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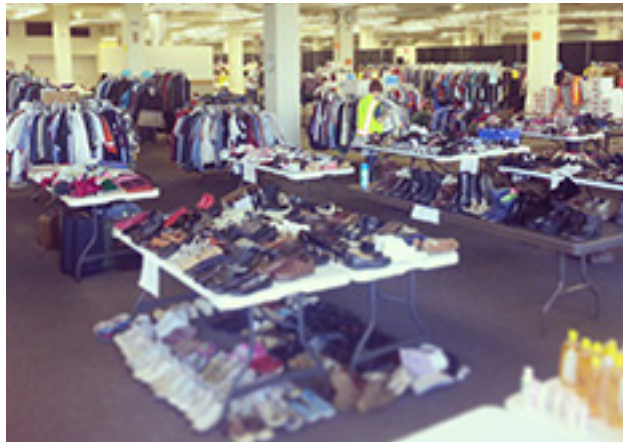
From the desk of Gary Thurber

news nuggets

Friday, September 20, 2013

RMC begins relief efforts for flood victims »

Relief efforts are already underway by the Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief team from the Rocky



Mountain Conference. Cathy Kissner, ACS/DR director, says the distribution center in Loveland, Colo., is prepped to distribute food and supplies to the families who have been displaced by the floods. Find out more, and **donate online** to the relief efforts by [clicking here](#).



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Littleton Adventist Hospital to host Men's Health Challenge »

On **Sept. 22**, leading men's health professionals will gather at **Littleton Adventist Hospital** where

there will be a tailgate party that will include health screenings for men, free food and much more. [Follow this link](#) to learn more.

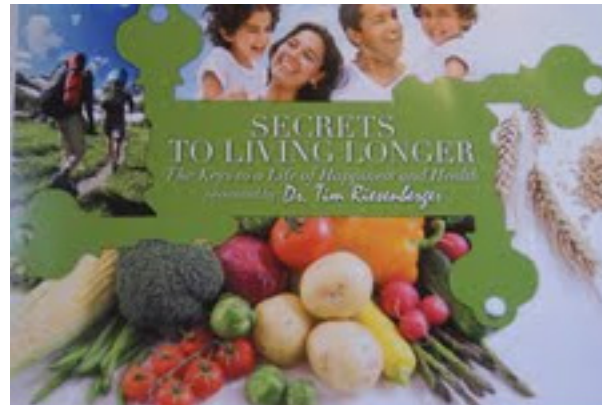


Upcoming Events

Women's Ministry Seaside Escape

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

Lamar Church welcomes new member » Please take a moment to [read the story](#) of **Wade Meyer's** journey to become a part of the **Lamar Church** in Colorado, shared by **Pastor Dale Fuhrmeister**. Welcome, Wade!



Pagosa Springs Church to begin evangelistic campaign » **Dr. Tim Risenberger** will begin a series this Sabbath, **Sept. 21**, at **7:00 p.m.**, in

the **Community Center** in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Continue reading **Pastor Ruben Balaguer's** story about this community outreach by [clicking here](#).

ACS Community L.I.F.T. Gala happens Saturday night »

According to **Donna Webb**, communication

director for **ACS Community L.I.F.T.**, it is not too late to sign up for the Gala to support this ministry. With the flooding in our area, our support is needed now, more than ever, to help with their efforts to bless those in need. To learn more about the Gala and to register to attend, [click here](#).



Durango and Bloomfield churches distribute *The Great Hope* »

Members of the Durango English and Hispanic churches, along with the Bloomfield Hispanic

Group, in Colorado, are distributing hundreds of copies of ***The Great Hope*** in their communities. [Read the story here](#).

The Nuggets will not be sent out next week » Each week, our communication director, **Mark Bond**, does an excellent job placing the images and text in each issue of the *Nuggets*. Next week, he and his family will combine some family vacation time with a wedding they will be a part of during the weekend. We want him to enjoy his time with family, so have scheduled the next edition of the *Nuggets* for release on Friday, **Oct. 4**.

On the road » This past Sabbath, I heard **Mark Bond** preach about what his dream church would look like. I am not sure if the sermon has been archived on the



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
6000 County Road 30
Lake City, CO 81235

Contact [Marv Olson](#) more information.

From the RMC Calendar:

[Finance Committee](#)

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

[Executive Committee](#)

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

[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.

Franktown (Colo.) Church website, but it was a real blessing for me to hear his vision. What is your dream Seventh-day Adventist Church? I think it is worth thinking about and sharing with one another.

I look forward to spending Sabbath with the guys at the **Men's Advance** conference, taking place this weekend at **Redcloud Ranch** in Lake City, Colo. Every time I attend a men's conference, I come away encouraged; I am sure I will be blessed this weekend as well.

On another note, I want to share something that has been bothering me. Not long ago, a colleague in ministry was the target of an onslaught of negativity on the Internet. Things he said were twisted and edited to make him out to be a tool of the devil! It didn't take long for me to go to the source and learn what the real truth was.

Unfortunately, much damage to his character and ministry had occurred already. Why are we so quick to believe every email that comes along? Why are we so willing to forward information we have not verified to be true? Why is the admonishment in Matthew 18 so quickly ignored?

I encourage you to [read a rather powerful passage](#) about gossip, written by Ellen White. It seems to me to be applicable to and written directly for all of us in the Internet age. The Internet has such power to spread either what is good or hurtful. After reading the passage, I hope we will have the courage to hit the delete button way more often than the forward button in the days to come!

Happy Sabbath to all!



Elder Gary Thurber

Rocky Mountain Conference president

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