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From the desk of Gary Thurber

## NEWS & NUGGETS

### Floods ravage Colorado communities »

As all of you have been made aware by news reports, the torrential rain some have experienced this week has caused massive flooding in and around Boulder. Interstate 70 has closed as well as I-25 from E-470 to the Wyoming border, among other closures.



We need to pray for our communities and their leaders as they grapple with the calamities that have and are taking place within our Conference territory. **Cathy Kissner**, Rocky Mountain Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response director, reports that emergency supplies are being positioned near the Colorado flood areas for distribution. You may donate toward relief efforts at [www.communityservices.org](http://www.communityservices.org), or by calling 800-381-7171. Read more about the flooding and the needs that exist in a report from **Michael Bright**, director of **ACS Community Lift** in Denver.

We encourage all members affected by the flooding to reach out to your Church for encouragement and support needed.

The **Boulder** and **Campion** churches in Colorado will not hold services tomorrow. However, the Campion Church will be open at **11:00 a.m.** on Sabbath for those who can safely arrive, and there is a special prayer time planned for those in the community impacted by the flooding.

For more information about the affected areas, [click here](#).

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### Upcoming Events

#### Women's Ministry Seaside Escape

Oct. 11–13  
Glacier View Ranch  
Ward, Colo.



### The Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership

#### Weekend is postponed »

The Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Weekend scheduled for this weekend at **Glacier View Ranch** has been postponed to **Oct. 18–20** due to the treacherous driving conditions caused by the flooding in and around Boulder and Jamestown.

### Union College enrollment

**surges »** Union College, in Lincoln, Neb., built its budget for the 2013–2014 school year on a projected enrollment of 800 students. The current fall enrollment is 911 students with nearly 845 full-time students. Praise the Lord!



In addition, yesterday was Union College's 33-year anniversary of the **Project Impact** community service outreach program. Students, faculty and staff are blessing Lincoln as they extend the loving touch of Jesus to those who need it.



### The Vivancos accept a call to the Golden/Denver West District »

**Pastor Ruddy Vivanco**, with his wife, **Vivien**, has accepted an invitation to pastor the Golden and Denver West churches in Colorado. This district also includes **Lakewood Fellowship**, a branch Sabbath school sponsored by the Golden Church with **Chuck and Rhonda**

**Gadway** as lay leaders.

Pastor Ruddy and Vivien have been in the Glenwood Springs/Rifle District in Colorado, where he was pastor of both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking churches, and also for a Hispanic group that meets in Jepson, Colo. Vivien has been a valuable support of the ministry at the Columbine Christian SDA School in that district. Let's keep this couple in our prayers as they make this transition in October.

### LifeSource Adventist Fellowship commits to help homeless young people »

**LifeSource Adventist Fellowship** is committed to serving those in their community.



One of the projects they are involved in is **Urban Peak**, an organization passionate about helping homeless young people in Denver. It is estimated that 921 young people, ages 13–24, are homeless each night in Denver.

Please read [this article](#) from **Pastor Gale Hendrick** of LifeSource about the Urban Peak project to learn how you might get involved, too.

The **Seaside Escape** retreat is a great event to invite a co-worker, neighbor or friend to attend. We'll dig deeper into the story of Sarah and Hagar, and bask in God's presence. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with women from around the Rocky Mountain Conference!

Contact [Ginger Bell](#) for more information.

### RMC Men's Advance

**Sept. 20–22**  
Lake City, Colo.  
Redcloud Ranch

Contact [Marv Olson](#) more information.

### From the RMC Calendar:

[Campion Academy Board](#)

Sept. 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[Finance Committee](#)

Sept. 24, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

[Executive Committee](#)

Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

["Seaside Escape" Women's Retreat & Women's Ministry Leadership Training Event](#)

Oct. 11, 2013

[GVR Board](#)

Oct. 15, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[RMC Property & Trust Committee](#)

Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[Campion Academy Board](#)

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

[Finance Committee](#)

Nov. 26, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

[Executive Committee](#)

Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

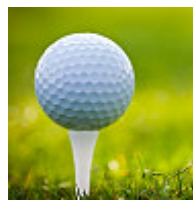


**La Vida Mission Supply Drive in full swing »** As most of you know, we are blessed to partner with **La Vida Mission**, which serves the Navajo Nation within our territory. As a self-supporting ministry, funding the ministry is always a challenge. One of the ways we can help is to send supplies needed to operate

their Pre-K-12 school. It is a privilege to come alongside this ministry to help their outreach initiatives and to touch their Navajo neighbors for Jesus.

[Click here](#) to view the list of needed supplies and to see the scheduled pick-up times (Nov. 3–6) at various churches within the Conference.

**Chaplain Barry Black to speak during Champion Alumni weekend »** Barry Black, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, will speak during **Campion Academy Alumni Weekend** this year. On Friday evening, **Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m.**, he will speak about his life journey as shared in his book, *From the Hood to the Hill*. Chaplain Black also will be the speaker on Sabbath, **Sept. 28.**



**Reeder Golf Classic scheduled for Sept. 27 »**

The Campion Academy alumni golf tournament, the **Reeder Golf Classic**, will take place Friday, **Sept 27**. To learn how to be a part of the annual event, contact the alumni office at **Campion Academy** at 970-667-5592. Proceeds raised at this golf tournament benefit Campion Academy students.

**Pastor Tom Lemon to visit Copper Mountain Church »** Elder Tom Lemon, Mid-America Union Conference president, will speak at the **Copper Mountain Church** for church on Sabbath, **Sept. 21**. Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Conference, Elder Lemon!



**Denver South Church has prayer of dedication for Mile High Academy staff »** Pastor Ramon Ulangca, senior pastor of the **Denver South**

**Church**, offered a special prayer of dedication for the entire **Mile High Academy** staff during the worship service last Sabbath. Let us all keep our schools, teachers and students in our prayers as this new school year marches on.

**On the road »** This week I traveled to Altamonte Springs, Fla., for the **Adventist Health System Board**, which meets twice a year. It is always a thrill for me to see how the Lord is blessing the ministry in all our hospitals!



Just so you know, our hospitals here in the Denver area represent one of the best regions in the AHS network of hospitals. As reported, it is also a region that truly is focused on mission. Thanks for the great leadership **Dennis Barts**, CEO at **Avista Adventist Hospital**, **Todd Folkenberg**, CEO at **Castle Rock Adventist Hospital**; **Randy Haffner**, CEO at **Porter Adventist Hospital**; **Morre Dean**, CEO at **Parker Adventist Hospital**; and **Brett Spenst**, CEO at **Littleton Adventist Hospital**! You and your hospitals remain in our prayers!

This Sabbath, due to a last-minute schedule change, Diane and I actually are going to be able to enjoy worshipping with our home church here in Franktown, Colo. The **Franktown Church** is one of three districts in a search process for a new pastor. The **Boulder Church**, and the **Glenwood Springs/Rifle** churches also are searching for a pastor in collaboration with Conference leaders. Please pray with these church families that the Lord will send them just who they need as they move forward in ministry for our Savior.

Happy Sabbath!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Thurber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Elder Gary Thurber**  
*Rocky Mountain Conference president*

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