



Language, Empowerment and Fun » At Boulder Church, we have been making some major shifts in how we organize our kids division. We believe discipleship begins at age zero and to connect kids with a loving, caring God, we must connect them with loving, caring adults. A few things that we have done that I believe have begun to strengthen our kids division:



1. We're intentional about our language. We've moved from "Sabbath School," "classes," and "teachers," to Camp Sanitas," "connect groups," and "leaders." The reasoning behind this is that many kids struggle with academics and hearing school-like terminology can be a subconscious barrier for them. This also gives stronger language to those who volunteer that they aren't just teaching information, but leading kids into a deeper relationship with Jesus. 2. We empower our kids to lead. Sometimes, it is upfront during Camp Sanitas Large Group or in the church service. Other times, it's helping clean up and keep our room beautiful. Some of our leaders have begun empowering the kids in their connect group by letting them lead the redecoration of their room. Every moment, there is an opportunity to allow kids to learn, lead, and serve. 3. We make it fun. Kids want to run, dance, play, and get crafty, so anything and everything we can do to help them understand Jesus and the Bible in the context of adventure is a win! Last week, we had the teenagers throw piñata parties for the kids as a way to learn about stewardship!

Friday, October 27, 2017

Evangelism is who we are.

-- Carlton Byrd





Upcoming Events

GVR Board October 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 Every church is different, but using inclusive language, empowering service, and having fun are ingredients we can all use to help nurture and grow our kid' relationships with Jesus.

If you have questions about Camp Sanitas, please email Pastor Jessyka at jessyka@boulder.church. [Jessyka Albert]

Struggling With Abuse » Have you ever encountered a church member who shared a deep, dark secret with you that she had been abused by a pastor, a Christian counselor, an academy teacher, Pathfinder leader or other spiritual leader? Have you ever listened with great sorrow as a pastor's wife shares that her husband is abusive at home but no one would believe her if she told because he's so charismatic and loved by all? Have you ever wondered why the teenager who used to love church and Bible study now refuses to attend because of "something" the youth pastor did to her that she will not disclose because she is too fearful? Have you, as a church member, wondered how to help your church prevent abuse and make it a safe place for all?

THE HOPE OF SURVIVORS

If you've ever pondered these questions or had these experiences, then you need to know about The Hope of Survivors—a nonprofit organization providing emotional and spiritual support to victims of clergy sexual abuse; conducts training seminars for pastors and church leaders, as well as congregations; creates and distributes educational resources (books, DVDs, etc.) to help educate others on this topic; and much more.

"...I could have never foreseen the struggles I would have as the result of telling. It has tested my trust and faith in God in a way that is changing me for the better. ...I, like you, have learned that The Hope of Survivors gives us the tools we need to overcome those struggles."—MN

Sexual abuse—clergy sexual abuse—is a topic we all need to know about and understand so that we can avoid causing further harm to victims and congregations suffering in the р.т.

RMC Property & Trust Committee October 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hispanic Youth Congress October 20, 6:00 a.m. -October 22, 6:00 p.m

Hispanic Pastor's Meeting (Conference) November 6, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m

Staff Meeting *November 7, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m*

H.O.P.E. (Houses of Hope Everywhere) November 11, 2:30 p.m. -- 6:30 p.m.

Hispanic Lay Leaders Training (Grand Junction) November 12, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hispanic Lay Leaders Training (Denver) November 19, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve --Office Closed Half Day November 21

Thanksgiving Day --Office Closed November 22 aftermath. Please feel free to reach out to The Hope of Survivors (<u>http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com</u>). We are here for you!

Hong Kong: In, but Not Of » I loathe teaching with a passion.

Effective teachers exercise wisdom, patience, leadership, and discipline at a level I cannot begin to comprehend.

My one-week teaching experience in Sabah taught me that I lack said skills and that teachers should be some of the most widely respected leaders in our society. Through this experience, God taught me that effective teaching is a spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12: 7-11), a spiritual gift not bestowed upon me.

But, these last six months have shown that God qualifies the unqualified (1 Corinthians 1: 18-31).



To make a long story short, I now live and work at Hong Kong Adventist College (2), where I serve as a student ambassador (1) in attempts to better students' educational and spiritual journeys by bridging gaps between cultural differences in education, work, and religion.

Looking back on my own college experience, I can say education is one of the most under-appreciated, most undervalued, and yet most essential aspects in my life. I can also say my demographic does not value education.

The academic situation in Hong Kong, on the other hand, is quite different. Rejection from the world's leading universities is one of the biggest disappointments a Hong Kong student will likely experience. Higher education increases their likelihood of getting a top-paying job in business, medical, or technological fields, which would enable them to support themselves in Asia's most expensive place to live (#14 out of 320 in the world).

Additionally, limited to 1,063 square miles (3/4 of which is dedicated to preserving Hong Kong's natural greenery), owning land takes on a new meaning. Oftentimes, students and their families live in a 900 square-foot apartment costing



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over \$3,000 USD a month (3). Stress is the norm.

Distress—coupled with a highly nonreligious environment contributes to high rates of smoking and drinking among Hong Kong's youth. HKAC students are not immune to the disease.

Although an "Americanized" international school affiliated with Andrews University, around 90 percent of its students do not claim Christianity (4).

That's why I'm here.

My duties include teaching and tutoring English, serving as a spiritual "student" leader and resident assistant, and being a friend. Friendship evangelism—specifically, encouraging these students in their studies and praying with them—is the most important task I fulfill. Despite our cultural and religious differences, respect and divine intervention are what make positive change possible.

Respect allows us not only to grow as a family, but to share our religious views with one another.

One evening, I expressed disdain at the fact that the students are forced to attend worship twice a day. A student responded, "It's a sign of respect. We may not believe in it, but we are here and so it is the right thing to do." What a different response than I hear at Adventist colleges in the States!



And, when these students do decide to take the baptismal plunge, they risk giving up their entire way of living—and maybe even their family. Several students have bravely shared their testimonies with me, and their hope and love for their family, and their willingness to put their lives on the line for Christ, touches my heart most. One high school student who discovered God within the last year even ventured to share that she strives to be a missionary to help plant seeds. "Like you," she said.

I finally realized being a leader—a teacher—does not mean I need charisma and public speaking abilities. Being a teacher can come through being a friend; being a positive influence. Being that classmate who buys someone a drink for no other purpose than to be nice. Being that resident assistant who will offer to pray with someone before a test. Being that roommate who will watch a movie with a friend after a hard day. Being a sibling who works to solve another's problems, no matter how big or small.

Being a leader for God means making "Christlike" a cardinal trait, a trait that is so pervasive it influences every word, every action, every movement, every thought. Total and utter surrender.

It makes a difference in a world that functions without God. [Stefani Leeper is a 2017 Union College graduate with a bachelor's degree in Communication. She served as the 2016 RMC communication intern]

(1) A student ambassador is a missionary who may also take classes at the establishment. Although a graduate, I currently study Mandarin, tai chi, and two other courses without the cost of tuition.

(2) HKAC provides students with lower-than-optimal public exam scores the opportunity of a second chance, and a more direct route to entering university studies or graduate school in the United States.

(3) https://www.expatistan.com/cost-of-living/hong-kong

(4) Common religions include Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, and ancestral worship.

COMMENTARY

A Stiff Reality » If you were to do a quick Google search of the most recent generation Y (often termed "the millennials"), you would stumble across a plethora of interesting headlines:

"Millennials: The Me Me Me Generation" - Time magazine;

"Millennials Are Actually Workaholics, According to Research"

- the Harvard Business Review;

"3 Reasons Millennials Aren't Ready for Real Careers" -Business Insider

"The Millennials are Generation Nice" - the New York Times;

"These Cash-Flush Millennials are Spending Wisely" - CNBC; "What's the Problem with Millennials in the Workplace?" - The Telegraph;

"P&G's Downy Facing Stiff Reality: Millennials Don't Use Fabric Softener" - Fox Business.

I find it intriguing that these headlines are contradictory to the point of hilarity. If you'd like, track down a few of these articles and dive in - you'll find that the amusement continues. Each one seems to have a different and quite often polarized opinion on millennials. Joel Stein, in the Time article listed above, cites National Health Institute research showing that millennials are narcissistic, entitled and lazy. At the same time, Sarah Green Carmichael, writing for the Harvard Business review, details research from Project: Time Off showing millennials are more likely to consider themselves "work martyrs" and less likely to take time off from work.

On and on, the research and opinions pile up. In the interest of brevity, I'm going to begin paraphrasing from the endless mashup of commentary available on millennials. Millennials don't want to work. Millennials don't want to take time off. Millennials are killing the automobile, new home, beer, cereal and yogurt markets. And if you think that is bad, have you seen what this new generation is doing to the fabric softener industry? It is truly preposterous, but they have no clue what the stuff is or why they should use it... and sales plummeted 26 percent from 2007 to 2015. At the same time, millennials are boosting coffee sales, creating a shortage of beard oil and packing yoga studios worldwide.

Beyond shopping habits, the new generation has a strange set of beliefs and convictions (or a lack thereof). Millennials want to belong but don't want to make a commitment. They want to see radical cultural changes push our society into a progressive era but won't leave their parent's basements. They live in a world of constant social interaction via small rectangular screens that perpetuate anxiety and turmoil rather than genuine and meaningful communication. They thrive on being "unique" but crave acceptance. They snap, tweet, share on Facebook, like on Instagram and swipe through Tinder while watching Netflix and sending out work emails. It's exhausting just thinking about this cacophony of ideology, non-stop entertainment and endless social interaction.

So let's slow down for a second. If we cut away the descriptions, research, analysis and opinions - what do we get? While no one locks in an exact pinpoint for the beginning and end of generation Y, the consensus is that millennials are people born between roughly 1980 and 1995. These are the individuals who were the first to come of age in the new millennium. Did you catch that? It's nothing difficult or profound - nothing we need research to help us understand. Millennials are people; growing up, learning, making a living, subsisting and interacting with each other. Sure, there are a lot of differences between this current generation and the ones that preceded it. Many of them prompted, incubated and perpetuated by the radical development of technology over the last several decades, but it still doesn't change the basics. People are inherently social. We have a desire to be

connected, to belong, to grow, to contribute.

And now is when we get to my obscene, radical and entirely game-changing thesis: Young people want the same things from church that every other person ever is seeking or has sought and what only Jesus Christ and His Father offers. It is nothing new! From the disciples in the upper room to this crazy new generation of millennials - we are all seeking the same things. I propose that these things are the joy, purpose and safety that we encounter through authentic connections, loving relationships and unconditional acceptance. In it's purest form, this would be a relationship between man and the Creator God. Unfortunately, we don't live in an unadulterated world. Forces of evil tirelessly prod along our separation from God which serves to easily confuse the issue and leads to different manifestations of people looking for these same things.

I am afraid that we continuously engineer and over complicate what should be very simple. At an individual level we must prayerfully seek after a relationship with God, flee from sin and love others as we love ourselves. At our churches we need to foster real, meaningful, authentic connections that reflect the relationship of Christ with His church. More events, flashier lights, heartier debates and radical theology will not fill the streets of heaven. Take a hard look at what church looks like on any given Sabbath. I am afraid that we are losing our [young] people because we do not do a good job at fostering meaningful, authentic connections in our churches. As long as someone can skip out on a Sabbath or two without feeling missed, there is absolutely zero draw to return. If this is true on Sabbath, how much more so is it true on any given weekday?

If our churches want to maintain relationships with the [young] people that we have, much less add new ones, we need to step up and get our collective heads in the game. Leave the comfort zone and make a concerted effort to build relationships. Meet people where they are! And not just on Sabbaths. Hint: go have lunch with Zaccheus or invite Mary Magdalene over to your place for dinner. Put in some effort on this crazy idea. Meet someone new and invite them to church. If they don't want to come, be their friend. Add a new number to your phone and follow up with a message or a call during the week. Conscientiously watch who attends church and when someone misses make a point to let them know that someone noticed when they were absent (not to drop a hammer of wrath for skipping church, but to extend genuine care that the community missed the person's presence). I could go on for quite some time, but you get the point. It is not necessary to have to have all the knowledge, try to be

out-of-this world cool, or be someone or something you are not. What we need to do is make an effort. Love God and love people, it is that simple. What the [young] people want from church is to be a part of a loving, caring, supportive, authentic and accepting community that inspires joy, purpose and safety while furthering a true relationship with the One who created us all.

[Kiefer Dooley]

PRAYER CORNER

"Many and wonderful are the promises recorded in the Scriptures regarding the church. "My house shall be called an **house of prayer** for all people." Isaiah 56:7" AA p9

Interested in making *prayer* a more integral part of your church? You're invited to join us for an afternoon of prayer and training, **Sabbath**, **November 11**. In addition to praying together, you'll receive resources, hear stories, and get great ideas from people just like you who are watching God work through prayer in their churches! The meeting will be from **2:30-6:30 at the conference office**, so you have time to go to church, snag a sandwich, and c'mon over for a GREAT afternoon. At 6:30 we'll provide a light supper so you can go across the street to the 7pm Jaime Jorge concert at Denver South church. It'll be a power-packed Sabbath - Don't miss it!

NOTICE

Take note in advance that *NewsNuggets* will be "on vacation" for the following weeks, November 3 and 10. Please continue to send information and reports and they will be used when *NewsNuggets* returns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Find "A Pale Horse Rides" Location Near You

» More than 700 churches across North America are partnering with the Voice of Prophecy to present A PALE HORSE RIDES in two weeks. This gripping follow-up to last year's award-winning SHADOW EMPIRE series will walk in the footsteps of an intriguing group of ancient barbarians who mysteriously became Christians during the collapse of the Roman Empire.

In addition, stories from the 1,200 years that led up to Martin Luther's Reformation will explore the topic of Christianity's future as the world celebrates the 500th anniversary of the year Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church. Boonstra traveled to Europe to make history come alive for this series, and each local pastor will play a pivotal role in the three presentations. It all begins Oct. 27, and you'll want to bring a friend.

In Wyoming, "A Pale Horse Rides" will be available in Buffalo and Casper. Colorado locations include Aurora, Brighton, Castle Rock, Cedaredge, Denver, Dove Creek, Durango, Fort Collins, Fort Lupton, Fort Morgan, Golden, Grand Junction, Greeley, Leadville, Littleton, Loveland, Monte Vista, Northglenn, Pueblo, Steamboat Springs and Sterling. New host sites are being added daily. For more information and to find the location near you, visit <u>palehorserides.com</u>.



The next issue of **Inside ASI** is in the planning stage and are looking for fresh, inspiring stories from business owners,

professionals and ministries.

The theme for this issue, which will come out in November, is **He Must Increase**. This issue will be distributed at GYC in Phoenix, Arizona. Folloiwing are the types of articles that we need.

Stories on how you share Christ in your marketplace (400-800 words);

Articles on Health (400-800 words)

Spiritual Insights (400-800 words)

The deadline is October 15. Please email your articles with photos to communications @asiministries.org

Denver South Church » The traditional Feast of Lights concert is coming to Denver South Church December 1, 2. You are invited to join us again as we prepare for this holiday event. **Friday night rehearsals** will take place from 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. October 6. A **mini-retreat** will be held November 3 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and November 4 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. with orchestra.

November 26: Rehearsal with orchestra from 2 - 4:30 p.m.
November 30: Dress rehearsal from 6 - 9 p.m.
December 1: 6 p.m. call; 7 p.m. concert
December 2: 3 p.m. call; 4 p.m. concert
Music packets will be distributed at the first rehearsal. For more information, contact Douglas Macomber at 303-744-1271.

Vista Fellowship » Presented by Carlos Munoz at Vista Fellowship in Longmont, a Prophecy Series will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, October 13 through November 10. The church is at <u>701 Kimbark St</u>, Longmont. For more information contact Tim Jones at <u>timj@rmcsda.org</u>.

For a **SPANISH version** of the Prophecy Series, hear retired pastor Reuben Garcia of Guatemala as he presents the series at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, **October 13 through October 28**.

HEALTHCARE EDUCATION EXPO

How will the next chapter of your life unfold?



Healthcare Expo at ADU Denver » ADU Denver is holding a Healthcare Education Expo from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, November 8. Learn about the programs (Nursing, Radiography, and Sonography), meet the faculty, and tour the learning labs during this open house event. RSVP TO <u>ADU.edu/DenverExpo</u>

The Anderson Trio in Concert November 11 »

Melissa (Anderson) Clouzet has been the Choral Studies director at Campion Academy for five years. Together with her siblings, Heidi (Anderson) Gonzalez, and Gregg Anderson, they have been making music together from a very young age. Hailing from Bemidji, Minnesota, the trio continued singing together throughout their entire Adventist education, which culminated at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The result is a beautiful blend of peaceful vocal harmony, covering beloved hymns and contemporary Christian music.

The FREE concert will be at 4 p.m., November 11 the Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Denver West Church » A Pale Horse Rides will be shown at Denver West Church at 7 p.m. **October 26, 27, and 28.** Hear the untold stories from the 1200 years that paved the way for Martin Luther's Reformation. The final evening of the series is Reformation Sabbath (see below). You won't want to miss a single night! The church is located at 290 South Quitman Street, Denver 80219.

Laura Williams in Concert on October 28 at

Campion Church » Laura is a budding, young Christian artist who has flown all around the country giving concerts, singing for evangelistic meetings, and working with various ministries, such as The Voice of Prophecy, Modern Manna, Amazing Facts, and various television stations including The Hope Channel, LLBN, and 3ABN. The concert will be held at 5 p.m., October 28 in the Campion Church, 300 SW 42nd Street in Loveland, For more information call 970-667-7403.

Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation -- 1517 - 2017 » On Sabbath, **October 28, 2017**, Denver West Church will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the **Protestant Reformation**. Sabbath School begins at 9 a.m., with a documentary about Martin Luther, the Reformer who dared to reject several teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Pastor Ruddy Vivanco will speak at 11 a.m. and share his experience visiting the Wittenberg Castle Church. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The blessings of this day extend into the evening with the final presentation at 7 p.m of "*A Pale Horse Rides*."

For more information, please email Patricia Armijo at parmijo07@hotmail.com.



Cody Church » Pastor Steve Nelson will be presenting

an evangelistic series titled, "Jesus, the Heart of Revelation," on **October 20, 21, 27, and 28** at the Cody Church at 1608 19th Street, Cody, Wyoming. This six-part series (Friday evening, Sabbath morning and Sabbath evening) will help participants find peace in the coming storm while focusing on Jesus throughout the Book of Revelation. All are welcome to attend!



La Vida Mission Supply Drive » A new needs and wish list for La Vida Mission is now available <u>here</u>. The truck will pick up items from churches beginning Sunday, **November 5** and delivering the items to La Vida Mission on Wednesday, November 8. See the supply drive schedule here. If you have furniture or larger items, please contact Cathy Kissner before your day of delivery so that plans can be in place for loading your items. Thank you for your help in supporting La Vida Mission.

Success with Resistant, Unmotivated and Disruptive Kids »

Have you ever heard a child say, "I'm not doing it! You can't make me!"? Join Dr. Charles Fay on Tuesday, November 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Arvada Center

as he provides practical solutions that will change your life!

At this fun-filled event, you will learn:

- How to build cooperative relationships with resistant kids
- Tips for dealing with youth who argue, manipulate and try to control others
- Strategies for staying sane with kids who constantly test limits
- How to remain loving while not becoming a doormat

Discover why, for over 40 years, the Love and Logic Institute has been recognized as the trusted leader in the area of helping parents and professionals bring the best out of challenging kids.

Arvada Center is located at 6901 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada 80003. The cost is \$99, which includes a \$10 non-refundable deposit. Register online or call 800-338-4065. **Graduate-level credit**: One semester credit hour

Offered by: Brandman University

Credit Cost: \$95.00 (payable to Brandman University)

Twin Peaks Church » CELEBRATING LIFE IN

RECOVERY, a 14-week program presented by Cheri Peters, takes a biblical approach to restoring people to sanity. Participants will be part of a supportive group who will open up to each other and to God, allowing His Spirit to lead them into healing. Begins August 17 and continues every Thursday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. **through November 16** at the Twin Peaks Church, 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville CO 80027.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Campion Academy » is looking for a part-time English teacher with a master's degree and SDA certification. To apply, send your resume to Don Reeder at don.reeder@campion.net.

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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.

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

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