



# news nuggets

## Adventists in Kansas City Engaged in Ending Human Trafficking

» That day Ivona Bernard was late, but managed to hear the very tale end of the presentation at her local church by Veronica's Voice. She wasn't even aware of Veronica's Voice whose Magdalene KC home is providing safety for survivors of sex trafficking to heal and thrive.

What she heard from the presenter was enough to get her thinking about the urgent care needed to support victims of human trafficking. She thought at the time, "This is really interesting." She didn't know it was something that actually happens and is common, but she thought, 'Wow! I'd like to explore that,' she recalls.



Ivona is director of the Ministerial Spouses Association [MSA] of the Central States Conference in Kansas City. A couple years later, she happened to turn on the news and saw the name again--Veronica's Voice. Unfortunately, it was a news report showing people picketing to get Magdalene KC, a safe place with a non-judgmental environment for victims of prostitution and a part of Veronica's Voice, out of their neighborhood.

Kristy Childs, founder of Veronica's Voice, an organization she established in 2000 in Kansas City, purchased the home with the intention of starting Magdalene KC. That was in 2011. It was a large home she got at public auction. When community members found out what it was intended for, they wanted to get it out of their neighborhood. "What I heard was terrible and I knew I needed to do something," Ivona decided.

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"Our lives  
BEGIN to end  
the day we  
become silent  
about things  
that MATTER.  
-- Martin Luther  
King Jr.

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## Upcoming Events

**Health to the MAX --  
Mark Finley Meeting**

September 16, 7:00 p.m. -

This was the spark that led to the Hear Their Voices - End Human Trafficking event, September 9-10, organized by her office, spearheaded by MSA and supported by several church entities, including North-American Division, Mid-America Union Conference and its conferences, including Rocky Mountain Conference and Shawnee Mission Health.

Ivona went public with an effective word of mouth sharing of what she wanted to do. She wants to encourage people to dream bigger because initially her dream was a little small, she explains. "That's where my vision started [fulfilling small things like bins and copy paper from their wish list] but when other people heard, they decided they wanted to partner and it got bigger and bigger. We've been able to do some significant things for them. We have a bathroom renovation project. We'll be building a new deck. We've gotten a freezer, and they desperately needed a security system. Of course, we're going to do the bins and copy paper, too," she shares with excitement in her voice.

From a small beginning, Ivona's dream involved the church where her husband, Roger, is the leader. The Hear Their Voices - End Human Trafficking community event became an expression of the church getting involved. The two-day event gathered more than 200 participants which included members of the community, church members and professionals whose expertise underscored the dire situation of human trafficking. First, a Hear Their Voices symposium aimed at providing community awareness and education about health and wholeness was held, with emphasis on human sex trafficking prevention, in order to keep people from being lured into exploitative situations. The gathering was followed by a Community Expo, a Sunday afternoon of fun and learning, with stations presenting educational methods to recognize human trafficking and how to get involved in fighting the epidemic.



Addressing the audience at Kansas City's Jack Reardon Center, Renée Battle-Brooks, Assistant State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland, and member of Sligo

*September 23, 9:00 p.m.*

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### **One Day Women's Retreat**

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

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### **VOP Boot Camp**

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

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### **Hispanic Evangelism Training (Denver)**

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

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### **Hispanic Evangelism Training (Grand Junction)**

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

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### **Staff Meeting**

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

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### **Western Slope Women's Retreat**

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

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### **GVR Board**

*October 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

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### **RMC Property & Trust Committee**

*October 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

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### **Hispanic Youth Congress**

*October 20, 6:00 a.m. - October 22, 6:00 p.m.*

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Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, said that human trafficking is a “domestic issue with 100,000 children and adults being exploited every year.” Much to the surprise of many participants, Attorney Battle-Brooks stated that trafficked girls are regarded as a commodity by her pimp. “What motivates human trafficking? GREED! If a pimp has one child working for him, he can make [in one year] one million dollars cash, free of taxes,” she said.

Human trafficking is becoming the number one criminal enterprise, surpassing guns and drugs. “We need to be aware, become engaged and recognize the signs of vulnerability,” she said. [continue reading](#)  
[Rajmund Dabrowski; photos by Tim Floyd]

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## Church Leaders Speak: End Human Trafficking

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### **Roger Bernard, president of Central States Conference:**

“When we see the atrocities of trafficking, whether it be children, women, men, we also want to bring awareness to our community so we can keep our children safe. If we can stop the Johns, those who solicit, if we can get to any of them and cut that down, we can cut down on the need. Yes, we do the evangelism. Yes, we do the day-to-day work, but we also want to get out into the community in a tangible way and rub elbows with people.”

### **Ron Carlson, president of Kansas-Nebraska Conference:**

“I think it’s a new focus of the church. Jesus always told us to minister to people, but he said most about ministering to the most helpless. This is dealing with a part of society that is very difficult to understand, but needs so much help. I’m very proud that we can be part of this. It’s a very important ministry of the church. I hope that we can see it spread and [find] more opportunities to share what people need to know about this and how to protect their children.”

### **Ed Barnett, president of Rocky Mountain Conference:**

“We are joining forces with Central Conference and other sponsors of the event voicing our engagement to end human trafficking. Recognizing the need and raising awareness about this social scourge is a part of our ministry. People of the Word must be on the forefront of compassion and loving care for any victim of injustice and violence.”

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## RMC Executive Committee: Quinquennium first

» Executive Committee orientation and a review of the financial state of the Conference dominated the agenda at its first meeting on September 12. Ed Barnett, RMC president, welcomed twelve new members of a 22-member committee elected during the Quinquennial Session in July. He also

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Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

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welcomed Gary Thurber, Mid-America Union Conference president who presented the orientation for the new committee members.



Thurber reviewed how the church is organized and how the conference operates guided by its policies, as well as the committee members' use of voice and vote and their lines of responsibility. The committee members also were informed of their role and function on the committee and the issue of confidentiality.

In his report to the committee, Barnett shared information about preparations for the "Health to the Max" series with evangelist Mark Finley and his team. The event will be available to interested churches from Denver South on September 16-23 at 7:15 p.m.

In anticipation for the Voice of Prophecy "Revelation Speaks" series at Ellie Caulkins Opera House with Shawn Boonstra January 5-February 3, a Boot Camp at Mile High Academy, Sept 29-October 1 will provide orientation and training for all who will participate in the upcoming Denver event, Barnett said.

RMC's president also informed the committee that the current buyer withdrew his purchase offer for the Industrial Park at Campion Academy.

George Crumley, RMC VP for finance, informed the committee that base tithe through the end of July was down by 4.14 percent compared to last year at the same time. "One of the major reasons for the decrease is that last year through July we had an extra Sabbath. And if you look at a weekly average between the two years, the decrease is not as large, but is still .94 percent," he shared.

The RMC treasurer said that, because of the weaker tithe, the Conference, through July, is not performing as well relative to their budget. He also mentioned that the budget process is beginning for 2018 and that if tithe remains weak along with some anticipated increases in certain cost areas, the upcoming budget could be more of a challenge than in recent years.

The committee also voted Mickey Mallory as the new

Ministerial Director for RMC. He will join the Conference team in November.

The next Executive Committee is scheduled for December 5. [RMCNews]

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## **New Ministerial Director Joins RMC »** Pastor

Mickey Mallory has accepted the call to come and serve as the new ministerial director for RMC. He and his wife, Tamara, come to us from the Georgia Cumberland Conference where Mickey has served for the last five years as the senior pastor of the Standifer Gap Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



The RMC Executive Committee voted Mallory's appointment on September 12, and he plans to begin his ministry in RMC in early

November of this year.

Welcoming the Mallorys, Ed Barnett, RMC president commented, "We solicit your prayers on their behalf as they make this transition. He will be on our preaching rotation for next year, and I am sure he will be looking forward to getting around our conference and meeting the wonderful church family that we serve."

Mickey was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, while Tamara was born in Greeley, Colorado. She attended Champion Academy and then went on to study accounting at Union College where she met Mickey, who was studying theology. They graduated together from Union in May 1989 and were married at the Champion Academy Church on October 15, 1989.

Besides serving in the Georgia Cumberland Conference, Mickey and Tamara have also served in the Iowa-Missouri and the Michigan Conferences. While in Michigan, Mickey spent 14 years serving as the senior pastor of the Great Lakes Adventist Academy Church. During this time he also served as one of the Ministerial District Superintendents in the conference, and for eight years was the director/teacher of the witnessing class at the academy.

Currently, in addition to his role as senior pastor, he serves as the Vice President of the East Hamilton Ministerial Association based in Ooltewah, Tennessee, and is an adjunct professor in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist

University.

Mickey's two greatest passions are evangelism and leadership development. Due to his desire to grow himself and the leaders around him, he earned his Master's degree in Leadership from Andrews University in 2005. "My ministry could be compared to two biblical leaders: Nehemiah because of his gift of vision casting and Barnabas because of his gift of encouragement," he commented.

Mickey and Tamara have two adult children: Michael, 24, and Carrie, 22. They are both students at Southern Adventist University where Michael is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Carrie is pursuing her Master's degree in Accounting.

Mickey loves eating Mexican and Thai food with his family. He enjoys playing tennis with his wife, reading books on leadership, running on mountain trails, and playing basketball. [RMCNews]

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**Brighton Church and Academy Hold Community Car Show and Dyno Day »** Responding to a deluge of advertising, nearly 400 people descended on the campus of Brighton Adventist Church and Academy parking lot the morning of September 10 for the long-awaited car show and Dyno Day.

Cars and trucks from every decade filled the parking lot for this community awareness event designed to raise funds for Brighton Adventist Academy's student aid fund.



Twenty vehicles signed up to be tested by the Dyno, a machine measuring horsepower and torque. Both spectators and participants waited expectantly to see which vehicle would dominate. First place went to a vehicle, which topped out at 897 horsepower -- a Mustang.

Another major attraction, the MegaRaptor, the ultimate Ford monster truck gave rides and a few were allowed to drive the monster truck as well.

Other attractions included a car wash, organized by eighth graders to raise class funds, yard games for families and

delicious food.

Church members came to show their support. Missing members returned. Academy alumni, who had not been on campus for more than twenty years, joined the fun. Church neighbors and other community people came to see what was happening. Two new students registered at the school.

More than \$4500 was raised during the event to benefit students at Brighton Academy.

[Melissa Hoos; photo by Kari Morrison]

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## Campion Alumnus Sets Record for Colorado Trail

» Finishing the 489 mile Colorado Trail from Durango to Waterton Canyon southwest of Denver, Campion alumnus, Bryan Williams, has set a new fastest known time (FKT). After eight days and 30 minutes, Bryan arrived in Waterton Canyon the morning of September 3, taking seven hours and 10 minutes off the previous record. Pretty amazing!



[Kelsey Cate; photo by Rayna Williams]

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## MARK FINLEY IN DENVER

Health to the Max, Denver's Premier Health Event, debuts this Saturday and runs for eight consecutive nights.

This free series of dynamic presentations on living longer, happier, healthier lives will feature some of the most inspiring health presenters in America and includes practical presentations on how to reduce the risk of 21st century killer diseases such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, and diabetes. There will be vegetarian nutrition demonstrations and presentations on making lasting positive lifestyle changes. Presenting this inspiring series will be:

**Mark Finley**, MA, D.Div, pastor, teacher, author, and television speaker who has travelled the world for more than forty years speaking to hundreds of thousands of people on practical principles of living an abundant life of physical, mental, and spiritual health.

**Ernestine Finley**, BA. BS. loves to share the joy of nutritious healthy vegetarian cooking in her presentations with international audiences around the world. She had conducted more than 250 vegetarian cooking classes and lectured on the advantages of a vegetarian diet to thousands. Her newly published cookbook, *Natural Lifestyle Cooking*, is receiving



outstanding reviews.

**Des Cummings**, Ph.D, President of the Florida Hospital Foundation is an author, speaker, administrator and innovator in the area of health and wellness. He is the moving force behind Creation Health, Florida Hospital's innovative approach to keep people well. His books CREATION Health and Imagine a Healthy 100 are best sellers and read by tens of thousands.

Health to the Max also includes free children's programming so you can bring the entire family. Each child will learn the value of positive health habits in a warm, friendly atmosphere through children's health DVD's, crafts, stories, and teaching aids. Your child will discover living the healthy way is a lot of fun and the best way to live.

Don't miss this experience of a lifetime! For your FREE reserved seats, register online

at [www.healthtothemax.today](http://www.healthtothemax.today) or call [1-800-260-7171](tel:1-800-260-7171)

To watch the event, go to Facebook.com/denversouthsda. If all issues have been resolved, you'll be able to livestream the event. Otherwise, you can see the videos after the event.

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## **CELEBRATE YOUR PASTOR**

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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."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **RMC Women's Ministries This Weekend »**

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

**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. Call Ginger at 720-980-9006.*

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**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 and facilitated by Bill Hay who has been involved in planned giving, estate planning and trust services for 25 years.

**\*Grief, Death and Loss: How to Help Yourself and Others.** Facilitated by hospice chaplain Mark Atwood and professional counselor Sandy Eickmann, the course will cover grief after a traumatic death, children and grief, men

and grief, saying good-bye, guilt, self-care for the survivor, and other topics.

**\*How to Study the Bible** will be taught by Dick Stenbakken, EdD, using a textbook by Rick Warren. Not a theological study, the course will cover basic skills, methods, and materials and will teach the student that he/she can study any topic or Bible book for themselves and gain insight while being faithful to the text.

**\*My Bible and I: Difficult Bible Texts Explained.** This question and answer seminar will be led by a panel made up of Kim Mehlenbacher, Chuck Paulien, Alex Rodriguez, and Ben Trujillo and will take the place of the regular Power of Prayer meeting.

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.



*Unveiling Revelation*, a seminar hosted by Carlos Munoz, is coming to the Windsor Rec Center from 7-8:30 p.m. on the following nights: **September 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16.**

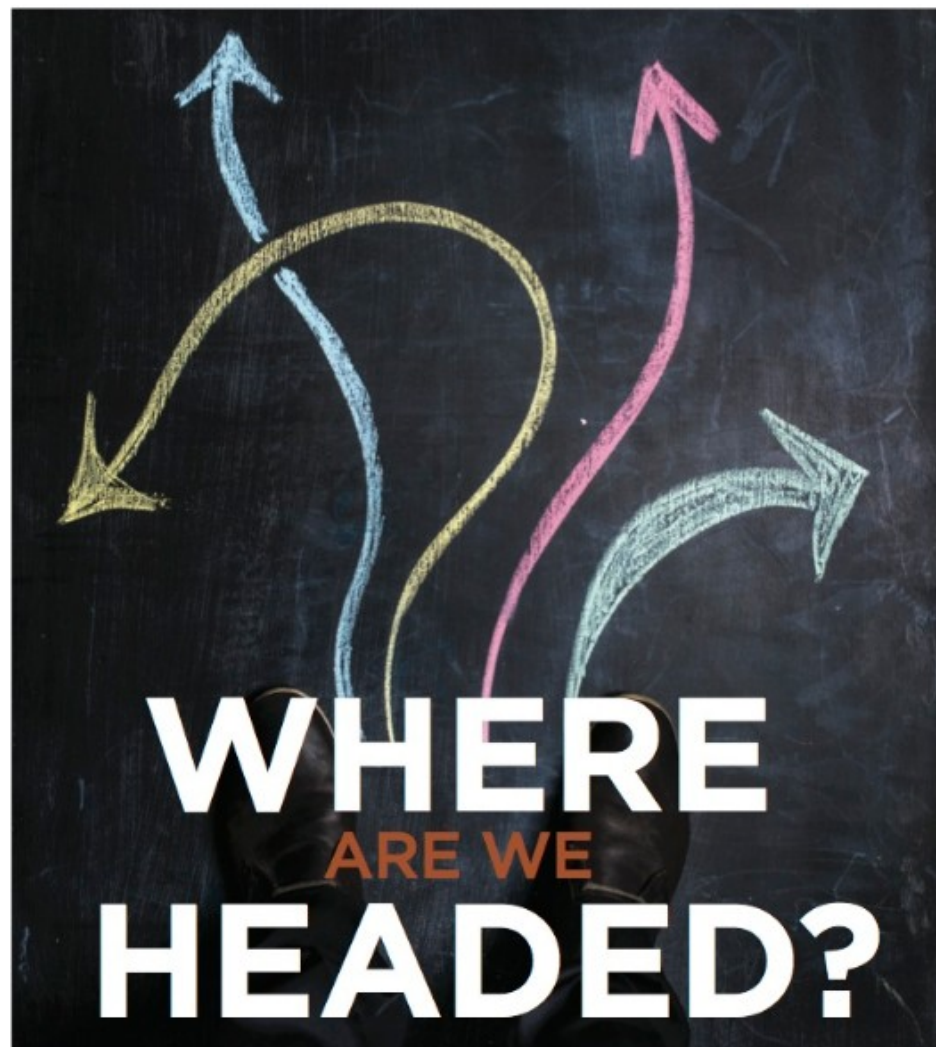
On **September 18 through October 7**, the seminar will move to Elm Haven Fellowship Church at 33660 WCR 15, Windsor, Colorado. No meetings will be held on Sunday or Wednesday evenings. For more information, call 970-330-1330.

**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.

**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](http://www.HealthToTheMax.today) or call 1-800-260-7171. Denver South Adventist Church is located at 2675 S Downing Street, Denver CO.



**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](http://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.

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**International Worship Service**  
**September 30, 2017**  
**10:30 am**

**Featuring:**  
Filipino Choir  
A Russian Choir  
African International Choir  
La Vida Indian Mission Children's Choir  
A Special Feature on Rwanda  
With Special Guest Speaker,  
Pastor Florin Liga of Romania



## **Voice of Prophecy Boot Camp with Shawn Boonstra**

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

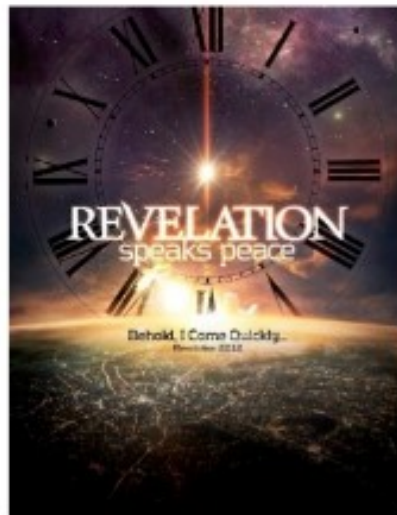
**When:** Friday – 7 to 9pm, Sabbath – 9:30am to 6pm &  
Sunday – 9 to 12:30pm ~ September 29 – Oct 1

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



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**International Worship Celebration »** Colorado Springs Central Church is hosting its fifth annual International Worship Celebration at 10:30 a.m. **September 30**. This international worship service includes music from a Kenyan and a Filipino choir, Russian quartet and La Vida Indian Children's Choir. The service will feature Dr. Florin Liga of Romania as guest speaker. A Taste of the Nations International Luncheon will follow the service at 1:30 p.m. in the Springs Academy gymnasium. For more information, click [here](#).

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**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 you 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.

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**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](mailto:vivienv@rmcsda.org) or [303-282-3653](tel:303-282-3653) to request an application.

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**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](mailto:don.reeder@campion.net).

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In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work



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