Message to all Pastors in the Rocky Mountain Conference  »  As we enter the month of October, we think in a special way of our ministers. As members of our 130 congregations, we often take for granted that each Sabbath there will be a sermon, that there is someone to answer theological questions, and that someone will give a Bible study or visit our home.

As our churches observe the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the words of Martin Luther may be appropriate: "When God wants to speak and deal with us, he does not avail himself of an angel, but of parents, or the pastor, or of our neighbor."

These October weeks are the perfect time to commit to praying for and encouraging our ministers – not just once, but on a regular basis. May love for our ministers find itself not only in words, but also through our kindness and support for them and their families. Our encouragement will become an expression of Christian discipleship.

We are proud of the ministers in our Conference. On behalf of the Rocky Mountain Conference, we express our gratitude for each of our shepherds and their families. May God richly bless each of you, and be assured of our support in your ministry, not only during Pastor Appreciation month, but daily!
Ed Barnett, RMC president

Volunteers Train for Service at VOP Boot Camp  »  More than 150 people attended a Voice of Prophecy Boot Camp held at Mile High Academy the weekend of September 29 in preparation for the four-week Revelation Speaks Peace Friday, October 6, 2017

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear.
-- Ambrose Redmoon

Upcoming Events

Western Slope Women's Retreat
series beginning January 5, 2018. In attendance were many of the people who are following up on Bible study cards returned from a series of mailings by the Voice of Prophecy. They came for training as well as a spiritual booster shot and many expressed their appreciation of the event.

In the school gymnasium with people sitting at round tables covered with an array of bright colors, Shawn Boonstra, VOP director and speaker for the Revelation Speaks Peace series coming in January, was on hand to provide encouragement and impetus for the work to be done between now and touchdown, sharing many stories of God’s leading in His work. “God works ahead of us,” he said, giving the example of cultures who already have a background for the gospel through their own stories of Creation and the Flood.

Boonstra also told his grocery-shopping story as an example of God working ahead. To make sure he was getting exactly what his wife wanted, he was talking to her by phone as he shopped. A woman in the store responded to him, thinking he was talking to her. Telling his wife he’d call her back, he hung up and then apologized to the woman for his “rudeness.”

“As long as I’m talking to you,” she laughed, “you might as well look at our specials,” and she pointed to a selection of meats.

“Thank you, but I’m a vegetarian,” he explained.

“I used to be a vegetarian,” the woman stated, “but now I’m a meat-eater. We used to eat a lot of Special K Loaf.”

“Busted!” Shawn said. “I’m a Seventh-day Adventist minister and you need to come back.”

The woman began to cry, explaining she had been thinking she should come back, but didn’t know how.

Sabbath morning, Boonstra read aloud Ellen White’s dream (found in Gospel Workers, p. 136) about gathering the fruit, an analogy, of course, for soul-winning, pointing out the many parallels between the dream and church workers today.

Attendees were well-fed in the afternoon with an offering of seven workshops from which they could choose two. They...
included such subjects as “Making the Second Visit,” “How to Study Your Bible,” “What They Believe,” “Interpersonal Relationships,” and “How to Reach Millennials” and were an excellent way for those giving Bible studies to arm themselves with knowledge.

The weekend wrapped up on Sunday morning with more suggestions from Boonstra on bringing people to a decision.

“It was an excellent weekend,” enthused Valerie Miller, Littleton Church member. “I enjoyed it thoroughly and I don’t know how they could have squeezed in one more thing.”

[Carol Bolden; photo by Eric Nelson]

Revelation Speaks Peace series begins January 5, 2018 and continues through February 4, 2018 at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in downtown Denver.

Worland’s SonShine School in Full Swing » The school year is off to a great start at SonShine Academy with ten students meeting at a great new location in the community center building at 1200 Culbertson Avenue in Worland. The students will be singing, collecting the offering, and providing special music during the worship service at Worland Church on October 7. “This will certainly be a treat for the Worland Church,” Samantha Nelson reports.

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.
Teacher Annette Treat, along with her students, plan a field trip to the SonHarvest Season’s Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze in Riverton on October 12. They are already anticipating fun and excitement.

[Samantha Nelson; photo by Annette Treat]

FROM THE EDITOR

RMC’s receptionist and membership clerk, Carol Bolden, retired September 30, but will continue to work two days per week – Tuesdays and Thursdays – as an assistant for communication. She will continue to write and edit for NewsNuggets and Mountain Views. You can reach her by emailing carolb@rmcsda.org or calling 303-282-3626. For submissions of articles and announcements email nuggets@rmcsda.org

We would like to express our appreciation for Carol’s 15 years of service at the Rocky Mountain Conference. When you called or visited our office, Carol was the one who made you feel welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Following 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.

**Littleton Church**  You are invited to a luau, “A Taste of Polynesia, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, **October 7** at Mile High Academy. Enjoy delicious foods from the Polynesian Islands, special guest entertainment displaying the cultural dances of the islands, and a fire dancer! Fun for the whole family! FREE. Donations will benefit the worthy student fund of Littleton SDA Church.

**Mile High Academy**  Mile High Academy invites you to Bring a Friend to School Day! Come on Thursday, **October 12** from 8:30-3:30 p.m. for a full day of fun. As our friend, you will attend classes and participate in engaging activities with your peers. And if you don’t know anyone at MHA, we will partner you with a friend. You get to experience a regular school day where you are a special guest. Lunch will be provided. For details or to save your spot, call us at 303.744.1069 or register online at milehighacademy.org/VisitUs.

**Colorado Springs Central Church**  You are invited to join us for our annual Fall Week of Prayer at Colorado Springs Central Church. Virgil Covel, director for ministerial, evangelism and church ministries for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, will speak under the theme, "The Way into a Powerful Prayer Life." The week will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, **October 17**, with an evening of praise and worship. It will continue through Friday evening and conclude on Sabbath, October 21, with an afternoon session. A FREE meal will be served from 5 - 6 pm in the church Fellowship Hall each Tuesday through Friday before the program. Worship will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with praise music, dynamic preaching, and effectual fervent prayers. A special program for children in grades K-8 will be held during
Fort Lupton Church » Health to the MAX, a multi-media event will be held at the Fort Lupton Church beginning at 7 p.m., October 7 and continuing nightly through Saturday, October 14. Enjoy these video presentations by Mark Finley, MA, D Div., Ernestine Finley, BA, BS, and Des Cummings, Ph.D steering your toward a healthier lifestyle. Develop a personal health strategy while reducing the risk of heart disease and cancer and making positive life-changing choices. Learn to prepare tasty, plant-based dishes and increase your energy levels and reduce fatigue.

TOPGOLF -- 10601 E Easter Avenue, Centennial CO 80112

Ready for an evening of laughter and fellowship with your fellow Mile High parents and individuals in the community? Then RSVP now to attend the Mile High Academy Annual Benefit and be a part of one of the school's biggest fundraising events for the school.

The venue this year is at Topgolf. But, luckily for some of us, you don't have to claim to be a golfer to come have fun, indulge in amazing food, a silent auction and a must-see live auction, where attendees battle it out to see who can get a must-have item. We don't think we need to remind last year attendees about the battle for the signed Broncos football.

And your kiddos' classrooms get involved too. While the kids don't attend the event - babysitting is offered through the
school - it's always fun to see what each class has sweated over, designed and created for the auction. We have the most amazing, talented kids, and you'll want to come see their work on display.

http://events.readysetauction.com/milehighacademy/mha2017

Costs to Attend?
$100 per person
$175 per couple
$20 per kid for babysitting

PIE (Parent's Involved in Education) Night at Daystar Christian School »  Former Bronco player, Antwon Burton--#93--will speak at 6:30 p.m. **October 12** at Daystar Christian School. Open to the community, this event is for all ages. The emphasis will be on the importance of physical activity for a successful education and life. Community professionals will share their professional expertise on this topic. Invite your family and friends to join us for an evening filled with fun, learning and, of course, pie! The school is located at 3912 O'Neal Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81005. For more information: daystarchristianpueblo.com or 719-561-9120.

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 701 Kimbark St, Longmont. For more information contact Tim Jones at timj@rmcsda.org. 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**.

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
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.

Campion Church » Campion's Family Life Ministries Life Development Center learning opportunity for enrichment and personal growth is open to church members and the community beginning September 6 and continuing each Wednesday evening at 6:30 until October 18. These seminars will include:

*Financial Peace University taught through Dave Ramsey videos; *Grief, Death and Loss: How to Help Yourself and Others, facilitated by hospice chaplain Mark Atwood and professional counselor Sandy Eickmann; *How to Study the Bible, taught by Dick Stenbakken, EdD, *My Bible and I: Difficult Bible Texts Explained. This question and answer seminar will be led by a panel.

If you would like to attend one of these courses, please register by calling 970-667-7403 so that sufficient books and handouts can be available. Childcare will be provided, but you must register for this as well to insure adequate care providers. All classes will meet in academy classrooms.

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!

ACS Disaster Response Training » Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response training will be
held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **October 22** at the Campion Church Fellowship Room. Become certified in donations management. This training is recognized by FEMA and the State of Colorado Emergency Management. Your cost of $25 covers a manual, pizza lunch and photo ID. Please plan on attending. For questions, contact Cathy Kissner at cathyk@rmcsda.org or 970-201-3799.
La Vida Mission Supply Drive » A new needs and wish list for La Vida Mission is now available [here](#). 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)

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**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.

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**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.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines, see: [http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/](http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/)

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