News and updates from the president of the Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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Distance nursing program comes to Denver » The Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) on the campus of Florida Hospital in Orlando, Fla., just received approval to begin a distance-learning nursing program hosted at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver. The program uses state-of-the-art, two-way video conferencing, bringing students in Colorado together with professors in Florida. Click for details.

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival at Vista Ridge Academy
Sat., Nov. 3, 6:30–9:00 p.m.
Erie, Colo.
Contact: Carey Jordan
303.328.5435

Rake and Run
Sun., Nov. 4, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Members rake neighbors' leaves for free and leave CONNECT card.
Newday Church
Parker, Colo.
Contact: Lisa Engelkemier
269.325.2962

Campion Academy
Music & Mystery
Sat., Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m.
Presented by the Fine Arts
Campion Academy alumni celebrate opening of newly renovated Hankins Hall » Last weekend at Campion Academy, in Loveland, Colo., alumni, faculty, friends and students enjoyed a very successful Alumni Homecoming, which included a special ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated Hankins Hall and Entry Tower expansion project.

Pictured in the photo are John Winslow, former principal; Mimi Gregg-Danihel, donor for the project; and Spencer Hannah, current principal of Campion Academy. Hankins Hall now has a beautiful assembly hall, student center, Alumni Center and classrooms. In honor of Mimi’s generous support and dedication to Christ-centered education for the students of Campion Academy, the Alumni Center located in Hankins Hall will henceforth be known as “Mimi Gregg-Danihel Alumni Center.” Thank you, Mimi, for your generous gift that will bless our young people for many years to come.

Hispanic churches gather for a special Sabbath convocation » Pastor Ruben Rivera, RMC’s Hispanic ministries coordinator, shared a report about a special worship convocation that took place at Vista Ridge Academy in Erie, Colo., last Sabbath. Nearly 650 people were present for the worship service, where 12 people were baptized and 21 more made a decision to prepare for baptism in the near future. Praise God!

Our Hispanic churches are on the move, with members of 15 churches holding evangelistic meetings in the month of October.
Vista Adventist Fellowship rejoices as new members commit their lives to Jesus Oct. 20 was a high Sabbath for the Vista Adventist Fellowship in Longmont, Colo. Eight people joined the congregation through baptism, and one more on profession of faith following the Bible prophecy series conducted by evangelist Joel Kratzke. In addition, a number of other people are still studying, and more baptisms are anticipated.

Helen McKee, (pictured right with Joel Kratzke) is a professional seamstress. When she found out that the Vista Adventist Fellowship had no baptismal robes, she made them for those being baptized.

Pagosa (Colo.) Springs Church continues evangelistic meetings Let’s remember the Pagosa Springs evangelistic meetings in our prayers. Pastor Ruben Balaguer reports that a number of interested people are coming every night. This is the final week of the series.

Parker Adventist Hospital offers Concert of ThanksCaring Our Adventist hospitals continue to be a blessing to the communities they serve. Note this release from Parker Adventist Hospital, in Parker, Colo., about the Concert of ThanksCaring planned for the community, beginning at noon on Nov. 11 at the Parker Arts, Culture and Event Center, 20000 Pikes Peak Avenue, Parker. Read more »
Western Slope Prayer Summit » The RMC Prayer Ministries Team has planned a Prayer Summit titled "With Your Whole Heart," to be held in Grand Junction, Colo., on Friday, Nov. 17, and Sabbath, Nov. 18. The featured speaker will be Pastor Jim Moon from Alimosa, Colo., and music will be provided by Mark Bond, communication director for the RMC. You won't want to miss out on this time of prayer and praise. Contact Jan Olson at 970.256.7283 for more information.

Laying a foundation for missions in Zambia » The RMC Youth Department is raising funds to support the building of a secondary school in Mansa, Zambia, in conjunction with the upcoming mission trip to Africa next June.

Here’s how you can help: Purchase bags of cement for the foundation of the school. Each bag of cement costs $14. They’ve already raised enough for 115 bags, but they need 300 more.

Send funds to: Rocky Mountain Conference Youth Department, 2520 South Downing Street, Denver, CO 80210. Make checks payable to “Rocky Mountain Conference,” and include on the subject line, “Zambia Cement Project.” Donations are tax-deductible.

Read more about the project by clicking here. To follow the progress of mission in Zambia, like their page on Facebook.

ACS Community L.I.F.T. stocks Christmas store » Did you know the Denver ACS Community L.I.F.T. staff opens a Santa Store every year for families to shop in who would have no Christmas otherwise? It is a wonderful community outreach with committed volunteers who help set up and assist with shopping. Your help is needed to stock the store. To learn how you can help, click here to see ACS’s official release about this program.

Schools conclude outdoor school and week of prayer » The Montrose and Delta Adventist schools, in the Western Slope of Colorado, just finished a very spiritual, inspirational outdoor school and week of prayer. Click here to read the article sent to us about this incredible event.
Mile High Academy hosts Suzuki workshop » On Sunday, Oct. 21, Mile High Academy hosted a Suzuki workshop specifically for Strings of the Rockies parents, teachers and interested community. The event was a great success!

On the road » Last weekend’s Executive Committee Retreat at Glacier View Ranch, in Ward, Colo., was a blessing! Since half of the committee is comprised of newly appointed members, the retreat provided a great opportunity to get to know each other and the families attending, as well. There was a sweet spirit present, and I have no doubt that the Lord blessed our Nominating Committee, which prayed for a very spiritual, dedicated group to lead our conference.

Monday was a great day! I spent it with the Wyoming pastors in Casper. Plans were laid to move forward with the Awaken Wyoming project. By the end of the year, the final plans will be submitted to the Wyoming Taskforce for their approval.

This weekend, my wife, Diane, and I are privileged to return to Southern Adventist University, in Collegedale, Tenn., for Alumni Homecoming. I will speak Friday evening at the Collegedale Church, and look forward to connecting with the wonderful friends I made while attending school there.

While I was at Annual Council last week, I did something that I quite often do: I opened the hymnal and read the words to several different hymns. There are some amazing lyrics in the book, which inspire me greatly. One of the hymns I read was “The Church Has One Foundation,” by Samuel Stone, a clergyman in England back in the 1800s. I have sung this song many times, but had not taken the time to let the lyrics sink in. It was written in 1866, close to the time our church was founded. The gospel is front and center in the song’s message, and I encourage you to take the time to read these words of encouragement and strength.

Happy Sabbath to all!

Pastor Gary Thurber

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