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

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Editor's Note » The **Society of Adventist Communicators Conference**, held this year in Salt

Society of Adventist Communicators

Lake City, was a huge success and a substantial blessing to all who attended. The conference is held each year during the month of October, attracting attendees who work in the fields of communication, marketing, design, media, and evangelism, among others. This week's distribution of the News Nuggets is coming to you on a Sunday instead of a Friday due to participation in this annual event by **Mark Bond**, RMC's director of communication and family ministries.

Franktown Church welcomes new pastor » Last Sabbath, **Jamey Houghton** was voted in as the new pastor for the **Franktown Church** in Colorado. Pastor Houghton currently serves as the Rocky



Mountain Conference coordinator for Youth Evangelism. Houghton will continue in that position as he takes on the new role of pastor at the Franktown Church. Pastor Houghton and his new church family are excited about merging their ministries, and we wish them only the best as in this new venture! The church also warmly welcomes Jamey's wife, **Erin**, along with their three children.

Sunday, October 27, 2013



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Upcoming Events

Vista Ridge Academy Fall Festival

Nov. 2
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



New assistant camp ministries director chosen for Glacier View Ranch » Everett

Jamieson has accepted an invitation to be the assistant camp ministries director for **Glacier View Ranch** in Ward, Colo. He will serve as head of maintenance for GVR. Everett, a master

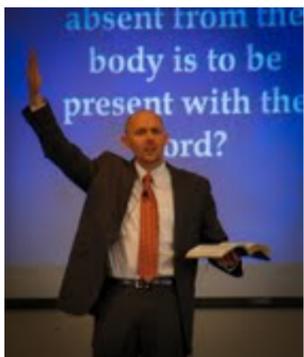
electrician and licensed builder, comes to us from Camp Au Sable in Michigan, where he held the same position. Everett and his wife, **Julie**, who will serve as head of housekeeping, plan to start with us Dec. 1. Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Conference, Everett and Julie!

Cheyenne church members collaborate on evangelistic series »

Members of the **Cheyenne Church** in Wyoming are working together in beautiful ways to support an evangelistic



series in which **Pastor Don Barnt** is currently preaching. Read the story sent to us by **Lana Anderson**, Cheyenne Church communication secretary. It tells how everyone is involved in this special, church-wide effort. Let's remember to pray for God's blessing on this outreach.



Twin Peaks Church begins evangelistic campaign » Read this exciting report about the **Bible prophecy seminar** currently taking place at the Twin Peaks Church in Louisville, Colo., submitted by **Caleb Cook**, Twin Peaks Church communication director.

Broomfield (N.M.) Hispanic Church organizes »

This past Sabbath, **Ruben Rivera**, Rocky Mountain Conference Hispanic Ministries coordinator, led out in the organization of the **Broomfield Hispanic Church** in New Mexico. More than 90 were in attendance for this happy occasion. Pictured are **Sharon Williams** and her husband, **Toby**, founders of the group.



On the road » I can hardly believe that this will be the last *News Nuggets* I write for the Rocky Mountain Conference. To say the least, the four-plus years spent here have been wonderful for my family and me. You welcomed us with such graciousness, and we felt your support and prayers from the time my wife, Diane, and I arrived.



Vista Ridge Academy
3100 Ridgeview Drive
Erie, Colo.

You are invited to the Fall Festival at Vista Ridge Academy! The gym will be filled with festival games, activities and prizes. The atrium will have yummy festival food and treats!

Mile High Academy Fall Festival

Nov. 9
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mile High Academy
711 E. Yale St.
Denver, Colo.

Mile High Academy's Fall Festival will take place at the school. Fellowship, food, fun and games will fill your evening! The proceeds from the evening will benefit the various classes and programs at Mile High Academy.

From the RMC Calendar:

[Campion Academy Board](#)

Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

[Finance Committee](#)

Dec. 10, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

[Executive Committee](#)

Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[GVR Board](#)

Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[RMC Property & Trust Committee](#)

Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

During the first few months, I received a card from someone (I still don't know who) on almost a daily and weekly basis. This person shared a Bible promise and a prayer for me. How humbling that was! What a gift it has been to minister alongside the praying, dedicated members of the Rocky Mountain Conference. It is so hard to say goodbye to the many friends we have made here.

In closing, I thought I would put in writing my top ten observations and words of encouragement as I say goodbye.

1. I believe the Rocky Mountain Conference has at its core some of the most dedicated, Spirit-filled laypeople anywhere. I want to encourage you to go deep into God's Word and let it always be your guide. Continue to be people of prayer, and God will guide and bless beyond your imagination!
2. RMC has a rich diversity that needs to be celebrated and not feared. Whether you are part of a congregation in the wonderful Wyoming territory, the majestic Western Slope, or the amazing Front Range, we have different cultures, customs, practices, and styles that make us a unique, strong group of God's children. Never be critical of each other, but only bless each other with support.
3. RMC has some of the finest pastors in our denomination that deserve and need the support of their members. I can't say enough about this. I have enjoyed working with our pastors, and have been amazed to see the wonderful talents, gifts, and servant hearts they possess.
4. Our schools are absolutely top drawer. There is no other way to see this. Our young people are tested and retested; every time, they come out at the top of the heap, a credit in part to the quality education they are exposed to. By the way, that is true no matter how big or small the school is. But that is only the tip of the iceberg! Our students also are sitting at the feet of teachers who love them, love Jesus, who pray for their students, and desire most of all for them to be in a close, living relationship with Jesus. Please, support our schools, and let your children experience the blessing God pours out on them there.
5. I believe Jesus is coming soon, and that God has given us a special understanding of the Great Controversy and of the amazing grace the Lord is going to pour out to all those who trust in Him. We have a message of love and hope the world desperately needs. Understood in light of the cross, each of our beliefs is precious and grace-filled. I believe now, more than ever, that the world needs to understand the character of God in light of the Scriptures.
6. I believe we will always be stronger together. Remember, unity is what God calls for and Satan fears. Support each other, pull strongly in the same direction, and great things will happen in the name of Christ. Be faithful stewards with your tithes and offerings. Put

your treasures squarely in Heaven, and you will find more joy and peace than ever.

7. Love each other unconditionally. That is what our Savior calls us to do. Be an irresistible witness to the world of the difference it makes in one's life when Christ is in control. Read daily, as Ellen White suggests, I Corinthians 13. When this is understood and lived, our churches will grow faster than ever before.
8. Serve your communities. We must mingle with our communities and seek to do the good we can. How else will they know we love them and care about not only their earthly journey but their eternal one as well?
9. As we evangelize our territory, never forget that your first calling is to your families and children. When families are strong, our churches will only be that much stronger. Make the children's programming the best in the church. Let's send them a strong message that they matter most to us. This will be the best investment you can make in their (and our) future.
10. Most of all, thank you. You have shown so much love, support, and grace to us. We could not have asked for a better place to serve than right here in Rocky Mountain. Soon you will be picking a new president. Love and support him as you have me, and I know some of the greatest years for the Rocky Mountain Conference are just ahead.

I pray for God's richest blessings for each of you and for the Rocky Mountain Conference. It has been an honor to be your president. We count you as friends forever, and long for the day when there will be no more goodbyes or separation.

Looking for the Blessed Hope,



Elder Gary Thurber

Rocky Mountain Conference president

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Members can follow the link to sign up for weekly news and keep up-to-date on what's happening around the Rocky Mountain Conference.