



news nuggets

ACS Hurricane Relief Offering Sabbath,

September 9 » The North American Division is holding a special offering on Sabbath, September 9 that will benefit those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. This offering, which will be marked as "ACS Hurricane Relief," will benefit the work of Adventist Community Services and its regional partners as they work to alleviate the pain and suffering of the people in Texas and Louisiana. The majority of the offering will go to ACS and the remainder will be given to the Southwestern Union to help the churches and schools damaged by the storms.

Contributions for Hurricane Harvey » To help victims of Hurricane Harvey, you can also donate money or goods:

To give to Adventist Community Services, donate through your local Seventh-day Adventist Church and label your gift, "ACS Disaster Response"

To make a donation **by phone**, call 1-800-381-7171.

To make a donation **online**, go to www.communityservices.org


To send a donation **by mail**, address your gift to Adventist Community Services, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring MD 20904.

To **donate goods**, go to amazon.com or walmart.com to order items listed [here](#). Goods from amazon.com should be shipped to 702 North Old Betsy Road, Keene, TX 76059. Goods from walmart.com should be shipped to 1616 West Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76033, Attention: Texas Conference of SDA/ACSDR.

Inoculating Kids for Life in Castle Rock » With a significant teen suicide rate in Castle Rock, Ambassadors of Compassion, a non-profit, non-denominational group based in California, is working to instill values in Castle Rock students that will inoculate them from hopelessness and inspire healthy thinking. With the goal of building resilient youth and compassionate leaders, the group teaches

Friday, September 1, 2017

"Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."
Matthew 25:40 (NKJV)

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Upcoming Events

Hispanic Camp Meeting (GVR)

September 1, 6:00 a.m. -

leadership, character and responsibility in a transformative way according to their website.



As a part of this community, Castle Rock Adventist Hospital “is very aware that mental health is a huge problem in Douglas County, particularly when it comes to teen suicide,” comments Godfrey Miranda, pastor of the Castle Rock church plant which meets in an unused hospital space. For this reason, the hospital sponsored the program by donating funds to the school.

Miranda, along with David Martinez, Castle Rock Adventist Hospital chaplain, are Ambassadors of Compassion at Castle Rock Middle School where the entire student body comes together each Wednesday morning to hear parents, community members, police officers and hospital personnel discuss four values from the RISE curriculum.

The four values encompassed in RISE – responsibility, initiative, service, and expectations (or goal setting) – when internalized in the life of a young person, can transform their outlook and, indeed their lives.

Meetings with the middle school students find Miranda and Martinez leading icebreaker activities, directing student journaling, sharing inspirational quotes and piloting small-group discussions and activities, all designed to build trust along with the realization in the students that they have the ability to contribute to their society. It provides fertile ground for positive values to take root.

“It was neat to see,” during the 13-week course, “that trust was built and that kids who were closed off and aimless realized something about their potential,” enthused Miranda. “They recognize that they can actually choose things that will help them reach that potential.”

September 3, 6:00 p.m.

Labor Day -- Office Closed

September 4, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Staff Meeting

September 5, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Executive Committee

September 12, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

One Day Women's Retreat

September 17, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

VOP Boot Camp

September 29, 7:00 p.m. - October 1, 9:00 p.m.

Hispanic Evangelism Training (Denver)

September 30, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hispanic Evangelism Training (Grand Junction)

October 1, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting

October 3, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Western Slope Women's Retreat

October 6, 8:00 a.m. - October 8, 6 p.m.



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Martinez shared the story of a student he called “Nate” who was “very quiet and very aloof. He was indifferent about life, but seemed to brighten up during the two months he and Miranda were there as he recognized there was safety there and that the other students wouldn’t give him a hard time. He shared his experience with an abusive, alcoholic father and a mom that had just booted him out of the house. “This kid had a great voice and the kids respected him,” Martinez shared. He began to realize that he could make a contribution to his family and to his school environment.

By the end of the program, this very bright kid had figured out for himself that he was okay and that he was going to be okay.

“There are kids who don’t really esteem their contribution to life very much, but to see that actually turn on . . . “ Miranda began, his thoughts trailing off as he remembered the impact they had on this kid.

[Carol Bolden]

APMOA Prison Ministry Convention Held in Virginia »

Under the theme, "Maranatha: Jesus Behind Bars and Beyond," this year's prison ministry convention took place August 2-5 in Herndon, Virginia.

Pastor Jose Vasquez presented the worship service on Sabbath, saying, "There are people behind bars who are free and many outside who are locked up. We must be willing to go into the world . . . God is in the business of setting people free."

During a time of testimonies, one man shared his experience of going to prison at the age of 18 and serving 37 years. Now 55 and recently released, he is baptized and working for the Lord.

Those in attendance were blessed with morning and evening devotionals from Chesapeake Conference president Rick Reemers, Charles Cheatham, immediate past president of the Allegheny East Conference, and Tony Reyes, planning director for the Potomac Conference.

The Early Morning Power Hour was presented by Conrad Dunkin, vice president for the Florida Conference.

"We are called to serve," remarked Leonel Pottinger, Sabbath School teacher. "It is an interchange."

Next year's convention will be held in Colorado Springs,

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.**

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

“The enemy of souls is constantly scheming to separate us from our Savior and the fulfillment of His will in our lives. Strength for the entire spectrum of life’s duties is not something we inherently have. May we have the good sense to prayerfully receive spiritual strength from our Father.”

— Godfrey Miranda

RMC CAMP MEETINGS

Hispanic Camp Meeting » From **September 1-3**, Glacier View Ranch will host Hispanic Camp Meeting under the theme *Small Groups*. Guest speakers include Omar Grieve and Nussy Pittau-Grieve, both from the Hispanic Voice of Prophecy, and Julio Chazarreta from Pacific Press. Lourdes Chazarreta will present music through voice. Worship and activities will be held for the children. Glacier View Ranch is located at 8748 Overland Road, Ward CO 80481. For more information, contact Ruben Rivera at 303-910-1614.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just weeks away, the month of October will offer the opportunity to recognize pastors throughout Rocky Mountain Conference in a special way. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a time to express special appreciation to the pastors God has allowed to impact lives within our church. A time to surprise your minister with a special moment showing how meaningful their leadership is to your congregation and community.



Time to plan something special and let your creativity shine in the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a - "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

RMC Women's Ministries » invites you to two events in September:

Enjoy a free community concert at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, September 16 at the Greeley Church, 1002 21st Avenue in Greeley.

Come for a one-day retreat, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, September 17, at Pinehurst Country Club, 6255 West Quincy in Denver.

Jaclynn Huse is a professor of nursing at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN. As a Christian singer/songwriter she has followed God's calling of speaking for women's retreats and conventions. She is the very proud mother of her co-speaker, Shelby Huse.

Shelby Huse is a 17 year old senior at Georgia Cumberland Academy. She has traveled internationally with her mother and has developed her own passion for ministry and speaking about what God has done in her life. She started speaking to women and teens at the age of 15 and has traveled extensively with her mother to participate in the music ministry as well.

The Best is Yet to Come focuses on hope, a theme in the Bible with many examples of life lessons with the belief that these stories were included so that we could understand the concept of hope and redemption. Each presentation will include several original songs that enhance the meaning of what is presented with each session.

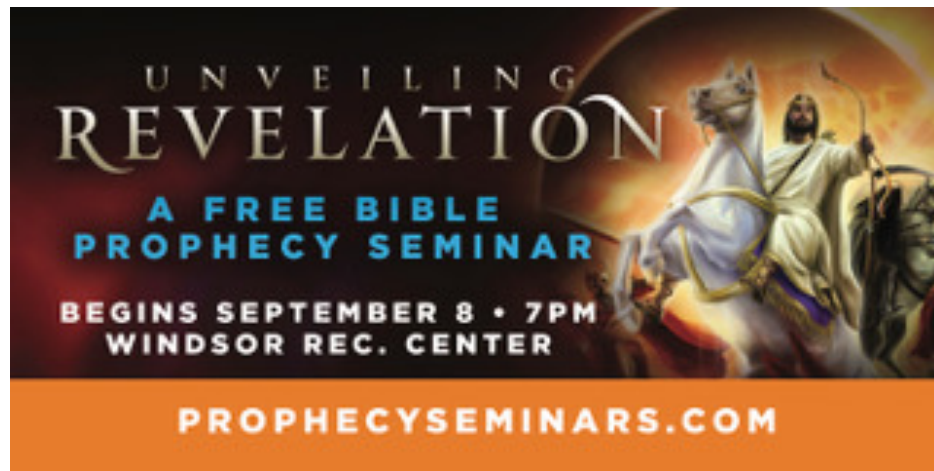
Register for one-day retreat by September 8

\$39.00 per person, includes noon meal on Sunday

BY MAIL – include your name, address, phone, email address

Enclose check payable to RMC-WM or credit card – include CC number, security code, zip code and *mail* to Ginger Bell, 1035 Midland Street, Brighton, CO 80601.

BY PHONE (with credit card) Call Ginger at 720-980-9006



Love Matters Most » Mile High Academy will kick off the Love Matters Most event, a mental health awareness program, between 8 and 10 a.m. September 13. Super Bowl 50 champion and former NFL player Ryan Harris and former First Lady of Colorado Jeannie Ritter will begin the day with a keynote presentation.

Mental health resources will be available explaining how local resources may be able to support you or someone you know. Everyone deals with stress, but those stresses can easily develop into a bigger issue if not addressed. We hope to eradicate the stigma associated with getting help for struggles with mental health.

The afternoon will provide an opportunity to participate in a volunteer project. Each of the South Denver Group hospitals is leading 2-3 initiatives. We would love to see as many as possible participating in the day's activities. If you are not able

to participate, we encourage you to express the message of Love Matters Most in your work day.

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2wAZZY6> and see the variety of projects available.



Love Matters Most

A Day of Community Service

About 1 in 5 adults will experience a mental illness during his or her lifetime.
Join us to promote awareness and cultivate resources for mental health in our community through a variety of community service projects.

***Kick off the day with a keynote presentation by
Ryan Harris, Super Bowl 50 Champion and former NFL player
and special guest Jeannie Ritter, former First Lady of Colorado.***

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. | Program begins at 8:15 a.m.
Mile High Academy | 1733 Dad Clark Dr | Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
Light breakfast, mental health resource fair, and community service activities to follow.

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2wAZZY6>

Get social! Post your photos and stories using #LoveMattersMost2017



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Twin Peaks Church » CELEBRATING LIFE, 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.



Brighton Church » is co-hosting the free Brighton Car Show and Dyno Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **September 10** at Brighton Adventist Academy. Check out the Jeeps, Corvettes, trucks, and whatever YOU would like to show off. Reserve a space for \$15. Also, Colorado Mobile Dyno will be there testing horsepower and torque. Pre-registration price for three pulls is \$85.

Come enjoy the food, family games, and prizes. Don't forget your lawn chair so you can comfortably watch the dyno action. All proceeds go to BAC Student Aid Fund. For more information, email Melissa at baabilling@gmail.com or call 720-308-7563. Brighton Adventist Academy is located at 567 E. Bromley Lane in Brighton.

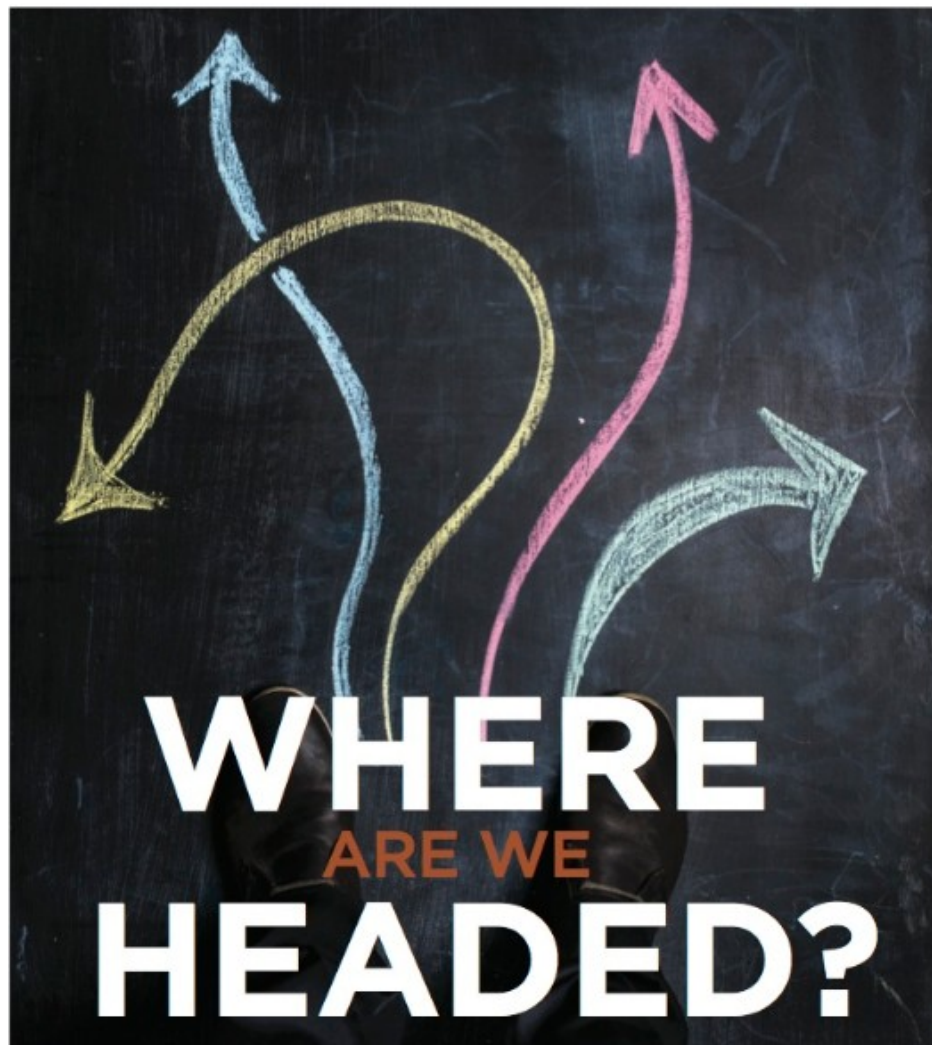
Dave Ramsey Financial Course Comes to Champion Church » Champion Church will host Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a 9-session video course teaching sound, Bible-based principles of financial management. Classes will be held in the church fellowship hall Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. beginning **September 6** and continuing through November 1. The first 12 families to register will receive a kit for \$99. Additional kits will be ordered at \$109. The kit includes a textbook, workbook, budget envelope, wallet, etc. Registering gives you a lifetime membership to the Ramsey organization which allows you to re-take the class at any time at no cost. For more information, call the Champion Church at 970-667-7403.

Health to the Max » Denver's 2017 Premier Health Event begins at 7:15 p.m., Saturday, September 16 and continues nightly through Saturday, September 23 at Denver South Adventist Church Auditorium. Speakers Mark Finley, Ernestine Finley and Des Cummings will present the latest scientific information on health and spirituality in an inspirational, highly-motivating style. During Health to the Max you will learn how to reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer, make positive, life-changing choices, develop a personal health strategy, prepare tasty, plant-based dishes,

increase your energy levels and reduce fatigue. Special programs will be provided for your children on healthy living and making positive choices.

For your free reserved seats, register online at www.HealthToTheMax.today or call 1-800-260-7171. Denver South Adventist Church is located at 2675 S Downing Street, Denver CO.

Littleton Church » Littleton Church has a unique and refreshing Creation Sabbath School Class taught by Greg Pauls who has made creation his area of specialized study. He discusses Bible-based theology, paleontology, geology, radioisotope dating, DNA, evolution theory and history to name a few of the big topics. He wants to educate people that evolution is a "religion and world view -- not science." Greg has a Master's degree from Washington State University and a PhD from the University of Colorado. The class meets from 10-11 am every 4th Sabbath for ages primary through adult. Littleton Church is located at 7400 S. Windermere Street in Littleton.



Sanitas Lectureship » A special one-day event with William G. Johnsson will be held **September 23** based on his recent book, *Where Are We Headed? Adventism After San Antonio*. Q & A after sessions:
9:30 a.m. -- It's All About Jesus
11:00 a.m. -- *Will the Women's Issue Split the Church?*

2:00 p.m. -- *The Promise of Adventism*

Boulder Church is located at 345 Mapleton Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80304, www.boulder.church

The Sanitas Lectureship was established in 2016 to create a safe space for people to connect with God as presented through the lens of the Bible. The annual event includes presentations from world-renowned Old and New Testament scholars designed to demonstrate how the God of the Bible continues to work on the shared story of humanity.

Women's Ministry Retreats 2017 » RMC Women's Ministries is excited to announce the Area Women's Retreats for 2017:

Colorado Western Slope: *Falling in Love Again*

Speaker: Darla Sherman

Mountain Top Retreat (15 miles from Montrose)

October 6-8

Contact: Linda Johnson: 970-245-2294

Colorado Metro, NE/SE: *The Best Is Yet To Come*

Speaker and Musician: Jaclynn Huse along with her daughter Shelby, age 16

Begins Saturday night

September 16

with free concert

at Greeley Adventist Church

Everyone is invited! -- not just for women.

Followed by one-day Women's Retreat

Sunday, **September 17**

at Pinehurst Country Club in Littleton

Contact: Ginger Bell: 720-980-9006

Voice of Prophecy Boot Camp with Shawn Boonstra

Where: Mile High Academy – 1733 Dad Clark Dr., Littleton

When: Friday – 7 to 9pm, Sabbath – 9:30am to 6pm &
Sunday – 9 to 12:30pm ~ September 29 – Oct 1

Shawn Boonstra and the VOP Staff will conduct a special training weekend in preparation for the upcoming Denver Revelation Speaks Peace series in January 2018.

Presentations by Shawn Boonstra
Prepare, Believe & Pray

Seminars and training in:
Sharing your Testimony ~ Making Visits
What They Believe ~ Unity in the Body ~ Gaining Decisions

Specific training for:
Discover Bible School Coordinators,
Student Record System Coordinators and Prayer
Coordinators



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Rocky Mountain Conference » The Rocky Mountain Conference is accepting applications for a part-time (28 hours/week) receptionist/membership clerk. This position will manage the main front desk/multi-line switchboard and greet guests to the conference. Qualified candidates will be professional, outgoing, and friendly. In addition, the right person will be computer savvy and have a demonstrated track record for attention to detail and use of discretion in confidential matters, including membership records. Work hours will be Monday --Thursday, 9:00am - 5:00pm with an hour lunch. For more information regarding the position,

please visit <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-pt-receptionist>. To apply, please contact Human Resources at vivienv@rmcsda.org or [303-282-3653](tel:303-282-3653) to request an application.

Mile High Academy » has immediate openings for the 2017-18 school year for two part-time bus drivers. Qualified candidates will be at least 21 years old, possess, or be able to obtain, a current Colorado driver's license (commercial driver's license preferred), have no more than two traffic citations and no at-fault accidents during the last three years. The candidate must also possess current U.S. work authorization. While maintaining the dignity and respect for all students, the bus driver's primary responsibility is the safety of students while transporting them to and from school. To request an application, send an email to vivienv@rmcsda.org or call 303-282-3653.

Three positions are also available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde Campus. Room and board is provided, along with one round-trip ticket and insurance during stay. The science (1) and ESL (2) teachers will be using MHA's curriculum as well as their books and philosophy. For more information, go to <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish> and/or contact Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org.

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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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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--Editor

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