent years, several Canon City Church members have made a focused personal effort to reach prisoners with Jesus.

Beverly, Debbie, DiAne, Fred, Henry, Jerry, Mike, Ned and Thelma (last names withheld) have partnered with locally-based *Prayer for Prisoners International*, an organization with international influence.

The list of approaches they use is quite inspiring. These nine Canon City members have prayed for written requests from the incarcerated, written personal letters, sent hundreds of Christmas cards, talked with and prayed for inmates, conducted Bible studies, preached sermons, and provided ministry administrative support.

They have personally been in Arrowhead and Colorado Territorial Correctional facilities; two state prisons in Fremont County; two federal prisons in Fremont County -- both maximum and minimum; as well as in six other state prisons - - Bent County, Fort Lyon, Limon maximum, Pueblo maximum, Pueblo women's, and Rifle.

They have also traveled to and ministered in fourteen Florida prisons as well as several in Missouri. Ned expresses that every prisoner he has been with has shown sincere spiritual interest.

"Praying with the prisoners has helped me grow spiritually," says Beverly. [Text and photos by Steve Schwarz]



Disaster and Relief Coordinator Cathy Kissner Prepares to Deploy to Canada »

With the Fort McMurray wildfire still out of control in the northeastern portion of the Canadian Province of Alberta, the North American Division has invited Cathy Kissner to serve as consultant to ADRA Canada.

Her role will include developing the donation operation system of a multi-agency warehouse and any needed emergency distribution centers.

Currently, the wildfire covers approximately 504,443 hectares (one hectare is equal to 100 acres), including 741 hectares in Saskatchewan. Seventeen wildfires are burning, two out of control.

Currently battling the fires are 1,860 firefighters, 189 helicopters, 306 pieces of heavy equipment and 29 air

tankers.

ATCO Electric, the company that delivers electricity in Alberta, is restoring the critical utility infrastructure. Electricity has been restored to more than 90 percent of undamaged structures in the Fort McMurray community and gas restored to about 75 percent of undamaged structures.

Fort McMurray, Anzac, Gregoire Lake Estates, Fort McMurray First Nation, Fort McKay First Nation and some camps north of Fort McMurray remain under a mandatory evacuation order. [RMCNews with Cathy Kissner]

Festivities Begin With Senior Walk and Applause at Mile High Academy »



At Mile High Academy, we take our Seniors seriously. Graduation weekend includes a special Senior Breakfast, Blessing Night, Consecration, Baccalaureate and Commencement.

Today, we began a brand new tradition -- the Senior Walk. Seniors donned caps and gowns and marched the halls of the school to applause, high-fives and cheering. The smiles across their faces were priceless.

Having just returned from the Senior Class Trip, they were tired, but there was pep in their step as they marched with pride, the most senior of our campus students. We will miss each of these Seniors and wish them blessings on the next part of their journey. [Text and photo by Agape Hammond]



Franktown Church Plans Mission Trip to Mongolia » Partnering with It Is Written, a group of church members from the

Franktown Church will travel to Mongolia for a week-long mission trip in the month of August. There they will have the opportunity to present lectures on health topics, according to Jamey Houghton, church pastor. They will also assist in medical clinics and preach the Good News. Watch for updates on this mission trip. [RMC News]

RMC EVENTS



Glacier View Ranch Summer Camp: Ages 7-17. Cost \$265-315 (varies week to week). Discounts available. Visit our website and watch our NEW Glacier View Ranch

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Mills Spring Ranch Summer Camp » Ages 9-17. Cost \$200 (each Wyoming church is giving \$100 for campers from their church to attend MSR summer camp (up to 10 campers). Contact your church for this discount. For more information, go to rmcyouth.org/camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Connect NE Colorado » A weekend focus on mission and worship on the Campion Academy campus June 3-5 boasts the theme, *Journey with Jonah -- How to become a witness in your world*. Speaker Mic Thurber comes from the Mid-America Union Conference where he is the Ministerial Director.



- * ABC open during weekend
 - * 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School for all ages
 - * Meeting times: 7 p.m. Friday; 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath
 - * Potluck lunch of sandwiches, salads, desserts in cafeteria
 - * Music and evangelistic stories 3 p.m. Sabbath
 - * Flag football or Pathfinder-sponsored breakfast at HMS 9 a.m. Sunday
 - * For more information, call Campion Church: 970-667-7403
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Dynalectric Charity Golf Tournament » Join us Friday, June 17 for the Dynalectric Golf Tournament benefitting Rebuilding Together Metro Denver (RTMD) and ACS Community LIFT. Fossil Trace Golf Club, 6:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in Opens; 7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start. For sponsorship and registration, go to <http://birdeasepro.com/DynalectricGolf>.



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www.campionchurch.org. It is quick and easy. Please do not delay. You won't want to miss out!

Cheyenne Church » Dr. Phillip Samaan will be presenting a seminar, "Christ's Method Alone", at the Cheyenne Church at 10:15 a.m. on June 4 and continuing throughout the day. A well-known author and lecturer, Dr. Samaan is also a college professor. A very spiritual individual, he loves teaching people how to have a closer relationship with Jesus and to share God's love. A concert will be presented Sabbath afternoon following the fellowship lunch by his wife who plays the harp. Born in Syria, Dr. Samaan will share pertinent insights on Islam and ISIS. If you are looking for a seminar that will draw you closer to Jesus, this is the one for you. For questions, call Pastor Don Barnt at 307-757-7618.

Colorado Springs South Church » The Colorado Springs South congregation is moving from its Arlington Blvd location to Springs Adventist Academy located at 5410 East Palmer Park. The first Sabbath in the new premises will be June 4. Join them for worship.

Mile High Academy » Introduces its all-new Summer Sports and Arts Camps, a great way to keep your child active and learning during the summer months. Choose from gymnastics, basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball and art. Check the Summer Camps page on our website, milehighacademy.org for details or call 303-744-1069 and see how you can register your child today.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Rocky Mountain Conference is looking to fill an opening for a Youth Ministries Assistant Director. This is a key, contributing role in the youth ministries program, overseeing primary aspects of summer camp as well as additional youth and young adult events and activities. There is a great deal of administrative responsibility that goes along with this role. Candidates must be highly organized, possess the ability to pay attention to detail, be self-motivated, able to keep on task and follow through. Most importantly, candidates must have a passion for connecting with youth, making it easy for them to know God. For more information regarding this position and to learn how to apply, please visit <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-assistantyouthdirector>. To learn more about RMC's youth ministries, please visit <http://rmcyouth.org/>.

Daystar School in Pueblo is looking for a part-time aide for K-3 for the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, you can contact Michelle Velbis by email at michellelevelbis@gmail.com or call 719-561-9120.



Mile High Academy is looking for two part-time Kindergarten aides. This is an exciting opportunity for the 2016-2017 school year. Please visit our website at www.milehighacademy.org for more information on the requirements and qualifications for this position. Applicants must be Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing and possess current authorization to work in the U.S. If interested, please send your resume to Jocelyn at jaalborg@milehighacademy.org.



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