



news nuggets

Remember the Division-Wide Offering for Victims of Hurricane Harvey on September 9

Please note that if you're ordering supplies for Hurricane Harvey from amazon.com, they do not recognize the Old Betsy Road address provided in last week's NewsNuggets. Instead, use the following address:

Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
1211 Highway 67 West
Alvarado TX 76009

For donation ideas, go [here](#).

Vista Ridge Academy Welcomes Parents of New Students »

Parents of new students attended a welcome breakfast on Thursday, September 8. Sandy Hodgson, principal and 5th and 6th grade teacher, welcomed parents to Vista Ridge Academy. "We are proud that we are a small school. Our students have a hard time falling between the cracks," Hodgson said.



Many parents have chosen Vista Ridge Academy because of the small classroom environment. Kelly Meyer has two daughters attending Vista Ridge Academy this year. "We love the school! It's early on, but we have seen such a positive improvement, both academically and socially, in our girls," Meyer said.

During the breakfast, parents also had the opportunity to meet constituent church pastors, school board members and

Friday, September 8, 2017

"Recognizing how Seventh-day Adventists in their formative pioneer days addressed many of society's ills, we must not set aside our obligation today to deal with social ills and injustices. As Christians, may we use our sphere of influence, individually and as a faith community, to show compassion, to be a **voice for the voiceless**, and a blessing to our neighbors, some of whom seek a better future, and all being our brothers and sisters. As many of our neighbors face an uncertain future, may we be reminded of the prophetic words of Micah 6:8: 'He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?'"

-- Ed Barnett



staff. “It was nice to meet new people. It is nice to know that you are not alone braving these new waters by yourself, and that there are other people who are just trying to figure it out like us,” Meyer added.

For the 2017-2018 school year, Vista Ridge Academy has seen a 25 percent increase in enrollment. The school is located in Erie, Colorado and is supported by Boulder, Chapel Haven, and Twin Peaks Adventist Churches. [Marsha Bartulec; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Mile High Academy Students Involved in Real World Learning » With Mile High Academy classrooms full of enthusiastic learners and teachers fresh from their summer break and full of ideas, both teachers and students are stepping into the sphere of Real World Learning (RWL).

An integral part of the Mile High Academy curriculum, Real World Learning prepares students to grapple with life’s big questions, think in ways that matter to the world around them and work well with others. “Every student will be armed with these skills when they leave MHA since all of their teachers use RWL in their classrooms,” commented MHA marketing director Agape Hammond.

Let’s step into their classrooms to see what Real World Learning means at Mile High Academy.

Teacher Danielle Cress and her students in grades 3-5 are building water-filtration systems to meet the needs of kids in Fiji for the areas still affected by last year’s cyclone and creating books for mobile kindergartens to reach young students in remote villages.

Lisa Venteicher is taking her students through the Leadership Exploration and Development (LEAD) program as they learn biblical principles for being servant leaders.

The worldwide plastic pollution problem is the focus for students of Jerson Malaguit, who will investigate the problem along with ways to mitigate its consumption, grow recycling programs and create new ocean-cleaning solutions.

Students of Kyle Berg are looking at things they want the world to hear as they prepare three podcasts to inform and inspire their audience to action. They’ll have the opportunity to act as producer, editor, host and co-host as they do the journalistic work of researching, fact checking, creating and producing.

Teacher Rebecca Berg wants her students to be entrepreneurial. She is encouraging them to begin an entrepreneurial venture while still in high school and will be developing their own business plan while they learn about advertising, competitive advantage, financing, marketing and product development. They’ll also learn how to use their

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Upcoming Events

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

business to benefit and improve their community and their world.

Engineering teacher, Brian Howard, is helping his students design, plan and construct a shed according to Highlands Ranch Municipal Codes.

Looking at the world's hunger problem, Heidi Chaij and her students are learning about balanced nutrition as they make breads to raise funds to fight hunger.

Christina Hernandez is leading her students in another entrepreneurial experience where they look at different methods of making soap and learn about the chemical processes for creating soap. In order to sell their product, students will create packaging and research marketing strategies so that they can compete with the mainstream market.

All these real life tasks extend the relevance of the subjects beyond the classroom. Mile High Academy students are putting knowledge into practice and developing useful skills. According to Seymour Papert, renowned expert on children and computing and an MIT mathematician, "We teach numbers, then algebra, then calculus, then physics. Wrong!" he exclaims. "Start with engineering, and from that abstract out ideas of calculus"

[RMCNews with Agape Hammond]

CELEBRATE YOUR PASTOR

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.

Western Slope Women's Retreat

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



Story Guidelines: We 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



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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

outdated ones. **Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.**

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

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.



See With New Eyes--With Ty Gibson » Hosted by Castle Rock and Franktown Seventh-day Adventist Churches, Ty Gibson's *See With New Eyes* series begins at 7 p.m., September 8 at the Franktown Church and continues each evening until September 16. The church is located at 905 N Highway 83, Franktown CO 80116.



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.



Summit Fellowship » Enjoy the aspen leaves along

with a Fall concert on **September 9** with the Royal Oak Orchestra and the Denver South Men's Chorus lead by Douglas Macomber. Other special music will be presented by Audrey Dickerson. A fellowship lunch follows the musical program. The church is located at 630 Copepr Road, Copper Mountain, Colorado. For further information, call 970-513-7242.

Revelation Prophecy Seminar » Dr. Jack Bohannon will present the seminar, "Revelation, In Chronological Order," beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, **September 12** and continuing each Tuesday evening at Springs Adventist Academy Chapel. This seminar is offered free as a community service. Parking, admission and study materials are all free. There will be no offerings. Invite your friends and family. The academy is located at 5410 E Palmer Park Blvd (at Cora Lane).

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 Campion Church »

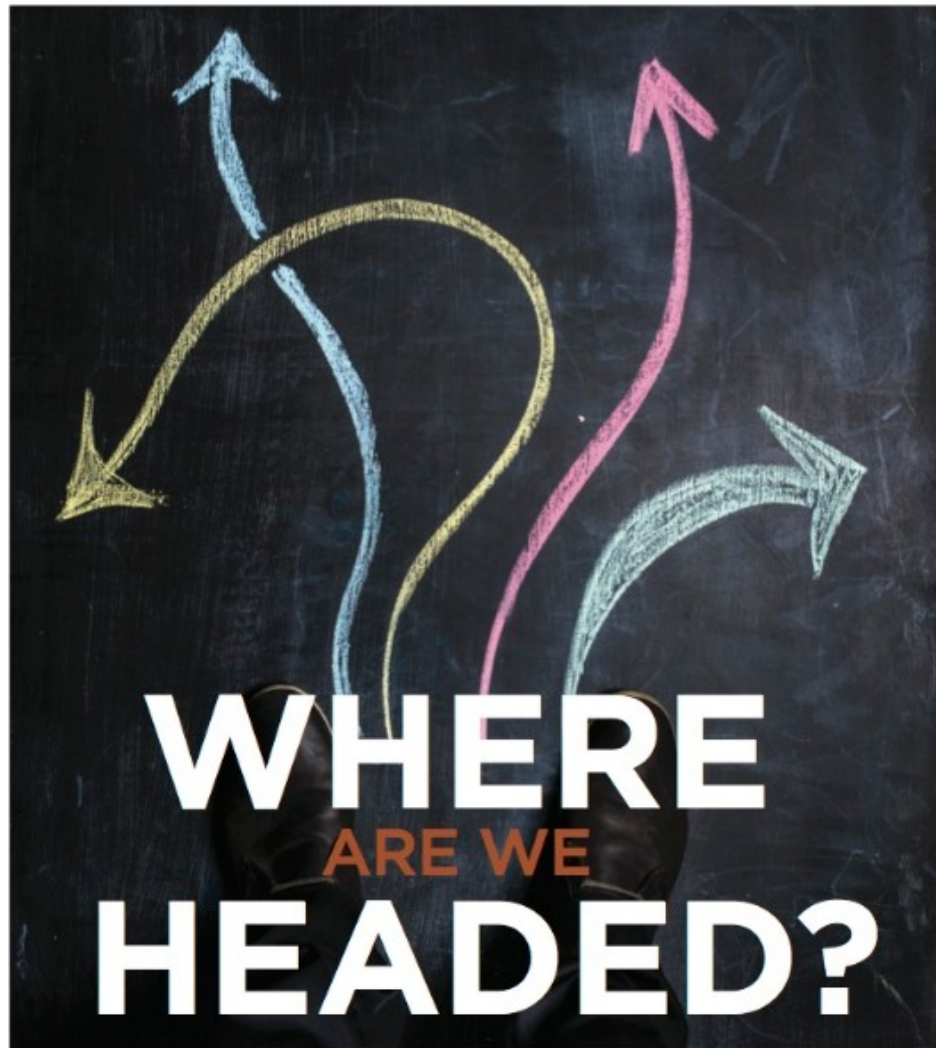
Campion Church will host Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a 9-session video course teaching sound, Bible-based principles of financial management. Classes will be held in the church fellowship hall Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. beginning **September 6 and continuing through November 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 Campion 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.

Voice of Prophecy Boot Camp with Shawn Boonstra

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

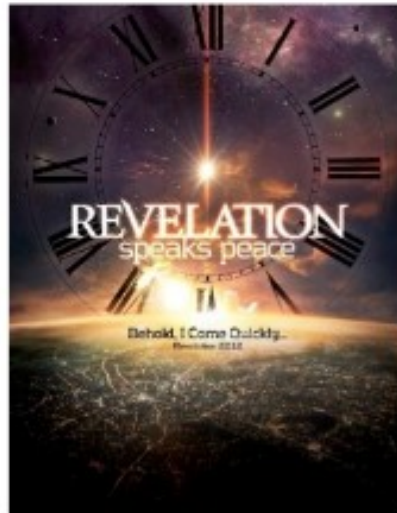
When: Friday – 7 to 9pm, Sabbath – 9:30am to 6pm &
Sunday – 9 to 12:30pm ~ September 29 – Oct 1

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



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](#).

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 Openings » MHA's current **Spanish II teacher** has taken a pastoral call, leaving an immediate opening available. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree or higher and demonstrate fluency. Please send resumes to Principal Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org. For more information, call 303-744-1069.

MHA 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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The *NewsNuggets* archive is now online, and can be found at <https://www-rmc-sda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-archive>.

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*. **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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