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Friday, November 16, 2018



**On this Thanksgiving Day,  
let us give thanks to the Lord  
for His abundant mercies.**

**The next NewsNuggets will be published after  
Thanksgiving on November 30. Enjoy your  
Thanksgiving!**

**Former RMC Youth Director Loses House in  
Paradise Fire** » The morning of November 8, a firestorm  
blasted through Paradise, a northern California town with a  
large Adventist population, destroying most of the town and  
more than 7,500 homes and businesses. The more than  
1,200-member Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church was  
destroyed and the Adventist elementary school and Feather  
River Adventist Hospital were damaged. Many people lost  
their lives as they fled. Some burned in their vehicles  
attempting to evacuate. Others haven't yet been found.

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-- Nelson Mandela

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Former RMC youth director, Steve Hamilton, who moved with his family to Paradise to serve as senior pastor at the Paradise Church within the last month, lost almost everything in the fire. Able to safely evacuate with several vehicles, they now face the task of not only rebuilding their own lives, but helping an entire church to rebuild.

People from Southern California and Oregon churches showed up immediately with relief goods, filling a gymnasium to serve the first wave of need. “We’ve already gone through three semi-trucks,” Steve commented last Tuesday. “The Red Cross and FEMA are just now getting set up.”

NewsNuggets talked with Steve by phone to find out how he's doing. “We’re going full out,” Steve said, having just helped to distribute the goods that were brought in by other churches in California and Oregon and working on setting up an office where he can facilitate the massive amount of things needing to be done, including getting the school up and running by the end of Thanksgiving break.

“Steve is at his best in an emergency,” said friend and former RMC colleague Matt Moreland. “He will face this challenge with confidence.”

Following the destruction, Steve was able to view their former home and snapped a photo of the leveled house to show to his wife, Delinda. Her response was, “Good! I couldn’t face myself if our house was intact and all the other church members’ homes were burned.”

“It’s knowing that our friends in RMC are backing us up and praying for us that makes us strong,” Steve said.

Several RMC churches have already responded to a call to assist the Hamiltons as well as his church members and Pathfinder clubs are raising money to donate. If you want to help, go to [GoFundMe Hamilton Family Fire Relief](#).

-- Carol Bolden; photos by Steve Hamilton

### Campion Music Department Makes Impact in Durango »

Campion broke a record this weekend for taking the largest S.W.A.T. (Students with a Testimony) trip ever! The entire music department, which accounts for about half the school, made the journey to share their musical ministry with the Seventh-day Adventist churches and community in Durango. This was a giant task and a great accomplishment for the head of the Music Department, Yves Clouzet. He comments, “The music was really well-received, and it was an honor to worship with the Durango and Pagosa Springs churches.”



We faced some challenges such as forgotten instruments



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and small performance stages for the large groups, however all 75 of us were able to perform two concerts in the Durango Church, and the Pagosa Springs Church. The music inspired the congregations, some even shedding tears.

Not only did we perform music, but we also participated in the church service. Freshman Christine Eagan-Foster told of her adventures in Africa for the children’s story. Seniors Josie Reeves, Cristian Marin, Hilary Simamora and Austin Rotinsulu led-out in the song service. Freshman Shelby Waller, from Durango, prayed for her congregation. Student chaplain, Pastor Esequias Perea gave the sermon.

In addition to being a blessing to another community, Champion students are always drawn closer together on trips such as these. When asked about her favorite part of the trip, junior Beverly Onsoe stated, “My favorite part of the trip was getting closer with people that I wasn’t close to before and sharing a host home with them.” Lots of laughter and life-long memories were created this weekend.



The return trip in bad weather ended up being an adventure in itself. With Sunday morning's forecast for cold and snow, we still made the trek back to Champion safely. To avoid going over dangerous mountain passes in bad weather, the staff chose to drive the long way around through the southern part of the state. An eight-hour trip turned into a 13-hour trip, and we arrived back at Champion by 11:00 .p.m. When freshman Faleula Matangi was asked if she was scared on the trip back to Loveland, she replied; “No, the people in our vehicle were very talkative, so I was distracted from thinking about the snow, and even though we did skid once, I knew God was going to get us back safely.”

The students would like to thank the Durango Church, the Pagosa Springs Church, and our host homes for the hospitality and the fantastic food! We would also like to thank all our supervisors, especially Mr. Clouzet, for all the hard work and planning.

-- Sydney Michalenko; photos by Anna Perea

**Mile High Academy Holds Auction and Fall Festival »** Mile High Academy held its annual auction event on October 28, bringing together families, friends, and alumni to raise funds for the annual fund. This was followed by Fall Festival held November 10, where students and parents manned food and game booths to raise funds for both classrooms and school groups.









The annual auction, held at Topgolf in Centennial, Colorado, brought in the most funds ever raised through

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class projects this year. Dedicated teachers guide students in making colorful designs for ceramic platters, quilts, framed photographs, and more. Each work of art is crafted lovingly and signed by the class. Student handprints, sometimes literally, can be seen in each masterpiece.

Families look forward to Fall Festival all year long, attending for the handmade corndogs, the freshly-scooped root beer floats, fishing booth, and the chance to win a live goldfish, but one thing is certain, everyone comes to Fall Fest for the camaraderie and the feeling that we are part of something special.

When asked why we hold these events every year Toakase Vunileva responded honestly, “We love coming together, seeing each other, sharing in all that we do great together. What better way to do that than at MHA family events.”

So, we go into the holiday season grateful for you, our MHA community. That community extends beyond the walls of our school into our churches and into the colleges where our graduates currently attend. It’s everyone who has ever walked our halls and said, “We love MHA!”

-- Agape Hammond, text and photo

**Kindergarteners Honor Veterans during Real World Learning »** "Mile High Academy has some of the best teachers in the business," comments Agape Hammond, director of marketing at MHA. "We are proud to say that our students are learning from passionate and caring educators," she finishes.

One such teacher is Kate Kamarad, MHA's Kindergarten teacher for two years. Ms. Kate has the ability to bring innovation and big thinking to the littlest learners on campus.



This year, Ms. Kate's Real-World Learning, called “USA Symbols” has brought guest speakers like Staff Sergeant Roberson and field trips to veteran grave-sites, during which students are learning about respect, honor, and what it means to be a part of this great country.

Ten parents accompanied the Kindergarten class November 9, when they visited Littleton Cemetery where they placed 200 flags on the

graves of fallen veterans from multiple wars. Prior to the outing, Ms. Kate had discussed with them the way in which the flags would be placed, how they would show respect to the fallen soldiers, and the way each child would salute after placing the flag graveside. Armed with this knowledge, they were prepared when 9News Denver arrived to film them. Without pausing, they continued their mission to honor those that had served.

When Kindergartner Nathan Matabi was interviewed by the cameraman, he explained why they were honoring the soldiers: “They [veterans] died for our freedom.”

-- Agape Hammond, text and photo

**Vista Ridge Academy Holds Fall Festival »** Vista Ridge Academy faced stiff competition in the Fall Festival department this past Saturday night, November 10, facing off against Mile High Academy and Brighton Adventist Academy, which both held festivals on the same night.



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"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."

~ Jimi Hendrix



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VRA seemed to fare well with a large crowd of happy people stuffing their faces full of Mrs. Hodgson's famous veggie burgers as well as pupusas, pretzels, burritos, chocolate-covered strawberries and other delights.

Activities included a bouncy house, a velcro wall, face painting, a balloon pop, the every-popular toy shop, and a goldfish game where the prize was--a live goldfish in a plastic bag!

Many familiar Boulder Church faces could be seen volunteering at the booths and generally having a good time. Vice principal Marsha Bartulec reported that there were 412 in attendance and \$5,000 was raised, including proceeds from the silent auction. We've already looking forward to next year.

-- Becky De Oliveira; photo by Greg Floyd

## CORRECTION

Campion orchestra students did not accompany Midori, but attended a concert where the GYOB accompanied her.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lakewood Fellowship »** You are invited to Lakewood Fellowship's annual Thanksgiving with Friends beginning at 10:30 a.m. this Thanksgiving Day, **November 22**. If you or someone you know is along this holiday or don't have all the fixings or are homeless, please come to 8001 W. 23rd Avenue, Lakeood, CO 80214. We would love to celebrate with you. There will be songs of praise and thanksgiving as well as fun games and prizes.invites

**Brighton Church »** *Women of Spirit* invite you to attend *My Story, My Song* with Lexi Contreras at 6:30 p.m., Monday, **November 26** at the Brighton Seventh-day Adventist Church. Lexi will share her journey of struggles with health issues and the strength she has found through her Savior's merciful love. Through a continual gift of miracles, she can praise Him through the voice He gave her. No fee. Childcare by reservation only. RSVP by November 19 by calling 303-659-1999. The church is located at 567 East Bromley Lane, Brighton CO 80601.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Mile High Academy »** Immediate openings are available for substitute teachers for all grade levels at Mile High Academy. Applicants should have experience working with children and be able to maintain a positive classroom environment while carrying out the teacher's lesson plans in classrooms as assigned. High school diploma required. Bachelors or some college preferred. Days/hours are on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact Brenda Rodie at 303-744-1069. For an application, send an email request to [HR@rmcsda.org](mailto:HR@rmcsda.org).

**HMS Richards Elementary »** Part-time preschool

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teacher needed at HMS. We are growing and looking for an enthusiastic teacher to lead our preschool program. Must be ECE teacher certified. Do not need to be director certified. Please contact Davin Hammond or Kari Lange for more information @ [\(970\) 667-2427](tel:9706672427).

**ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School 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>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at [tvunileva@milehighacademy.org](mailto:tvunileva@milehighacademy.org) for questions or to submit your resume.

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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](mailto: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.
- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- 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.



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--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.

**Rocky Mountain Conference Mission Statement Tagline:**

*Knowing Christ and Making Him Fully Known*

**North American Division Responds to General Conference "Compliance" Action »** Meeting in Columbia, Maryland, delegates to the North American Division (NAD) Year-End Meeting business session discussed several critical issues of church mission and approved an official response to the recently voted document by the General Conference Executive Committee entitled "Regard for and Practice of General Conference Session and General Conference Executive Committee Actions." A writing committee drafted the response before delegates approved it. [Read the entire statement here.](#)

Voicing concerns about church finances and recognizing the local church and mission needs in North America delegates approved the following motion: "Recommend the NAD Administration to discuss with General Conference (GC) the issue of financial parity to be accomplished in two to three years." The NAD currently contributes more than six percent of tithe on to the GC while all other divisions each pass on just two percent. The intended conversation is meant to explore an appropriate practice to bring all world divisions, including the NAD, into parity with the tithe percentage provided to the GC. [Read more here.](#)

Insuring openness and transparency of all proceedings, business meetings have been live streamed to viewers via social media and YouTube. Videos of the meetings are [available to view on the NAD website](#).  
-- RMCNews

**Campion Orchestra Performs with World-Renowned Violinist »** Twelve orchestra students from Campion Academy were given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to join the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra in accompanying world-renowned violinist Midori Goto at Macky Auditorium in Boulder on October 5.

A child prodigy, Midori performed for the United Nations Messengers of Peace at the age of 6. She performed with the New York Philharmonic by the time she was 11. When she was 14 years old, two of Midori’s strings broke during a performance of Leonard Bernstein’s “Serenade after Plato’s



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Symposium” under the direction of Bernstein himself. After the first string broke, she traded instruments with the concert master and remaining completely calm, continued to play. When the second string broke, she again swapped violins, this time with the associate concert master, and finished the song without missing a single note. She was given a standing ovation for her performance that night. Midori had handled it with composure and style beyond her years.



Campion's orchestra students arrived early on October 5 for a special session with Midori on effective personal practice. “The talk Midori gave about practicing was definitely inspiring,” said Megan Michalenko, violinist in the CA orchestra. “She talked about organizing your practice time and making sure you get the best out of every time you practice.”

“I’m always looking for ways to improve. Midori’s talk on practice was very applicable and has inspired me to make the most of my instrument,” said Sami Hodges, violinist in the CA Orchestra. “Going to Midori’s concert with GBYO was one the best things I’ve ever experienced!”

“The concert inspired me to work on how I practice daily and to never stop improving,” said Caleb Wehling, trumpet player in the CA Orchestra.

Madeline Jordan a student at Campion Academy and a member of the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra Symphony, had the rare opportunity to accompany Midori for this performance of Mendelssohn’s “Violin Concerto in E Minor.” “It was a dream come true to play the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto and it is was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to accompany such an amazing violinist,” said Madeline. “After many hours of practice, I was super excited to finally perform this piece with the Symphony and Midori!”

Midori is unique because she is using her God-given talent of music to connect people, encourage community, and promote change. “What is most impactful is that an artist of her caliber would choose to focus this part of her career on working with young kids and youth to make sure they are exposed to excellent instruction and training,” reflected Clouzet. “It was a truly emotional, inspiring, and galvanizing experience that I will remember until I am an old man.”


-- Carey Jordan, text and photo

**Campion Students Showcase Project-based Learning over Parent Weekend »** Families of Campion students gathered last weekend for parent-weekend, during which students had the opportunity to show off the things they've been learning across multiple areas of curriculum. During the weekend, seniors shared spiritual lessons they learned during Senior Survival, the Music Department provided music for the church service and performed at an evening sacred concert. The gym was packed annual Fall Festival on Saturday night, and parents had the opportunity to talk individually with each of their student’s teachers on Sunday. The culminating activity was the showcase of student projects from English, world history, geography, art and physics classes.

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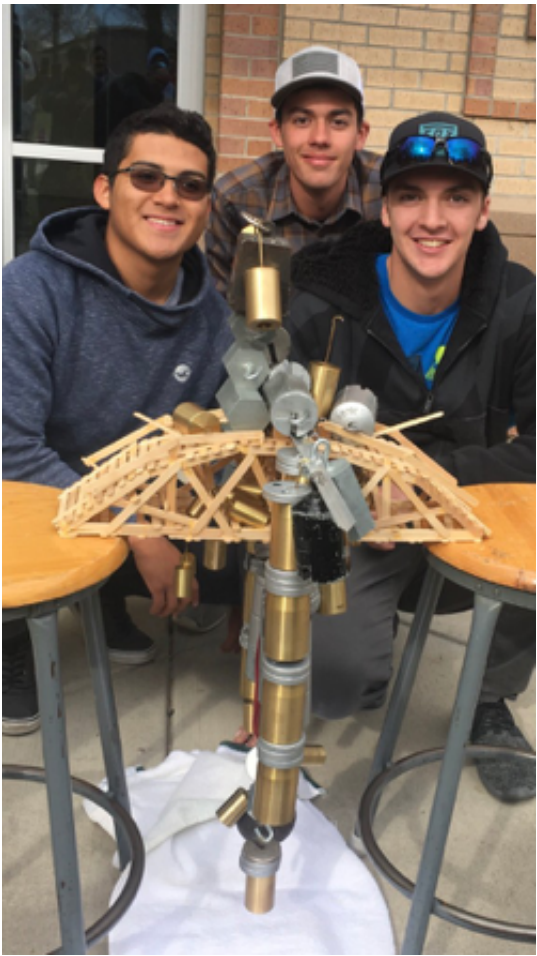


Nate Marin’s geography class performed traditional dances in costume from a variety of countries. Divided into groups, students did an in-depth study of one country throughout the semester and presented their learning in multiple formats, including dance, food, infographics, digital maps, and physical mobiles.

Eloi Dos Santos, senior, commented on the work involved in creating these projects. “In my group, I am responsible for providing typical food from Venezuela. I’ve been working on the 3D-Printer, the clothing for our dance, and providing some ideas for our physical mobile. Studying about Venezuela wasn’t an easy job because their culture is quite contrasting, but it was interesting to learn about their lifestyles, religions, traditional foods, and dances,” he explained.

Sophomores shared their learning from reading Shakespeare's Julius Caesar in English class and world history students shared their discoveries from studying the social classes of ancient Rome, displaying a newspaper they produced containing articles they wrote on historical information, daily life, and societal problems. They wrote and performed satirical skits depicting some of those problems for the audience of parents and students. "Their understanding of ancient Roman societal issues and their sense of humor were clearly evident in their skits!" commented Jill Harlow, English teacher.

Jim Hughes’ art class created visual puns and did their best to communicate the idea through their choice of visual media. Their work included many thought-provoking pieces with paintings and mixed-media sculptures and was on display in Hankin’s Hall tower.



Kent Kast’s physics class was tasked with designing mini-bridges from wooden popsicle sticks. Using the laws of physics to determine potential strength and durability, the student creations were tested for structural integrity by piling on weights up to the point of collapse. The winning bridge, designed by Jordi, Caleb, and Nathaniel, held up all the weights available—about 150 pounds!

Each of these projects represented hours of

deep academic content learned in classes and it was meaningful for the students to have the opportunity to share a small piece of what they have been learning with their parents. As Dos Santos put it, “It was a great opportunity for the parents to spend time with their children and see the great things that they have accomplished.”

-- Jill Harlow; photos by Jill Harlow, Kent Kast, and Jim

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### LifeSource Fellowship Ministers to Neighbors »

LifeSource Adventist Fellowship held its yearly Trunk or Treat on October 27, an event created for nearby neighbors of LifeSource. “It was the biggest Trunk or Treat event so far,” said Amy Boulnois, Children’s Ministry leader at LifeSource. “Five hundred and fifteen people came through those doors,” she said as she stood in the Fellowship Hall of the church looking toward the doors.



When families came through the door, a photographer was on hand to take a family photo. From there, they progressed through themed rooms, beginning with the barnyard room, where kids played horseshoes and lassoed a cow. When they reached the jungle room, they participated in a banana toss and made jungle animal masks. The tiki room had a large volcano that actually erupted and the kids played limbo. In the space room, they made their way through a giant solar system maze and in the sock hop room. they held a drag race and made their own soda shop hats. Event volunteers were kept busy as excited groups of children and their parents made their way through the rooms.

"This is just one of many outreach activities held each year at LifeSource," said J. Murdock, LifeSource associate pastor. "We value our neighbors and want to make a difference in their lives. For a pastor, it means that our congregation is responsive to the needs of their neighbors."

"One of the things the neighborhood appreciates about Trunk of Treat is having a safe place for the entire family to come and meet together with others from the community and from our church. It also gives us a glimpse of who lives around us and an opportunity to better serve them," commented Dany Hernandez, former LifeSource pastor. -- Carol Bolden; photo by J. Murdock

**Daystar Implements First Student-Led Conferences »** Self-evaluation, communication skills, goal setting, and accountability are just a few of the skills the Daystar Christian School students learned recently at their first student-led conferences held in lieu of traditional parent-teacher conferences.

After picking out their best and worst assignments or tests in each subject, students made binders to display their work. Next, they wrote out their strengths and weaknesses in each subject and subsequent goals and strategies for improvement.



“They were very honest about their areas of weaknesses and had great ideas on how to improve,” remarked Michelle Velbis, principal and teacher at Daystar in Pueblo, Colorado.

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“As a teacher, I saw that my students needed to more fully comprehend that their choices for studying and doing homework directly affected their grades. By having them explain their work to their parents, it helped them make that connection and they were also able to set goals where they wanted to improve,” said Velbis. “I also enjoyed watching them beam with pride as they shared the areas they felt confident in.”

“It was fun to see my children in charge and comfortable giving their presentations,” said Lisa Black, parent of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Janet Kilfoy, parent of a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, was impressed with her daughter’s confidence in leading the conference and sees how it will help her with job interviews and other opportunities in the future.

“The best thing about this experience was that I got to tell my dad how I was doing by myself and I did not have to rely on my teacher to do that,” said 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Audra Bennett.

“It was a win-win for the parents, teachers, and students. I think that student-led conferences will be a new positive trend in education,” Velbis concluded.

-- Michelle Velbis; photo by Erwin Velbis

**The Adventure Church Turns 20 »** Youth dressed as 1920s newsboys (and girls) greeted members and guests on Sabbath, October 27 to celebrate a big milestone. Inside the church, greeters in fancy '20s attire handed out bulletins and loudly announced the their 20th year in existence.

After Sabbath School and conversation in the foyer, faces, both new and old from all eras of the church's history, filled the the sanctuary’s new interior.

Praise and worship was followed by a regaling of the history of The Adventure as it grew from infancy into what it is today--a family with Jesus at the helm.

Daryl Bohlender

shared how the church was founded and how it moved from location to inconvenient location until it found a home in the beautiful structure where it now resides. He also shared how the church ministers to the community, and the demographics it is built to uphold and love; namely, anyone and everyone, in the same way Christ does.

Manny Montoya spoke on the unique power structure of the church. The Adventure has no human authority above another. It has no need. Christ is the leader, leaving everyone else free to carry out their spiritual tasks.



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Finally, Pastor LeeLee Dart spoke about welcoming people in, loving them, and making them feel welcome. She shared a dream of "a bright future for the church following our one true visionary--Jesus."

At the end of the service, Pastor LeeLee, along with two others, presented a ship's wheel to be left in the foyer for anyone to sign.

A soup and sandwich potluck lunch followed the service and nostalgic services took place during the afternoon. An elegant 1920s themed dinner was offered in the evening as the final piece in the tapestry of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

-- RMCNews with Jonathan Candy; photos by Jonathan Candy

**Sheridan Celebrates New Members »** The Sheridan Church held a "Welcome Wagon" pizza party and vespers Saturday night, October 27, handing out gift bags to new members who have moved to the Sheridan area along with newly-baptized members.



Unexpected testimonies were given by those in attendance. One woman who recently began attending the church shared how the Lord had impressed her to attend and convicted her about doing worldly things on the Sabbath. Another gave witness of seeing the need to spend his time with different priorities because Jesus is coming soon! A third person expressed thankfulness to the church for taking her in and loving her.

"Seeing and hearing the workings of the Holy Spirit left everyone in awe," said Darlene Westbrook, Sheridan Church member and head of social committee. "It was good to come to fellowship together as we see the day approaching."

-- Darlene Westbrook; photo by Diane Larkins

## IN MEMORIAM

**Stuart Harrison**, former pastor of Denver First Church (now LifeSource Fellowship), died October 17, 2018, in Phoenix, Arizona. Born June 16, 1941, in Vicksburg, Michigan, he attended Adelphian Academy and earned his Bachelor of Divinity at Andrews University. He came to the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1983, pastoring at Denver First for 16 years and continuing with the conference two more years before moving to Phoenix where he pastored the Foothills Community Church. "He was a shepherd pastor," said his daughter, Heather Schlageck, and did everything he could to help people, even assisting them with painting their



homes and other servant activities. Nearly 250 people attended his memorial service at True Life Community Church November 3, many speaking of the impact he had on their lives.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Franktown Church »** Everyone is invited to the Franktown Church during their hosting of Adventist World Radio this Sabbath, **November 10**, at 11:15 a.m. (morning service) and 1:30 p.m. (afternoon meeting) with speakers Duane McKey, AWR president and Cami Oetman, AWR vice president for advancement. According to AWR's annual report, 17,968 people joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church after AWR360 meetings in Zambia. Eighty percent of the baptisms were attributed to their radio broadcasts.

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**Vista Ridge Academy »** Join us for a fun family evening on **Saturday, November 10**, from 6 p.m to 9 p.m., as Vista Ridge Academy presents its popular annual Fall Festival. Lots of great food, fun activities for all ages, and quality items at the silent auction. Enjoy yourself and help support the school!

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**Denver West Church »** The Sabbath School program at Denver West SDA Church at 9:30 a.m. on **November 10** will honor veterans ahead of the official Veterans Day. We invite you to join us and to bring a photograph of your veteran that can be displayed on a table. Please bring a place card identifying name and branch of service. A delicious fellowship meal will follow the church service. Please join us. Email Patricia Armijo at [parmijo07@hotmail.com](mailto:parmijo07@hotmail.com). Denver West Church is located at 290 S. Quitman Street, Denver, Colorado.

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**Mile High Academy »** Mile High Academy invites you to Fall Festival. Come out on **November 10** from 6-9pm for an evening of fun with friends and family. Booths are sponsored by a different class or group. Whether you have a favorite student or a favorite food, it all goes to a great cause, Christian education at MHA. Mark your calendars and plan an evening with us.

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**Fort Collins School »** You are invited to *Fort Collins Christian School's Fall Festival* on Sunday, **November 11** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come join us for great food, fun games, a baked good auction, and fellowship as we celebrate Fall and the beginning of the holiday season! We will serve vegetable sushi, egg rolls, vegetable stir fried noodles, fried rice, Mexican food, pizza, nachos, ice-cream, and more! Tickets can be purchased at the event!

If you would like to see our brand-new school and church building, we would love to give you a tour – just let us know! Our new school and church are located at 2040 Nancy Gray Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80525.

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Former RMC youth director, Steve Hamilton, who moved with his family to Paradise to serve as senior pastor at the Paradise Church within the last month, lost almost everything in the fire. Able to safely evacuate with several vehicles, they now face the task of not only rebuilding their own lives, but helping an entire church to rebuild.

People from Southern California and Oregon churches showed up immediately with relief goods, filling a gymnasium to serve the first wave of need. “We’ve already gone through three semi-trucks,” Steve commented. “The Red Cross and FEMA are just now getting set up.”

“We’re going full out,” Steve said, having just helped to distribute the goods that were brought in by other churches in California and Oregon. He is setting up an office where he can facilitate the massive amount of things needing to be done, including getting the school up and running by the end of Thanksgiving break.

“Steve is at his best in an emergency,” said friend and

former co-worker Matt Moreland. “He will face this challenge with confidence.”

Following the destruction, when Steve was able to see their former home, he snapped a photo of the leveled house to show to his wife, Delinda. Her response was, “Good! I couldn’t face myself if our house was intact and all the other church members’ homes were burned.”

“It’s knowing that our friends in RMC are backing us up and praying for us that makes us strong,” Steve said.  
-- Carol Bolden; photos by Steve Hamilton

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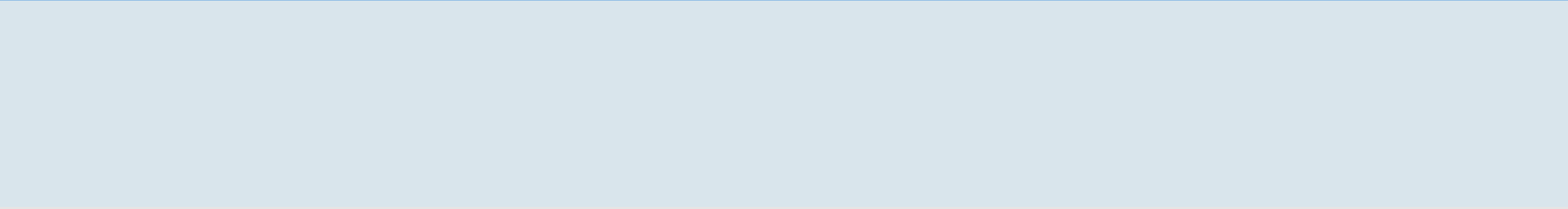
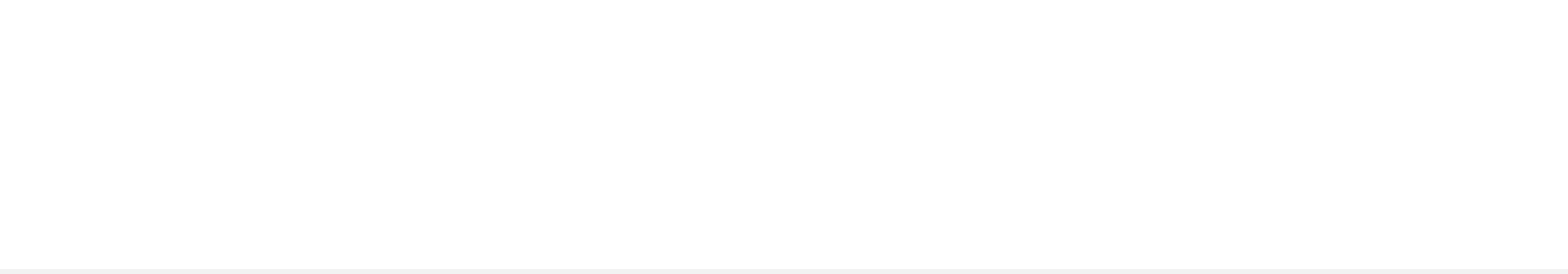
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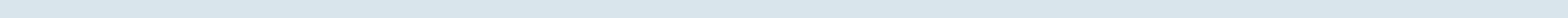
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