



news nuggets

Friday, November 30, 2018

Invitation to Teen Prayer Summit 2019 » For young people ages 12-18, Teen Prayer Summit is designed to emphasize the development of personal identity and purpose — rooted and grounded in Jesus, with a basis in prayer and a message that moves in the spirit of confidence. Beginning on Friday, January 18, 2019 and wrapping up on Sunday morning, January 20, we will pray together, explore Scripture together, recharge together, and have fun together.

Our hope is that your experience at Teen Prayer Summit will inspire confidence, encourage learning, and establish or re-establish your connection with Jesus Christ. Experiencing Jesus together and at Home with Him, you will find the freedom and courage to live life to the fullest!



Young people, find a sponsor or connect with your local youth group, and sign up for Prayer Summit today! You'll find that we're passionate about cultivating a positive, relevant, impactful, and fun experience for attendees AND sponsors alike. Expect to experience *meaningful worship*, lead by a talented praise leader with student musicians from Campion and Mile High Academies; *relevant messages*, rooted in Jesus's parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15 and moving with the spirit of confidence from Colossians 3; and finally, *impactful conversation* in the all new ENGAGE sessions that will feature activities and guided discussion designed to

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you
can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."
-- John Wesley

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explore, evaluate and apply the material presented at each gathering.

Event details and registration are available online at www.rmcyouth.org/prayersummit!

Questions? Please send us an e-mail or give us a call.

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Mile High Academy Student Takes Leap of Faith

» Twelve students from MHA's Refu-Jesus 2.0 class will be heading to Uganda on a mission trip this spring. This trip of a lifetime is being planned with lots of prayer as each student reaches out to their communities to raise the necessary funds to make the dream possible.



The Uganda project, including the building of water sources, providing basic needs, and ministering to the local area, has consumed the students, their families, and Mr.

Russell Palmer who heads the Refu-Jesus 2.0 class.

Students love discussing everything they will be able to accomplish once they are in Uganda--meeting the people, working hard, and using their God-given talents.

But before they can get there, they have to raise a lot of money--\$3,200 each. Flights to Africa, supplies, travel expenses all add up. It takes more than just talking about it; it takes a leap of faith.

One fundraising assignment was to write letters to business leaders and philanthropists in the hopes that this might produce a donation. This was a good way for the students to learn about writing grants and fundraising in the real world. One of these letters was rewarded in a big way.

James, an 8th grader in the class, was afraid he would not be able to go because he just had \$100 of the \$1,600 needed

Upcoming Events

Hispanic INTEL Graduation

Sunday, December 2

Denver Area Evangelism Planning

10-11 a.m., December 6

Executive Committee

10 a.m., December 13

RMC Staff Meeting

December 17

GVR Board

December 18

RMC Property and Trust

9:30 a.m. December 19

Christmas Eve

Office Closed at Noon

New Year's Eve

Office Closed at Noon

Pastors Meetings

January 6 - 9

NAD Adventist Ministries Convention

*January 13 - 16,
Albuquerque, NM*

Wyoming Taskforce Meeting

February 10

RMC Staff Meeting

February 12

GVR Board

February 19

RMC Property and Trust

February 20

RMC Staff Meeting

March 5

NAD Treasurers Council

March 27-28

at the halfway point. So, his excitement was palpable when on Monday, November 26, he received a letter from Leonard Riggio, Chairman of Barnes & Noble saying he had received \$1,000 to finance his trip to Uganda. This one time gift was Mr. Riggio's way of giving back to the people of Africa where he himself has scholarship programs in Sierra Leone.

As James said, "I have hope now. I'll get to go." That's what faith did for James--it gave him hope.

-- Agape Hammond

Campion Fusion Group Partners with Local Food Pantry »

A campus ministries fusion group, FŪZ Small, helped the House of Neighborly Service (HNS) food pantry in November by going out into the community and collecting much-needed food items. Before the pantry items were collected, the group spent an evening baking cookies, which they packaged with a flyer explaining their project, what food items were most needed by HNS, and when they would be back by to pick up donations. Then the group distributed the cookies in a nearby community.



A few days later, they returned to collect the donations. The project was well-received by the community. Many people had bags--some had boxes--of food ready to hand-off. One house asked if they were the "cookie people" and said the cookies were a big hit with her kids. HNS happily accepted the pantry items and were very thankful.

Jessica Singon, a senior at Campion, commented, "I was so proud of us girls because we are such a small group yet we are still capable of making a difference."



Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.



FŪZ Small leader, Honali Marin, said, “Partnering with a local organization that is well known in the community really helps the positive reception. People know about HNS and what they do for our community and are happy to help.”

Residents were also more prepared to give to the collection drive because of the cookie deliveries. “Taking the time to make something tasty to give to the people who are being asked to help, helped us to make a positive connection in the neighborhood,” explained Marin. “It gives us a chance to give the residents a heads-up as to what we are doing and when we will be back, so they can plan and be prepared.”

FŪZ Small plans to continue to build a relationship with HNS and to provide food items for their pantry throughout the school year. Champion’s Fusion worship and activities happen on Wednesday nights to provide students with an additional spiritual focus and mid-week refresher. In the coming semester, Champion plans to create and encourage more students to join small fusion groups such as FŪZ Small.

-- Champion News

Vanessa Rivera Ordained with Nine Others at Boulder Church »

Daughter of RMC's multi-cultural ministries director, Vanessa Rivera, was ordained as an elder at the Boulder Church on Sabbath, November 10, along with nine others. Having contributed to the church over many months working with the youth, she was ready for ordination as she continues to work with the youth.



Vanessa remembers seeing an elders ordination on the campus of Andrews University several years ago. “I was in awe,” she said. “It was so special to see so many of my peers affirming their call to serve their church.”

Associate pastor Jessyka Dooley, who works closely with Vanessa, said, “It was an awesome opportunity to be able to recognize the calling of our elders to serve as spiritual leaders in Boulder Church.” “Having our stage packed with pastors and elders praying over our new elders made my heart so full. The team of elders at Boulder is so diverse in age, perspective, and culture, but one in spirit and heart. It’s an honor to be a part of this team!”

“I never expected this,” said her father, Ruben Rivera. “It was a big surprise for me, but I believe the Lord will use her. He wants to use not only men, but also women.”

“We are very grateful to have Vanessa’s leadership in our church,” said Boulder’s lead pastor Japhet De Oliveira.

Other elders ordained were Cherie Eickmann, Aaron Laudenslager, Dre Laudenslager, Mark McLachlan, Kiefer Dooley, Jan Gates, Vanessa Rivera, Andy Atkins, Jordan Couch, and Brittany McLachlan.

-- Carol Bolden; photo by Ruben Rivera

The Adventure Does Thanksgiving » With fall in full swing, the Adventure Church went forth with great vigor to serve its community for Thanksgiving. Three main events were held in the weeks leading up to the holiday.



DW Wenberg and her F.A.I.T.H. (Feeding And Inspiring The Hungry) team, who build relationships with and minister monthly to the community, made a full Thanksgiving feast for a struggling neighborhood in Greeley that they have adopted over recent years. The Thanksgiving meal blessed more than 70 people.

Meanwhile, another team provided a full Thanksgiving meal for a group of international students attending the University of Northern Colorado. The F.A.I.T.H. team and other members of The Adventure provided this meal as an

illustration of the original Thanksgiving feast, celebrating cultures coming together in harmony and love.

Jed Dart, husband of The Adventure's pastor, made sure that all of the attending guests left with more knowledge of Thanksgiving trivia than they entered with. Students attended from Iran, Malaysia, Thailand, South Africa, and China.

Finally, in a continued effort to share with the community, Sarah Gallegos organized a Thanksgiving box run during which 58 boxes were donated to households that wouldn't have otherwise had a Thanksgiving meal.

-- Jonathan Candy, text and photo

Montrose Church Holds Thanksgiving Food Drive

» The Montrose Church has a long-standing tradition of doing outreach to their community each year around the Thanksgiving holiday. During this year's church-wide effort, members handed out 1,400 brown paper bags with stapled notes asking for food to help families in need. Fourteen hundred empty bags were delivered to homes on October 27 asking for donations for the food drive.



The community responded well and enough food was picked up and sorted to fill 50 boxes for 50 different families which were delivered November 3. Besides the collected food, families also received a turkey supplied by church members.

Judy Kelley, Jerilyn Pester and Ruth Kelley guided members efforts to keep this tradition going again this year.

-- Zane Berry, text and photo

Boulder Church Team Runs in Turkey Day Event

» Mark and Courtney McLachlan, Matthew, Brittany, and Brayden McLachlan, and Jerry Wall all ran the 5K and Becky De Oliveira (sad and alone) ran the 10K at the annual Broomfield Turkey Day race on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 22.



Pastor Japhet took photos, his favorite showing Brittany McLachlan, elder for Live Wonder, completing Asana tasks (a project management platform that helps her to manage her church duties) on her phone as she approaches the finish line! "Now that's dedication," Pastor Japhet remarked approvingly. If you missed out this year, never fear--we'll put together another team in 2019 (you can almost certainly be assigned a task to complete while on the course).

-- Becky De Oliveira; photo by Japhet De Oliveira

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grand Junction Church » The Grand Junction Church is excited to be hosting Lee and Marji Venden **November 30 through December 8** who will present a seminar series entitled "All About Jesus."

Elder Venden has never forgotten the joy he experienced when he discovered the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually knowing Jesus. The Vendens present clear, practical suggestions on how to develop or deepen a meaningful relationship with Jesus.

No matter where you are in your walk with God, these meetings will have something for everyone. Mark your calendar! See promo [video](#).

Littleton Church Concert Cafe » Come to our fundraiser concert on Saturday Night, **December 1**, at the Littleton Church Concert Café to help Mile High Academy Middle School students headed to Uganda. The concert will feature Refu-Jesus students, Russell and Sarah Palmer, and Christian artist Tori Harper. Tickets are \$10 per person (5th grade students and under are FREE). The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the music starts at 6 p.m. Email rpalmer@milehighacademy.org for details or donations.

Women of the Manger » On Saturday, **December 15**, the Grand Junction Church will host moving performances on *Women of the Manger*.

Performances will take place at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and all are invited to begin their Christmas where Christmas began--at the manger. The Grand Junction Church is located at 550 25 1/2 Road, Grand Junction CO.

Prayer Breakfast » You are cordially invited to a holiday prayer breakfast, from 9-11 a.m., Sunday, **December 16**, at the conference office. We'll praise God together for what He's done during 2018, and pray over our families, churches, communities, and all of RMC looking forward to 2019. Please bring a breakfast item to share if you like, or just come and bring a friend! Questions? Call/text DeeAnn 303-243-1172.

10 Days of Prayer » Plan NOW to be a part of the 10 Days of Prayer **January 9-19, 2019**. "A Deeper Experience," is the theme for the year and resources can be found at www.tendaysofprayer.org. Check it out. You'll be glad you did!

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.

HMS Richards Elementary » Part-time preschool 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.

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

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Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva
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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
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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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see:<http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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