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The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen.

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Rebecca Hanan, Walla Walla University senior international communication major, operates the controls at Positive Life Radio.

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NPUC Joins Ordination Discussion

Although the issue of women's ordination has been discussed for decades, it has been brought to a head by recent decisions of other union conferences. Northwest members and church leaders have asked North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) leadership to address it candidly and objectively. While a world church committee is currently examining the theological basis of ordination in order to present a report in 2014, Northwest Adventist leaders have also initiated an open door to biblical counsel and the good advice of trusted believers. Current NPUC bylaws do not preclude the ordination of women, but such a change in current practice would no doubt be a significant cultural shift for some members. NPUC leaders are moving ahead on this topic prayerfully and intentionally, yet are respectful of the world church's call for unified action.

AN INTENTIONAL CONVERSATION

During their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting held Nov. 14 in Ridgefield, Wash., NPUC executive

committee members voted to engage Northwest membership in a discussion on gender inclusiveness in gospel ministry. They approved a motion to 1) inform and educate Northwest members of the rationale toward biblical church leadership without regard to gender; 2) engage and encourage constituents in structured conversation and discussion on women in ministry; and 3) call a special session of the NPUC constituency when appropriate to address ministerial ordination without regard to gender. The motion was presented in response to extensive reports provided by the NPUC Ad Hoc Committee on Women in Leadership, which met during 2012. No date was specified at the meeting for a proposed constituency session, but that will be determined as the process for discussion and decision-making is further defined.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad hoc committee members are John Altman, Jan Bishop, Emily Flottman, Tanya Huether, John McVay, Aaron Payne, Al Reimche, Silvia Schmidt, Jennifer Scott, Sue Smith, Max

Torkelsen, Andre Wang, Ann Westermeyer and James Wibberding. They compiled several reports. John McVay, Walla Walla University president, offered "Reflections on the Theology and Practice of Ordination in the Seventh-day Adventist Church." Jennifer Scott, Shelton (Wash.) Church pastor, provided a study on unity in mission, and James Wibberding, Cloverdale Church pastor in Boise, Idaho, developed several reports, including "Women in Ministry: Framing the Conversation," "The Authority to Ordain Pastors in the Seventh-day Adventist Church" and "Adventist Policies Relating to Ordination of Women to Gospel Ministry."

ADD YOUR COMMENTS

Reports, information and opportunities for discussion will be continually updated and available at gleaneronline.org. Concerned members may also email their perspectives to talk@gleaneronline.org or send them via the postal service to North Pacific Union Conference, President's Office, 5709 N. 20th Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642.

Letters

The Need to Dig Deeper

The article "Unity" [Let's Talk, October 2012] struck a chord in my heart. I have been following the votes that the unions voting for ordination without regard for gender have put forward. I have read and listened to men explaining what they have found about some of the issues, and it has made me wonder if the powers that be are pushing for unity and not getting down to the specifics of these issues that they need to think about and really dig into. As in ordination and what it is, and what does it entail? Is it necessary, etc.? I believe we have some very wonderful leaders in our denomination, but please, may they think, really think, and study some issues here. Your article was right on.

Velma Collings, Gold Bar, Wash.

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The Beginning, Again

This, then, is a beginning. What will continue to be will depend on the ever-changing times of education, the sincere wishes of those who audit educational radio, and the needs of those whom we would like to train in so-doing.”

In 1962, when Loren Dickinson concluded his opening broadcast message for KGTS, the new campus radio station, could the professor of communication even have imagined what the future held? FM signal transmission is now digital transmission, and KGTS is now also Positive Life Radio Network, with a base of more than 100,000 daily listeners.

I congratulate Dickinson for his foresight in establishing this station as an educational training ground, a community service and a ministry. Today, general manager Kevin Krueger and his staff continue advancing this mission.

This year we celebrate the fruitful 50 years the radio station has had as a ministry of Walla Walla University (WWU). We look forward to what lies ahead and pray that God continues to bless this endeavor.

As a university, we are in our 110th year. We are also looking ahead to the new year and beyond. I wish to take this opportunity to share with you how we plan to raise Walla Walla University to an even higher level of excellence in thought, generosity in service, beauty in expression and faith in God.

It is my intention that we focus on four priorities I believe are crucial for the next stage in our journey:

1. Vision, mission and strategic planning;
2. Friend-raising and fundraising;
3. Working closely with vice presidents;
4. Communing and communicating with faculty, staff and students on all our campuses.

Walla Walla University is at an amazing moment of opportunity — by far the most exciting moment we have experienced in the last few years. There will be some significant changes in the way we do things and the emergence of new faces leading WWU. Some of these faces may be familiar to you.

Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor, will serve as my adviser for strategy, mission and vision.

Darold Bigger, twice an alumnus of WWU, will now split his time between the president's office and the School of Theology. As my assistant, he will shoulder important elements of the work of the president's office.

Jodi Wagner, an alumna of WWU who has served the university effectively as vice president for marketing and enrollment services, will expand her role and also lead our advancement team. The two departments will now be joined under her as she serves as vice president for university relations and advancement.

This month we will begin a new round of visioning and strategic thinking that will yield a strategy for 2013 to 2023 as well as a fresh set of strategic initiatives for 2013 to 2016.

Because the times demand it, those plans will be bold ones.

As a member of the Northwest Adventist church family, you are part of our future. I hope you will join us in prayer as we step forward.



JOHN MCVAY

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT





LISTEN TO LOREN DICKINSON, STATION FOUNDER
AND GENERAL MANAGER THROUGH 1984,
ANNOUNCE THE OPENING KGTS BROADCAST.

[VISIT P.L.R.ORG/50TH.](http://VISIT.PLR.ORG/50TH)



ON THE AIR

POSITIVE LIFE RADIO CELEBRATES
50 YEARS OF SERVING STUDENTS
AND LISTENERS

October 6, 1963. From cramped quarters in the Administration Building, KGTS-FM sits on the verge of its official opening broadcast. Since the first Walla Walla College radio production class in 1941, more than two decades of planning, hard work and testing have gone into this moment.

At 5:01 p.m., a radio speaker crackles to life.

This evening and this hour marks the official opening of

KGTS-FM noncommercial, educational radio.

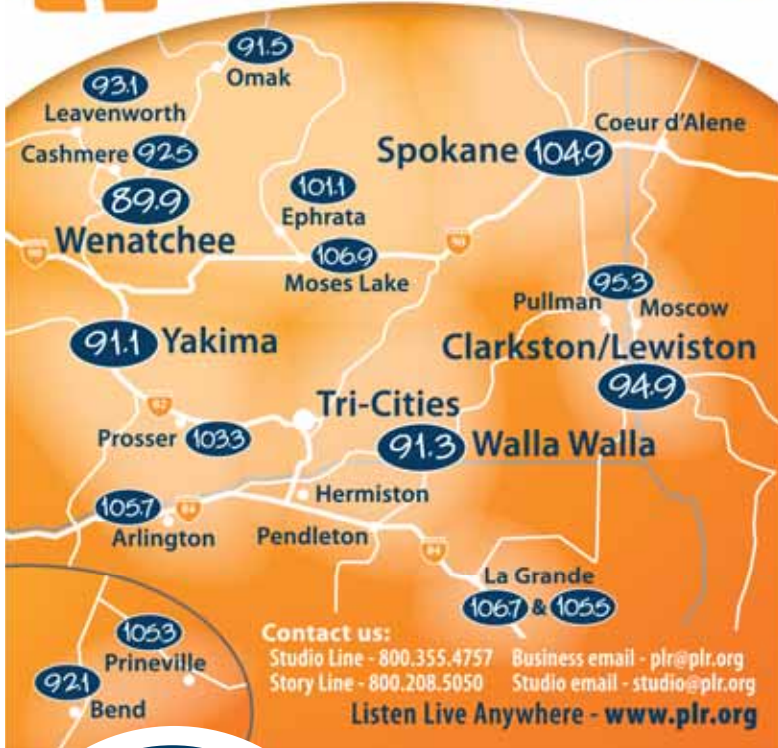
With this introduction by Loren Dickinson, a professor in the speech department and station manager from 1963 to 1984, the college station is on the air and ready to serve.

TRAINING FOR STUDENTS, A FRIEND FOR LISTENERS

Now, as the station celebrates its 50th anniversary, Dickinson reflects on its main reason for existence. “The ‘GTS’ in KGTS stands for ‘gateway to service,’” Dickinson says. “That’s larger than the station, of course. It’s symbolic of Walla Walla University — and the church, for that matter.”



POSITIVE LIFE RADIO
where you can hear us



KEVIN KRUEGER, LOREN DICKINSON AND DAVID BULLOCK HAVE SERVED AS THE ONLY KGTS MANAGERS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1963.



THROUGH THE YEARS

1963

First KGTS demonstration program broadcast on April 24.

Fully licensed on June 21.

KGTS becomes first FM station in the Walla Walla area with its opening broadcast on October 6.

From the very beginning, the station offered students a chance to get acquainted with radio and to improve their on-air presentation and competency.

Sunday through Friday, the station was on air from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Sabbath programming ran from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Listeners could expect to hear a range of material, from classical music and news to children's stories and church services.

Over time, KGTS slowly transitioned from a small college-run station to a station with expanded daytime hours and a larger listening area. More students were



needed and began working, not just as announcers, but in news production, programming development, and donor and marketing relations.

A key factor in the station's growth was the continual advances in technology. For example, initially the broadcast antenna was on the Administration Building. It was 63 feet below average terrain, which limited signal range. In the 1970s, transmitter power increased from 200 watts to 1,000 watts. Around the early 1980s, translator stations began to be added.

"Roger Johnson was a pastor in Pasco [Washington] at the time. He was interested in the college radio station. He figured he could use a translator to listen to KGTS in the Tri-Cities," says David

Bullock, who started working at KGTS in 1976 and served as manager from 1984 to 1988. "He got the whole thing rolling."

When Dickinson heard that the Pasco transmitter had gone live, he excitedly called Bullock and the chief engineer at KGTS.





1975

Stereo broadcasts begin.
New 1,000-watt transmitter installed.

1986

Transmitter moves from the Ad Building to Pikes Peak.
Transmitter power increases from 1,000 to 4,600 watts.

1990s

Last of classical programming dropped.
24/7 broadcasting begins.
Identity changes to Positive Life Radio.

“We just got in the car and started driving. We turned on the radio to see where we could pick up the signal,” Bullock says.

In 1986, continuing this trend of expanding listening area, the KGTS transmitter and antenna were moved about 12 miles away to Pikes Peak, Oregon, which is roughly 1,300 feet above average terrain. Power was also increased to 4,600 watts.

The station grew in other ways too.

“We started paying students,” Bullock says. As expenses went up, underwriting and listener

financial support became critical to the station’s operation.

FINDING THE POSITIVE FOCUS

Through the end of the 1980s, KGTS continued mixed programming, but it was becoming increasingly difficult to be all things to all people.

“We had multiple formats because there weren’t a lot of stations to begin with,” says Kevin Krueger, who became the current station manager in 1988. “But during a transition period we were blasted by people from



all sides. Classical music lovers were asking, ‘How can you play that syrupy religious drivel?’ And religious music lovers were asking, ‘How can you play that highfalutin Mozart music?’”

As additional stations with competing formats entered the market, KGTS focused its programming.

“We expanded midday religious music. It was unique in our coverage area, and there seemed to be a demand for it,” Krueger says. “Eventually we ended up running all-religious.”

The format was well-suited to radio.

“Radio is a personal medium. Most of the time you listen to it by yourself, so we approach it like we’re talking to one person,” Krueger says.



LISTENERS HAVE FED 1 MILLION STARVING PEOPLE THROUGH THE YEARLY RICE FOR CAMBODIA CAMPAIGN.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOOD DRIVE HELPS RESTOCK FOOD BANKS THROUGHOUT THE INLAND NORTHWEST.



1998

Annual Rice for Cambodia project begins.

2003

KGTS moves from the Ad Building to the Canaday Technology Center.

2005

Format changes to adult contemporary.

“We’ve always felt that our job isn’t to preach or to convert instantly ... but to provide a place for a person to come beside and be encouraged,” Bullock says.

In the 1990s, Positive Life Radio became the identity for a cooperative effort of multiple broadcast outlets that carried KGTS programming. And listeners were invited to join in projects that served others.

Today, the annual Christmas in July Food Drive helps restock local food banks throughout the Inland Northwest. And Drive-

Through Difference encourages listeners to turn a good deed and pay for the order of the person behind them at a drive-through.

One of the most popular ongoing projects is the yearly Rice for Cambodia Campaign.



During its 14-year history, listeners have donated funds to feed more than 1 million starving people in a country that’s been ravaged by war and poverty.

“Once, when Christian recording artist Bobby Michaels was here helping with the campaign, he said on air, ‘It’s just incredible to be the hands and heart of Jesus to these people [in Cambodia].’ There it is, I thought, hands and heart. It conveys feeling. The hands are the giving, and the heart is the passion,” Krueger says.

Fifty years ago, it might’ve been difficult to imagine the changes that would shape KGTS and give birth to Positive Life Radio. Yet the driving force — service — has been there since day one, guiding progress along a path that enriches the lives of students, staff and listeners while also reaching out to touch people worldwide. KGTS and Positive Life Radio truly have been a gateway to service.

Note: The date of the opening broadcast is as near as can be determined from available documents.

ALUMNI SAY 'THANK YOU'

KGTS/Positive Life Radio has trained hundreds of students over the years. Here are just a few thoughts from alumni expressing their appreciation to Walla Walla University and Positive Life Radio for the education gained:



Jay Wintermeyer

Upper Columbia Conference communication director

The training at Positive Life Radio gave me confidence. I learned important skills in the areas of content creation and communication that have strengthened every position I've ever held.



YOU'RE INVITED

KGTS 91.3 FM/Positive Life Radio invites you to a 50th Anniversary Open House and station tour Friday, April 26, 12-5 p.m., during the 2013 Walla Walla University Homecoming Weekend.

Kelly Just

KCTV5 special projects executive producer in Kansas City, Mo.

The practical experience I received in the upper floors of the rickety old Administration Building led directly to my first two jobs after graduation. Those jobs provided me with the necessary experience to pursue a graduate degree and make the transition from radio to television. I don't believe any of that could have happened without Positive Life Radio.



Kelli Caldwell Wheeler

K-LOVE Scott and Kelli Show co-host

People sometimes ask how I can talk to a listening audience of 10 million people, and I remember what I learned at Positive Life Radio: "Talk as though you're only talking to one person." That was my goal then, and it's still my goal today. Thank you, Positive Life Radio.



Todd Brandenburg

PocketiNet Communications, Inc., president and founder

As station engineer I knew that people depended on Positive Life Radio as a constant friend, and it must be my duty to make sure it not only stayed on the air but sounded good as well. The technical expertise I gained helped me seek new innovations at my company. Treating people with respect and integrity is what has made the station successful over the years, and it's a model I personally strive for with our staff.



ACCION

Congreso de Jóvenes en la Conferencia de Oregon

Del 24–27 de agosto del 2012, se realizó el Congreso de Jóvenes de la Conferencia de Oregon en Washington Family Ranch. Los pastores Manny Arteaga y Milton Márquez fueron nuestros oradores especiales para este evento. El grupo Evidence estuvo deleitándonos con su linda música. ¡Casi 200 jóvenes llegaron al campamento! Fueron días de verano, secos y calurosos, pero llenos de bendición. La programación incluyó temas y actividades tanto espirituales como recreativas para los jóvenes adultos y adolescentes que asistieron.

Este evento incluyó a todas



LISANETTE CURBELO

Una de las reuniones al aire libre con una puesta de sol espectacular.

Uno de los voluntarios comentó. Nos da mucho gusto venir y apoyar en la preparación de este evento para que nuestros jóvenes tengan un encuentro cercano con Jesús.

El lugar del congreso está localizado en el centro de Oregon, y también bastante alejado de la civilización, por lo cual, no se consigue señal de celular. Eso se convierten en una bendición, pues no tenemos la distracción de la tecnología. Este lugar está diseñado para actividades juveniles. Ofrece un alojamiento muy acogedor,

Lavando los pies en el lago durante el servicio de Rito de Humildad.



LISANETTE CURBELO

auditorios con buen espacio y de primera calidad. Para las actividades recreativas, ofrece una amplia gama de posibilidades: piscinas, lago, carrera de obstáculos y juegos al aire libre, gimnasio con varias canchas de basketball, paredes para escalar, mesas de pool, ping-pong y un parque de skate board. La atracción recreativa más concurrida fueron los go-karts. El lugar se presta para el recogimiento espiritual por sus hermosos paisajes, el diseño y el mantenimiento de los jardines. Tuvimos la oportunidad de reunirnos tanto dentro del auditorio como al aire libre. ¡Fue una experiencia espectacular e inolvidable!

Fue muy emocionante para nosotros ver a siete jóvenes entregar sus vidas a Jesús por medio del bautismo. También ver al resto de los jóvenes renovar su pacto con Dios en el Servicio de Humildad y Santa Cena. Estos servicios se realizaron en el lago. Tuvimos el privilegio entre todos los

pastores de preparar el pan para nuestros jóvenes.

En un momento determinado, el pastor invitado hizo un llamado especial a los jóvenes que deseaban servir a Dios en el ministerio, como resultado miramos a 12 jóvenes, tanto varones como señoritas, responder a este llamado.

Días después hablé con Mario Cortés, uno de los jóvenes que aceptó el llamado al ministerio. El me comentó que estaría predicando en las iglesias de Eugene, Ore., y Vancouver, Wash. Al terminar de conversar con él, agradecí mucho a Dios por jóvenes como Cortés, que se han comprometido a trabajar para Dios en el avance del evangelio y que usan sus dones y talentos para servirle.

David Merino, pastor de la iglesia de Woodburn y director Hispano de jóvenes de la Conferencia de Oregon

Harold Altamirano bautizando a una joven valiente.



LISANETTE CURBELO

Pastores preparando el pan de la Santa Cena.

las iglesias hispanas de la conferencia y fue planificado por los pastores de jóvenes hispanos (David Merino, Juan Pacheco, Rafael Escobar, Edwin Vargas y Harold Altamirano), nuestras esposas, familias y con un grupo de 30 voluntarios. Trabajando arduamente para que nuestros jóvenes tuvieran una linda experiencia espiritual.

LISANETTE CURBELO

Recovery by Any Other Name

You sure look happy” was the comment at the table. It was potluck lunch in the fellowship room, and one of the guys at the table was talking to a lady across from him. Then he turned to me and said, “Are you still running that depression group?”

“Yes,” I said, “but you don’t have to be depressed to come.”

It has been nearly a year and a half since the Wasilla Church adult Sabbath School class decided to start the Grace in Carhartts Recovery Group. Some of us thought it would never last for more than four weeks. But here it is nearly two years later, and people can tell a difference in the lives of participants just by looking across a table.

Since its start the group has made various recovery materials available not only

to local participants, but also to friends who were traveling to the lower 48 and wanted to share with others on their trips. Both the Wasilla and Palmer churches have members who have benefited from the grace experience in the group. But even better than that, the group has provided a place of spiritual and personal growth for non-members as well.

Adventist Recovery Ministries, the Canadian and North Pacific regional coordinator, and the Alaska Conference have provided suggestions and support for the fledgling group. A comparison chart prepared by the Adventist Recovery Ministries shows the correlations between each of the 12 steps of recovery, Scripture and *Steps to Christ*.

Some of the members have participated in a variety of



The Grace in Carhartts Recovery Group recently joined friends and families for a Sabbath afternoon excursion to Alaska’s Camp Tuk.

12-step programs and other Adventist-oriented 12-step outreaches. Drawing on this broad base of experience and support the group has adopted a standard meet-

ing format that allows any member to lead the group. One of the principles of a 12-step approach to ministry is the principal of attraction rather than promotion. While that may sound easy, what it means is I have to live my life so well that someone else might want what I have. What? Actually walk the walk? Hmmm ...

But there in front of me sat the evidence. Someone was walking the walk so well it was showing across the table. Yeah, I know he called it a “depression” group and not a “recovery” group ... but you know what? “Recovery” by any other name ... is still a blessing.

Harry Banks, Wasilla Church member



Pocatello Member Brings Christ to Prison

I was in prison and that Adventist lady visited me.” You may hear these words from various women who step foot into an Adventist church for the first time ever after being released from a correctional facility. After working for 20 years as an internationally certified addiction counselor, Bernice Caston formally retired from her occupation. However, wanting to continue helping people, Bernice committed to doing volunteer work. She began visiting the Pocatello Women’s Correctional Center in 1995 as a religious coordinator.

Caston is an active member of the Pocatello Church, but it wasn’t always that way. Lorraine Lau, an Adventist co-worker, spent many hours sharing Jesus and the plan of salvation with



Bernice Caston (second row, left) and the rest of the Pocatello Church prison ministry team donate countless hours to bring Christ’s love to prisoners in their area.

Caston. Lau gave her *Steps to Christ*. “After reading the little book, I was convinced that the Seventh-day Adventist Church of believers is the true church that is mentioned in Rev. 12:17 and 19:10,” Caston reports.

As a religious coordinator, Caston has five groups meeting weekly and offers baptismal classes as requested. She has seen many women baptized. Women enter the facility with limited self-esteem, little hope

and little faith. From her experiences, Caston says, “Accepting God’s forgiving love is difficult for some because this means having to change and to take responsibility. One of my greatest rewards is to see their countenance change as they mature in their relationship with God. When witnessing to individuals, I consider that this could be the only opportunity for influencing them by telling them about Jesus’ unconditional love.”

Caston has donated more than 2,000 hours over the last 17 years helping the women of the Pocatello Women’s Correctional Center. She is praying to meet them in heaven one day.

Alethea Torbert, Idaho Falls/Pocatello/Teton Valley district newsletter editor, with Karen Lifshay, pastoral team member

Nampa Quilters Create Gifts of Love

The Nampa Church community services quilters make quilts for dialysis patients to comfort them while they receive their treatments. Garland Nielsen, a nurse at a local dialysis center, delivers the quilts each week and tells her team of quilters how blessed the patients feel when receiving one of these “gifts of love.” Each quilt includes a verse from Scripture pinned to one corner.

Joann Bursed, Nampa Church community services director, can testify that the needs for assistance are always great. The center had served more than 4,000 people representing more than 1,100 families as of September 2012 thanks to the continued, faithful support of the church members and the many volunteers who cheerfully serve those in need.

Shirley Maxwell, Nampa Church communication leader





Carla Baker, North American Division women's ministries director, spoke at the Montana Women's Retreat about living in the light.

Montana Women Explore

Living in Abundant Light

Living in Abundant Light" was the theme for the 2012 Montana Women's Retreat, held Oct. 12-14, 2012, at the Rock Creek Resort in Red Lodge, Mont. Carla Baker, North American Division women's ministries director, gave three talks on this theme during the weekend: Living in the Light of Forgiveness, Living in the Light of Trust and Living in the Light of Love.

Joella Foust, retreat committee leader, led out Sabbath morning with a great discussion on Matt. 5, the Beatitudes. The ladies divided into small groups to discuss what it means to be blessed, the things that happen in their lives each day, what they have to look forward to and on the "virtuous woman" of Prov. 31. Everyone came away

enlightened by what had been shared and learned together.

Several ladies from across Montana shared in leading music for the weekend. The retreat's theme song, "Shine on Me," made a lasting impression on many attendees.

First-time participants commented how much they enjoyed their time with everyone. They are making plans to be back next year and bring their friends and family.

The 2013 Montana Women's Retreat, scheduled for Sept. 13-15, will again bring Montana women to Rock Creek Resort.

Ruth Fish, Montana Conference women's ministries coordinator

Montana Welcomes More New Pastors

Danny and Maria Velez and their two girls have accepted the pastoral position in the Libby District. Danny was pastoring in the Michigan Conference before he accepted the call to Montana. He is in-state right now, but his wife and girls will be coming later.

Don and Patricia Ritterskamp are the new pastoral couple for the Missoula District. They are coming from the Ken-



Danny Velez and family

tucky-Tennessee Conference and expect to have their first Sabbath in Missoula on Jan. 5.

The Montana Conference welcomes both of these families as they begin their pastoral duties.



Patricia and Don Ritterskamp

Bette Wheeling, Montana Conference GLEANER correspondent

Montana Conference Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 61st Regular Session (quadrennium) of the Montana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., under the laws of the state of Montana, will be held in the gymnasium/auditorium on the campus of Mount Ellis Academy, Bozeman, Mont., June 16, 2013, beginning at 9 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers and departmental staff for the ensuing term, to elect a Board of Directors, to elect an Articles and By-laws Committee, to consider amendments to the by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate plus one delegate for each 17 members or major fraction thereof.

Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president

Mid-Columbia Sixth-graders Enjoy Outdoor Science School

Sixth-graders from Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School (MCACS) in Hood River, Ore., enjoyed a special four-day Outdoor Science School in September near Rockaway Beach, Ore. Student Joshua Aguilar wrote the following report about his exciting experience.

I had a fun time going to sixth-grade Outdoor Science School. Before we ended our three-and-a-half-hour journey to Camp Magruder, we went to the Tillamook (Ore.) Cheese Factory. We got some samples of cheese and some ice cream from the fountain and had a fun time trying to make the ice cream disappear before it melted.

When we arrived at Camp Magruder we didn't really

know what to do because there were 108 kids crowding all around us and chatting with each other. We were taken on a tour of the camp by two of the counselors, called Giraffe and Wolf. Every counselor and staff member had a camp name, but we didn't know their real names.

When we got to the campfire pit, we started to visit with some of the other kids. Mainly we just stuck together because we didn't know anyone else yet. When everyone was at the campfire pit the staff members told us the camp rules. Next we were assigned to our cabins, and thankfully Sabastian and I were assigned to the same cabin. Our counselor's name was Raccoon. The cabin name was Cedar.

During the four days we were there we learned about how much food is wasted every day and what the goal should be. We also learned about animals, earth, water and forest. We took walks in the forest and learned about different plants and animals. We dissected a squid and got to see its innards. We looked at animal bones and learned to tell what kind of animal they came from. We went to Rockaway Beach and drew a map of Oregon in the sand with the Coastal and Cascade mountains in it. We learned about cloud formation, where they drop their water and how water flows back to the ocean.

My favorite time at camp was campfire time. During that time we would sing silly

songs, talk about stories from the Bible, talk about how God has blessed us, learn more about science and tell our new friends good night. One night we went on what is called the Cougar Trail, an after-dark hike where we learned more about eyes — ours and animals — and how they work in the dark.

The last morning we were there we packed our gear and said goodbye to all of our new friends. Since we left early enough, we were able to stop at the Tillamook Cheese Factory again and get another ice cream cone.

Joshua Aguilar, MCACS sixth-grade student



Joshua Aguilar, Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School sixth-grader, writes of his experience at Outdoor Science School.

Grants Pass Youth Raise Money for GYC

Adozen Grants Pass youth and their parents raised funds to attend the Generation of Youth for Christ (GYC) conference held in Seattle Dec. 28, 2012, through Jan. 1, 2013. In just three fundraising events, which included two car washes, the GYC-bound group raised nearly \$4,000. Christian Martin, Grants Pass Church pastor, was tireless in his efforts to see these young people be able to attend the conference.

The GYC Gym Night Fundraiser was held at the Grants Pass Adventist School in October. Tickets were sold to purchase pizza, nachos, lemonade, popcorn and cookies. Attendees could guess how many mini-

marshmallows were inside a jar in hopes of winning a prize like a gift card, a bottle of Draper Valley Vineyards premium nonalcoholic grape juice, or a private plane ride. The gym was filled with laughter and noise as families played volleyball, basketball, ping-pong and other games.

The evening concluded with a head-shaving challenge. Martin, along with GYC young adult Gary McGinnis, promised to let their heads get shaved bald if people pledged \$500. Darla Day, who attended GYC with her daughter Niki, did the shaving when the goal was reached. "I think I had the most fun being the head-shaver," she



Darla Day shaves Gary McGinnis' head after Gym Night attendees pledged more than \$500 to help Grants Pass youth and families attend the Generation of Youth for Christ conference.

admits. In half an hour, two young men stood feeling just a bit cooler on a lively autumn evening.

GYC Gym Night Fundraiser raised \$1,010. There is no doubt

in this group's mind that God provided for their need.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader

Grants Pass Adventist School Welcomes New Teachers

After a long flight to Portland and a longer drive to Grants Pass, Ryan and Lisa Hauck maintained smiles as they faced the personnel committee/school board. For nearly two hours, they answered each question carefully, honestly and with a sense of humor. It was July, and the Grants Pass Adventist School (GPAS) still had two vacant teaching positions. Would this be an answer to prayer?

Based upon the smiles of students and upbeat energy that fills the school this year, the answer seems to be a resounding "yes." Ryan, with his love of cave exploring, passion



Lisa and Ryan Hauck are new teachers at Grants Pass Adventist School.

for outdoor adventure and musical talent, is a perfect fit for the seventh- and eighth-grade classroom. Lisa, with her

experience in the lower grades, endless creativity and love of sports, is the new fifth- and sixth-grade teacher. "This year,

I can't wait to go to school each day," says one of her sixth-graders.

The Haucks met as students at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. They were living in Richmond, Va., when they answered the call to teach in Grants Pass. Since arriving at GPAS just days before the start of the school year, these new teachers have kept more than busy writing new curricula and meeting new people. They love their new students and helping lead them to Jesus.

Jennifer Burkes

CAA Students Get Dirty

But Never 'Down and Out'



Columbia Adventist Academy students get covered with grime during week of prayer.

Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., hosted a week of prayer this fall presented by James Bokovoy, Oklahoma Conference pastor. He shared how God has led in his life and encouraged the students by sharing that God wants to do the same thing in their lives.

The week took a surprising turn when Bokovoy and the religious activities committee asked students to close their eyes and reach into a bowl containing, unknown to them, honey and dirt. Then they clasped the hands of the students next to them. Bokovoy compared foot washing to the washing of each student's hands. "We are to be 'cleaning

agents' in the world around us just as the committee members were. And while that will cause us to get 'dirty' sometimes, because of salvation supplied through Christ, we are never 'down and out,'" Bokovoy explained.

Meaghan Ashton, a sophomore, says, "... The activity was great — some might say gross, but I really liked the meaning and what it represented."

Bokovoy, an avid photographer, also visited classes. He and Todd Gessele, North Pacific Union Conference videographer, explained to the photography students how our interests and passions can be used to further God's work and improve the lives of others.

The week of "theory" was followed by a day of "experiential" practice as the entire school participated in community service, getting dirty but knowing that God was able to use CAA to bless many lives.

Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent

CAA week of prayer speaker James Bokovoy shares a parable.



Walters Foundation Supports PAA Building Campaign

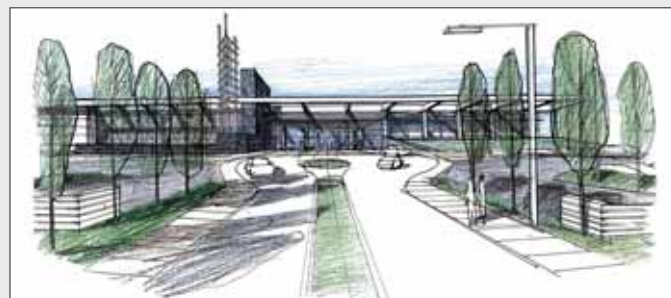
The Walters Foundation has demonstrated community leadership by leaving \$500,000 in gifts to the Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) Journey to Excellence Campaign.

PAA has raised \$3.5 million for phase one of its new school building, which puts the campaign within reach of the \$5 million goal.

"Their donations represent faith in our plans for the future," says Gale Crosby, PAA principal. "The Walters Foundation gives the sign to others that this campaign is moving forward even during a time of economic uncertainty."

"The Walters Foundation gifts are a significant commitment and lay the ground work for further contributions from our community," says Tamberly Couch, PAA building campaign manager.

Glen and Viola Walters were pillars of their Hillsboro community as well as their Adventist community. The Walters Foundation was the major financial resource for the building of the Forest Grove Spanish Church as well as Hillsboro's Cultural Arts Center. Their son Clifford Walters leads the foundation since Glen's passing in 2010. "We appreciate your



Phase one of PAA's new school building will be able to proceed because of foundational gifts from people like Glen and Viola Walters.

enthusiasm and common sense approach to the building project," Clifford wrote in a letter to the school.

"We're blessed and thankful to the Walters family for laying the foundation for a new school

and a place where students can learn about the world and develop a personal relationship with Christ," says Crosby.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

Better Life Couple Celebrates

Re-baptism and Anniversary

Ron and Marta Davis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their Grants Pass Church family on Oct. 6, 2012. Never would they have imagined 50 years ago that their journey together would bring them to Grants Pass, where they manage Better Life Broadcasting Network, the second-largest Adventist television network in the world.

They also never would have imagined that they'd be celebrating their golden anniversary by renewing their marriage

Marta and Ron Davis



Marta and Ron Davis cut the carrot cake in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

vows and being re-baptized in an Adventist church. After moving to Grants Pass in 1995 they began watching Better Life and were ultimately converted to the Adventist faith in 1998. Two years later they began managing the very station that had helped bring them into the church.

As the date approached for their 50th wedding anniversary the couple thought it would be appropriate to renew their vows and be re-baptized. They had been baptized by immersion years earlier, but in thankful-

ness to the Lord for all He had taught them since, they desired to be baptized again in an Adventist church.

During a special fellowship dinner, Henry Martin, a familiar host on Better Life, read the history of Ron and Marta's journey together. A slideshow showed pictures of Ron and Marta from when they first met to the present. The meal was topped off with a beautifully decorated carrot cake cut and served by the couple.

Following the fellowship dinner, everyone was invited to the

sanctuary for the vows renewal and re-baptism officiated by Marvin Clark, Grants Pass Church pastor. The wedding vows were brief, relevant and sentimental. Bart Shields sang special music and led attendees in worship.

As Clark baptized the couple simultaneously, many people gave a hearty, "Amen!"

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader, with Doug Garcia, Better Life Television creative director

Ron and Marta Davis about to be re-baptized into the Adventist church.



Baptism Celebrated at Evans Creek

Keith and Harmony Strong have looked forward for some time to publicly declaring whose side they have chosen in the great controversy between Christ and Satan.

Married on Jan. 16, 2010, the Strongs approached their baptism this past September as a marriage to Christ. John Witcombe, Rogue River Church pastor, performed the wedding for the couple and then their recent baptism.

The Strongs' church family supports them in prayer and with the apostle Paul's promise in 2 Tim. 1:12, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him until that day."

Harry Smedes, Grants Pass Church communication team member



PCA Teacher Recognized for Excellence

Stephanie Vigil, KHQ-TV news anchor, visited Palisades Christian Academy (PCA) in Spokane, Wash., Nov. 15, 2012, and presented the Teacher of the Month Award to Judy Castrejon for her outstanding work as an educator.

Castrejon teaches math, science, and fifth and sixth grades at PCA. She's now part of a select group of educators in Eastern Washington to receive the award from KHQ and Eastern Washington University (EWU). "Mrs. C," as she is called at PCA, was awarded a plaque as well as four free credits at EWU.

The award ceremony took place during a special school assembly. Castrejon was completely surprised by the announcement. In addition to giving her the award, Vigil read the student letter that nominated Castrejon for the honor.

The student wrote, "I really had a hard time with math and science. I would get so frustrated I would give up. When she started teaching me last year, she made it come to life [for] me. Mrs. C. spent time with me after school and made me not feel dumb. I'm in eighth grade now thanks to her."

Castrejon began teaching first grade 21 years ago at Calxico Mission School in

Southern California. Since then she has taught at the elementary and high school levels.

"I initially wanted to teach in Adventist schools," says Castrejon, "because I wanted to show kids Jesus' love. I attended an Adventist school during my eighth and ninth grades, and the girls were really mean to me. I wanted show kids how to be kind. After I started teaching, I discovered science and the amazing ways we can show God through that discipline."

In fact, teaching about God through science is so core to Castrejon, a public school chose not to hire her because they felt she couldn't leave God out of the classroom. She is

passionate about her students, and they know it. After the award ceremony, Castrejon was mobbed by excited students.

For Castrejon, the most rewarding part of her job is building kingdom friendships. She lives for "making lifelong friendships and those 'I got it' moments."

PCA's dedicated team of teachers, including Castrejon, is committed to quality Christian education. The school offers kindergarten through 10th grade.

Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director



Jedzeah Hall, the student who nominated Judy Castrejon, poses with her teacher for a photo. Also in the photo, Stephanie Vigil and representatives from Eastern Washington University.



Following the award ceremony, Judy Castrejon was immediately surrounded by students hugging and congratulating her.

Upper Columbia Academy Music Hits the Road

Band, Choraliers and Orchestra visit Yakima Valley

Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) band, orchestra and Choraliers members left Spangle, Wash., and went to Yakima, Wash., Nov. 2–3, 2012, for the first band tour of the 2012–2013 school year. The buses took off from UCA around 7 a.m. on Friday in order to get to their first performance at Yakima Adventist Christian School by 10:45 a.m.

They performed a variety of sacred and secular songs for the students, including “America” from *West Side Story*, “Shepherd’s Hey,” “Draw Up the Water,” “I Can Tell the World” and others.

Staying in the homes of local Yakima church members was a real blessing to the students, many of whom are attending boarding school for the first time and were really missing home. The kind families provided dinner, worship and a warm place to sleep, and the students were grateful to those who opened their homes to them.

The second performance was on Sabbath, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Yakima 35th Avenue Church. Later that day, the students finished their tour by performing for vespers at the All Nations Center in Wapato, Wash.

Band, orchestra and Choraliers performed together for the spectacular song “Grace,” which was one of the highlights of each concert. The octet’s song “Walk Together Children” was another highlight.

Despite a few mishaps, which included all of the instruments going out of tune during the church performance due to a sudden change in temperature, the tour went well and everyone had a good time. The music groups returned safely to

UCA around 11 p.m. Saturday.

One of the many things UCA music students learn when they go on music tours is that tours are not all about talent and being the best at everything or even recruiting for the school. “Music is one of the

highest forms of praise we can give to God,” says Dean Kravig, UCA band director. “The true purpose of music tours is sharing God’s love and praising Him through music.”

Sophia Rich, UCA student



The UCA orchestra performs for students and staff at Yakima (Wash.) Adventist Christian School.



The UCA band performs at the All Nations Center in Wapato, Wash.

WWVA Hosts Balance Week and Week of Prayer



WWVA students listen intently as Jeff Deming, Monterey Bay Academy pastor, shares real life “Cracks in the Sidewalk” stories.

Each year, Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) in College Place, Wash., offers Balance Week, a series of talks designed to fearlessly and directly tackle the pressures and negative influences of our culture that glamorize destructive behavior. WWVA’s school counselor, Tricia Lofthouse, coordinates this event and invites parents and sister schools in the valley to join WWVA. This year, Balance Week focused on strategies to help students make confident choices.

During the week of Oct. 8, 2012, community members — a dentist, emergency room doctor, parents and faculty members — shared their experiences. The over-arching

theme of the week was that when you face overwhelming challenges, choosing drugs or alcohol may temporarily mask the pain, but they quickly compound things. Connecting with God, family, teachers and friends gives each of us the opportunity to actually face and solve those real problems in a supportive environment.

Following Balance Week, WWVA students spent a week of prayer exploring “Cracks in the Sidewalk” with Jeff Deming, Monterey Bay Academy pastor. The week focused on making room for Christ in daily life and concluded with iMPact Day, a day of community service actively modeling His love for others.

This year’s school theme is to offer students the opportunity to connect with Jesus and actively live for Him.

Elaine Hinshaw, WWVA marketing and recruitment

WWVA students LIVE for Him as they prep landscaping for a local charity on iMPact Day.



Yakima’s Evangelistic Series

The Yakima (Wash.) Church, on 35th Ave., held the Amazing Discoveries in Bible Prophecy series in May and June 2012, conducted by Voice of Prophecy evangelist Jim Reinking. The relationship-based program included nightly

health segments by the speaker, who has a master’s in public health, and by several physicians and a dietician from the congregation.

On Sabbath mornings, the evangelist held the Are We Almost There? revival series.

A Discover Bible School was conducted during the series and resulted in 38 graduates the final night of the meetings. Twelve people responded to the Christ-centered messages and came into fellowship by baptism and profession of faith.

Others, who are attending church regularly, will be doing so in the future.

Kathy Marson, UCC communication administrative assistant



Some of the 38 graduates of the Discover Bible School.



Twelve individuals made decisions by baptism or profession of faith due to an evangelistic series in Yakima, Wash.

KHBA Celebrates 20 Years

He's Alive Broadcasting (KHBA), the 20-year-old Christian television station in Spokane, Wash., held a gala dinner with a record turnout on Nov. 11, 2012. Dan Matthews and Linda Shelton hosted the dinner, which kicked off a two-evening Sharathon. These events raised more than \$39,000 towards the station's yearly operating costs. Matthews and Shelton also shared confirming stories that KHBA is on the move.

Thanks to a Catholic gentleman in Kalispell, Mont., the Hope TV signal from KHBA's channel 39.1 is heading to Flathead County, Mont. With a population of 90,000, this valley holds a potential for sharing hope in Jesus with many new friends.

Making new contacts throughout North America is a new ingredient in the mix for KHBA. The board voted to ask Shelton to be the development director for He's Alive Television. Shelton has a background in broadcasting and fundraising and says, "I am excited to partner with KHBA to help strengthen and advance their ministry."

Moving forward with a production vehicle has begun. A van was purchased and will be equipped for regional remote productions. The KHBA production van will facilitate a live feed where there is high-speed Internet access. "We estimate it will cost \$25,000 to \$30,000 to put the equipment together," says Joe Stanfill, station manager. "We are grateful



Sharathon crew members surround seated co-hosts Linda Shelton and Dan Matthews.

to our founder, Marlo Fralick, for his financial assistance to begin this project."

KHBA unveiled exciting new programming during the Sharathon. These shows include *Travel With Spirit*, a travel show with a noticeable Christian angle; *Babbie's House*, a music and talk show; *Mark Gungor*, a show on "love, marriage and stinking thinking" that gives viewers a frank, humorous marriage-counseling approach; *Dare to Love*, about how to make friends of Muslim neighbors and be a positive witness; and *Friends and Neighbors*, with Christian women discussing current issues, similar to *The View*. Time slots for these programs are available at KHBATV.com.

The KHBA board is pursuing ways to introduce Spokane's secular population to Jesus. "We don't need to travel the world to find a mission field," says Stanfill. "We have thousands of people throughout Spokane who need to hear and see a witness for Jesus. This is what drives me and our volunteers to sacrifice time, money and energy."

KHBA is the only local Christian broadcaster in Spokane bringing light to a community the needs to know Jesus. Viewers can watch at UHF Channel 39 or via the Internet at KHBATV.COM.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

Here is an artist's rendering of what the KHBA production van might look like, pulling up to your event, in the near future.



Prayer Unites Southcenter

for Bible Prophecy Seminar

Southcenter Church in Des Moines, Wash., joined 62 churches in Washington Conference's Reach Washington evangelism initiative in October 2012.

Church members noticed something different with this four-week Bible prophecy seminar — the church's third series in two years.

"I believe the difference with this series was the power of united prayer," says Monica Kim, Southcenter Church member. "Before the seminar commenced, our church experienced a small revival after fasting and praying for 21 days."

Members who never fasted before committed to fast from a particular type of food or activity for this time period.

"I believe as a result of our united front, the Holy Spirit was poured out in great measure on our meetings," says Kim.

Southcenter's Bible prophecy seminar opened with 56 guests in attendance. Sixty guests attended the second night, and 51 guests attended the third night.

"My phone number was on the 50,000 flyers we mailed to the community, so I had the privilege of meeting many of our guests over the phone before the seminar started," says Kim. "I received dozens of calls from people who received a flyer in the mail and were interested in attending."

One lady, who just moved to the area from Vancouver, Wash., found a flyer at the laundromat and called looking for a church. Another caller was at a friend's house, saw the flyer on the table and wanted to come to the seminar. A pastor called saying he didn't have the gift of prophecy and wanted to learn more. He didn't seem to mind that the seminar was hosted by the Seventh-day Adventists and planned to bring his wife and members of his congregation.

As the series concluded, the church welcomed 13 new members by baptism.

"The harvest of attendees and baptisms was a clear testimony that God was 'abiding with us' through the meetings and speaking through the messages," says Julie Farmer, Southcenter Church member.



The Southcenter congregation hosts a four-week Bible prophecy seminar with Martin Kim, Amazing Facts evangelist, after recently purchasing a church facility in Des Moines, Wash.

This whole experience was a faith-building journey for members. Previously, the church spent significant money on advertising and a hotel venue for 100 guests plus members who attended. The church saw no baptisms out of this earlier venture.

The difference? Prayer.

"I'm convinced there is no other way to really see the outpouring of blessings and power

in these meetings than by starting with fasting and prayer," says Farmer. "I look forward to the next time we hold meetings and hope that we can begin again with fasting and prayer."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director, with Monica Kim and Julie Farmer

Southcenter Church in Des Moines, Wash., spent 21 days fasting and praying before their church's Bible prophecy seminar in October. The church welcomed 13 people through baptism into their church family.



the **BIG**
PICTURE
of ministry

Washington pastor Robin Song is among 12 winners of a national stewardship sermon contest. These sermons will be published soon in a book.

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Washington Education Team Welcomes Archie Harris

Washington Conference welcomed Archie Harris as the newest education department team member in November 2012.

Harris will be serving as associate superintendent and replaces Paulette Jackson, who is the new education registrar for the North Pacific Union Conference in Ridgefield, Wash. Harris begins his position full time in February.

“We are looking forward to all the contributions Archie will bring to our team,” says Kelly Bock, Washington Conference vice president for education. “We know you will enjoy getting to know him as we all work together to educate our children.”

Harris is no stranger to the Pacific Northwest, as this is where he was born, raised and educated. He has elementary and secondary teaching experience in Upper Columbia and Montana

conferences. For the last six and a half years, Harris served as director of education, youth, communication and health for Montana Conference.

Harris and his high school sweetheart, Deanna, have been

married for 24 years. They have two daughters: Alix, Walla Walla University freshman, and Joni, a senior at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman, Mont.

The Office of Education is represented by: Kelly Bock, vice president for education; Archie Harris, associate superintendent; Shirlene McClendon, early childhood education center (ECEC) coordinator; and Shelley Schurch and Joyce Moore, administrative assistants.

Learn more about Adventist Christian Education at education4eternity.org.

Washington Conference education leaders are committed to nurturing and supporting 20 learning campuses in western Washington where 1,342 students learn academic and spiritual growth lessons.



Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

Prayer Website Offers Spiritual Growth Resources

Washington Conference is offering new online prayer resources including a newly launched website at adventistprayerministry.org and an active Facebook prayer group.

These prayer initiatives are being coordinated by Washington Conference’s new prayer and spiritual growth coordinator, Kevin Wilfley, who also serves as pastor of the Enumclaw Church.

“I prayed for many years for God to bring us the right person to lead our prayer and spiritual growth department,” says John Freedman,

Washington Conference president. “Kevin is an answer to prayer.”

The prayer website features a devotional blog called Daily Connection authored by Wilfley and guest bloggers who offer biblical thoughts and stories of answered prayer.

“The prayer website is very user-friendly, has real stories of ordinary people and is a faith-building tool that you can use every day,” says Carmen Slavens, a website visitor. “This is a great resource.”

A calendar of events has information about upcoming spiritual growth seminars,

retreats and days of prayer while the Good Stuff link has study guides to help visitors with their prayer lives.

“Hundreds of people all over the world are connecting with one another in prayer by means of the Internet,” says Wilfley.

Stop by the website or join Adventist Prayer Ministries on Facebook, where you can leave prayer requests or offer a prayer for someone else.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director, with Kevin Wilfley, pastor



Kevin Wilfley, Washington Conference prayer and spiritual growth pastor, gives a tour of the new Adventist Prayer Ministry website.

SAGE Volunteers Reunite and Reflect

on God's Blessings

SAGE seniors welcomed 100 friends to a Reunion Day on Nov. 3, 2012, in Federal Way, Wash., to celebrate God's blessings of friendship and service.

Alden Thompson, Walla Walla University biblical studies professor, gave two talks: Assurance of Salvation for Seniors and The Great Reunion in Heaven. Reunion Day also featured lively music, student evangelism reports, words of recognition and a Thanksgiving luncheon.

SAGE volunteers spent the afternoon reminiscing about projects through the years. Stanley Sergeant, longtime travel organizer, joined Reunion Day via Skype for an afternoon



At SAGE Reunion Day in early November, SAGE honors volunteers — including Howard and Berta Brenton — for their recent involvement in 15 service projects.

interview from his current home in Texas. Another founding officer, Margaret Tan, who gave SAGE its name, reviewed some of the early days.

In the last 18 years, SAGE volunteers participated in 18

overseas mission trips, built and/or painted 39 churches and schools (valued at \$2.5 million), held 39 evangelistic series with 1,553 baptisms, conducted 12 Vacation Bible Schools and operated 10 medical/dental clinics.

Additionally, SAGE volunteers helped with 120 building and painting projects for Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson and churches and schools in Washington Conference. They also worked on 11 out-of-state building/painting projects. More than 180 social and educational events round out SAGE's experience.

SAGE recognized volunteers who recently participated in 15 service projects: Mike Altman; Rolland and Claudia Bahnmler; Howard and Berta Brenton; Ben Davis; Al Griffone; Alice Hoekstra; Robert and Ruth Jones; Bonnie Pleier; and Grady Stephens.

Carrol Grady, SAGE member

Mad About Marriage Offers Marriage Education

Mike and Gayle Tucker from Faith for Today presented a Mad About Marriage seminar in September 2012 at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson.



Mike and Gayle Tucker present a Mad About Marriage seminar at Sunset Lake Camp and provide practical marriage education for 33 couples in attendance.

The Tuckers explained to the 33 couples attending how Mad About Marriage is an opportunity for marriage education, not counseling. "No matter how good or bad marriages are, there is always room to improve," says Gayle.

The audience represented a wide span of marriage experience, from a few months to 46 years. One couple attended the retreat on their anniversary. Several couples received marriage or spiritual growth books and DVDs through a name draw.

The Tuckers shared how sometimes couples are madly in

love and sometimes couples are "just plain mad." Removing one of four negative patterns — escalation, invalidation, negative interpretation, and avoidance and withdrawal — does more to ensure the long-term stability and success of a marriage than adding five positives, according to research shared by the Tuckers.

The seminar explained the necessity of spirituality, good problem solving skills (including the speaker-listener technique), forgiveness and quality connection such as significant gestures, six-second hugs six times a week, and affirmation.

One illustrative video segment, "Rewind Conversations," showed a negative scenario, rewound the conversation and showed how the same scenario could play out if the spouse chose an assumption of good will.

Mad About Marriage regularly provides practical marriage resources through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube in addition to a weekly e-newsletter. Explore more at madaboutmarriage.com.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

Nursing Professor Shares Perspectives on Family Caregiving

As the daughter of a father who has lived in long-term care for almost 10 years, Karen Tetz has experienced family caregiving firsthand. And, as a nursing professor, home-health nurse and academic researcher, Tetz has also studied how family and elder caregiving affects both society and the health care system.

Tetz, Walla Walla University (WWU) nursing professor, presented her perspectives in her lecture, *Postcards From the Caregiving Journey*, in November. The presentation was WWU's annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture, which this year honored Tetz for her accomplishments both as an educator and academic researcher.

Tetz shared her doctoral research findings on what factors helped to determine the course of family and elderly caregiving. Her dissertation was a study that explored the satisfaction of frail elders with the care they received from their family caregivers.

"One of our most consistent findings was that the quality of the relationship between the caregiver and care receiver is very important," says Tetz. "In family caregiving, relationship quality was the most important factor in predicting how care receivers rated the quality of the care they received."



Karen Tetz, WWU nursing professor and 2012 WWU Distinguished Faculty lecture presenter.

Tetz also addressed the questions of how to best support caregivers and care receivers, what lessons can be learned from the caregiver and care receiver relationship, and how our societal values shape our treatment of society's most vulnerable members.

"Most long-term care for frail elders is provided in the home

by family caregivers. Giving and receiving care is an interactive process between the frail or ill care receiver needing assistance and the family member giving care. It requires constant give and take, negotiation, and cooperation."

Tetz teaches nursing assessment, nursing of the acutely ill adult and nursing research

courses at WWU's Portland, Ore., campus.

She is a 1977 WWU nursing graduate and a 1983 master's degree graduate of Loma Linda University. She began teaching for WWU's School of Nursing in 1986.

While at WWU, Tetz also worked part-time as a home-health nurse for many years. Many families with which she worked included frail older adults who were receiving care from a family member, such as a spouse or adult child.

"I found that sometimes things went well and sometimes they went very poorly," says Tetz, "and it wasn't always related to the severity of the patient's illness."

Family caregiving became the subject of her research when she entered the doctoral program at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland. She received the John A. Hartford pre-doctoral fellowship in 2001 that helped to not only fund her doctoral education, but gave her access to leaders in the field of gerontological nursing and family caregiving for frail older adults.

The 2012 Distinguished Faculty Lecture is available online at wallawalla.edu/dfl.

Rosa Jimenez, WWU GLEANER correspondent

Adventist Health Hospital Among Top 3 Healthiest Employers in Oregon

Living a healthy and fulfilling life is a goal to which most people aspire and one that God planned for His people all along. However, finding balance between all of life's demands can often be challenging. A lack of balance can lead to stress, poor eating habits, lack of exercise and strained relationships.

Adventist Health's mission of "sharing God's love through physical, mental and spiritual healing" seeks to help patients regain balance in life, while recognizing that employees often need assistance too. Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore., used that recognition as inspiration for an employee wellness program that focuses on balance and healthy living. As a result, it was recently named one of the top three Healthiest Employers of Oregon for its LivingWell/Engaged! program. The hospital has also been recognized two years in a row with the American Heart Association's Fit-Friendly Company Award.

"This award is meaningful because it signifies our commitment to wellness," says Tom Russell, AMC's president/CEO. "Adventist Health believes that taking care of the workforce by providing them the wellness tools necessary to maintain a balanced life equips them to deliver on the mission of providing exceptional care to those they serve."

The goal of the Healthiest Employers of Oregon program is to recognize organizations



Ron Benfield and other employees enjoy a fitness event hosted by Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore.

that are committed to creating healthy workplaces. For several years, AMC has made a focused effort on developing a successful wellness plan that employees would embrace and engage in. They have been so successful that Adventist Health is rolling out a systemwide LivingWell/Engaged! program for all employees in the organization based on AMC's model.

"We have made some significant commitments to supporting the health of our employees through preventative health screenings, educational resources, incentives, fun challenges and more," says Ed Hoover, AMC LivingWell and community wellness manager. "These are just part of a larger commitment to being the best place for employees to work, physicians to practice and patients to receive care."

More than 90 percent of eligible employees are participat-

ing in the program. According to Hoover, employees report eating more fruits and vegetables, eating less fatty foods and increasing physical activity as compared with a year ago. As an example, a current challenge program focuses on the holidays. It began at Thanksgiving and runs to Valentine's Day, helping support healthy choices

during the busy and food-filled holiday season.

Not only does being healthier benefit employees and their families, it also affects their job performance. Better customer service, increased productivity, less sick time and related health care costs, improved job satisfaction and a healthier community are all results of a healthy workplace.

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*Brittany Dobbs,
Adventist Health
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Employees enjoy an engaging Lunch and Learn session at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore.

BEAVON 65TH

Fred and Velma celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24. A lovely fellowship meal was held in their honor at the Kalispell (Mont.) Church.



Fred and Velma Beavon

They met at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) where Fred was studying for the ministry and Velma was in Bible workers' training. Following graduation and their wedding, they served with J.L. Shuler in an evangelistic effort in Detroit, Mich., then in district pastoral work. Ordained in 1951, Fred was called to be Michigan Conference's youth director and served there for seven years followed by 10 years as Lake Union's youth director. For the sake of time with three sons, Fred took a graduate study leave in Montana followed by conference trust services and stewardship work.

Director of professional relations for North West Medical Foundation was his next post, then he served as the Alaska Mission president. His final employment years were back in trust services in Montana.

While in Montana, Velma served as food service director at Mount Ellis Academy and utilized her training as a Bible worker, holding Bible studies and conducting a neighborhood Bible club. In Alaska she prepared the news bulletin for pastoral wives and conducted Vacation Bible School on St. Lawrence Island,

just 40 miles from Siberia. Her spiritual heritage, a book titled *Think on These Things*, was recently published.

During retirement they have taken several mission trips with Maranatha and pursued mission projects. They keep busy at home with local missionary endeavors. They live on the shores of Flat-head Lake near Kalispell.

The Beavon family includes Eric and Kelly Beavon, Fredrick and Melody, and Tedrick and Donna; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

FRIED 60TH

Irvin Fried married Helen Morley on Sept. 7, 1952, in Portland, Ore. They celebrated their 60th anniversary at home in Hillsboro, Ore., with their children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

Their first year of marriage was spent in College Place, Wash., while Irvin finished his engineering degree at Walla Walla College and Helen worked at the Corp of Engineers in nearby Walla Walla. Irvin was drafted into the Army soon after graduation and was stationed at Fort Monmouth, N.J., (home of the Signal Corp) where they lived for the next two years.



Irvin and Helen Fried

After the military, Irvin worked as an electrical engineer at Tektronix in Beaverton, Ore., for 34 years, before taking an early retirement bonus offer.

Helen stayed home with the girls for the first 15 years and then went to work at Tektronix as a senior executive secretary, where she worked for 25 years. Helen was invited back to Tektronix in 2006 as a receptionist, a job she still holds.

In the mid-1960s, Helen and Irvin purchased five acres of farmland in the Helvetia, Ore., area. They still live in the home they built on that land. Their first 10 years were spent planting, and the next 35 years have been spent in pruning and cutting down.

Irvin and Helen have both been involved at the Beaverton Church. Irvin helped construct the new Tualatin Valley Junior Academy (TVJA) building in the late 1950s and the new church in the early- to mid-1970s. Irvin served on the TVJA school board, was a church organist, and installed the public address systems in the school and both the old and new churches. Helen has been involved with the Pathfinder club, various children's Sabbath School classes and CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) and has served as church clerk and the social committee chairwoman.

Their family includes Karen and John Lawson of Beaverton; Sharon and Timo Wilson of Mount Vernon, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

STERN 65TH

Al Stern met Arlea Lippincott at Union College. Al remembers the pretty girl with brown eyes and red hair. Arlea remembers shyly smiling back at the returning WWII vet. The rest is 65 years of family history.

They were married July 14, 1947, in Niwat, Colo., at Arlea's parents' farm. When they returned to Union College they



Al and Arlea Stern

lived in married student housing, which at that time was "The Trailer Park." They continued to be a mobile family. Al graduated with a degree in religion and served as a colporteur, pastor, Bible worker and ordained minister in Nebraska, California and Washington, making many friends along the way. He retired after working for the Adventist Church for more than 35 years.

Arlea received a nursing degree and worked until retiring. She helps manage the Estacada Community Center, known locally as "The Yellow House."

After retiring in 1987 to Estacada, Ore., the Sterns have enjoyed settling in one place near Arlea's brother and family. Both are active members of the Estacada Church, and Al pens the "Ask Al" Bible question-and-answer column in the local newspaper.

Still travelers at heart, Al and Arlea pulled a 16-foot trailer more than 6,000 miles to visit friends and family just before celebrating their 65th anniversary with a festive gathering of sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends on July 14, 2012, in Estacada. It was a brilliant day to celebrate a truly memorable couple who have contributed a wealth of their time, love, gift of music and good humor.

Al and Arlea Stern's family includes: Pamela and Larry Arnett of Sequim, Wash.; Jack Stern and Peggy Bird of Tucaseqec, N.C.; Janna Stern of Edmonds, Wash.; and 3 grandchildren.

BIRTHS

DRAGULIN — Sabina Mai was born Oct. 13, 2012, to Mike and Jessica (Pellengahr) Dragulin, Portland, Ore.

LOCKWOOD — Kadynce Noelle was born Oct. 19, 2012, to Darren and Aimee (Langston) Lockwood, Troutdale, Ore.

LYONS — Bailey Quinn was born Oct. 15, 2012, to Michael T. and Katrina E. (Forgey) Lyons, College Place, Wash.

LYONS — Emma Lynn was born Aug. 26, 2010, to Michael T. and Katrina E. (Forgey) Lyons, College Place, Wash.

REEVES — Audrey Evelyn was born Oct. 7, 2012, to Brian and Krystle (Brubaker) Reeves, Long Beach, Wash.

WELCH — Madilynn Brielle was born Sept. 29, 2012, to Paul and Tracy (Escamilla) Welch, Tillamook, Ore.

WEDDINGS

BURKE-MADSEN — Rebecca Burke and Ryan Madsen were married Sept. 22, 2012, in Hermiston, Ore., where they are making their home. Rebecca is the daughter of Dennis and Connie (Anderson) Burke. Ryan is the son of Steve and Shalline (Dwyer) Madsen.

HANING-GRAHAM — Carmen Haning and Larry Graham were married Aug. 8, 2012, in Goldendale, Wash., where they are making their home. Carmen is the daughter of David and Francelia Pahlko (both deceased). Larry is the son of Wilo and Oma Graham.

LEHMAN-LIEBELT — Rachel Lehman and Michael Liebelt were married Aug. 5, 2012, in Sandy, Ore. They are making their home in Richland, Wash. Rachel is the daughter of Stan and Rita Lehman. Michael is the son of Lonnie and Gerita Liebelt.

MANSILLA-RICHTER — Nazaria Mansilla and Jason Richter were married June 27, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nev. They are making their home in Katy, Texas. Nazaria is the daughter of Norberto Mansilla and Victoria Montalvo. Jason is the son of Andy and Linda (Trude) Mayer.

AT REST

BAKER — Helen L., 80; born Sept. 16, 1931, Portland, Ore.; died July 16, 2012, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Harvey Baker, of Alabama; Steve Baker, Roseburg, Ore.; Kevin Baker, Wasilla, Alaska; daughters, Janet Terwilligar, of Florida.; Cheryl Baker, College Place, Wash.; Cherie Baker, West Richland, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

BOYINTON — Doris Lucille (Luedtke), 96; born June 14, 1916, Gary, Ind.; died Sept. 15, 2012, Eagle Creek, Ore. Surviving: son, Dale, Vancouver, Wash.; daughter, Ruby Fleming, Eagle Creek; brothers, Leslie Luedtke and Charles Luedtke, both of Hobart, Ind.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

CALLAS — Edward George, 91; born Aug. 10, 1921, Milltown, N.J.; died Sept. 16, 2012, Sublimity, Ore. Surviving: son, Edward, Scio, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

CARLIN — Eunice H. (Scofield), 92; born Jan. 26, 1920, Devils Lake, N.D.; Sept. 6, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Keith, Walla Walla, Wash.; Terry, Minas Gerais, Brazil; Roger, College Place; sister, Carol Foster, Cloverdale, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

CARR — Jared Floyd, 31; born April 4, 1981, McMinnville, Ore.; died May 27, 2012, Prosser, Wash. Surviving: wife, Kelley L. (Gillette), Walla Walla, Wash.; parents, Gary L. and Patricia A. (Gladden) Carr, Gaston, Ore.; grandmother, Violet M. (Smith) Gladden, Gaston; and sister, Sara Ann Humbert, College Place, Wash.

GINTER — Ben D., 79; born July 31, 1932; died Jan. 4, 2012. Surviving: wife, Darlene; daughters, Sharon Ginter and Marilyn Ginter; brothers, Harold, Russ, Joe and Paul; sisters, Ann Pester, Vi Ganz, Millie Wolcott and Ellen Pflugrad.

GREENE — Trilby M. (Holmes), 83; born May 2, 1928, Holyoke, Colo.; died June 10, 2011, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Robert, Hayden Lake, Idaho; sons, Carl and Kelly; daughter, Kacey, Athol, Idaho; brothers, Lee Roy, Kettle Falls, Wash.; Bob, Caldwell, Idaho; Richard, Walla Walla, Wash.; and sister, Opal Potter, Kettle Falls.

HAPPY — Dennis Leon, 68; born April 4, 1944, Tacoma, Wash.; died July 27, 2012, University Place, Wash. Surviving: sister, Blanche Kidd, Prosser, Wash.

HASTE — Dorlin J., 59; born Feb. 2, 1953, Culbertson, Mont.; died Aug. 28, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Judy (Christie); daughter, Bobby Jo Engeberg, Pasco, Wash.; father, Leroy, Verbena, Ala.; sister, Donna Ernest, Verbena; and 2 grandchildren.

HUFF — Lauralene (Telloian), 56; born May 6, 1956, Inglewood, Calif.; died Sept. 8, 2012, Rochester, Wash. Surviving: husband, John; son, Aaron Huff, Elma, Wash.; daughter, Alycia Klatt, Lacey, Wash.; parents, Mal and Joan

(Bevilacqua) Telloian, North Las Vegas, Nev.; brothers, Ken Telloian and Jim Telloian, both of Olympia, Wash.; sister, Terri (Telloian) Lima, Olympia; and 3 grandchildren.

LARRABEE — Lenore Avery (Walker), 98; born June 9, 1913, Garland, Kan.; died Dec. 31, 2011. Surviving: sons, Jack, Jerry and Gary; brother, Keith Walker; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

LEWIS — Sharon Ann (Steber), 67; born Sept. 27, 1944, Hutchinson, Minn.; died Sept. 9, 2012, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: husband, James; daughters, Kara Tanzi, Oswego, Ill.; Kelly Lewis, Caldwell; and 2 grandchildren.

LOGAN — Robert, 80; born Oct. 19, 1931, Eugene, Ore.; died June 9, 2012, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Carol; son, Bob, Sutherlin, Ore.; daughters, Marcy Gibson and Cindy Barnett, both of Hawaii; brothers, Don, Roseburg; Ronald, of Colorado; sister, Elinor Grant, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

MIDDLETON — Philip Todd, 70; born Feb. 8, 1942, Boston, Mass.; died May 16, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marina; sons, John, Vancouver, Wash.; Daniel, Cave Junction, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

NASH — James Ira, 94; born July 28, 1918, Huntington, W.V.; died Sept. 5, 2012, Peoria, Ariz. Surviving: wife, Alice (Osborne), Sun City, Ariz.; son, Sid, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Carol Trujillo, Sun City; 6 grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a great-great-grandchild.

PARKER — Elizabeth “Betty” (Stenberg), 91; born Dec. 15, 1920, Pedro, Wyo. (near Newcastle); died Aug. 28, 2012, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: son, Sherman Parker, Ruch, Ore.; daughters, Verlene Hartwig, Zillah, Wash.; Nadine Proctor, Sonora, Calif.; Charlotte Marriott, Mulino, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

PEGEL — Neil L., 84; born Dec. 20, 1927, Minneapolis, Minn.; died Aug. 7, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lois, Walla Walla, Wash.; sons, Barry, Steven, Gregory and John; daughters, Barbara Preas, Crystal March and Luanne Langer; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

PERRY — Jane, 90; born May 20, 1922, Springfield, Ore.; died June 17, 2012, Walla Walla Wash. Surviving: husband, William F., College Place, Wash.; son, Dale, College Place; daughters, Rita Zeigler, Walla Walla; Shirley Schmale; Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

PURVIS — Jeannie (Smith), 78; born Jan. 19, 1934, Yakima, Wash.; died Sept. 11, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Michael, Sacramento, Calif.; Ben, Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughter, Crystal Jurgenson, Woodland, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

REEVE — Leo A., 78; born Jan. 2, 1934, Thayer, Kan.; died Aug. 4, 2012, Fruitland, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Leona (Hanson); sons, Warren and Lyle, both of Fruitland; daughter, Charlotte Vess, Bullhead City, Ariz.; brothers, Ivan, Bluejay, Calif.; Gaylord, Altoona, Kan.; Everett, Stockton, Kan.; sisters, Lola Ortez, Meacham, Ore.;

May Bible, Denver, Colo.; June Valdez, Florissant, Colo.; and 3 grandchildren.

RICHARDS — Marilyn, 70; born May 31, 1942, Tulare, Calif.; died Sept. 3, 2012, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: son, Damon Porter, St. George, Utah; mother, Eunice Richards, Caldwell; brother, Wilbur Richards, Caldwell; and 3 grandchildren.

SCHULTZ — Rhonda G. (Schwartz), 57; born May 20, 1955, Walla Walla, Wash.; died June 18, 1912, Yorba Linda, Calif. Surviving: husband, Neil; son, Brett, Walla Walla; daughter, Alison Schultz; sisters, Coleen Roberts, Medford, Ore.; and Judy Douglas, Moreno Valley, Calif.

SCOTT — Floyd E., 92; born Feb. 28, 1919, Sioux Rapids, Iowa; died Jan. 16, 2012, Denver, Colo. Surviving: wife, Vonsella (Lynn), Aurora, Colo.; sons, Floyd Jr., Aurora; Lawrence, Danville, Va.; daughters, Kathryn Ratliff, Cookeville, Tenn.; Karen Clark, Aurora; Michelle Tassia, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Barbara Silvas, Roseville, Calif.; Nancy Danelson, Holly, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

SHEIDLER — Laurene Adella (Palmer), 85; born Oct. 23, 1926, Lincoln, Neb.; died Sept. 15, 2012, Ephrata, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robert; sons, Robert Jr., Midway, Utah; Gordon, Everett, Wash.; Gary, Medical Lake, Wash.; daughter, Heidi Hoffer, College Place, Wash.; sister, Margret Clinton, Walla Walla, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

SLACK — Pearl Meletia (Sams), 89; born Jan. 31, 1923, Biddle, Mont.; died Aug. 30, 2012, Port Townsend, Wash.

Surviving: sons, George, Puyallup, Wash.; Harold, Portland, Ore.; daughters, Karolyn Boyd, Port Townsend; Jacqueline Jager, Oroville, Wash.; Lorraine Andrews, Bremerton, Wash.; Marla Robinson, Newport, Ore.; Cathy Cays, Sequim, Wash.; Cherie Marlatte, Lincoln City, Ore.; Rita Christensen, Dillon, Mont.; brother, Carl Sams, Sunnyside, Wash.; sister, Grace Steinert, Bellingham, Wash.; 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

SMITH — Jane Marie (Carter), 93; born June 22, 1919, Utica, N.Y.; died Aug. 22, 2012, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: son, Chuck, Sandpoint, Idaho; daughters, Jaclin Smith and Nancy Gaunt, both of Spokane; 2 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

STEINLICHT — Dorothy Arline (Busick), 92; born Sept. 17, 1919, Hancock County, Iowa; died May 21, 2012, Dallas, Ore. Surviving: sons, Charles, Morey and David; daughters, Barbara McDow, Los Altos Hills, Calif.; Cindy; 11 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

STERNER — Keith R., 92; born Nov. 6, 1919, Eddyville, Iowa; died April 11, 2012, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Mary (Humphreys) Maddox; stepsons, Ken Maddox, Eagle, Idaho; Ron Maddox, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Fred Maddox, Idaho Falls; daughter, Mary Beth (Sterner) Daudt, Weiser, Idaho; stepdaughters, Shirley Griffel, Swan Valley, Idaho; Sharon States, Idaho Falls; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

STEVENS — Altyn G., 71; born Aug. 13, 1940, Glacier National Park, Mont.; July 6, 2012, Bremerton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Rosemarie (Potter), Port Orchard, Wash.; sons,

Peter A., Auburn, Wash.; Altyn G. II, Port Orchard; daughter, Janette Ng, Redmond, Wash.; brother, John, Boynton Beach, Fla.; sisters, Marcelia Hines, Louisville, Tenn.; Delia Azarilla, Friendsville, Tenn.; and 8 grandchildren.

WAGEMAN — Evelyn (Schnell) Lee, 71; born April 19, 1941, Council, Idaho; died Aug. 17, 2012, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Melvin; daughter, Margaret “Margie” (Lee) Voth, Caldwell; stepsons, Gerald Wageman, Emmett, Idaho; Gary Wageman, Caldwell; Clinton Wageman, Boise, Idaho; stepdaughters, Sharon (Wageman) Summers and Denise (Wageman) Kelly, both of Caldwell; Brenda (Wageman) Iverson, Clarkston, Wash.; Linette (Wageman) Easley, Boise; Carolyn (Wageman) Rowley and Melanie (Wageman) Minto, both of Parma, Idaho; a grandchild and 14 step-grandchildren.

WOODS — Dorothy L. (Coward), 84; born Oct. 9, 1927, Arvada, Colo.; died Jan. 20, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Rodney; sons, Robert Hill, Grants Pass, Ore.; Bernie Gallentine, Battle Ground, Wash.; Darell Woods and Dean Woods, both of Portland; daughters, Karen (Gallentine) Thompson, Portland; and Valerie Woods, Troutdale, Ore.

WOODS — Rodney E., 90; born Oct. 17, 1921, Lakeview, Ore.; died June 14, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Robert Hill, Grants Pass, Ore.; Bernie Gallentine, Battle Ground, Wash.; Darell Woods and Dean Woods, both of Portland; daughters, Karen (Gallentine) Thompson, Portland; and Valerie Woods, Troutdale, Ore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

Jan. 5 — Local Church Budget;

Jan. 12 — Local Conference Advance;

Jan. 19 — Local Church Budget;

Jan. 26 — Religious Liberty.

Northwest ASI Convention

May 2-5 — The annual Northwest ASI Convention will be held at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside, Ore. All are welcome. For registration and details, please visit asinw.netasi.org.

Walla Walla University

Jan. 14-18 — Associated Students of Walla Walla University, Week of Worship;

Jan. 19 — Evensong, organ and spoken word, 4 p.m.;

Jan. 21 — Martin Luther King Jr. event, My March With Martin Luther King Jr., presented by Charles Joseph, University Church at 11 a.m.;

Jan. 26 — Honor Band Concert, featuring NPUC academy musicians, University Church at 4 p.m.

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WWU School of Theology Seminar

Jan. 25-27 — CBFM (Center for Bible, Faith and Mission), the outreach branch of the Walla Walla University School of Theology, presents a weekend seminar, A Sabbath for a New Generation: From Voices Old and New, at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, OR 97216. Seminar times: Friday,

7-8:30 p.m.; Sabbath, 3-5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. For further information, contact WWU School of Theology at 509-529-0321 or Sunnyside Church at 503-252-8080.

The Evidence Series

Stone Tower will host the series on The Evidence: Does God Exist? What Does the Evidence Say? Saturday, **Feb. 16** at 4 p.m.; Has God Spoken? Is the Bible What It Claims to Be? Saturday, **Feb. 23** at 4 p.m.; Is He a Liar? Who in the World Is Jesus Christ? Saturday, **March 2** at 4 p.m. Jed Daniel Lee will present at the Stone Tower Church, 3010 NE Holladay St., Portland, Ore. For more information, call 503-232-6018 or email secretary@stonetowersda.com.

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The Orchards Church is looking for the following missing members: Denise Bruce, W.L. Bruce, Sandra Christianson, Janis Ferguson, Marie Roderick and Jason Shorts. If you have any information, please contact the Orchards Church at 360-892-2925 or orchardssda@qwestoffice.net.

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Boise	5:21	5:28	5:37	5:46
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Miles City	4:30	4:37	4:47	4:56
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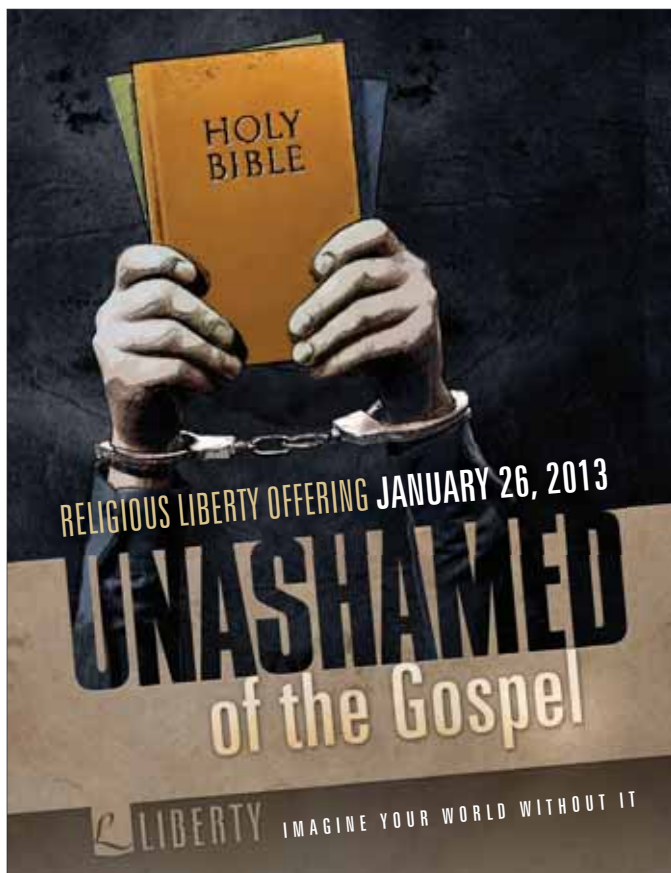
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Gossip is great as a game. But when it strays into real life, it is devastating.

Add the flashpoint of digital media and an insatiable public appetite for controversy, and you have momentum nearly impossible to stop. One simple email or tweet, like a roiling tsunami gathering silt and debris, can sweep a reputation onto the rocks. Gossip is a bully throwing stones from the safe distance of anonymity.

Adventists should know better. We believe in holding claims of truth to the test of biblical scrutiny. Yet our very focus on truth can become an obsession. It can blind us to other critical elements of Christian grace so necessary to a journey of discipleship. Some of our staunchest saints see no inconsistency in preaching the sanctity of the Sabbath while savoring a full plate of false witness. Tongues that have never tasted pork eagerly pass along the latest email rumor. Ears that shun rock music like the plague gorge on gossip.

There is a place for whistle-blower exposés. But I have watched the unofficial Adventist grapevine grist mill grind away at undeserving targets. Email networks speed messages at the speed of light to itching ears across the Northwest and beyond.

Many of these digital missiles are rife with an ironic incongruity. Under the pretext of preserving truth, quotes are wrested from original context, the worst possible motives assumed.

This is, simply put, dysfunctional Adventism with its worst foot forward. Such misguided efforts may accurately reflect the polarized extremes within our society, but I cannot imagine that they are the vision Jesus had for His church. Compromise may be a dirty word in our extremist culture, but active listening, seeking another's best good, prayerfully working to find a common purpose — these are critical elements in any lasting relationship. Believing and giving wings to the worst is not God's way to bring harmony within His family. The debris left behind is not the makings of a suitable wardrobe for His bride.

If you are convinced God has called you to be a watchman on the walls of Zion, begin by taking our Lord's counsel about the wheat and the tares to heart. The very plant you would rip out by the roots may indeed be a future oak for which God has big plans.

And those who look on often measure not words, but attitudes. They see church members full of politics, not prayer; anger, not empathy; judgment, not justice. They wonder why a people of the Word should find so much attraction in fool's gold.

Should we who claim the name of Christ paint Him in a light far different than His own?

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