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**Thriving with Jesus Was Theme at 2015 Pathfinder-Adventurer Leadership Convention »** On the heels of an exceptional Pathfinder Camporee, August 6-9, at Glacier View Ranch with nearly 400 people in attendance, more than 200 Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders -- one third of them teens --, found their way back to beautiful GVR for the annual Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Convention on September 11-13. Both events were assembled under the Rocky Mountain Conference Youth Department theme, “THRIVE.”



Leadership speaker, Pastor Erik VanDenburgh, Hawaii Conference youth director, captivated his audience with humorous stories, laid-back demeanor, and well-thought-

out comments, leaving us with much to ponder.

The convention’s theme song, appropriately titled “Thrive” by Casting Crowns, buoyed up hearts with the words and up beat melody. The hand motions were created by Youth Department team and were mastered at summer camp, carrying forward to Camporee and on to Leadership Convention.

A team of RMC Master Guides, in keeping with the new North American Division (NAD) curriculum, prepared all breakout seminars. Attendees left the event after enjoying a tasty brunch and

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**Upcoming Events**

**Men's Advance**

September 11 - 13

Contact: Wayne Oldham, 970-209-7911

woldham170@gmail.com

Speaker: Tom Lemon

loads of information to take back to local Pathfinder and Adventurer ministries. Tears welled-up in many eyes as the participants were blessed with the theme song for following year by Mercy Me, entitled “Flawless.” The Cross has made us Flawless, was the message taken to local congregations. The song can be accessed on YouTube. [Heidi Littell]

**Yellowstone Ministry is Not Only About Sightseeing »**

RMC’s ministry at America’s oldest national park has come to a close with the ending of summer, waiting to start again in 2016. From Memorial Day through Labor Day,



several ministers provide a Sabbath service for a few of the four million-plus visitors attracted to Yellowstone National Park each year.

“It’s a privilege for Rocky Mountain pastors to take their turn preaching at Yellowstone each summer,” explains Craig Carr, RMC Ministerial Director. “Most take their families and have a great time enjoying nature.”

“The spectacular scenery God created at Yellowstone was breathtaking,” shared Don Barnt, pastor of the Cheyenne, Laramie and Torrington churches who spent a Sabbath at the Park in August.

Sabbath visitors this year totaled 249, including 100 Pathfinders and their parents traveling through in August. The visiting Pathfinders participated in presenting the worship service.

“We had a blessed time of worship with a group of 11 from Idaho,” continues Don Barnt, “and they participated in



the service by bringing a pianist, violinist and flutist to provide special music. The fellowship meal out in nature that followed was exceptional with enough food to feed 50.”

“When I was there in early June, some visitors to the worship service were so glad we were still holding a service on Sabbath as they recalled being there many years before,” explains Craig Carr.

Summer services at Yellowstone were held occasionally before the Wyoming Conference was organized in 1945. The Yellowstone ministry was organized under the direction of then RMC president Elder Hatch in 1968 and has been held ever since. [Carol Bolden; photos by George Hill]

**Women's Retreat: Garden Getaway**

September 18, 19  
Contact: Ginger Bell, 720-980-9006  
Denver Metro/Northeast Colorado

**ARME Bible Camp**

September 23 - 27  
Glacier View Ranch

**Campion Academy Alumni**

September 25 - 26

**Native Camp Meeting**

September 25 - 27  
Begins Friday evening; ends Sunday noon  
Contact: Dorie Panganiban  
505-786-5539 x2

**Finance Committee**

September 29, 8:30 am - 10 am

**Executive Committee**

September 29, 9:30 am - 3 pm

**Women's Retreat: "Garden Getaway**

October 2 - 3  
Colorado Western Slope (Grand Junction)

**RMC Staff Meeting**

October 6, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**NAD/MAUC Children's Leadership Conference**

October 9 - 11  
Mid-America Union Conference Office

**WY District Tour**

October 11  
October 17 -- Casper

**CHIP Training Workshop**

October 17, 18  
Campion Church  
Contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or chip@skybeam.com

**GVR Board**

October 20, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

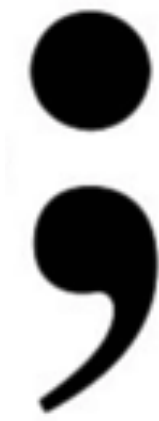
**RMC Property & Trust Committee**

October 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**NAD Year-End Meetings**

October 29 - November 4





**Encouraging the Use of More Semicolons**

» A semicolon is used when an author could have chosen to end their sentence, but chose not to. Today, people all over the world are tattooing the mark as a reminder of their struggle, victory, and survival. You are the author. The sentence is your life.

Did you know that a suicide takes place every 13 minutes in America? It's a public health problem that is one of the leading causes of death among young people. Yet, many of these suicides could have been prevented if they'd had help.

In a local setting, David Kennedy, pastor of Newday Christian Fellowship, was made aware of this problem after a conversation with Parker's mayor, Mike Waid, who saw suicide as an area of great community need.

This prompted Kennedy, along with his assistant, Lisa Engelkemier, to attend a training session through the Douglas County Sheriff's Office several months ago and then to offer the training to the community.

On Tuesday evening, September 13, more than 45 people attended the safeTALK training at Newday church. The group was made up of teachers from the local school district, public school students, a probation officer from Douglas County, Campion deans and assistant deans, and others.

Participants were made aware of a need to have a higher awareness of suicide and received skills training for talking to a possibly suicidal person and connecting them to an agency able to keep them safe and continue to help.

For those interested in creating a suicide-safer community and who would like to receive training, contact Phyllis A. Harvey, Douglas County Sheriff's Office/Y.E.S.S. at [pharvey@dcsheriff.net](mailto:pharvey@dcsheriff.net). Or, if you would like to talk to someone about your own thoughts of suicide, call the Colorado Crisis and Support Line at 1-844-493-8255. [Carol Bolden]

**Update from Bible Prophecy Evangelism at Chapel Haven »**

After four nights, Pastor Roy Weeden reports that 44 guests registered for Astonishing Revelations in Bible Prophecy presented by Evangelist Jim Reinking and currently under way at Chapel Haven in Northglenn. "We are averaging a total attendance of 70 people nightly, and 23 are enrolled in Bible studies," he says.

The series resumes, Friday evening, September 18, for weekends only. "Beginning, this Friday we get deep into the prophecies of Revelation and we have at least a dozen more individuals pre-registered."

Commenting on the subject covered in the outreach, Pastor Weeden says, that "the three angels' messages of Revelation are not just words to ponder. They are the closing acts of a doomed and dying planet. This is not bad news because the Rescuer is on His way to take His people home."

**REFLECTIONS**

**On Making Someone a Part of Your Life »** A brief marketing encounter with an Adventist grade school on the East Coast, gave me an opportunity to listen to parents of kids whose lives are being impacted by caring teachers. Their stories zeroed-in on such concepts as values and virtues, and as such these properly classified the pedagogues of this Christian school. It was good to hear those powerful words, a reminder of what I got from my family and teachers decades ago.

**RMC Staff Meeting**

November 17, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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These stories reminded me of Janusz Korczak, a pedagogue, and a guardian of the homeless, neglected, and often abandoned children.

Korczak’s story is rich and compelling. It was summer of 1942. He refused to leave the Warsaw Ghetto because of his adopted children, and met his fate in the gas chambers of Treblinka concentration camp. His forte was “ethical sensitivity” in education, and a belief that one should place physical development of a child on the same level as his or her culture of feelings and emotional life.

In his journal he wrote this little *memoir* about sparrows:

*During the summer the windows were usually open and they would come into the room and sit on a flowerpot. If I was also sitting still, they were not afraid. But once, when I entered the room unexpectedly, a sparrow flew away and being scared off, it could not find a way out and hit the window glass. It was stunned. Maybe hurt, even. Later, before I entered my room, I would knock on the door.*

*But now, it’s wintertime and I have once again asked the glass-fitter to come and cut out a small [corner] piece of the window, so that sparrows could come in and eat. It would be warmer for them inside.*

This little gem of a story reveals the secret of Korczak’s educational success. When from time to time he received psychologically crippled children into his new homes for orphans, he treated them the same way he would treat the sparrows. All he wanted was that the boys and girls would not be afraid anymore.

Korczak’s story is in tune with what we know about Jesus and His way of treating the young ones and the vulnerable. An embrace, a kind word, a hand-in-hand approach of safety makes their day a day of value and joy.

Reminders. What would we do if they ceased to propel us into repairing our own everydayness, helping someone by being present in their lives, perhaps just by keeping them company and casting the fear away. [Rajmund Dabrowski]


## RMC BAPTISMS





**Aspen Park:** Alan Randolph Kuta (shown below left) and 21 family members and friends traveled to Glacier View Ranch September 5 where he was baptized by Pastor Ron Spurling of the Aspen Park church. Having read The Great Controversy twice on his own, Randy arrived at the Aspen Park church "out of the blue," according to Pastor Spurling. His friendship with Patricia Jarmillo of the Denver West church was also instrumental in his expanding awareness of God's love for him.


Because Randy and Pastor Spurling live just ten minutes apart in Aurora, Bible studies have been ongoing in the pastor's home. "It is my personal observation," says Pastor Spurling, "that God has something special in mind for Randy and ministry," Randy will share his spiritual journey during the 11 a.m. worship hour at Aspen Park on September 19. [Ron Spurling]

**Woodland Park:** Two baptisms were celebrated on Sabbath, September 12, at the Woodland Park church. After

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months of studying and learning about God's plan of salvation and Seventh-day Adventist doctrines,



Susan Noel (bottom right) and Jeff Rice (top right) took their stand in baptism [photos by Dianne Bieri]

where, when, why..also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting applications for a part-time (20 hours per week, M-Th) Assistant to help out in its Treasury Department. To learn more about this position and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-treasury-assistant>.

The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting applications for a full-time (38 hours per week, M-Th) Administrative Assistant to support the conference's three officers: President, Vice President for Administration and Vice President for Finance.To learn more about this position and how to apply, go to <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-administrative-assistant-opening>

The **Voice of Prophecy** in Loveland, Colorado, is looking for a full-time departmental assistant, as well as a DISCOVER Bible School trainer. View the full job descriptions and apply at [vop.com/jobs](http://vop.com/jobs).

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## RMC EVENTS

**"Garden Getaway" Women's Retreat a First in Colorado »** Women's Ministry Department is full steam ahead in organizing their "Garden Getaway" retreat in Colorado. Registration for a one-day retreat on Sabbath, September 19, at the Broomfield Aloft Hotel (8300 Arista Place, Broomfield, 303-635-2000) is currently open.

The program includes a special event on Sunday, September 19. According to DeeAnn Bragaw, "participants will go to a women's shelter where we'll bless them with a free spa day! You will love the Scripture, music, laughter, and fun at this retreat for women of all ages, reminding us that God is with us and for us in every season of life!" Sign up at [www.rmcsda.org/women](http://www.rmcsda.org/women). If you plan to stay at the





hotel, make your own reservation separate from the retreat registration. For questions, contact Ginger Bell at 720-980-9006.

A similar event is planned for women from the Western Slope on October 3 in Grand Junction.



**RMC Young Adult Day »** Under the theme, *Own It*, the Boulder Adventist Church will be hosting Rocky Mountain Conference's Young Adult Day on October 24. **Paddy McCoy**,

chaplain at Walla Walla University, is scheduled as the presenter for the day at what is anticipated as great fellowship and worship!

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### **Coronary Health Improvement Project**

#### **Training is Coming to Campion »**

The next facilitator training for CHIP in the Denver-Loveland area will take place October 17, 18 at the Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more

information, contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or [chip@skybeam.com](mailto:chip@skybeam.com).



Training to run a CHIP program is required through an approved CHIP facilitator workshop. For more information about the CHIP program or how to run one in your church or community, contact Rick Mautz at [rickm@rmcsda.org](mailto:rickm@rmcsda.org) or call 530-521-7429. Watch CHIP video at: <https://vimeo.com/78279692> or at [www.chiphealth.com](http://www.chiphealth.com).

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Campion Academy Alumni Weekend »**

Campion Academy Alumni and friends are invited to Campion, September 25 -27. The weekend's special guest speaker is Dick Duerksen. Other weekend events will include class meetings and honor classes, Reeder Classic Golf, Common Ground Café, and the motorcycle rally. The honor classes are those on the years '0 and '5, from 1945 to 2015.

Duerksen is familiar to many in the Campion community as he was principal of Campion Academy from 1978 to 1983. Most recently, Duerksen and his wife Brenda both worked for Maranatha Volunteers International where he hosted more than 200 TV shows, and Brenda coordinated the organization's clinical mission outreach.

Alumni are invited to the Common Ground Café in the Student Center Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. to reconnect with friends over hot drinks and biscotti. The motorcycle rally up into the beautiful Rocky Mountains will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, September 27 in front of the Administration building. Since the flood in 2013, roads have been newly paved, which gives more options for scenic routes, with several stops along the way for socialization and games. The entrance fee of \$45 will be donated to the Student Aid fund. For more information, email Kevin Binder at [Kathy.binder@campion.net](mailto:Kathy.binder@campion.net) or see [schedule](#).

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### **Loveland - Voice of Prophecy »**

The ministry is inviting all attendees to an exclusive Open House event during the Campion Academy's Alumni Weekend from 2 - 5 p.m. Sabbath afternoon, September 26. Tours will begin every 20-30 minutes, with the final one starting at 4:40 p.m. Shuttles will depart from Campion Academy throughout the afternoon, or if you'd prefer to drive yourself, the address is 255 E. 6th St., Loveland, CO 80537. Parking is available in the open lot

across the street. Enter near Lincoln Ave. and 7th St. For more information, go to [pr@vop.com](mailto:pr@vop.com).

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**Carbon Valley Church »** An evangelistic series entitled, **"The United States in Bible Prophecy"** is scheduled for 7 p.m September 18 - 26 with Pastor David Salazar and James Burr at Thunder Valley K-8 School at 600 5th Street, Frederick, CO 80530.

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**Fall Education Expo » Adventist University of Health Sciences of Denver** will hold its Fall Education Expo from 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 28 at their Denver campus, 950 E. Harvard Avenue, Suite B80. Key programs will be featured, including Nursing (BSN), Radiography and Sonography.

This is a great opportunity for future students to speak with faculty and staff from the university. Representatives will also be visiting from the Orlando campus to answer questions regarding financial aid and admissions. See [poster](#).

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**Aurora First Church »** Join Aurora First Church as it celebrates its annual ***Taste of the Nations*** Sabbath September 19. Enjoy their multi-cultural world through a parade of flags, singing, food and praise from many nations. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. and includes a multi-cultural lunch, vespers at 7 p.m. and fashion show at 8 p.m. If you would like to participate, contact Mel Cabandon at [cabandon@yahoo.com](mailto:cabandon@yahoo.com).

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**Colorado Springs Central Church »** A Week of Prayer is planned for October 17 - 22 and 24 with **R.T. Smith**, senior pastor of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Teaneck, New Jersey. He will speak for the Sabbath Service on October 17 for "Five Nights with the King" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday. For more information call: (719) 460-0551.

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**Fort Lupton Church »** *Christ-centered Living in a Broken World* is the theme of the Fort Lupton series beginning September 28 and continuing through October 10. The pastoral team made up of Ed Barnett, Lonnie Hetterle, Martin Pope, Don Schraeder, Chuck DeShazer and Ted Williams will present such subjects as "Who Am I?", "Who Am I to Jesus?", "Dinner at Papa's", and "The BIG Move".

Pre-register by calling 720-466-5634 or go to [ftlupton22.adventistchurchconnect.org](http://ftlupton22.adventistchurchconnect.org). Admission is free.

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**Franktown Church »** *A Vegan Cooking Class* with **Karen Houghton** is being planned for 12:30 p.m. Sunday, September 20. The class will be followed by a vegan barbecue at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 303-688-8687.

**David Asscherick** will present an evangelistic series beginning at 7 pm. Wednesday, November 4 and continuing through Wednesday, November 14.

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**Greeley -- The Adventure »** *Worshiping Jesus. Growing in Jesus. Sharing Jesus.* is the theme of **Steve Green's** concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20. A renowned Christian singer, Green is celebrating 31 years of ministry. His music has been honored with four Grammy nominations, 13 Number 1 songs, and seven Dove Awards. With 35 recordings to his credit, including children's projects and Spanish language albums, he has sold more than three million albums worldwide. The Adventure Church is located at 4100 West

**MAUC Office »** Children's Leadership Conference will take place at the Mid-America Union Office in Nebraska, October 9-11. For registration and other information, go to [plusline.org](http://plusline.org) or call 800-732-7587.

**True Life Community Church/Littleton »** Christmas comes early this year for the TLC Church in Littleton with a special women's ministry program lead by **Dr. Angie Cordova**. Save the date of October 3. For more information, call Tammy Romero, 720-621-2243.

**Vista Fellowship »** Prophecy seminars planned at Vista Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists: Prophecy seminars in both English and Spanish are being planned at the Vista Fellowship Church at 701 Kimbark Street, Longmont. *A Ray of Hope* and *Descubriendo el Apocalipsis* will begin at 7 p.m. September 11. **Tim Jones** will present the English series on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings through October 16. In Spanish, meetings will feature **Carlos Muñoz** on Monday through Saturday evenings, ending on October 3. For more information, call 303-548-8601.

## 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*.

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--Editor

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