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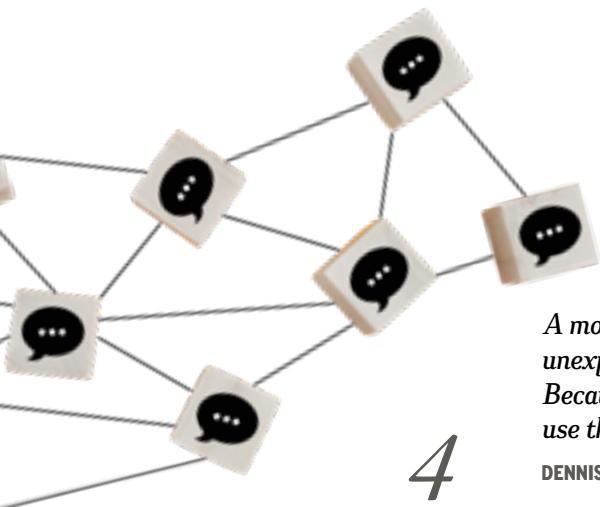
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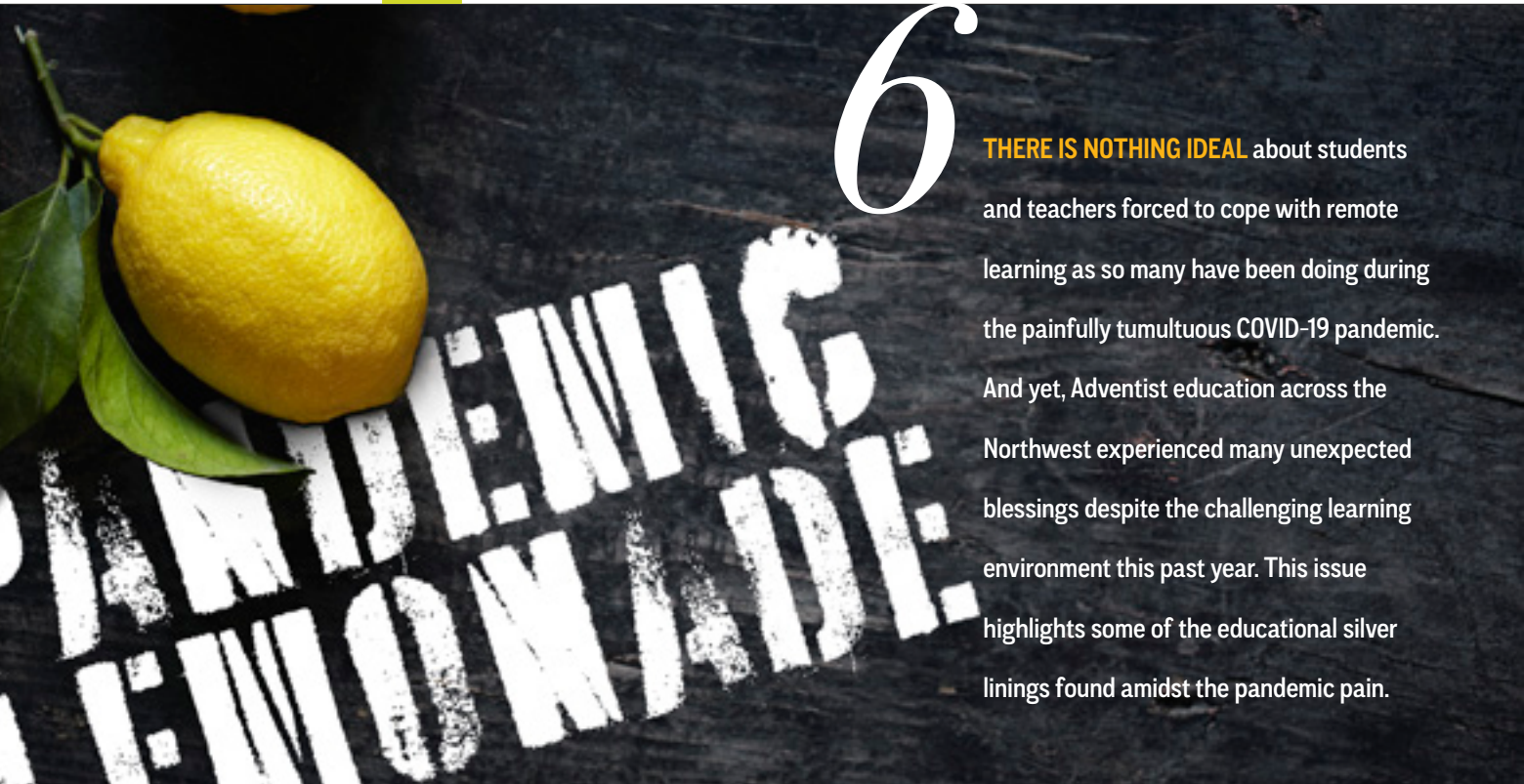
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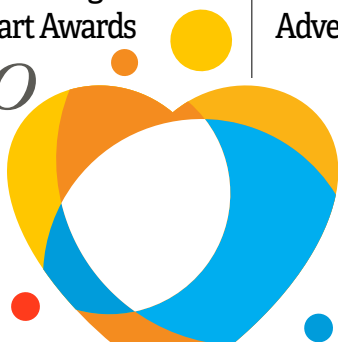
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# PANDEMIC LANGUAGE



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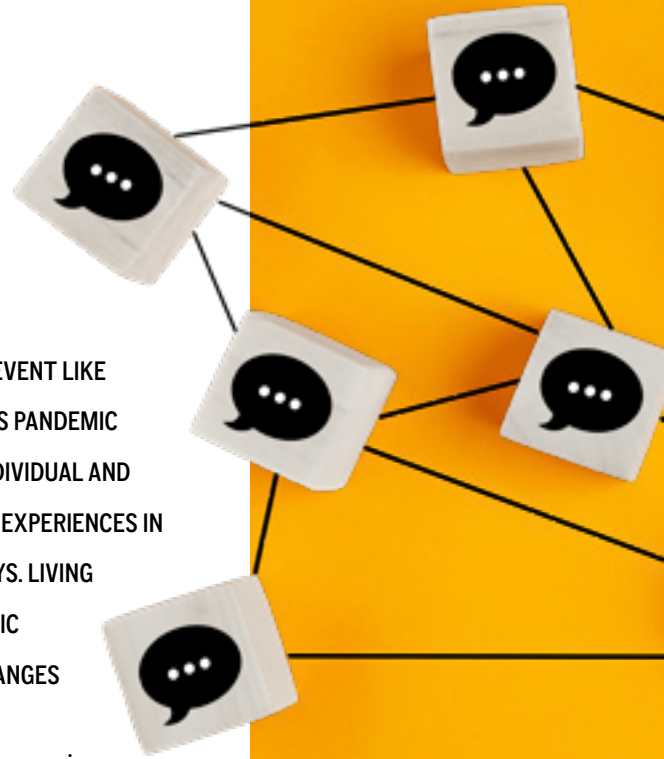
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Because we are anxious to comprehend what has happened and to clearly explain our anxiety about life's new uncertainties, we naturally latch on to new vocabulary.

We hear and say every day, over and over, many words and phrases previously absent from our linguistic toolbox.

Words like COVID-19, pandemic, pathogen, asymptomatic, social distancing, N95 masks, herd immunity, livestreaming and remote learning were unfamiliar or rarely used. Seemingly, this shifted dramatically and quickly. The word "Zoom" went from brand name to verb in a matter of weeks.

Early on, the word "unprecedented" encapsulated our shared experiences. It showed up in news commentary, emails and conversations about COVID-19. "Unprecedented" says we have no prior personal experience with what is happening. While it is descriptive, it's also sufficiently vague. It gives us time to learn more. It lets us off the hook for feeling unprepared and not understanding.



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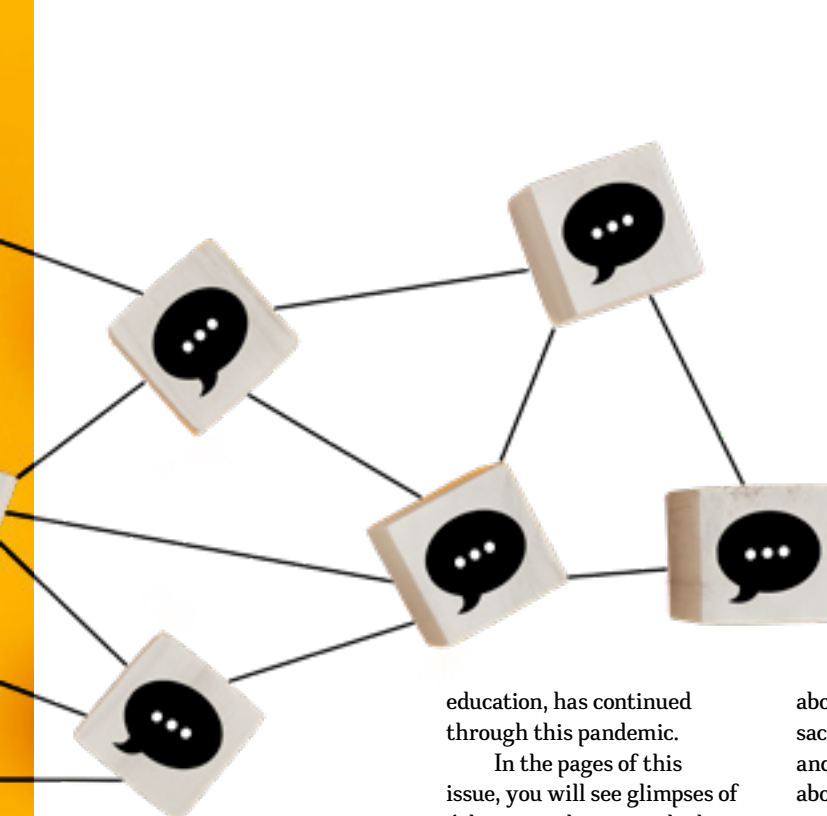
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OUR ADVENTIST

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Eventually, the overuse of “unprecedented” was how people expressed that they knew we were all in this together. It represented a shared uncertainty about the unfolding and incomprehensible events.

Now, more than 15 months into the pandemic, “new normal” is the frequent term defining our quest for a return to rhythms of life—rhythms that bring meaning and value. The desire for normalcy comes out of a disruption in the family circle. It is heightened by the divisive social and political forces in our culture.

We yearn for predictability. We need renewed and real experiences through unselfish love and unflinching acceptance.

Church and school are places where love and loyalty grow.

The good news is that Adventist education, a ministry to families seeking a faith-infused and Christ-centered

education, has continued through this pandemic.

In the pages of this issue, you will see glimpses of Adventist educators who have heroically worked to maintain a ministry that continues to bring students something better and something more holistic than what the world offers.

School has looked different across the Northwest with varying pandemic protocols from state to state and county to county. Yet, under these difficult and unfamiliar circumstances, Adventist educators have been resolute in leading students to encounter Jesus through new learning experiences. Whether it was remote, hybrid or in-person learning, teachers persevered, effectively guiding each student’s spiritual and academic learning journey.

Adventist educators have been our essential workers. They have continued seeking to maintain a learning experience that gives meaning and value to students and families despite the pandemic-caused upheaval.

I invite you to read these stories profiling how the ministry of education has continued in these tumultuous

times. You’ll discover a faith journey in which God has provided unanticipated blessings out of the unprecedented challenges.

Among the stories about churches and families sacrificing for their children and youth, you’ll read stories about increased enrollment in small schools and young people hearing the story of redemption for the first time. You will see God’s gifts amidst the tumult of the school year.

Because words matter, please join me in finding and sharing the language of affirmation and appreciation with our Adventist educators.

Thank you for genuinely and generously sharing words that build commitment and support with those who have answered the call to be the hands and voice of Jesus to our youth.

Thank you for praying for and partnering with your Adventist educators in unprecedented ways as we look forward to the 2021–2022 school year.

**Dennis Plubell**  
*North Pacific Union Conference*  
vice president for education

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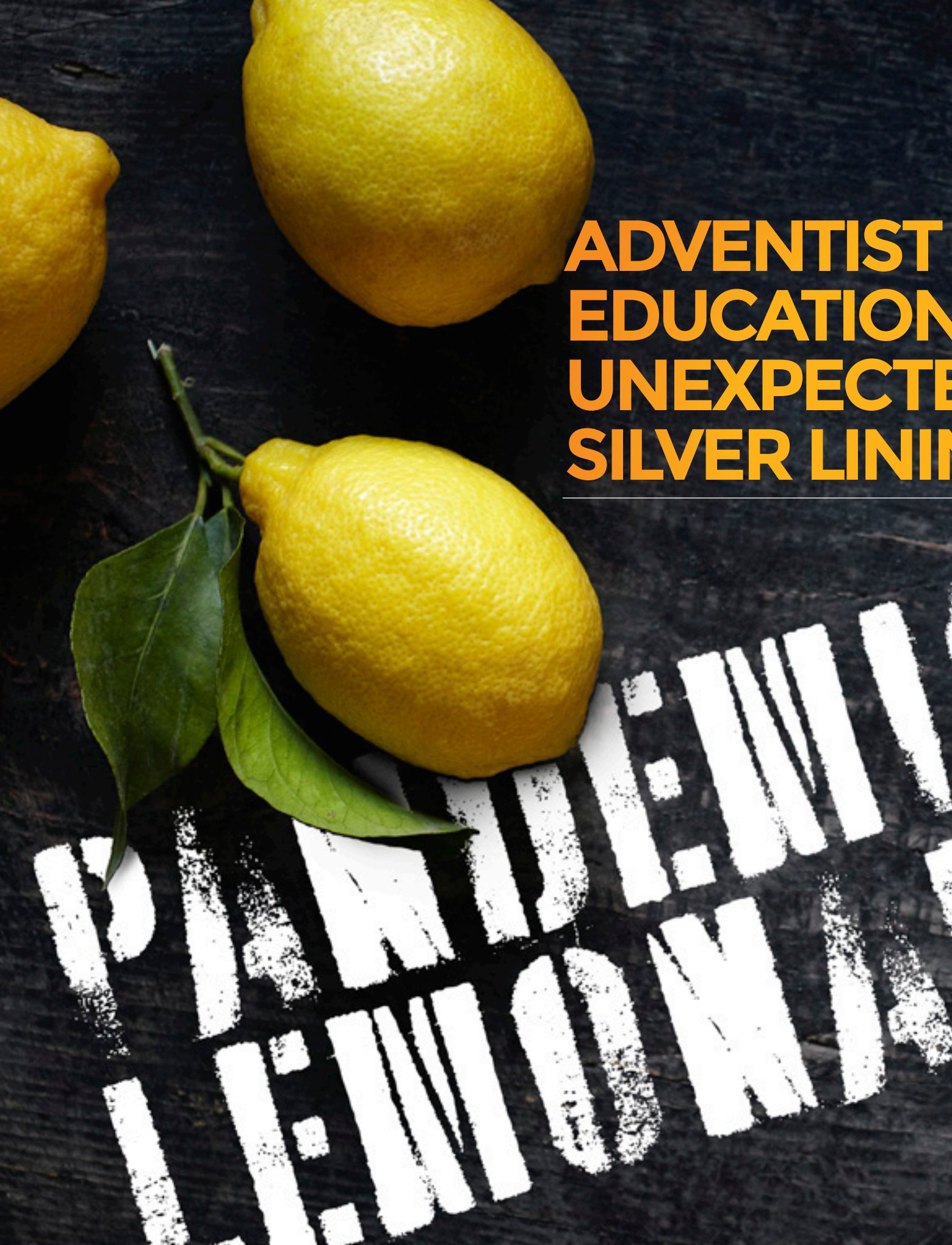
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“Grazing Grizzly”  
in Silver Salmon Creek, Alaska,  
by Adam Cornwell  
of Vancouver, Washington.



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JAY WINTERMEYER



## ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

The 2020–2021 school year ushered in colossal changes to how students attended school and the way all of us did, well,

everything. In addition to the logistical changes we all faced there were the added layers of personal tragedy of death, illness and economic loss. These shifts happened rapidly—faster than most businesses and schools were able to respond.

Let's be honest. There is nothing ideal about students and teachers forced to cope with remote learning as so many have been doing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Online education is not as simple as putting a camera in front of a classroom teacher and sending the video to students sitting in a makeshift dining room-as-classroom. It's clear teaching online is NOT the same as teaching in a classroom.

This was a trying year for Adventist schools across the Northwest. As learning rapidly shifted online, many schools faced heavy expenditures to add new and necessary technology. Other schools saw enrollment drop, which necessitated significant staff cuts for the coming year.

It's easy to point to all the problems and mistakes that characterized what has been widely recognized as one of the worst years in modern American education. Undeniably the past year challenged educators, parents and students alike. And yet, Adventist education across the Northwest has experienced many unexpected blessings despite the awkward learning environment this past year.

## AN UNEXPECTED SIDE EFFECT

The mass school closures across the Northwest during the pandemic resulted in an

unanticipated silver lining for some Adventist schools. Several experienced enrollment increases during the past year.

Growth may seem surprising when so many schools were forced to shut down. Dennis Plubell, North Pacific Union vice president for education, said, "Adventist schools have a unique advantage that hasn't always been appreciated. Our schools are smaller, and that makes them more agile."

The smaller size of many Adventist schools qualified them to continue to remain open or reopen sooner than larger public schools. Health department social distancing requirements were easier to meet with smaller student bodies.

Families looking for in-person instruction recognized in-person Adventist schools as opportunities to provide their children with a stronger education than what they had been experiencing online.

"It would have been easy for our schools to turn students away," said Plubell. "Instead, we opened our doors and looked for ways to accommodate and serve more families in our communities."

Madras Christian School in Madras, Oregon, is one of many Adventist schools that experienced this silver lining. Dan



# “WE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH THESE BOYS IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE PANDEMIC.”

Nicola, Oregon Conference associate education superintendent, said, “Madras community families sought out alternatives to the remote learning offered by the public schools.” The resulting enrollment bump nearly doubled the MCS student body.

Nicola said, “When everybody looked at COVID-19 as a big black cloud, it actually resulted in us being able to share Jesus with more kids.”

Among the children whose parents sought out MCS were two brothers. Neither had been exposed to Christianity. “Both boys absorbed everything about the Bible like sponges,” said Nicola. “The boys hadn’t been in school very long before they started asking questions and wanting to know more about the Bible and the Adventist Church. Their mom noticed a marked difference in the boys’ behavior and asked questions too.”

The two brothers have since started attending the Madras Adventist Church and have both asked for baptism.

“We would never have been able to reach these boys if it hadn’t been for the pandemic,” said Nicola.

## MINISTRY DESPITE THE SHUTDOWN

Another silver lining Northwest Adventist education experienced amid

pandemic shutdowns was the opportunity to continue serving and ministering to families.

In districts where in-person learning was not allowed, some Adventist schools were able to be declared emergency child care centers. These schools provided a venue for students to engage in remote learning during the day while their parents were at work.

“The scale of our size was a benefit to our schools and early childhood care centers,” said Nicola. “It was an opportunity to provide innovative learning solutions to parents.” This creative approach allowed a level of student-teacher interactions unavailable to larger schools.

Additionally God moved school ministry forward in other ways despite the pandemic. In Trout Creek, Montana, God worked to provide their Adventist school a platform for greater ministry.

Before the COVID-19 shutdowns Trout Creek Adventist School was bursting at the seams and desperately needed a new school building. The school had been operating in the basement fellowship hall of the Trout Creek Church for the last 10 years.

Even though people had sacrificed and donated toward the building fund, the project lacked significant resources to move at a faster pace. The school board met in January 2021 and decided to let God make it clear when He wanted to move forward. For a time it seemed that God was saying, “Wait.”

However, the divine gears began to work. In a very short time the school was able to locate a beautiful space to lease as well as secure the funding to make it possible to expand the school.

On Monday, March 29, Trout Creek Adventist School had its first day in the new location. The school now has the ability to seek out more students and to be a witness to others who use the facility.

The students, school board and church have also had an opportunity to see how tremendously God has led in obtaining this new facility.

What will happen in a year?

We don’t know. We will continue to seek God’s plan because it is obvious His plans certainly are better than what we had planned.

## FROM ISOLATION TO COMMUNITY

While businesses were shuttered and so many families were separated in order to keep elderly loved ones safe, an interesting thing happened among Adventist educators. The pandemic that had kept so many apart began having the opposite effect on teachers. Instead of working in silos, teachers began sharing, talking and collaborating more than ever before.

Michelle Wachter, Washington Conference associate superintendent, shared how this happened in Washington schools.

“Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Wachter, “we met together with our principals four times a year. People would always sit in the same areas. There wasn’t much cross-communication between the elementary and high school teachers.”

Following the pandemic shutdowns, the conference began meeting remotely once a month with the principals. The regular communication and connection were appreciated and needed.

It wasn’t long before they started asking to meet more often.

“Now we meet once a week for an hour,” said Wachter. “We

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## THE BLESSING OF LEMONS

give principals who want to share a chance to talk about what is happening at their school and what they need input on. We also take time to pray for each other. We call it our Principals' Check-In."

As school principals began meeting more often, an interesting phenomenon began occurring. Even though they were meeting on a videoconferencing platform, people began opening up more as trust and friendship developed. When principals shared frustrations or woes, those with more experience began to ask questions and offer support.

"I was especially touched by one act of collaboration," said Wachter. "A head teacher, also serving as a principal, shared how she had difficulty getting all the necessary paperwork completed in addition to teaching responsibilities. A principal from a large school who doesn't have to teach classes offered to come to the other principal's school and gift them time teaching in the classroom so the head teacher could focus on their leadership responsibilities."

The weekly check-ins have created understanding and changed people's perspectives. "It's been wonderful to see people having empathy for what others have been going through," said Wachter. "Because of how our pandemic meetings have changed and increased our communication, our in-person meetings will never look the same again."

The increased communication and sharing has happened among principals and teachers alike across the Northwest. In large schools, there has also been greater collaboration and idea sharing throughout the pandemic.

The bitterness of the COVID-19 pandemic has been extremely challenging for so

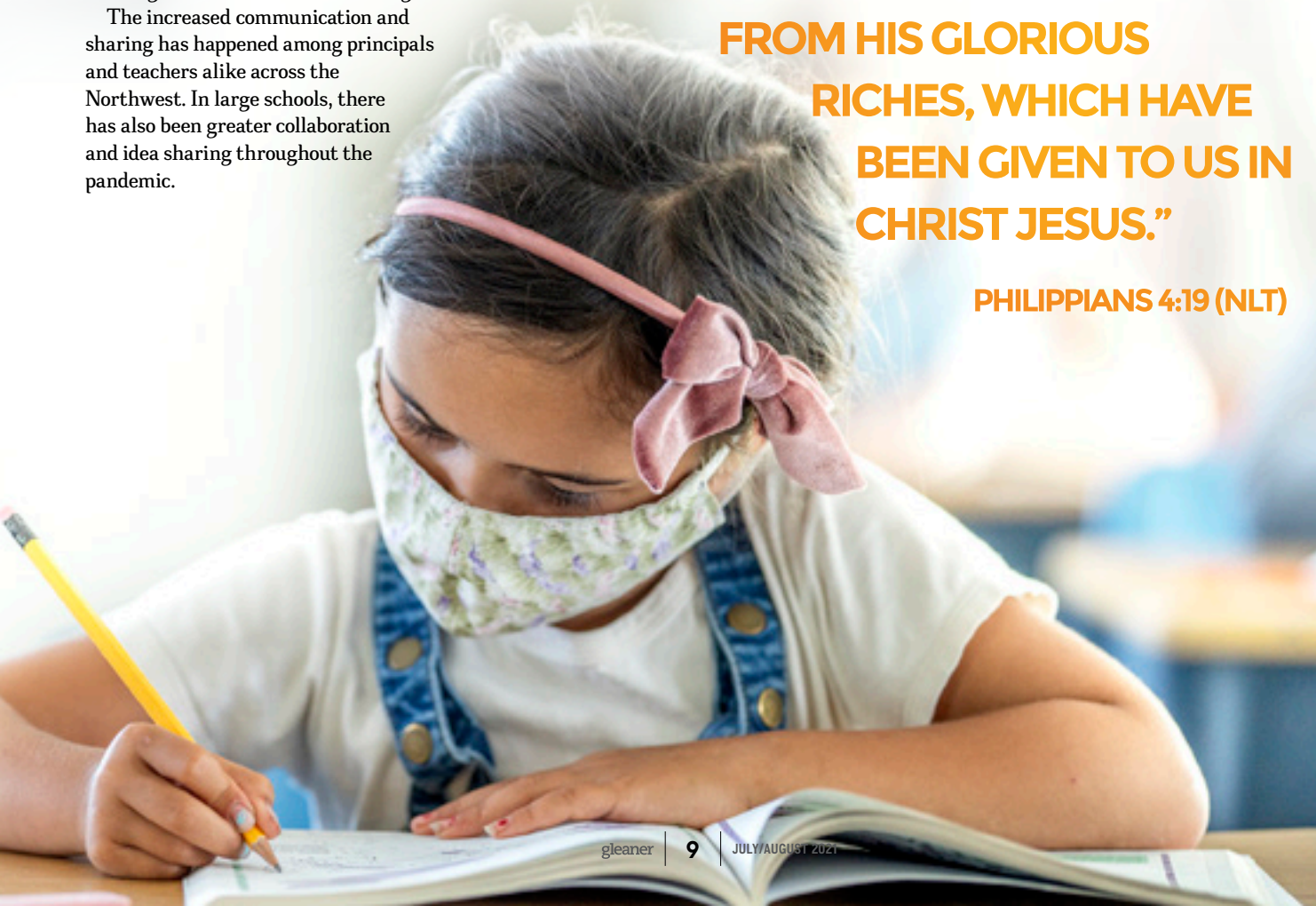
many people, not just educators. While we don't want to make light of the ordeal we've been through, Adventist education in the Northwest has experienced silver linings. Where many saw lemons, we've been able to see lemonade despite the pain and sorrow.

The increase in enrollment allowed for more students and families to be touched by our commitment to sharing Jesus in the classroom. The shutdowns allowed for ministry to continue happening through our schools because of our unique size and our ability to adapt quickly to the rapidly changing federal and state requirements. Finally, the new educational landscape forced teachers to collaborate and communicate more closely than ever before, which has resulted in a stronger and more cohesive family of teachers.

Education will likely never look the same going forward and yet God has empowered and enabled Northwest teachers to continue their high calling through the pandemic trials.

**"AND THIS SAME GOD WHO  
TAKES CARE OF ME WILL  
SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS  
FROM HIS GLORIOUS  
RICHES, WHICH HAVE  
BEEN GIVEN TO US IN  
CHRIST JESUS."**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:19 (NLT)**





# 2021 CARING HEART AWARDS

Fourteen Northwest academy students received the \$500 Caring Heart Award scholarship made possible through three-way funding from the North Pacific Union Conference, local conferences and academies. Students were selected by their schools for **exemplifying the spirit of the Caring Heart — a willingness to serve others.** The North American Division provided each student with a plaque and an engraved Bible. The scholarships may be used toward tuition at an Adventist school or on a short-term mission trip.



## Kendra Burtch

AMAZING GRACE ACADEMY  
PALMER, ALASKA

Kendra Burtch grew up about an hour away from Anchorage, Alaska – far enough out of the city to practice chicken-herding skills on a flock of 14 hens. When she was in sixth grade, she was grateful to have an opportunity to shepherd children, spending an hour a week tutoring third and fourth grade students at Amazing Grace Academy and assisting in kindergarten Sabbath School.

## Payton Arnett

AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
AUBURN, WASHINGTON

Payton Arnett stands out as a young person determined to help wherever he can. Payton's passion for serving both his church and school is clearly seen by all who know him. On two occasions, he led a youth group debate through which he revealed a natural zeal and skill as an apologist. In those debates, Payton demonstrated intellectual rigor in defending his faith through reason and the Word.

Payton led an apologetics club at Auburn Adventist Academy every week. He took the initiative to gather students and organize a time and place for club meetings. Payton

After several years helping fetch, carry and clean up for Camp Tukuskoya work bees, she was thrilled when the camp hosted Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in 2018. Kendra joined the kitchen crew. As campers passed through the cafeteria line, the kitchen volunteers communicated warmth and humor with every burrito or scoop of potatoes.

During Kendra's high school years, she volunteered as an attorney in Youth Court, working with a courthouse team to create redemptive service opportunities for Alaskan youth. As a youth and Growing Young liaison in the Palmer Church, Kendra worked with youth team leaders to plan and produce a special church worship service for the Sabbath of Easter weekend. Kendra looks forward to working at Big Lake Youth Camp and pursuing a career in chaplaincy at Walla Walla University.

believes the Word of God can transform lives. His dedication is admired by both his church and fellow students.

Payton is the sort of student you can count on whenever you need help with a church service or outreach in the community. He is involved in so many church events because of his servant heart.

"As a natural leader in the Auburn Adventist Academy Church, Payton is a massive support to me as a pastor," said Rome Ulia, pastor. "He is a blessing both in the youth ministry and to his fellow students at the academy."

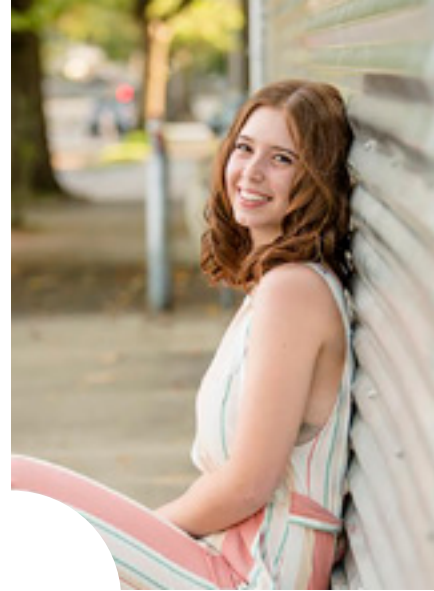
## Abigail Sissons

COLUMBIA ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON

"A living plethora of dichotomies" is a phrase to begin describing the recipient of Columbia Adventist Academy's most recent Caring Heart Award winner. One could say Abigail Sissons is introvertedly outgoing, passively active and quietly outspoken. Her leadership style is one of strength in serving. The sign of Abigail's caring heart doesn't start with those in her outer circle but with those in her inner circle. It then extends out and beyond.

This care and concern begins with her family and extends to her friends. As the president of both her junior and senior class during pandemic school years, Abigail showed incredible care and concern for her classmates and class sponsors. She took steps to ensure all were encouraged. She buoyed them up with words of support when things seemed to be going poorly.

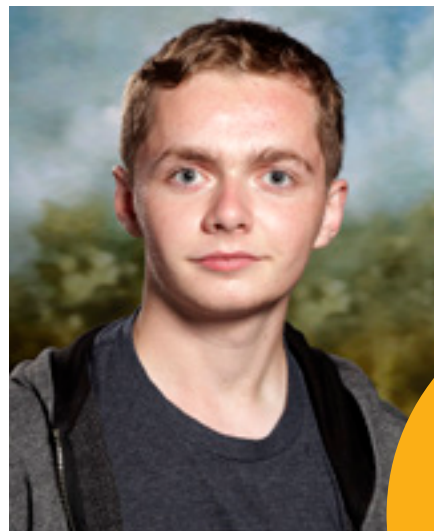
After spending her first nine years as a missionary kid, Abigail has a deeply embedded love for travel, mission trips, eating new foods and learning about the world around her. She is a dedicated disciple of



Christ and cares about others. She has an eye for finding those who need her care, whether it's a baby, a child, a student or a homeless person.

Abby planned her senior project around that gift of caring. She recognized a need for feminine and hygiene products for single moms and homeless women. As a result, she went on a mission of collecting 75 purses, filling them with hygiene products, lotions, hand sanitizers, dental care items and many other necessities.

The CAA family was blessed to have Abby for four years. They pray God will continue to bless her life with godly characteristics so many lives will receive a clearer picture of the incredible God she serves.





## Faith Pepple

CASCADE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Throughout Faith Pepple's nine years at CCA, she has demonstrated her desire to be a lifelong learner and citizen of the world. She joined a biennial mission trip to the King's Children's Home in Belmopan, Belize. She spoke at local churches for Education Sabbaths, accepted roles in plays, spoke and sang in praise groups for week of worship, and led the girls' volleyball team as captain.

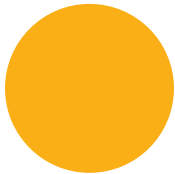
As CCA's yearbook editor, Faith mentored younger students on the yearbook staff and worked alongside the faculty advisor. She maintained her 4.0 GPA while juggling an after-school job, volleyball practices and her role as the senior class president.

Faith's caring heart was revealed most recently by the sincere care and

involvement in the lives of two international students. As soon as the students arrived to the U.S., Faith reached out. This was not such an easy task because CCA juniors and seniors had not returned to campus for in-person learning. Nevertheless, Faith developed a fast friendship through social media and helped them transition smoothly to CCA campus life.

While Faith's talents and interests are many, she's decided she wants to serve God and make a difference in the lives of people.

Faith plans to pursue a double major in political science and journalism at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee – her first destination in finding her niche in the world.



## Ely Ingraham

GEM STATE ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
CALDWELL, IDAHO

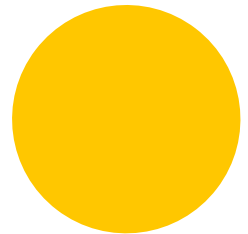
Ely Ingraham is a junior at Gem State Adventist Academy. His infectious smile and welcoming personality are well-known and appreciated around campus. Ely is a friend to all and offers kindness to anyone who crosses his path. He is the first to volunteer when assistance is needed and genuinely shines with a positive outlook on life.

"I have appreciated watching Ely instantly befriend guests who have come to campus, drawing them in right away to be involved in an activity and making them feel welcome," said one GSAA staff member. "He has a big heart."



Ely has also taken his gifts of service to summer camp. Camp Ida-Haven staff observe that "he brings a willingness to teach others and is excited about the ministry he provides to kids."

No matter where life's journey may take him, Ely's friendliness, willingness to help and optimistic attitude will bless those with whom he comes in contact. God will continue to be able to use his heart of service in untold ways.



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## Bianca Franco-Godoy

LIVINGSTONE ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
SALEM, OREGON

Bianca has been blessing LAA since she was in the second grade. She is a light that shines Christ's love to everyone. She reaches out and connects with other students regardless of their age, grade or gender.

As a spiritual and social leader in her school, Bianca was actively involved in ministry. She organized and participated in Bible studies and regularly shared her beautiful voice as a worship leader to bring the LAA school family to Christ.

Bianca shares a strong and



active presence in her home church. At Revive Church in Keizer, Oregon, she shares her passion for ministry by organizing youth worship.

Bianca also brings excitement and enthusiasm to LAA sports programs as a volleyball and basketball player.

The LAA school family is excited to see the amazing things God will do through Bianca. They know her compassion and love for others will continue to be a beacon of light shining for all to see the love of God.

Samuel's faithful work as a worship leader blessed MEA over the years. His responsible leadership as a go-to sound booth operator served both the church and school.

For his senior project, Samuel chose to remodel the sound booth, making it more user-friendly for future sound operators. It was an enormous task to complete, but as a musician and frequent user of the sound booth, he understood the need.

Samuel was chosen to receive the Caring Heart Award because he faithfully demonstrates care and service to his MEA community. The MEA school family looks forward to seeing how he will continue to honor the gospel commission of service to others.

## Kaitlin Walters

MILO ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
DAYS CREEK, OREGON

During Kaitlin's four years at Milo Adventist Academy, she maintained a 4.0 GPA. Not only is she academically gifted, she aspires to live her life for Jesus as she looks for the good in others.

Kaitlin's leadership developed as a junior class executive vice president, a girls' dorm resident assistant and as a student chaplain. She joined a mission trip to Louisiana and

spent a summer working for Youth Rush, a literature evangelism ministry.

Most notably, Kaitlin spent two years as a student coordinator for Red Cross blood drives. The total number of units donated under her coordination was so impressive she was awarded a scholarship.

Kaitlin's compassion was evident during the pandemic as she often checked to see how others were doing. Her positive and resilient attitude helped her turn lemons into lemonade then share the results with those around her.

Because of these qualities, teachers and staff chose Kaitlin to receive this year's Caring Heart Award as a representative of the many caring hearts that fill Milo's campus.

## Ulani Brown

PORTLAND ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
PORTLAND, OREGON

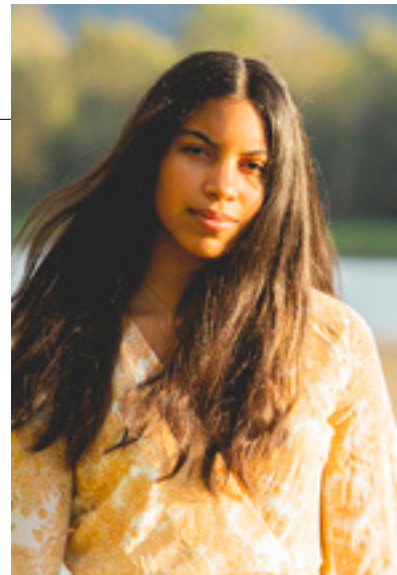
Ulani Brown's infectious laughter has energized PAA for four years while her can-do and collaborative spirit led her peers through thick and thin.

Ulani's caring heart shined during mission trips and downtown service projects as she connected with vulnerable people. She engaged houseless people as friends and served them with the kind of dignity Jesus shared with all.

Seeing the world through the eyes of Jesus is how Ulani faces injustice in the world. With moral courage, she works to "be the change she wants to see" in her school, church and world. She inspires her school community to follow Micah 6:8's call to do justice,

love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Ulani Brown graduates with the Christ-centered and character-driven values her teachers, pastors and coaches strive to inspire. Her PAA family celebrates her courageous spirit and her ever-faithful, caring heart.



## Samuel DePaula

MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY  
BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Throughout his four years at MEA, Samuel has shown a love for Christ and a passion for the endeavors he pursues. He is a dedicated resident hall advisor in the King Hall dormitory and a true leader in every aspect of MEA life.



## Madelyn Bennett

ROGUE VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
MEDFORD, OREGON

This year's Rogue Valley Adventist Academy Caring Heart recipient is Madelyn Bennett.

Madelyn began attending RVAA as a first grade student but was roaming campus long before because her father is a teacher.

Madelyn has a love for music. She plays an important role as the main accompanist for the high school and elementary choirs. She also actively participates in the music programs at her home church in Medford.

Through her high school years, Madelyn was involved in mission trips to places like Costa Rica and Paradise, California. She also looked forward to the community service days when she could interact with her local community. Madelyn has a sincere passion for helping others, and her RVAA community will miss her as she heads to college.



## Bauer Meeks

PUGET SOUND ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON

Bauer Meeks was selected by the staff of PSAA to receive the Caring Heart Award because of his helpfulness and his keen sense and ability to connect with others.

Bauer is eager to serve. He often asked teachers how he could be helpful with school programs and events. As a servant-leader, he took initiative to help fellow students with homework or any challenge they face. He was especially gifted at reaching those who experience loneliness.

As the student body spiritual vice president, Bauer gave devotional talks to his peers as well as the younger children at Kirkland Seventh-day Adventist School.

All of these traits set Bauer



apart as a student who truly cares about his school and community. Bauer has made a noticeable impact on the PSAA school community. His school family is certain he will continue to do so wherever God leads.

CARING  
HEART  
AWARDS  
2021

## Richard Scott

UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY  
SPANGLE, WASHINGTON

If you want to see Christ shining through someone, meet Richard Scott. Richard is generous with his caring involvement at UCA.

Richard served as a resident assistant, demonstrating his dependability and care for others. He was an engaging leader in his role as student body vice president, but he remained humble in his work. He joined his voice with UCA's Choraliers and has spent two years at his summer home, Camp MiVoden.

It was not uncommon for Richard to volunteer to help

# EXEMPLIFYING THE SPIRIT OF THE CARING HEART

## Katie Szabo

SKAGIT ADVENTIST ACADEMY  
BURLINGTON, WASHINGTON

Skagit Adventist Academy is pleased to name Katie Szabo as the Caring Heart Award recipient.

Katie consistently demonstrates leadership ability. She recently served as the student body secretary and treasurer. Her spiritual maturity has compelled her to join outreach activities at church. She also was moved to volunteer at Skagit County Friendship House where she serves food to people experiencing homelessness.

Katie's artistic talent blessed SAA. In addition to sharing her gifts, she has demonstrated quiet leadership working on classroom projects, leading drama for week of worship and assisting faculty families. She even personalized the high school commons with a full-sized mural.

Katie has been a blessing to the SAA school family and is a deserving recipient of the Caring Heart Award.



## Zoey Brenes

WALLA WALLA VALLEY ACADEMY  
COLLEGE PLACE, WASHINGTON

Zoey Brenes discovered the joy of service in eighth grade when she joined a group raising money for a community playground. She was hooked.

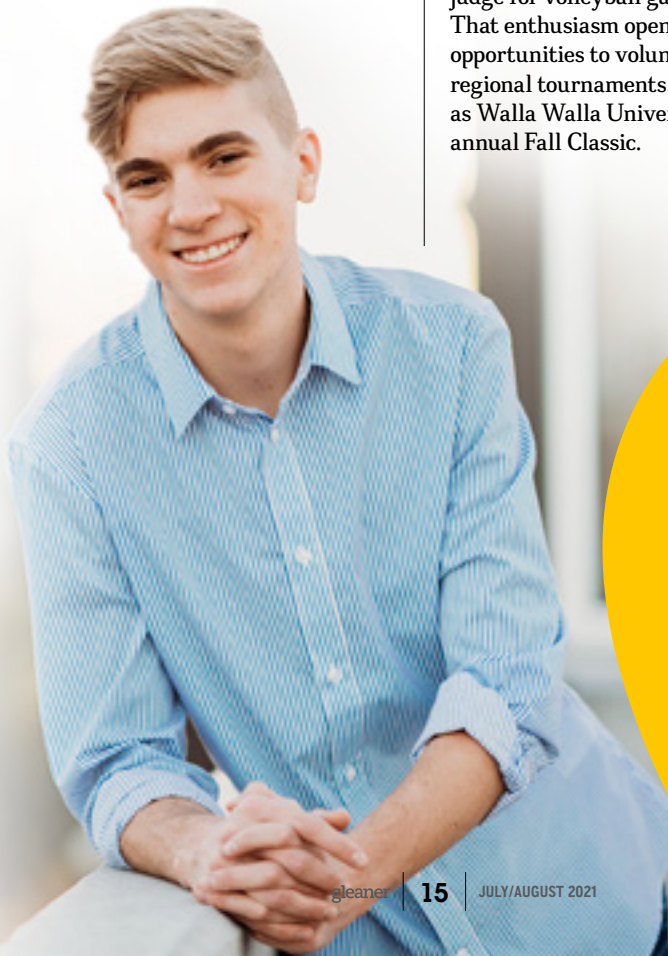
Zoey's service activities continued at WWVA when she participated in orchestra and drama every year. She worked as a baseball team manager and served as a line judge for volleyball games. That enthusiasm opened her opportunities to volunteer at regional tournaments, such as Walla Walla University's annual Fall Classic.

Although COVID-19 limited those events, it didn't keep Zoey from finding new ways to serve her community. She quietly organized birthday drive-bys to keep fellow students connected. When her church resumed in-person worship, she stepped in as a greeter. She even volunteered at a vaccination drive.

Zoey clearly loves her community and has blessed it immensely.

clean up after events or be spotted opening the door for others and saying "hi" to everyone he came in contact with. Even in the midst of tough times, he faithfully chooses to find light in the darkness. His optimism shined at UCA and created an atmosphere of contagious positivity.

Richard is a person who exudes humility, love and a positive attitude in all he does. It is for these reasons he was chosen as this year's recipient of the Caring Heart Award.



# NORTHWEST ADVENTIST SCHOOLS

**ALL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS** in the North Pacific Union Conference, including Walla Walla University, admit students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school and make no discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, country of origin, or gender in the administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

## ALASKA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

6100 O'Malley Rd. · Anchorage, AK 99507 · 907-346-1004

Superintendent: Rod Rau

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
Amazing Grace Academy	2238 Inner Springer Loop, Palmer, AK 99645	907-745-2691	Karen Carlton	K-12
Anchorage Seventh-day Adventist School	5511 O'Malley Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507	907-346-2164	Katie Richmond	K-10
Dillingham Seventh-day Adventist School	446 Windmill Hill Rd., Dillingham, AK 99576	907-842-2496	Sueal Cunningham	K-8
Golden Heart Christian School	1811 Farmers Loop Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99708	907-479-2904	Cindy Dasher	K-8
Juneau Adventist Christian School	4890 Glacier Hwy., Juneau, AK 99801	907-780-4336	Cynthia Lewis	K-8
Sitka Adventist School	1613 Halibut Point Rd., Sitka, AK 99835	907-747-8855	Rachel Carle	1-8

## IDAHO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

7777 W Fairview Ave. · Boise, ID 83704 · 208-375-7524

Superintendent: Patrick Frey

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
Gem State Adventist Academy	16115 S. Montana Ave., Caldwell, ID 83607	208-459-1627	John Soule	9-12
Baker Adventist Christian School	42171 Chico Rd., Baker City, OR 97814	541-523-4165	Bodye Hosey	K-8
Boise Valley Adventist School	925 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise, ID 83713	208-376-7141	Ken Utt	K-8
Caldwell Adventist Elementary School	2317 Wisconsin Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605	208-459-4313	Laura Springer	K-8
Eagle Adventist Christian School	538 W. State St., Eagle, ID 83616	208-938-0093	Jessica Davidson	1-8
Enterprise Seventh-day Adventist Christian School	305 Wagner St., Enterprise, OR 97828	541-426-8339	Dona Dunbar	1-8
Hilltop Adventist School	131 Grandview Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301	208-736-5934	Roberta Crenshaw	1-8
La Grande Adventist Christian School	2702 Adams Ave., La Grande, OR 97850	541-963-6203	Melissa Akers	K-8
Salmon Seventh-day Adventist School	515 Upper Fairmont St., Salmon, ID 83467	208-756-4439	Dan Tyler	1-8
Treasure Valley Seventh-day Adventist School	305 1/2 S. 9th St., Payette, ID 83661	208-642-2410	Valerie Iwasa	1-8





## MONTANA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

175 Canyon View Rd. · Bozeman, MT 59715 · 406-587-3101

Superintendent: Renae Young

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
<b>Mount Ellis Academy</b>	<b>3641 Bozeman Trail Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715</b>	<b>406-587-5178</b>	<b>Dane Bailey</b>	<b>9-12</b>
Blodgett View Christian School	119 Westbridge Rd., Hamilton, MT 59840	406-363-0575	Chris Harmon	K-8
Five Falls Christian School	2930 Flood Rd., Great Falls, MT 59404	406-452-6883	Arlene Lambert	K-8
Glacier View School	36332 Mud Creek Lane, Ronan, MT 59864	406-676-5142	Savannah Maize	K-8
Highland View Christian School	2504 Grand Ave., Butte, MT 59701	406-221-7044	Diane Haulman	1-8
Libby Adventist Christian School	206 Airfield Rd., Libby, MT 59923	406-293-8613	Patsy Iverson	1-8
Mount Ellis Elementary	3835 Bozeman Trail Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715	406-587-5145	Kaila Johnson	PK-8
Trailhead Christian School	3204 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102	406-652-1799	Kimberly Bokovoy	1-8
Trout Creek Adventist School	3020 MT Hwy. 200, Trout Creek, MT 59874	406-827-3967	Maurita Crew	1-8
Valley Adventist Christian School	1275 Helena Flats Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901	406-752-0830	Dawn Peterson	1-8
Valley View Adventist Christian School	264 Hwy. 200 S., Glendive, MT 59330	406-687-3472	Joyce Freese	1-8

## OREGON CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

19800 Oatfield Rd. · Gladstone, OR 97027 · 503-850-3500

Superintendent: Gale Crosby

Associate Superintendents: Jeff Jackson, Dan Nicola and Angela White

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
<b>Columbia Adventist Academy</b>	<b>11100 NE 189th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604</b>	<b>360-687-3161</b>	<b>Gene Heinrich</b>	<b>9-12</b>
<b>Livingstone Adventist Academy</b>	<b>5771 Fruitland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97317</b>	<b>503-363-9408</b>	<b>George Personius</b>	<b>PK-12</b>
<b>Milo Adventist Academy</b>	<b>324 Milo Dr., Days Creek, OR 97429</b>	<b>541-825-3200</b>	<b>Randy Thornton</b>	<b>9-12</b>
<b>Portland Adventist Academy</b>	<b>1500 SE 96th Ave., Portland, OR 97216</b>	<b>503-255-8372</b>	<b>Mechelle Peinado</b>	<b>9-12</b>
<b>Rogue Valley Adventist Academy</b>	<b>3675 S. Stage Rd., Medford, OR 97501</b>	<b>541-773-2988</b>	<b>Ann Campbell</b>	<b>PK-12</b>
Canyonville Adventist Elementary School	712 NW Frontage Rd., Canyonville, OR 97417	541-839-4053	Laura Bowlby	K-8
Central Valley Christian School	31630 Highway 34, Tangent, OR 97389	541-928-7820	Amanda Nawara	K-8
Cottage Grove Christian School	820 S. 10th Street, Cottage Grove, OR 97424	541-206-0385	Dianna Mohr	1-8
Countryside Christian School	88401 Huston Rd., Veneta, OR 97487	541-935-6446	Angela Walter	1-8
Emerald Christian Academy	35582 Zephyr Way, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455	541-746-1708	Doug Gaylor	PK-10
Gold Coast Christian School	2175 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420	541-756-6307	To be determined	1-8
Grants Pass Adventist School	2250 NW Heidi Ln., Grants Pass, OR 97526	541-479-2293	Richard Rasmussen	K-8
Hood View Adventist School	26505 SE Kelso Rd., Boring, OR 97009	503-663-4568	Kim Cornette	PK-8
Journey Christian School	96 Garden St., Kelso, WA 98626	360-423-9250	Julie Corson	PK-8
Klamath Falls Adventist Christian School	2499 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601	541-882-4151	To be determined	K-8
Lincoln City Christian School	2126 NE Surf Ave., Lincoln City, OR 97367	541-994-5181	John McCombs	K-8
Madras Christian School	66 SE H Street, Madras, OR 97741	541-475-7545	Jana Edge	PK-8

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Madrone Adventist School	4300 Holland Loop Rd., Cave Junction, OR 97523	541-592-3330	Bridget Cline	1-8
McMinnville Adventist Christian School	1349 NW Elm St., McMinnville, OR 97128	503-472-3336	Elizabeth Fish	PK-8
Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School	18717 NE 109th Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604	360-687-5121	Ric Peinado	K-8
Mid Columbia Adventist Christian School	1100 22nd St., Hood River, OR 97031	541-386-3187	Peter Hardy	PK-10
Portland Adventist Elementary School	3990 NW 1st St., Gresham, OR 97030	503-665-4102	Brandon O'Neal	PK-8
Rivergate Adventist Elementary School	1505 Rivergate School Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027	503-656-0544	Bethany Edmundson	PK-8
Riverside Adventist Christian School	463 N. Shepherd Rd., Washougal, WA 98671	360-835-5600	Megan Hall	PK-8
Roseburg Christian Academy	1653 NW Troost St., Roseburg, OR 97471	541-673-5278	Mary Korcek	K-8
Scappoose Adventist School	54287 Columbia River Hwy., Scappoose, OR 97056	503-543-6939	Girlie Aguilar	PK-8
Shady Point Adventist School	14611 Hwy. 62, Eagle Point, OR 97524	541-826-2255	Sandra Sutherlin	1-8
Shoreline Christian School	4445 Hwy. 101, Florence OR 97439	541-997-5909	Sara Lasu	1-8
Sutherlin Adventist Christian School	845 West Central Ave., Sutherlin, OR 97479	541-459-9940	To be determined	1-8
Three Sisters Adventist Christian School	21155 Tumalo Rd., Bend, OR 97703	541-389-2091	Jenny Neil	PK-8
Tillamook Adventist School	4300 12th St., Tillamook, OR 97141	503-842-6533	Matthew Hunter	PK-8
Tualatin Valley Academy	7405 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123	503-649-5518	Chrstina Orozco-Acosta	PK-10

## UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

3715 S Grove Rd · Spokane, WA 99224 · 509-838-2761

Superintendent: Brian Harris

Associate Superintendents: Archie Harris

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
<b>Cascade Christian Academy</b>	<b>600 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801</b>	<b>509-662-2723</b>	<b>Stephanie Gates</b>	<b>K-12</b>
<b>Upper Columbia Academy</b>	<b>3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031</b>	<b>509-245-3600</b>	<b>Jeff "P.J." Deming</b>	<b>9-12</b>
<b>Walla Walla Valley Academy</b>	<b>300 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324</b>	<b>509-525-1050</b>	<b>Erik Borges</b>	<b>9-12</b>
Beacon Christian School	615 Stewart Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501	208-743-8361	David Gage	K-8
Brewster Adventist Christian School	115 Valley Rd., Brewster, WA 98812	509-689-3213	Doug Hartzell	1-8
Colville Valley Adventist School	139 E. Cedar Loop, Colville, WA 99114	509-684-6830	To be determined	K-8
Cornerstone Christian School	513357 Hwy. 95, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	208-267-1644	Esther Holley	1-8
Crestview Christian School	1601 W. Valley Rd., Moses Lake, WA 98837	509-765-4632	Melissia Wallen	K-8
Goldendale Adventist School	47 Bickleton Hwy., Goldendale, WA 98620	509-773-4156	David Robinson	K-8
Harris Junior Academy	3121 SW Hailey Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801	541-276-0615	Shannon Whidden	K-8
Hermiston Junior Academy	1300 NW Academy Ln., Hermiston, OR 97838	541-567-8523	Paula LeBrun	K-8
Lake City Academy	125 E. Locust Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	208-667-0877	Doug Zimmerman	K-8
Milton-Stateline Adventist School	53565 W. Crockett Rd., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862	541-938-7131	Jeanne Goodhew	K-8
Omak Adventist Christian School	425 W. Second Ave., Omak, WA 98841	509-826-5341	Jennifer Hoffpauir	1-8
Orofino Adventist Christian School	46420 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544	208-476-7840	Cathie Hartman	K-8

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Palisades Christian Academy	1115 N. Government Way, Spokane, WA 99224	509-325-1985	Monte Fisher	K-10
Palouse Hills Christian School	3148 Tomer St., Moscow, ID 83843	208-882-0350	Ben Pflugrad	K-8
Peaceful Valley Christian School	32084D Hwy. 97, Tonasket, WA 98855	509-486-4345	Henry Buursma	1-8
Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School	33820 Hwy. 41, Oldtown, ID 83822	208-437-2638	Angela Fleck	1-8
Rogers Adventist School	200 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-529-1850	Holley Bryant	K-8
Sandpoint Junior Academy	2255 W. Pine St., Sandpoint, ID 83864	208-263-3584	Robyn Featherstone	1-8
Spokane Valley Adventist School	1603 S. Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99037	509-926-0955	Darla Shupe	K-8
Tri-City Adventist School	4115 W. Henry St., Pasco, WA 99301	509-547-8092	Tracy Lang Fry	K-10
Upper Columbia Academy Elementary	2810 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3629	Kristy Plata	1-8
Yakima Adventist Christian School	1200 City Reservoir Rd., Yakima, WA 98908	509-966-1933	Delmar Wolfkill	K-10

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

32229 Weyerhauser Way S. · Federal Way, WA 98001 · 253-681-6008

Superintendent: Craig Mattson

Associate Superintendent: Michelle Wachter

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
Auburn Adventist Academy	5000 Auburn Way S., Auburn, WA 98092	253-939-5000	Peter Fackenthall	9-12
Orcas Christian School	107 Enchanted Forest Rd., Eastsound, WA 98245	360-376-6683	Terry Pottle	K-12
Puget Sound Adventist Academy	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Ron Jacaban	9-12
Skagit Adventist Academy	530 N. Section St., Burlington, WA 98233	360-755-9261	Aubrey Fautheree	K-12
Baker View Christian School	5353 Waschke Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226	360-384-8155	MaryAnn Barrett	K-8
Buena Vista Seventh-day Adventist School	3320 Academy Dr. SE, Auburn, WA 98092	253-833-0718	David Morgan	K-8
Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School	461 Kennedy Rd., Port Hadlock, WA 98339	360-385-4610	Greg Reseck	1-8
Cypress Adventist School	21500 Cypress Way, Suite A, Lynnwood, WA 98036	425-775-3578	Autumn Paskell	K-8
Forest Park Adventist Christian School	4120 Federal Ave., Everett, WA 98203	425-258-6911	Lucille Nelson	K-8
Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School	1216 US Hwy. 12, Montesano, WA 98563	360-249-1115	Adria Hay	1-8
Kirkland Adventist School	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Ron Jacaban	K-8
Kitsap Adventist Christian School	5088 NW Taylor Rd., Bremerton, WA 98312	360-377-4542	Linda Taber	K-8
Lewis County Adventist School	2104 S. Scheuber Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532	360-748-3213	Kelly Gennick	K-10
Mountain View Christian School	255 Medsker Rd., Sequim, WA 98382	360-683-6170	Michelle Noonan	1-8
Northwest Christian School	904 Shaw Rd., Puyallup, WA 98372	253-845-5722	Craig Mattson	K-8
Olympia Christian School	1215 Ethel St. NW, Olympia, WA 98502	360-352-1831	Sharron Schwartz	K-8
Poulsbo Adventist School	1700 NE Lincoln Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370	360-779-6290	Judelle McCormick	K-8
Shelton Valley Christian School	201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584	360-426-4198	Connie Mitzelfelt	K-8
Sky Valley Adventist School	200 Academy Way, Monroe, WA 98272	360-794-7655	Melissa Hammond	K-8
Whidbey Christian Elementary School	31830 SR 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	360-279-1812	Byron Schurch	1-8



# Infused Water

VITAMIN WATER WITH  
GRAPEFRUIT, LEMON, LIME,  
CUCUMBER, WATERMELON,  
GINGER AND MINT.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT ABOUT 60% OF YOUR BODY WEIGHT IS MADE OF WATER? YOU NEED IT FOR EVERY SINGLE BODY FUNCTION. WATER FLUSHES TOXINS FROM YOUR ORGANS, CARRIES NUTRIENTS TO YOUR CELLS, CUSHIONS YOUR JOINTS AND HELPS YOU DIGEST YOUR FOOD.**

You may have heard that eight glasses of water each day is best. But the truth is, the amount of water needed varies from person to person.

Here are some basic guidelines on how to decide what's right for you.

The Institute of Medicine recommends that men should get a total of 13 cups of fluid each day. For women, they suggest 9 cups. If you have a condition like heart failure or a particular type of kidney disease, you may actually need to limit your fluid intake. Remember, it's important to talk to your doctor about what's right for you.

A cool glass of water, especially during the hot summer months, helps keep you properly hydrated. Yet, some find plain water hard to drink on its own.

Infusing water with fruits, veggies and herbs will keep you refreshed and hydrated with added health benefits. Plus, it tastes great!

# Drink Up!

*There are endless tasty combinations to choose from. Here are two delicious flavors to get you started. More flavor ideas are online at [nwadvent.st/infusedh2o](http://nwadvent.st/infusedh2o).*

## OUR TABLE



### INGREDIENTS:

- Fresh produce (fruit, veggies and herbs)
- Cold water

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Get your container (mason jar, pitcher or gallon jug).
2. Wash and chop your produce.
3. Add the chopped produce to your cold water.
4. Let it soak to infuse the flavors.

### NOTES:

The more produce in the water and the longer you let it soak, the more intense the flavors will be.

To help prevent bacteria growth, be sure to store your infusions in the fridge. When serving, keep it chilled with ice. It should not sit at room temperature for more than a couple of hours.

Did you know you can infuse water twice with the same batch of produce? And yes, you can eat the produce after you've made your infused water.

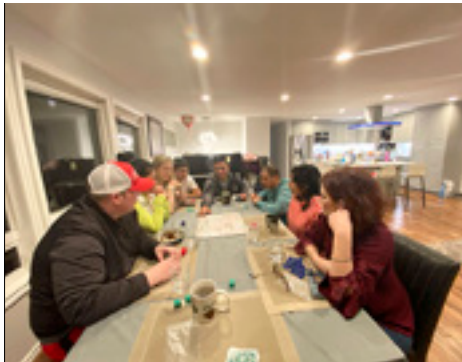
ROSEMARY,  
GINGER AND LIME



# Conferencia de Oregon Planta Dos Iglesias Durante una Pandemia

**SIN DUDA ALGUNA**, podríamos decir que el último año ha sido un capítulo oscuro en nuestra historia. Para nosotros, este no ha sido solo un capítulo mas en nuestra historia, este es el origen de nuestra historia como Echo Church.

En Echo Church queremos llegar a ser como Jesus estando con él y haciendo lo que él hizo. Esta idea fue lo que nos llevo a plantar dos iglesias en dos ciudades en el estado de Oregon en medio de la pandemia. Dos iglesias con el mismo nombre, con la misma misión y vision, pero en dos lugares



de esta vida juntos porque la vida no siempre es fácil, pero cuando lo hacemos en conjunto todo es mejor. Jesús renunció a ser como Dios para vivir entre nosotros. Echo Church se dedica a estar juntos durante la semana en grupos pequeños para poder disfrutar de la vida juntos.

En Echo Church empoderamos a la gente a descubrir su propósito. Creemos que Dios tiene un plan para la vida de todos, queremos empoderar a nuestra comunidad, niños, jóvenes y adultos para que descubran su propósito a fin de vivir una vida en abundancia.

Finalmente, Echo Church existe para equipar a personas a hacer una diferencia en su comunidad. Así como Jesús se convirtió en un siervo, la comunidad de Echo adopta la misma actitud que Jesús para servir a nuestra comunidad. Así es como hemos estado viviendo aun durante el tiempo de pandemia.

Todo lo que hacemos esta basado en estas cuatro realidades y Dios no ha dejado

More online at [NWADVENT.ST/116-4-HSP-43](https://www.nwadventist.org/st/116-4-HSP-43)

de bendecirnos. Dios nos ha colocado en un tiempo tremendo para enfocarnos en un discipulado excelente. La gente esta en busca de respuestas, de relaciones, y de significado para sus vidas. La iglesia tiene todo lo que la gente busca hoy en día.

No podríamos haber pedido un mejor lugar y tiempo en la historia para estar vivos. Los desafíos son enormes, pero las posibilidades de obtener resultados increíbles para el reino de Dios son igualmente vastas.

FERNANDO CHAVEZ

*Plantador de iglesias para la Conferencia de Oregon*



diferentes para maximizar nuestro alcance: Milwaukie y Gresham.

Echo Church existe para habilitar al mundo para que conozca a Jesús. Nos reunimos el sábado para adorar juntos y encontrar descanso en Jesús. Queremos que sea fácil para la gente que nos rodea el poder conocer a Jesús.

En Echo Church queremos disfrutar



## CHURCH

# Oregon Conference Plants Pandemic Churches

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**UNDOUBTEDLY, THE LAST YEAR** has been a dark chapter in history. Hundreds of thousands of people died due to COVID-19, thousands of others lost jobs and social distancing has deeply affected the way people relate to one another.

Echo Church seeks to be a spiritual community that strives to become more like Jesus by communing with Him and engaging in doing what He did. This yearning is what led to two new church plants in two different Oregon cities: Gresham and Milwaukie. These plants, both named Echo Church, share the same mission and vision but are serving two different communities.

Echo Church was created to help others know Jesus.



Because life isn't always easy, the church hopes to provide community and friendship. One way they do this is through weekly small group meetings. Life is much richer in community. Jesus gave up His heavenly position to live among humanity. Echo Church is dedicated to doing life together too.

Another goal is to empower people to discover their life purpose. Knowing God has a unique plan for each individual, the church hopes to inspire every child, youth and adult to find their purpose so they can enjoy an abundant life.

Echo Church plants were designed to equip individuals to make a difference in their own community. Just as Jesus became a servant, Echo Church has adopted Jesus' example to serve others.

But accepting the gospel, enjoying community and even discovering life purpose aren't enough. If we are not *making*

*a difference* in our communities, we are merely exercising intellectual knowledge. This is what Echo Church has been up to during this pandemic. Everything done is grounded in the aforementioned realities and God has continued to bless.

Echo Church members know they could not have asked for a better place or a better time in history to be alive. People are searching for answers, for healthy relationships and for meaning in their lives. Through effective discipleship, Echo Church, by God's grace, provides what people need in these times.

The challenges are vast, but so are the possibilities to grow God's kingdom.

FERNANDO CHAVEZ

*Oregon Conference church planter*



# First Seniors Graduate From Amazing Grace Academy



AGA graduate Ian Olson.

**ALASKA CONFERENCE CONGRATULATES** students, family and faculty as they celebrate the first graduating class of Amazing Grace Academy in Palmer.

Louis Melchor, an AGA teacher, was invited to be the graduation speaker. Melchor and the seniors took turns sharing important lessons learned from an unforgettable moment during their very first day of school as freshmen.

The story begins in P.E. class where Melchor challenged students to perform a perfect squat. By all accounts, they were pitiful-looking squats, so Melchor decided to demonstrate the proper method.

As Melchor descended into position, a loud ripping sound tore through the gymnasium. Sadly, his dress pants did not withstand the demonstration.

A quick exit, with a shred of dignity spared, became more important than

teaching proper technique. Melchor made a hasty departure.

In addition to laughing over their first-day memory, Melchor presented the seniors with gifts. Each graduate received a roll of quarters to use in the college dorm laundry room to help them make a good-smelling first impression. To encourage them

to avoid spending all the quarters in the snack vending machines, they were also gifted a box of ramen noodles to tame their evening hunger.

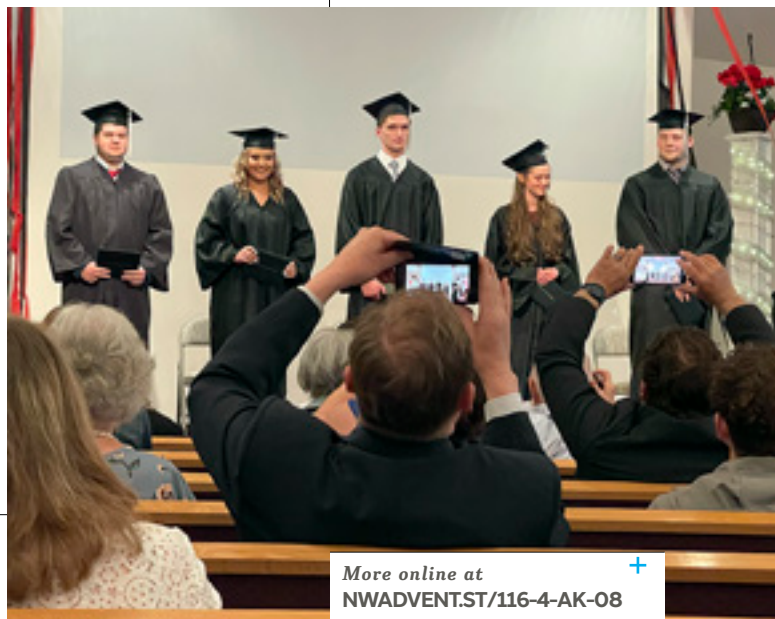
It is with these joyful and hilarious memories, AGA welcomes Kadin Bailey, Emily Miklos, Kendra Burtch, Ian Olson and Joshua Hernandez as AGA's first official alumni. They will forever be celebrated as AGA's very first graduating class. May God bless AGA with many more graduations to come.

JIM JENSEN

*Alaska Conference vice president of finance*



AGA graduate Emily Miklos.



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Graduate Ian Olson receives his diploma from principal Dane Bailey (left) and Brian Bailey, school board chair.



## CHURCH

## AMA LEADS GRASSROOTS DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP

### “PLEASE PRAY FOR MY FAMILY!”

“Wishing everyone a happy Sabbath. Any prayer requests?”

“Prayers for two of our villages as they are experiencing the death of loved ones.”

“Please keep Pastor John in your prayers.”

“Quyana for accepting my request to join.”

These are just a few of the Facebook posts on the Arctic Mission Adventure Togiak Village group.

The virtual group was initially created two years ago to share weekly church service information to more than 50 church members in the Alaska Native village of Togiak. When COVID-19 hit, membership requests doubled. People joining were from Native villages across Bush Alaska as well as Natives from Canada and Greenland.

With the growth of membership came a unique grassroots digital discipleship opportunity to communicate, converse, invite and proclaim Jesus Christ across all the dominations of faith represented in the group.

The Togiak Village Facebook group is a safe space

where no one is disparaged for who they are or what they have been in the past. All are prayed for and encouraged.

In turn, each member supports another in need. The group provides a platform for

weekly thought-nuggets to help navigate the tough times with the love and support of spirit-filled members.

This summer, Native laypeople and pastors will record and post two-to-three-minute themed devotional videos including *New Beginnings*, *The Love of God* and *Where is God When I am Hurting?*

Please pray for this unique new ministry opportunity and ask that God will reach through the digital “airways” to connect with a life in need of Him.

TANDI PERKINS

Arctic Missions Adventure  
development director

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## EDUCATION

# Reading Is Fundamental

## WHAT GETS STUDENTS EXCITED TO READ? HAVE A READING MARATHON!

Golden Heart Christian School in Fairbanks created an annual read-a-thon fundraiser to support the school needs. The five year tradition has become a favorite day for students and teachers.

What makes this reading marathon so special? On the morning of the marathon, students come to school in pajamas with a favorite stuffed animal. Some even bring blankets to turn their desks into a fort.

Students bring a supply of their favorite books from home. If anyone runs out of books, they can use the library.

Students are excited to begin reading as soon as the school day starts. All is quiet in the beginning, but soon many early readers request help sounding out words. Upper grade students revel in the quiet environment and staff use the time to grade student work, plan and prepare lessons.

After every 30 minutes of reading, kids take a break in the gym or outside. This year, one older student was so engaged in her book she chose to read during most breaks.

The reading marathon is a win-win day for all. This wonderful opportunity supports the school, improves student reading and, amazingly, even keeps everyone awake and engaged.

JANE BADOR

Golden Heart Christian School  
teacher assistant



• First grader Casey Mahlen enjoys the reading marathon.



• Second grader Arielle Joseph particularly loves the book *Hedgehogs in the Hall*.

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# Beloved Boise Valley Teacher Retires

Verna Reinbold

**BOISE VALLEY ADVENTIST SCHOOL MARKED THE END OF AN ERA WITH THE RETIREMENT OF VERNA REINBOLD, A BELOVED FIRST AND SECOND GRADE TEACHER. REINBOLD RETIRES AFTER 37 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION — 33 AT BVAS.**



Verna Reinbold leads a game during the school picnic.



Reinbold said she's loved "the support and appreciation of parents, working with children on their learning journey, sensing God by my side, and the times when kids taught me."

In 2011, Reinbold received the Don Keele Award for excellence in teaching for her focus on the Amish culture. "I was inspired by their focus on the simpler things in life such as family and God with fewer distractions," she recalls. Images and a blog of her experience can be viewed at [amishtrip.wordpress.com](http://amishtrip.wordpress.com).

Students of all ages say Reinbold is kind and ready with a smile. Her students recall playing Huckle Buckle Snowman, learning sign language, playing Raz Kids, playing in the "pit," and so much more. Many benefited from her innovative teaching style

and nurturing spirit. Most of all, she is revered for her willingness to listen and relate to the kids.

Reinbold's fellow BVAS staff recall her adaptability to new curriculum, her patience with the students, her ability to build confidence in others and her spiritual guidance.

Reflecting on her teaching career, Reinbold said, "I have been blessed beyond measure by working at BVAS with awesome staff, students and parents." Reinbold leaves big shoes to fill. She'll be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike in the new school year.

MELANIE LAWSON  
*Boise Valley Adventist School teacher*

Verna Reinbold helps one of her students.



Reinbold has been an esteemed member of the BVAS staff. Her willingness to put in extra time and effort to help encourage a staff member, mentor a teacher or help her students succeed has demonstrated a commitment to excellence parents and staff have come to appreciate.

During her career, Reinbold started two preschool and kindergarten programs. She incorporated into her curriculum many fun activities such as roller-skating, cross-country skiing, and hatching chickens and ducks.

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## EDUCATION

# Teens Train for Worship Leadership



**LAST SCHOOL YEAR**, Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell introduced two new classes to teach and develop skills in worship leadership.

Ever Perez, GSAA Bible teacher and academy church pastor, designed and taught the classes. One is ideal for students in spiritual vice president roles. It focuses on preaching and leading other aspects of worship. The second class helps students develop skills in leading worship music.

The classes were organized into three worship teams. Each team worked and grew together throughout the school year. Following a rotating schedule, the teams led Sabbath morning services at GSAA and other campus events.

More opportunity came when Idaho's

Payette Church invited a group to lead music for their church. Later, Nampa Church hosted a concert in the park where another team shared music.

For the final vespers of the year, the worship class planned a concert in which all three teams performed, led worship and shared thoughts on what the experience had meant to them.

GSAA senior, Kayla Hastings said, "It was like being part of a family, complete with some disagreements here and there. I'm going to miss my team. It was a great learning experience."

Jenna Waterhouse, a GSAA junior commented, "In order to make this work, we ended up practicing at 7 a.m. sometimes. But it was worth it. It has been a great year."

Perez is passionate about involving students in music ministry. "It can be a blessing to them and to others," he said. "I am learning from the experience how to be a better teacher and musician, and it's great fun to make music with them. I love to watch them grow musically and as leaders and to see them enjoy this area of ministry."

MARTA STONE

*Gem State Adventist Academy teacher and campus communications assistant*

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CHURCH

# Parma Members Burn Their Mortgage

**THE PARMA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH** met another milestone in their century-plus existence.

May 1 was a special day. Not only was it a high Sabbath for Parma Church, it was the day they burned the mortgage papers, celebrated 116 years in the Idaho Conference, and rededicated their building and congregation.

The church building, now 20 years old, was lovingly built and paid for by many of its longtime members over the past 20 years. This congregation was one of the original churches that moved from the Upper Columbia Conference when the Idaho Conference was created in 1907.

The dedication weekend began with a communion



The congregation was invited to surround the altar of incense as Michael Pearson, pastor, gave the dedication prayer.

service on Friday night. Sabbath morning welcomed many special speakers, including Steve McPherson, former Idaho Conference president, who provided the Sabbath School lesson. With a nod to nostalgia, the sermon was shared by Tim Gray, a district service pastor who served as head pastor when the church was first built.

After a potluck meal, John Rogers, Idaho Conference vice president for finance, helped former local treasurer



John Rogers watches as Bill Fields carefully burns the commemorative mortgage.

Bill Fields burn the mortgage papers. A historical remembrance of church members was shared through a PowerPoint slideshow with many photos.

One member, Carol Huett, had several photo albums set out for members and guests to browse. The albums included photos from various activities of the church through the years.

During each program, members shared their memories and talents in song and praise. It was especially inspiring to be surrounded by replicas of God's sanctuary, a

ministry the Parma Church will share with others in years to come.

It was an exciting and humbling day for members at the Parma Church. With strong roots, faithful families and a heart for mission, they thank the Lord for blessing their church so abundantly.

CHERI GATTON  
*Idaho Conference women's ministries director*



EVE RUSK

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# God's Plan Included Waiting

**SOMETIMES OUR PLANS DON'T MATCH UP  
WITH GOD'S PLANS.**

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As the population grew in the Trout Creek community, so did Trout Creek Adventist School's enrollment. Classrooms needed to adapt.

For the last 10 years, the school had been operating in the basement fellowship hall of the Trout Creek Church. With the need to expand their facility, the TCAS board began discussing action plans for a new building.

Many people contributed to the building plan including a generous donor who stepped up with a matching fund of \$50,000. But after many additional apple sales, farmers market sales, yard sales and donations, the financial goal was still out of reach.

In January 2021, it seemed God was saying, "Have patience; wait on Me" and "This is not in My plan, at this time." But not long after, God moved and changes began to quickly follow.

A surprise phone call to a board member cracked a door of opportunity. There was a possible lease available at an empty school in a community church. Soon, that door of opportunity was completely open. It was more than anyone had envisioned. The facility agreement would allow TCAS to use the gym, kitchen and three other rooms. A phone call later that evening resulted in a donor funding the entire lease for a year.

Snow fell on Monday, March 29, as TCAS students and teachers enjoyed their first day in the new location. The snow didn't impact the students' ability to get exercise. Instead of heading into the cold, they ran to the new gym, which provided a dry and warm place for P.E. and recess.

With additional space, TCAS now has the ability to welcome new students and to be a witness to others who use the facility. The

students, school board and church have also had an opportunity to see how God has led.

In the weeks before this story was published, a gift of \$10,000 was shared by the Kalispell Church to be used for a school building. The congregation chose TCAS for a mission project and saved money over several quarters.

The Trout Creek Church and school will continue to seek God's plans as His plans are better than anything they can dream.

MAURITA CREW  
*Montana Conference assistant  
superintendent and Trout Creek  
Adventist School head teacher*

EDUCATION

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# MEA International Student Shares 'Outside' Perspective

**TO WORK IN ADVENTIST EDUCATION** is a humbling experience. When a new student knows nothing about God or Jesus but begins observing friends and teachers turning to God for solutions, we can be thankful God is working through us and sometimes in spite of us. When students see kindness and see people finding joy in helping others, they're seeing the Gospel Commission.

Peek into the experience of international student, Saya Koda, at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman. She shares what she's seen in her Seventh-day Adventist school and how it has impacted her.

*I've attended a Seventh-day Adventist school in Montana for two and a half years. I am originally from Japan, and I grew up with no religious influence at home. I am not an Adventist, and sometimes things are difficult for me to understand and accept religious differences. However, I am so glad I came to this school because I have met many kind, Christian people and I have been able to experience a different cultural perspective.*

*The host family I live with works for the school. They are faithful Christians and love to help other people. I*

*have seen a lot of people who became happier after they met "the family," and one day I want to be like them and make people happy. I'm also grateful for the other kind people I have met. This means a lot to me.*

*It is surprising to me that people can live their life thanking and serving God because of a book [Bible]. It is new to me to think that way because I've always lived for myself... but Christian people live their life for God. They learn life lessons from*



• Saya Koda

*the book [Bible], but I learn from my experiences. We live totally different lives and sometimes this brings disagreement.*

*Being around people who have different opinions, lifestyles and personality is interesting. Even though I struggle with them sometimes, it is a great life lesson that gives me a different perspective. My mom always encourages me to see the world and experience new things because it builds up your life and your character. Being in an Adventist community is new, but I like to challenge myself to experience new things.*

– Saya Koda

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# TSACS Joins the Bend Food Project

**THREE SISTERS ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN BEND IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY IN THEIR REGION.**



• Sixth grader Tanner Mack donates a bag of food for the Bend Food Project.



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Students and families at TSACS collected bags of healthy nonperishable food items for the Bend Food Project. Bright green bags were sent home with students to be filled and returned to the school by the collection date.

Many students took on the responsibility of shopping and choosing healthy food options, keeping in mind kids who are in need. On Fridays, students could bring in a nonperishable food item as a “ticket” to wear casual Friday attire rather than their school uniform.

• Third grader Adison Mack shares a smile and a bag of food for the Bend Food Project.

The food collected was eventually distributed to food banks and other nonprofit food pantries through the Bend Food Project.

Students at TSACS are actively learning to “love thy neighbor” through activities that help their community.

JENNY NEIL  
*Three Sisters Adventist Christian School principal*



## THERE'S AN APP FOR OREGON CAMP MEETING?!



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# JCS Thrives Despite Worries

AS THE 2020-2021 school year approached, pandemic uncertainty worried teachers and parents at Journey Christian School in Kelso, Washington.

“Can we start school in person?”

“What would it look like?”

“Will we be online and for how long?”

Despite these questions, they trusted God had big plans for the year.

Indeed, God did come through for JCS! Not only was the school able to open for in-person learning on the first day of school, it was blessed with the appropriate space-to-desk ratio

to meet physical distance requirements. Volunteers prepared an outdoor classroom where students could build



Journey Christian School is a safe place for students because teachers believe every student was handpicked by God.

forts, read and enjoy Bible classes.

Students were excited to learn about math and science. They were even more excited to learn about Jesus. In learning about God’s love, some felt comfortable enough to be themselves for the first time. Remarkably, some new students are now taking baptismal classes though they had never learned to pray.

At Journey Christian School, there’s a sincere desire to care for children as Jesus did in Mark 10:16. The JCS community is honored to be in God’s mission field where, despite the pandemic, His blessings are abundant.

TIARRA WOOD  
Journey Christian School  
multigrade teacher



EDUCATION

## TVA STUDENTS GAIN INVALUABLE LIFE SKILLS

AT TUALATIN VALLEY ACADEMY in Hillsboro, students are learning that life skills are as important as academic skills.

Last school year, TVA offered a fun, practical and hands-on applied skills course to seventh and eighth grade students. They acquired skills in cooking, financial management, and social and emotional health and explored potential future careers.

The first quarter focused on basic cooking, nutrition, and healthy and active lifestyles. Students learned to prepare simple and nutritious meals such as smoothie bowls, burritos and more. Students said they loved the cooking unit and tasting their assignments was the best part.

Personal finance skills were introduced in the second quarter of school. Students learned about spending money wisely, saving for their future, avoiding debt, and preventing identity theft.

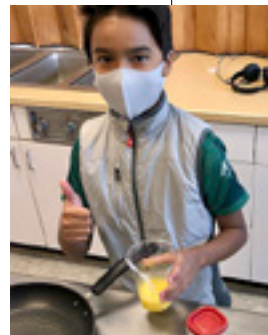
Students explored the importance of social and emotional health during third quarter. They learned how to practice self-care, empathy and daily gratitude. Projects and classroom discussions brought depth to their understanding.

Students closed the school year by exploring career opportunities. Each student researched a profession they were curious about. They even met a variety of professionals from occupations they were interested in.

The applied skills course was a unique answer to prayer during the pandemic school year. The courses met students’ educational needs for in-person or distance learning alike.

Students remained highly engaged through the lessons, even during one of the most difficult educational years in memory. As they move on from TVA, they will carry with them a stellar academic education as well as invaluable skills for their future.

CHRISTINA OROZCO-ACOSTA  
Tualatin Valley Academy principal  
SARAH IRVINE  
Tualatin Valley Academy teacher



A TVA student presents his cooking assignment.

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## SCAPPOOSE GROWS DESPITE SHUTDOWN

**SCAPPOOSE ADVENTIST SCHOOL** began the 2019–2020 school year with only 25 students. Then the pandemic shook things up further. Adequate equipment for distance-teaching took immediate financial priority.

All the while, God stood with SAS and heard every prayer.

When in-person learning resumed the next fall, there were new challenges. Frequent revisions of complex operational blueprints and staying current with pandemic protocol took hours of extra work.

Remarkably, the Lord led a donor to SAS who helped sustain the teaching-principal with an assistant. This donor also inspired parents to put their children back in classrooms. Some of these children did not know Jesus, and at least one student had never heard His name.

Now SAS had an opportunity to bring whole families to Jesus.

Scappoose-St. Helens Church opened its doors for student presentations. Students grew their speaking, presentation and leadership skills by making presentations during church service once a month. To support their children, non-Adventist families came to church to see their child's incredible progress.

After seeing the positive impact and extended love their children experienced at SAS, parents originally planning to return their children to former schools have been inspired to reenroll their children at SAS.

As enrollment grows, so does the SAS mission field.

The new and good challenges facing SAS for the coming school year are finding a way to add a teacher and a classroom.

Commitments for 62 students to return in the fall means SAS needs to add a classroom and a teacher.

The Lord has blessed with a matching funds donor of \$150,000 to help remodel to add a classroom. God is a big God! Find out how you can help at [sasonline.org](http://sasonline.org) or 503-543-6939.

NANCY REED

*Scappoose Adventist School registrar*



• Kindergarten and first grade students with their teacher, Katia Nikolaus, have fun with mask freedom.

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# PAA's Senior Projects Instill Lifelong Values

**PORTLAND ADVENTIST ACADEMY SENIOR KEELEY PHILLIPS HOPES TO DO A LOT OF KAYAKING THIS SUMMER. HERS IS NO ORDINARY WISH: THE KAYAK SHE'LL USE WAS BUILT BY HER OWN HANDS FOR HER SENIOR PROJECT.**

The PAA senior project has been a graduation requirement for nearly two decades. Hundreds of PAA alumni can attest to the value it still holds.

From projects like making blankets for foster kids to understanding mental health or racism, each reflect personal values. Projects also build character traits like perseverance and can even fulfill long-held dreams like restoring an antique car or building a kayak.

"When students are passionate about a project, you can see how the quality always follows," said PAA teacher Brian Gang. "Keeley's passion shows in the quality of her work."

At 129 hours, Phillips spent more than double the required time for her project. She had to master the use of a bandsaw, an orbital sander and other power tools. The methodical learning grew her perseverance and patience.

"You can ruin the boat if you mess up," she said. "I learned to take my time and be very careful."

Fortunately, Phillips benefited from the mentorship of a fellow enthusiast and experienced kayak builder

Jim Robertson. As a 32-year former PAA teacher, Robertson was a perfect coach.

Robertson said, "It was satisfying to see her gain confidence in her abilities and to reassure her that, yes, it was going to be a very good boat to paddle."

On a cold December day at the Willamette River, Phillips



At 129 hours, Keeley Phillips spent more than triple the required work hours for her senior project.

and Robertson met for a first paddle. It was magical.

Pride, relief and joy fill a student's heart in a celebratory moment like this.

A student's senior project is a lasting memento of their PAA experience. It's the culmination of academic, spiritual and emotional growth—a lasting symbol of the many character-driven values they gained because of a Christ-centered education.

PAA's motto, "Christ-centered and character-driven," is not a meaningless collection of words. Through this lens, teachers work to instill values that will sustain a student through life. Character traits like curiosity, leadership, integrity, compassion and courage can be applied to challenges like the senior project or deeply personal events, such as a major illness, a broken relationship or a devastating loss. Values centered on Jesus remind students He adores them and will be by their side throughout their lives—yes, even in a kayak.

LIESL VISTAUNET  
PAA Gleaner correspondent

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## GOD HAS PLANS ...

**THE SCHOOL YEAR WAS CRAZY.** But through all of the uncertainty, there was a catch phrase repeated over and over again at Roseburg Christian Academy: God has plans.

God has plans for Roseburg Christian Academy. God has plans for His students. God has plans for His teachers. God has plans, and they are good plans.

The pandemic might have been unprecedented, but it has not stopped God from blessing.

Through the pandemic school year, RCA raised the money to have a new metal roof installed. A new school sign was installed to reflect the school's name change. Roseburg Junior Academy became Roseburg Christian Academy so everyone knows the school is teaching and learning about Jesus.

Even when it looked like students might have to transition to online learning, everyone knew God had plans. Through faithful prayers and many miracles, students were able to remain learning on campus and everyone discovered it was possible to go to school wearing masks.

Creative adaptations to the pandemic kept students learning and having fun. First through third graders launched water balloons during a Colonial Day event, kindergarteners celebrated holidays from around the world, and a new hydroponic grow tower came to RCA thanks to the Don Keele Excellence in Education Award.

Teachers altered how they taught classes like music and P.E., even while making sure they remained an integral

part of curriculum. On two different occasions, RCA fourth through eighth graders performed bell concerts on Zoom videoconferencing. They even played for worship events for the Oregon Conference executive committee as well as the North Pacific Union Conference. These experiences thrilled students, especially when they didn't think they'd be able to have any in-person performances. These moments also allowed RCA to deepen connections and find additional support in prayer.

It has been a crazy year, but the RCA community knows God has plans. They know that God's most important plan is to see all of these students in heaven, one day, with Him.

ANDREA JACKSON  
*Roseburg Christian Academy volunteer*



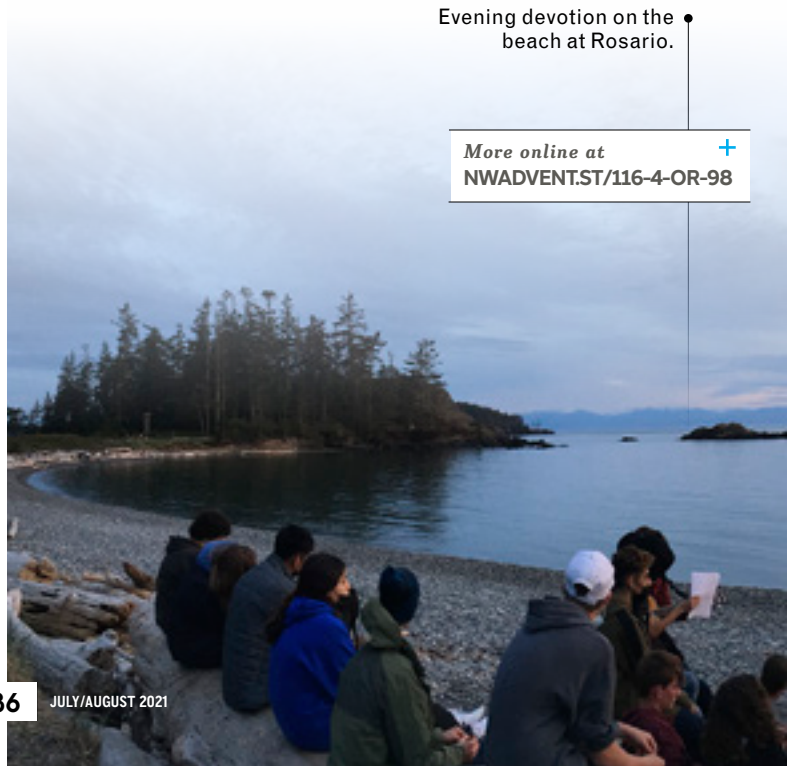
Roseburg's kindergarten students remind us that the most important thing is to trust in God!

# CAA Students Unplug Electronics and Plug Into Nature

**BIOLOGY STUDENTS FROM COLUMBIA ADVENTIST ACADEMY IN BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, CELEBRATED THE REOPENING OF WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY'S ROSARIO MARINE BIOLOGY STATION IN ANACORTES, WASHINGTON, AS THE FIRST SCHOOL GROUP TO VISIT SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC.**

Evening devotion on the beach at Rosario.

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• Biology students pause from their birding at Fort Casey State Park.

• Chaplain Aaron Payne tries a different kind of marine sampling.

• Marine inventory research at Deception Pass State Park.

Every year, CAA sophomores look forward to the trip to Rosario as an integral part of their biology curriculum. Bringing this tradition back, following last year's cancellation, was a true high point of the school year.

Students spent time in muddy, sandy-cobble and rocky tidepools while taking part in Rosario's field research. On a night adventure observing tubeworms and barnacle gardens they were excited to spot bioluminescence in jellyfish and plankton. Caryn Earl, CAA's registrar, helped students find 68 different species of birds, including a peregrine falcon. Jesse Umbert, a WWU graduate student at Rosario, showed students his research tracking octopuses. To the great delight of the students, he also introduced them to three of his research subjects.

Students also enjoyed putting away their phones for the trip. Rachel Swanson said, "Honestly the thought of not having my phone wasn't too great, but it was awesome to be off the grid and really enjoying nature."

Student Grace Fulton added, "I think the thing I learned most was how much I don't need my phone and that I feel happier without it."

"It was a good opportunity to bond with classmates," said student Marcos Cartegena. "[We] learned not just about birds, but about other organisms like barnacles that I didn't know too much about."

Exploring the incredible variety of marine life gave students the opportunity to observe their Creator's designs. Bringing this gift to daily worship, Aaron Payne, CAA chaplain, guided spiritual reflection each night at the campfire. One such evening was spent listening to the life experiences, wisdom and beautiful testimony of Joe Galusha, WWU professor emeritus of biology.

Stephanie Benna, CAA biology teacher, said she and her students can't wait to return next year. "[They] came back wishing that we were still at Rosario enjoying the scenery and spending time together as a class. This was a great opportunity for our students and a perfect way to learn how to complete field studies."

Jessica Hubach said it best: "I would rate this trip a 14 million out of 10."

LARRY HIDAY  
CAA Gleaner correspondent



EDUCATION

# RAES Enrollment Booms Despite Turbulence

**TO SAY THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** was anything but a wild roller coaster would be doing a disservice to the dedication it took to keep the proverbial cart on the rails at Rivergate Adventist Elementary School in Gladstone.

To best serve students and families during the pandemic, Rivergate had to be creative. Following pandemic guidelines to meet in person, the elementary school had to open as a childcare facility. After measuring classrooms for proper pandemic desk spacing, splitting students into small groups and so much more, the school successfully opened.

Teachers know education is more than academics alone. Daily interactions have a tremendously important role in a child's development. Without it, emotional, social and spiritual health can suffer. While Rivergate could have switched to learning online, the concern for students' health motivated teachers to adapt.

But COVID-19 was not the only challenge of the school year. Record-breaking forest fires in September engulfed the state of Oregon. Smoke blotted out the sun, thousands of people lost their homes, and even lives were lost. While fire came dangerously close to reaching



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Volleyball was the first sport RAES was able to host last school year.

Rivergate itself, that horrifying possibility remained just that—a possibility.

February brought a record breaking snow storm. Inches of thick ice severely damaged homes and businesses. While loss of power forced Rivergate to close for a week, their property was remarkably spared.

Despite the incredible challenges, God blessed. Enrollment rose by 49%, giving Rivergate the privilege to lead more children to Jesus.

The Rivergate staff believes none of these miracles could have happened without God's guidance. Through faith and trust in Him, Rivergate been given the gift to show God's love to more students. For this, they are truly in awe.

JAMES HALL  
*Rivergate Adventist Elementary School volunteer*



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EDUCATION

# Foundation 4 Education Supports Livingstone Students

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**LIVINGSTONE ADVENTIST ACADEMY HAS BEEN TEACHING AND GUIDING STUDENTS TO JESUS IN SALEM SINCE 1898. COUNTLESS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN FOREVER CHANGED THROUGH THE LOVE AND CARE OF THIS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.**

Unfortunately, not all families hoping to equip their children with a Christian education have been able to afford LAA.

This need inspired a new nonprofit endowment scholarship: the Livingstone Foundation 4 Education. It was developed in 2019 by a group of individuals not connected to the school or the Oregon Conference. It is a prudently managed steward endowment fund providing scholarships to deserving students.

The Livingstone Foundation 4 Education organization's bylaws state the sole purpose of the endowment is to award scholarships to qualified young people to



(From left) Eugene Starr, Livingstone Adventist Academy business manager; George Personius, Livingstone Adventist Academy principal; and Hal Lemke, Livingstone Foundation 4 Education secretary.

make it possible for them to engage in LAA's transformative education.

While virtual and hybrid learning became the new normal for students across the world, LAA was no different. The need for financial assistance grew due to the financial struggles related to COVID-19. But through generous donations, the Livingstone Foundation 4 Education was able to ease the financial struggles for two families this year so their students could continue to benefit from a Christian education.

The cost of providing a private education is significant, and it continues to climb. Therefore, the foundation is positioning itself for continued growth.

Rodney Janssen, Foundation 4 Education president, said, "Continuing to grow is paramount to our mission. Ultimately our goal is to grow the endowment to the point that the school and the Oregon Conference can count on the foundation to fulfill all the scholarship needs of motivated students who wish to attend Livingstone Adventist Academy."

You are invited to join the LAA mission as the 2021-2022 school year approaches. If you'd like to know more about Livingstone Foundation 4 Education or how you can join changing the lives of students, visit [livingstonefoundation4education.com](http://livingstonefoundation4education.com). Please pray for this mission as we grow with God's guidance and create life-changing stories for students at Livingstone Adventist Academy.

RODNEY JANSSEN  
*Livingstone Foundation 4 Education president*

### EDUCATION

# WWVA Makes YWCA Welcome Kits

**ELEVEN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS AT WALLA WALLA VALLEY ACADEMY IN COLLEGE PLACE, WASHINGTON, LED THEIR STUDENT BODY IN SERVING THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE.**

After the NHS students saw a call for donations on the local Young Women's Christian Association Facebook page, they jumped into action. They organized an all-school service project to build 18 welcome kits for women entering the YWCA domestic violence shelter.

Each welcome kit included self-care items, such as hair care products, toothpaste, a journal and more. To collect the necessary items, classes were assigned specific items they would be responsible for gathering.

After these students divided and assembled all the collected products into bags, they took time to add a note of encouragement to each welcome kit before delivering them to the YWCA.

Altogether, the donated items were worth about \$400.

Mary Byrd, director of client services for the Walla Walla YWCA, said, "The welcome bags are so important because it tells the new residents that this place really is for them. Most of the women who come here come with nothing, and to have a bag of hygiene products ready so the first thing they can do is to take a shower is such a gift to a woman who is suffering."

This is WWVA's first chapter of the National Honor Society. The organization's core values are scholarship, leadership, character and service. In keeping with the value of service, each chapter carries out at least one service project per school year as a group, and individual members also engage in service activities.

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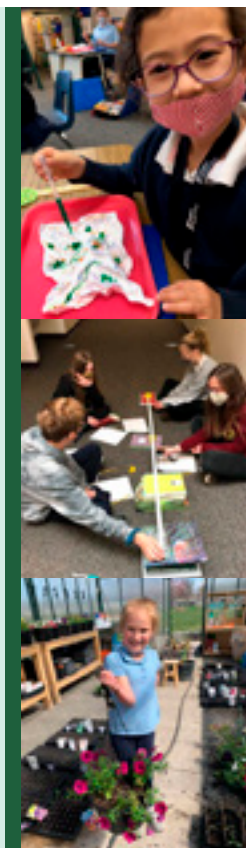


• WWVA students work to prepare a welcome kit for a nearby domestic violence shelter.

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EDUCATION

# UCA Announces New Principal

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**THE UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY**

board and Upper Columbia Conference welcome Jeff “P.J.” Deming as the new principal for Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Washington.

“We are very excited to welcome Deming and his family,” said Brian Harris, UCC vice president of education. “We look forward to seeing how God will continue to bless UCA through his leadership.”

Eric Johnson, previous UCA principal, gave notice of his transition in early April. Harris said, “Eric has led UCA with distinction, and we wish him the best as he and his



• P.J. Deming is the new principal for Upper Columbia Academy.

family make their move to the East Coast.”

“This decision was not easy as I love both the students and staff here at UCA,” said Johnson. “They are simply the best! It has been a distinct honor to be able to lead Upper Columbia Academy these past four years. I cannot tell you how much I have appreciated your prayers and support, especially this year. I am looking forward to a great finish to our school year.”

Deming joins UCA with a wealth of experience at local church, school and conference levels. He has previously

served as a campus chaplain, development director, youth director and lead pastor.

Deming and his wife, Amy, have served for the past 11 years at Monterey Bay Academy in the Central California Conference. They have three adult children and one grandchild.

DUSTIN JONES  
*Upper Columbia Conference communication director*

EDUCATION

## UCA FRIDAY VESPERS

**SCHOOLS NAVIGATED THE COVID-19**

disappointments and struggles with flexibility and inventiveness.

One blessing that came from this inventiveness was the growing involvement of student led vespers at Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Washington.

In this unusual school year, they embraced new ownership of vespers by providing the spiritually personal messages.

Inspiration came from student week of prayer, when UCA student leaders are empowered to create, practice and present personal messages. They share these messages with their classmates and teachers on campus. While it’s been a traditional

highlight for years, it became a powerful connection tool during the pandemic school year.

An emerging focus at UCA is regular presentations by students in a public setting. Sid Hardy, UCA chaplain, began inviting students to speak for vespers early in the school year. From freshmen to seniors, new students as well as alumni, Hardy included a wide variety of speakers with unique messages.

Students expressed how much they appreciated and valued hearing from classmates. Even day students returned to campus on Friday evenings to join their dorming classmates for vespers.



• Upper Columbia Academy week of prayer features topics personal to each student speaker.

After a challenging year of detours, adjustments and course corrections, God blessed UCA with opportunities for future student-grown spiritual leadership.

DONIVAN ANDREGG  
*Upper Columbia Academy administrative vice principal*

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## CHURCH

# Coeur d'Alene Presents Easter Play

**MEMBERS OF IDAHO'S COEUR D'ALENE CHURCH PRESENTED THE PLAY *WAR IN HEAVEN*, ON EASTER SABBATH.**



To meet pandemic social-distancing guidelines, the play was performed for three different audiences, allowing more than 300 people to experience the story. The play depicts how both heaven and earth, light and darkness, endeavor to understand God's plan to save His humanity from sin.

The event was livestreamed for those who could not attend. One online viewer said, "I just want to let you know what an incredible blessing the church's Easter program was. ... It was just wonderful. It had me in tears several times!"

Several people recommitted their lives to Jesus, one person asked about baptism and another asked to begin Bible studies.

Following months of COVID-19 separations, the event also served as a healing blessing of fellowship for the 50 people involved in the production.

Church members look forward to offering this play again next year and opening their doors for even more people from their community to come and witness the greatest story ever shared.

PATTI SCHULTZ  
*Coeur d'Alene Church communication leader*

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## EDUCATION

## SKI PROGRAM CONTINES THROUGH PANDEMIC

After an early morning departure, students from Harris Junior Academy in Pendleton, Oregon, finally arrived at a mountain resort to participate in their ski program.

Students tumbled out of cars and into the snowy landscape. Nerves ran high as they bundled up, secured their ski gear and gathered for their lessons. For the next seven hours, they experienced the thrill and the challenge of a day on the mountain.

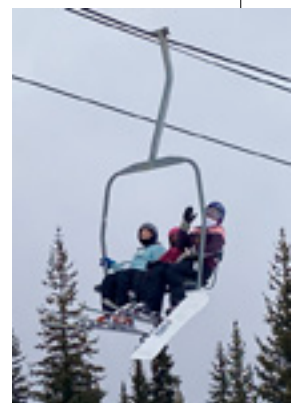
Students found many ways to encourage each other. From waiting for each other on the slopes to cheering

on classmates riding the big lift for the first time, teamwork built positive memories and made the program a success.

Enjoying God's creation with exercise in fresh air continues to be a yearly tradition at HJA, even when challenges, such as a pandemic, are faced.

"It was incredible to watch our students grow in confidence," said Shannon Whidden, principal. "From beginners to experienced, students grew skills and created unforgettable memories."

BECKY CASWELL  
*Harris Junior Academy school board*



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CHURCH

# Spokane Slavic Church Experiences YouTube Success

**THE SPOKANE SLAVIC CHURCH**

has seen unexpected growth of their YouTube channel after beginning livestream services

“The only thing I saw was that our video quality was very low. We got a new camera and lighting, which improved the video quality dramatically.”

After six months of streaming, church leaders began noticing viewer impressions grew substantially.

Even people around the world

began viewing regularly. In the last year there was a significant rise in subscribers from Russia (143,798), Ukraine (130,502), United States (45,568), Germany (32,993) and Belarus (13,008).

“Because we have our service in Russian, it makes sense that it would be Russian-speaking people watching it, and you have the most Russian-speaking people living in Russia and Ukraine,” explained Ostapenko. “On top of that, our members share it on their social network pages [so] their friends who live back in Russia and Ukraine are watching it.”

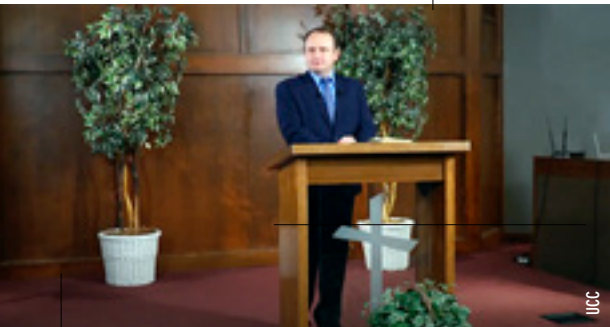
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Some may question why Germany is in the top five because there are far fewer Russian speakers living there. Ostapenko shared how the church members impacted this list. “We have a couple [Russian] families in our church that moved from Germany to the United States, and they still have a lot of friends

and family members back in Germany.” Word of mouth is a powerful benefit.

Services are available to stream at [youtube.com/spokaneslavicsdachurch](https://youtube.com/spokaneslavicsdachurch).

MAKENA HORTON  
UCC communications coordinator



• Slavik Ostapenko and the Slavic Church in Spokane, Washington, have experienced significant success with their YouTube ministry.

during the pandemic. Their subscriber count grew from 538 in March 2020 to more than 4,940 today.

More remarkable, their venture into livestream services began just shy of a month before the pandemic. “In February 2020 we had a well-known Adventist Russian speaker come to our church to do four presentations,” said Slavik Ostapenko, the church’s pastor. “We had done video recordings of our services before, but this time we decided to do it live.”

It was a blessing to be fully prepared to begin streaming before the pandemic. “Honestly, I wasn’t even watching the stats at first,” said Ostapenko.

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## MISS THE UCC 2021 CAMP MEETING?



If you missed the Upper Columbia Conference 2021 Camp Meeting, “Send the Rain,” don’t worry! All of the evening presentations, children’s programs and afternoon seminars are available on the UCC YouTube page or at [uccsda.org/campmeeting](https://uccsda.org/campmeeting). Our speakers were Randy Maxwell, Ron Halvorsen Jr. and John Freedman.

Be sure to save the date for the next in-person camp meeting at Upper Columbia Academy: June 15–18, 2022. It Is Written speaker and director John Bradshaw will be the featured speaker. More information and space reservations will be posted on our website in the coming months. If you had a previous registration for your favorite spot, don’t worry! We have your old reservation if you want to renew.

# Beacon Christian School Rises Against Hunger

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**INSPIRED BY AN EVENT** at his church, David Gage, Beacon Christian School principal, along with BCS students, invited their community to join a Rise Against Hunger event to feed malnourished people in impoverished countries.

Volunteers assembled complete meals containing rice, textured vegetable protein and vitamin packets in an assembly line fashion where everyone had a special job, no matter the age.

In the end, 56 students, teachers and volunteers put together enough packages to

provide meals for 60,000 people, many of them school children.

One young student shared a new understanding: "We need to help others who don't have what we have."

Gage said, "Our job on Earth is to help and bless others. My prayer is that [BCS] will continually keep our focus on what is good and on how we can take action to bless others."

MAKENA HORTON

As meals were assembled, everyone had a special job, no matter the age.



BEACON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*In the end, 56 students, teachers and volunteers had put together about 10,000 meals during the two-hour event. Each package was designed to feed six people, bringing the total number of individuals they were able to provide for to 60,000.*

YOUTH

## UCC PATHFINDERS 'GO ON GOD'S ERRANDS' DESPITE THE PANDEMIC

**RICHIE BROWER**, Upper Columbia Conference associate director of club ministries said, "The pandemic has been the best and worst of times for our club ministry program."

It was worse because many clubs had to stop meeting due to pandemic restrictions, resulting in the loss of 66% of the usual participation.

It was best because there were some unusual exceptions, despite the pandemic restrictions.

The Walla Walla University Church Torchbearer Pathfinders found ways to remain actively meeting the needs of others.

They even worked through the Christmas season packaging holiday meals to help feed their community.

Meanwhile, collaboration between club ministries and Adventist Community Services blossomed into a partnership, earning the name HopeBuilders. It connects organizations with young people and adult volunteers to meet urgent community needs.

One project, spearheaded by the Spangle Wheatland Coyotes Pathfinders, was in response to the Pine Creek Fire that nearly destroyed the small town of Malden, Washington. The fire left only 20 of the 120 structures standing. HopeBuilders stepped

up as the smoke cleared. They designed a new park, built clothing racks for their donation center, led multiple beautification projects, and so much more

Pathfinders went above and beyond when they launched the Blazing Grains Granola line. Nine flavors are sold on [hope-builders.com](http://hope-builders.com) to help raise funds for the communities they help.

While pandemic disruptions limited club involvement, these young leaders persevered, honoring their collective promise to "go on God's errands."

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EDUCATION

## Pandemic Curriculum Camp Relaunches School

**BAKER VIEW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** in Bellingham closed its doors three years ago, vowing the closure would be temporary. They held to their commitment.

Since 2018, the BVCS school board faithfully met each month moving capital improvement projects forward and planning for the eventual reopening of the Adventist school. In support of these efforts, the Bellingham Church never stopped budgeting for and paying their monthly subsidy to the school, despite its closure.

On March 14, 2020, the future of Adventist education in Washington state was sent into a perilous tailspin when the spiking COVID-19 infections prompted the governor to close all schools and issue stay-at-home orders.

Schools across the state nervously locked their doors and scrambled into a forced transition to remote learning. It was a tense and scary time nationwide as the pandemic took hold of everyday life, but, even under the weight of uncertainty, the Bellingham Church saw opportunity.

Under a provision in the school closure edict, small curriculum-support camps could operate in-person to help in students' learning needs. Bellingham Church

capitalized on the opportunity as a church-based ministry to the community. They were quickly able to establish a classroom full of paying customers who were grateful for the academic support.

These incredible blessings became a bridge to reopen BVCS. Even better, the students and families who had found the loving scholastic support of the Bellingham Church were now eager to solidify their commitments to Adventist education.

"Only God could have pulled off the bold vision," said Ron Schultz, Bellingham Church pastor. "Serving the needs of the community in this way has breathed fresh life into our church family and our presence in Whatcom County."

The Washington Conference K-12 board of education voted unanimously to approve the reopening. "We are praying that God will be glorified as we reopen Baker View Christian School for the training of young people for His glory," said Phil Nelson, BVCS school board chair.

"God did indeed provide," Schultz said. "It's not something we could have seen coming, but He provided."

CRAIG MATTSON  
*Washington Conference vice president for education*

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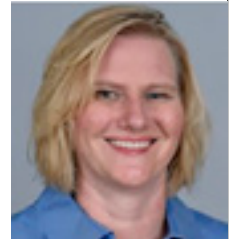
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## NEW LEADERSHIP AT LCAS

**LEWIS COUNTY ADVENTIST SCHOOL** in Chehalis has a new face behind the principal's desk. New principal Kelly Gennick comes to LCAS from Taylor Mill Christian Academy in Kentucky.

After nine years of faithful service as LCAS principal, Karen Carlton leaves for Amazing Grace Academy in Palmer, Alaska, where she will serve as their new principal.

Carlton was instrumental in securing several grants to enhance technology at LCAS. She partnered students with volunteer activities throughout the Puget Sound area. Carlton will always have a special place in the heart of LCAS students and parents alike.



Kelly Gennick is the new principal of Lewis County Adventist School.

Gennick brings a wealth of knowledge in the area of management and special education. She made it clear to the LCAS board that her passion is bringing Jesus into the classroom and genuinely making a difference in students' lives.

The LCAS family asks for prayers for both Carlton and Gennick as they move into their new roles this summer and continue to unite children with Jesus.

DANIEL PATTON  
*Lewis County Adventist School board member*



After nine years of service, Karen Carlton is leaving Lewis County Adventist School for the wilds of Alaska.

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Academy student musician Taikianna plays during the year-end music program.

# Challenge Accepted, Mission Accomplished

**IN A YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY AND CANCELED PLANS, THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF PUGET SOUND ADVENTIST ACADEMY AND KIRKLAND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO BRING A BIT OF NORMALCY TO THEIR STUDENTS.**

When COVID-19 hit in March 2020, PSAA and KSDA made the necessary switch to online learning. Although the learning curve was steep, the teachers strapped on their crampons, picked up an ice pick and climbed the mountain of this new type of learning.

Once the 2020-2021 school year had started, Ron Jacaban, PSAA principal, had one mission in mind: “to provide our community with as much normalcy as we can safely undertake.” Looking back on this school year, Jacaban can confidently say, “Mission accomplished.”

Throughout the different stages and phases of the last year and with God’s protection, PSAA and KSDA has continued to offer an excellent, well-rounded program, both in-person and

virtually. The academy has continued to offer a modified music program, team sports, school events such as vespers, Senior Survival, banquets and more. The school also continued its history of excellence with modified field trips, a jog-a-thon, sports days and an amazing outdoor music concert. All of these events were complete with masks, sanitizing, social distancing and air purifying. Being able to meet in-person has brought so much joy for students during this difficult year.

All of this was accomplished by what Jacaban attributes to the incredible flexibility of PSAA and KSDA teachers. “We asked more of our teachers this year than we have ever asked of them – and they rose to the challenge,” Jacaban said.

To continue in-person learning was not an easy task. At the beginning of the pandemic, administrators were worried what the financial toll this state of emergency would bring. To help ease the newfound costs for equipment like medical-grade air purifiers, Plexiglas protection shields, air foggers, thermometers and more, a new fundraising campaign was born. The “All We Can Be” campaign, ran for three months with a goal of raising \$300,000, including a match of \$100,000 from two amazing donors. Due to the generosity of the PSAA community, they exceeded the goal and raised a total of \$318,585!

Although this was a difficult year for PSAA, KSDA and schools everywhere, there were glimmers of hope – the type of hope that lasts through wind, rain, snow and, yes, even a pandemic.

JOSEPHINE BAIRD-NYE  
KSDA/PSAA marketing writer

Elementary students enjoy a chance to be outside during recess.



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## Grays Harbor Makes the Most of Trying Times

**“AND OUR PRAYER REQUEST IS THAT WE MAKE IT THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR WITHOUT HAVING TO GO ONLINE.”**

Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School in Montesano celebrated their answered prayer 178 days later having had no closures. Not only did they continue meeting in-person all year, they also had a great year, despite pandemic obstacles.

Every holiday and birthday was well-celebrated. On Veterans’ Day staff and students ceremoniously took down the old flag outside and put up a new one. They went Christmas caroling, marked the 100th day of school, celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday, and so much more.

A lot of time was spent outside. A row of rubber boots lined the gym so students could go out all year, no matter the weather, to get some fresh air. Lunches were even eaten outside until the worst of winter came. When a nearby park reopened, they began walking there regularly.

As pandemic restrictions began lifting, the local YMCA was able to provide swim lessons. It was the high point of the year for students to have lunch at the park and then enjoy swim lessons.

Staff, students and families give God all the glory for answering their prayer and abundantly blessing them throughout the year.

ADRIA HAY  
*Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School principal*

Grays Harbor students celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday.



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## Pandemic Closures Fuel Growth

**KITSAP ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** in Bremerton is growing in enrollment and in faith.

As public schools moved to virtual learning, KACS experienced an influx of community students seeking in-person learning. This provided exciting opportunities to share Jesus with new families.

Throughout the year, KACS teachers brought their students many fun learning projects to challenge and expand their knowledge. Even though students couldn’t go on field trips, they enjoyed a visit from the Reptile Man. The staff also coordinated spirit weeks, an egg drop challenge, a week of prayer, virtual performances, and much more. They even organized a food drive that brought over 300 pounds of food to the local food bank.

More than ever, the KACS staff relied on their faith while seeking peace and reassurance from the Savior.

God has blessed KACS. Many of the community families who came to KACS because of the pandemic have chosen to reenroll their children for the coming year.

This growth in enrollment has led to further growth of faith as KACS

is hiring a fourth teacher for coming school year.

As KACS prepares for the coming school year, they look forward to continuing to follow God’s lead as they grow their school and their faith together.

RACHELE DEININGER  
*Kitsap Adventist School marketing manager*



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MISSIONS & OUTREACH

# Olympia Swells With Music

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Olympia Christian School's music program and partnerships is uncovering musical talent.

**MUSIC IS AN INTEGRAL PART** of learning at Olympia Christian School.

The music program begins right away with kindergarteners and continues building skills through the following eight grades with a special focus on handbells.

Three years ago, OCS found itself without a music teacher for 38 handbell students.

Sharron Schwartz, OCS principal, emailed area churches hoping to connect with bell choir directors. She heard back from Leah Wilson, a professional instructor who directs several bell choirs in the area.

Before long, a music partnership was established. Through the pandemic school year, Wilson taught two classes, recorded concerts for churches and directed two in-person concerts.

"She has done an outstanding job of teaching our students to honor the Lord through their music while having fun and a gaining sense of accomplishment from their diligence and teamwork," Schwartz says.

More great news came when a letter arrived at OCS from professional violinist, Mary Jo Rydholm. The Student Orchestra of Greater Olympia had received a grant to offer beginning instrument lessons to local students.

Rydholm offered to establish a string orchestra program at OCS to teach students violin, viola and cello and to give instruction for simple accompaniments

to hymns. When the program finally launched in March 2021, 18 students were enrolled. In just eight weeks time, the students had enough skill learned to perform "This Is My Father's World."

"God had moved ahead of us for this music partnership to help students with hidden musical talents," says Schwartz.

"We are grateful for how Leah Wilson and Mary Jo Rydholm have showered OCS with their musical talents," says Schwartz. "Both are dedicated Christians who live out their Christianity in the music they choose to teach and in the venues they play."

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## SEEING WITH NEW EYES

**AT BUENA VISTA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL** in Auburn first grade teacher Amber Nelson noticed one of her students was feeling down. She asked what was wrong.

The little girl looked up with a frown and described her recent eye exam. She needed glasses. The little girl was devastated and convinced she would forever be "ugly."

Nelson saw the moment as an opportunity. As a class, they learned every person is uniquely created by a loving God. A pair of glasses does not lessen their value as God's child.

Soon, her classmates were gathering

for a photo wearing both real and pretend glasses.

Surrounded by support, the little girl went from feeling insignificant to feeling like she mattered.

Reading, writing and arithmetic are the foundational bricks of learning. Yet the mortar that holds them together are intangible moments captured by caring teachers.

DAVID MORGAN  
*Buena Vista Seventh-day Adventist School principal*



Teachers help students see with new eyes when faced with small and large challenges of life.

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## Student Reflects on COVID-19 School Year



The needed separation meant seeing your friends and classmates through a screen or from 6 feet away. It was very difficult for our social life, but our teachers led by example. We followed the rules and regulations to keep each other safe. With God's protection, we made it through without much incident.

Following spring break, students gratefully adapted to additional pandemic regulations because we were finally allowed to learn in person!

As things with COVID-19 slowly changed, we were allowed to do more together.

Junior officers were able to organize the Junior-Senior Banquet, a favorite event of the year. We also experienced a traditional spirit week with our famous "class wars." As the end of the year approached, we were even able to enjoy

the traditional game day and Associated Student Body picnic. God's Holy Spirit was super evident at our "Spiritual Year in Review," allowing us to praise God and thank Him for blessing us.

Our beloved chaplain and teacher David Kabanje made such a big impact on our campus, especially this year, when students were feeling low or overwhelmed. Kabanje was constantly making us laugh. Although he is moving on from Auburn, we won't forget the life lessons he taught.



Seniors were celebrated during Senior Dedication. Thanks to God's guidance, AAA's class of 2021 was able to adapt, persevere and grow together, making their final year at Auburn a major success.

**AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY** is a home for many students. This year pushed us to new limits. Thanks to God's guidance, we were able to adapt, persevere and grow together, making the year a major success.

To keep us safe, classroom desks were spaced out accordingly. Students started school in a hybrid format, splitting the student body between dorm and village students. The assembly hall was made into a classroom for the larger groups. While all of this was a challenge, we remained thankful we could physically attend school.

Celebrating Tourist Day together.

Auburn Adventist Academy, as always, took very good care of us and allowed us the best year we could have during a very difficult time. In spite of the challenges, we persevered, making it one of the most memorable years. Through everything we faced, God truly blessed.

DANNELLY BOGGS  
*Auburn Adventist Academy student*

Junior boys representing an era at Spirit Week.

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## PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

### Auburn Adventist Academy

Seek Divine Wisdom, Inspire Innovative Minds, and Build Eternal Relationships



#### SEEK

Christ is at the center of all of our campus activities. He is evident as students seek excellence in academics, music, leadership, sports and friendships.



#### INSPIRE

We inspire students to take advantage of dual credit classes through our Early U program and to experience our numerous elective classes and clubs that will develop additional life skills.



#### BUILD

Students ~ build and prepare for your future as you grow in your relationship with God and enjoy the friendly culture that makes Auburn Adventist Academy special.





# New Class Preps for Health Care Administration

**A NEW CLASS OFFERED BY THE WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ADVENTIST HEALTH, IS PREPARING WWU STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN FROM HEALTH CARE EXECUTIVES.**

“The health care industry is a booming sector worldwide with a projected 23% growth in jobs,” said Patience Taruwinga, School of Business dean. “This industry provides many opportunities for students, good earning potential and the opportunity to accelerate in their careers.”

Senior Lauren Fry is majoring in business administration. She said, “What stands out to me about this class is that we’re seeing a well-rounded view of different management positions within Adventist Health. This class is a really good introduction to my summer internship with Adventist Health in Portland.”

During the last three years, more than 25 students from the WWU School of Business were hired as either health care administration interns or as part of the administration residency programs. “Through this intensive 12-week internship program, our students interact with health care executives and work with multiple teams within the health care environment,” said Taruwinga. “By the time they are finished they have a clear sense of the careers they want to pursue in health care administration.”

Fry said, “I’ve always had more of a business mindset. [But] when I learned that health care has this other side to it – this business component – it really appealed to me because I want to have a job where I feel like I am really making a difference.”

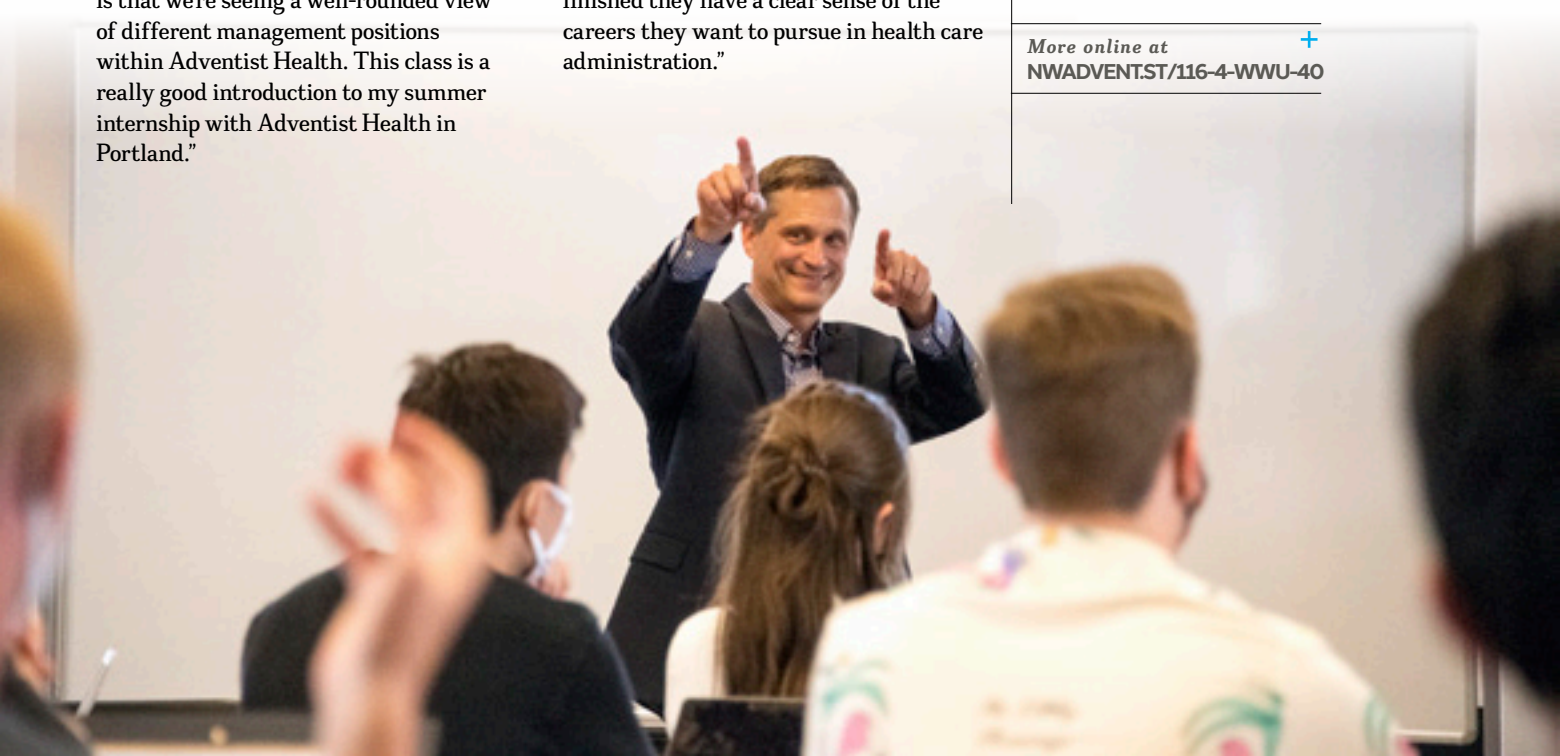
Through classes in the School of Business, mission-minded students are learning skills in problem-solving and communication as well as strong analytical and quantitative skills.

“Adventist Health is looking for bright, young and mission-driven students to come work for us,” said Alex Bryan, Adventist Health chief mission officer and teacher of the WWU class. “The Introduction to Healthcare Administration class is an opportunity for WWU students to put their name forward – to step up and say, ‘I want to make a difference in the world’ ... to love people who are hurting, to heal people who are sick, to bring hope to people who find that they have no hope.”

To learn more about how the WWU School of Business can help you prepare for a career in health care administration, visit [wallawalla.edu/business](http://wallawalla.edu/business) and watch the video that includes interviews with students in the class.

KIM STROBEL  
*WWU university relations supervisor*

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Matthias Bernard benefited from the new ministry immersion programs through WWU's School of Theology.



Aurora Gault, a junior theology major said, "I learned that my passion in ministry is less about the preaching and more about making meaningful relationships with people and in showing others Christ through my way of life rather than simply through words."

# WWU Immersion Training Develops Future Pastors

**THEOLOGY STUDENTS** at Walla Walla University are benefiting from ministry immersion programs to help them discover and develop skills through the mentorship of experienced pastors.

For several years, Walla Walla Valley churches have mentored theology majors. Now, through a new partnership between WWU's School of Theology and the North Pacific Union Conference, that mentorship will expand across the NPUC.

"Practical experience in doing ministry in a local church plays a crucial role in preparing our students for careers in pastoral ministry and chaplaincy," said Carl Cosaert, School of Theology dean. "Working with seasoned pastors across the Northwest exposes our students to what ministry is all about and it helps them build confidence you can't learn in a book."

**BEHIND-THE-SCENES TRAINING**

Matthias Bernard, a WWU junior, interned at Walla Walla University

Church, where he served occasionally as presiding pastor and helped with different areas of ministry. Senior pastor Andreas Beccai provided one-on-one mentoring and guided Bernard on a sermon series he'll present during his internship at the Kent Church in Washington Conference.

Bernard said his internship taught him how to handle unexpected tasks and to manage his time. "I have learned to roll with the punches of life and to allow myself the time to deal with things in a timely manner."

**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**

A junior in the theology program at WWU, Aurora Gault served her internship in Oregon at the Milton and Blue Mountain Valley churches. She worked on a passionate pastoral team, preaching sermons and repairing aging buildings. "I loved getting to reopen the Blue Mountain Valley Church after it was closed for about a year due to COVID-19," she said. "Seeing

how excited the congregation was to be back together, and their strong sense of family, really filled my heart."

Gault said she learned the importance of caring for herself so she can minister effectively. "It was a journey for me to figure out how I need to take care of myself in order to be emotionally, spiritually and mentally available to care for others," she said. "I learned that my passion in ministry is less about the preaching and more about making meaningful relationships with people and in showing others Christ through my way of life."

**PARTNERS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION**

"We are so grateful for the pastors and churches who partner with us in training the next generation of church leaders," Cosaert said. "It is this partnership that makes the theology program at Walla Walla University so strong."

JODI WAGNER

*WWU vice president for university relations and advancement*

HEALTH

# The Hands of God Touch More Patients

**MORE OREGONIANS THAN EVER ARE RECEIVING CARE FROM ADVENTIST HEALTH PORTLAND PROVIDERS AND STAFF DEDICATED TO SERVING AS GOD'S HEALING HANDS.**

**GROWING A FAMILY OF CARE**

The Adventist Health Women's Clinic opened in March 2021, bringing a full range of women's health services to the main southeast Portland campus. The clinic offers maternity care, gynecology and urogynecology surgery. It also offers maternal-fetal medicine thanks to the OHSU Health partnership.

"I understand that women make the world go 'round," explained Bo Malmin, one of the clinic's OB-GYNs, who was himself born at Adventist Health Portland. "I want to ensure my patients feel healthy

and able to lead their lives to the fullest."

**SPREADING THE MISSION**

Partnering with OHSU Health has connected more patients to the Adventist Health mission. Through an innovative patient transfer center, more than 1,700 patients have been transferred to Adventist Health Portland since 2017, when the program began.

Patients have also benefited from Adventist Health's growing virtual visits during the pandemic. Virtual visits use videoconferencing to connect patients with primary, urgent and even specialty care.

Whole-person care and support is also being transformed by advances in technology. Adventist Health Portland now offers virtual classes and support groups for a variety of personal needs including grief support, heart-healthy diet and exercise, and more.

**THE HOSPITAL COMES HOME**

With Adventist Health's new Hospital@Home program, qualifying patients with diseases like heart failure, pneumonia, COPD and

and providing staff, many of whom volunteered to help at the drive-through events.

Adventist Health Portland now serves patients in southern Willamette Valley with a Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular location in McMinnville, Oregon. Patients can see specialists in cardiology and electrophysiology and receive both diagnosis and treatment.

**BEYOND THE PANDEMIC**

Adventist Health Portland joins with church members around the Northwest in praying for a soon end to the pandemic.

"While this past year has had its share of tough times, what stands out for me is how our providers and staff have lived our mission like never before," said Kyle King, Adventist Health Portland president.

Every day, Adventist Health is bringing hope



others may be able to recover at home. The Hospital@Home program is a remotely monitored hospital unit temporarily set up in a patient's home, where they can rest most comfortably.

**A HEART FOR THE ENTIRE WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

People from all over the Willamette Valley had drive-through access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Adventist Health Portland supported OHSU by donating supplies



to communities across the West Coast and in Hawaii. In Oregon, that includes offering more patients a wider range of care served with God's love always in focus.

C.J. ANDERSON  
Adventist Health Portland communication manager

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# NPUC Targets Small Conferences for Growth

THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECENTLY VOTED TO FOCUS MORE RESOURCES ON EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH IN STRATEGIC AREAS. THE *GLEANER* SAT DOWN WITH JOHN FREEDMAN, NPUC PRESIDENT, AND DAVID PREST, IDAHO CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, TO TALK ABOUT THE GROW SMALL CONFERENCE INITIATIVE.

**Q: John Freedman, what is the role of the NPUC?**

A: The union is a unique part of the Adventist Church's structure that serves more than 500 Adventist churches and more than 100 Adventist elementary and secondary schools. We perform two vital functions for our members.

First, we serve your local conferences with valuable support services. For example, our education team at the union handles all teacher certifications across the Northwest, making sure all our educators have the necessary education and ongoing training to stay current with national and state requirements. This important and time-consuming task is critical to maintaining Adventist education's high standards.

We also serve the local conference with leadership development, mentoring and support for directors and administration. This important role helps your conference leadership provide the best possible resources and guidance to local churches, schools and ministries working to be centers of influence in their communities.

The NPUC also serves as a leadership hub facilitating communication and collaboration between NPUC conferences. We all have the same Gospel Commission and it's vital to bring everyone together intentionally to dialogue and plan. Helping

our conferences work together exponentially expands kingdom growth.

The second important role of the union is to serve as your voice in Seventh-day Adventist church governance. We are part of a worldwide church of believers looking for Jesus' soon return. The union is the body that represents conferences and local churches at the national and global levels. We are actively involved with the North American Division and the General Conference to ensure our Northwest policies, plans and initiatives align with what our Adventist brothers and sisters are doing around the world.

**Q: What is the Grow Small Conference Initiative?**

A: The NPUC is made up of six conferences. Three of them (Alaska, Idaho and Montana) are much smaller than the others (Oregon, Upper Columbia and Washington). Through the years our union has helped support ministry efforts in the small conferences by sharing a small percentage of tithe income from the larger conferences. While this support structure will continue, the union decided, in discussions

with our conference presidents, to look at additional ways to provide more tangible ministry support.

The Grow Small Conference Initiative is a plan to help our small conferences share the gospel with more people than they are currently able to reach on their own. This initiative provides support for small conferences through additional evangelism funding. It also shares key support staff from the union and our larger conferences to help with the outreach.

**Q: David Prest, how will this make a difference in the Idaho Conference.**

A: The Idaho Conference is poised for growth. Our conference is home to some of the fastest growing cities in the nation. We know there are people living all around us who are searching. I believe God is giving us the opportunity to bring them the assurance of eternal life.

We've used the union's support to create an evangelistic initiative called Operation Exponential Growth. I encourage our pastors and members in the Idaho Conference to wholeheartedly embrace this initiative and move forward with faith. Each of us can play a part. God will bring the results.

Read more about Operation Exponential Growth at [nwadvent.st/116-4-NPUC-83](http://nwadvent.st/116-4-NPUC-83).

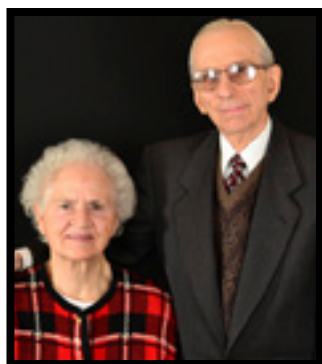
JAY WINTERMEYER  
*Gleaner editor*

**Fevec 70th**

Herb and Ruth Fevec celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2020.

Herb Fevec and Ruth Dinwiddie met at a Christmas party in Jacksonville, Florida, where he had just been discharged from the Navy. Several people wanted them to be sure and get acquainted, so they were introduced four times. Ruth's parents, Howard and Della Dinwiddie, were teachers at the church school and Lester Coon was pastor.

That summer a group of friends were swimming at the beach with inner tubes and someone said they were out far enough, and everyone started back—everyone except Ruth, who seemed to be drifting farther out. Suddenly a lifeguard grabbed her inner tube and towed her to shore. He was the same young man she had met at the Christmas party. They were married two years later on June 18, 1950.



Ruth and Herb Fevec

Herb finished college at Washington Missionary College while Ruth worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Their oldest son, James "Jim" was born at the Washington Sanitarium on July 24, 1954. That fall they moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where Herb

taught in the church school where O.A. Canada was pastor.

Jerald Nathaniel was born Jan. 24, 1958, at Brown County hospital in Georgetown, Ohio. Ruth was teaching in Cincinnati where Williams Loveless Sr. was pastor.

In 1968, they moved to Boring, Oregon, where they had fruit trees, raspberries, etc. The boys raised beef cows. Also played in Bud Rice's trumpet group.

Two years later, Jim had a terrible accident while cutting down a tree. A large limb fell and hit him in the head and shoulder. He was unconscious for a week at the old Portland Sanitarium. Jim was able to finish Portland Adventist Academy and two years at Mount Hood Community College. Jerry graduated from a two-year course at Walla Walla College and then from Oregon State University with a degree in nutrition and business.

Today both Jim and Jerry live in Oregon. Jim has a caregiver who helps him get to church, shopping, doctor appointment, etc. Jerry works with computers and we are thankful for many phone calls.

Ruth attended East-West College of Massage after teaching 30 years while Herb worked at Portland Adventist Hospital. Herb and Ruth taught in Virginia, Ohio, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii.

In 2005 they moved to The Village Retirement Center in Gresham, Oregon. Both are 92 years old and grateful for God's loving care and bountiful blessings during all the years.

**Reiswig 60th**

Glen and Carole Reiswig celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Chelan Shores

in Chelan, Washington, on Jan. 15, 2021.

Glen Reiswig married Carole Pershall on Jan. 15, 1961 in Cottage Grove, Oregon, where they grew up and met in grade school.

Carole graduated from Walla Walla Community College School of Nursing in 1961. Glen graduated from Walla Walla College in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in biology. They lived in College Place, Washington, until Glen went to work for Washington State Parks as a ranger. He worked at Lake Wenatchee State Park, Yakima Sportsman and Potholes State Park. Later he became manager at Twin Harbors State Park.

In 1974, he was promoted to Region III district manager. It was at that time they bought an orchard which Carole managed until Glen retired after serving 25 years of park service.

It was there they adopted three children, one boy, Shannon, and two sisters, Casandra and Jennifer.

Glen and Carole operated the orchard for another 25 years until retirement when they moved to their home in Okanogan County, Washington, where they spent time four wheeling, visiting with neighbors or watching deer, elk, moose and bear. In the winter they spend the time at McCall, Idaho, snowmobiling and visiting with family and friends.

The Reiswig family includes Shannon and Jodi Reiswig of Leavenworth, Washington; Jennifer (Reiswig) and Lance Urwin of Ephrata, Washington; Cassandra (Reiswig) Butler of Salem, Oregon; and 8 grandchildren.

**BELL**—Tahlia Isa was born Feb. 26, 2021, to Thomas Bell and Claire M. Anderson, Portland, Oregon.

**HUNTER**—Dean Maverick was born June 3, 2021, to Matt and Lauren (Savino) Hunter, Tillamook, Oregon.

family AT REST

**AMUNDSON**—Donavan Herman, 92; born Jan. 20, 1928, Vancouver, Washington; died Nov. 4, 2020, Richland, Washington. Surviving: wife, Betty (Reinke), Pasco, Washington; son, Gary, Bend, Oregon; daughters, Sandra Nixon, Pasco; Donella Manuel, Redding, California; 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**BROWN**—Bette Rose (Scheller), 84; born Dec. 29, 1936, St. Francis, Kansas; died Dec. 15, 2020, Boise, Idaho. Survivors: son, Travis, Boise; daughter, Tina Vorbeck, Meridian, Idaho; brother, Bill Scheller, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and 2 grandchildren.

**CLARK**—William Dale, 83; born Jan. 15, 1937, Zillah, Washington; died Aug. 24, 2020, Vancouver, Washington. Surviving: wife, Darlene (Bakke); son, Duane, Portland, Oregon; daughter, Darilee Bond, Fairview, Oregon; and 2 grandchildren.

**GREENE**—Evelyn Marie (Heaton), 75; born Aug. 7, 1945, Portland, Oregon; died Dec. 8, 2020, Clackamas, Oregon. Surviving: son, Eric, Austin Texas; and daughter, Cherri Keller, Happy Valley, Oregon.



**HAKALA**—Dennis Walter, 65; born Feb. 12, 1955, Santa Clara, California; died Nov. 30, 2020, Star, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Egina (Rodrigues Nunes); son, Paulo Hakala, Star; daughters, Pauliane (Hakala) Boyd, Sacramento, California; Priscilla (Hakala) Miller, Boise, Idaho; and a grandchild.

**HENDRICKSON**—Gerald Norman, 86; born Dec. 25, 1933, Akley, Minnesota; died Nov. 16, 2020, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Violet (Rayburn) Melton Hendrickson, Fruitland, Idaho; sons, Stan, in Albania; Cliff, Pendleton, Oregon; Alan, Beaverton, Oregon; brother, Erl, Vancouver, Washington; 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**HILDEBRANDT**—Peter Anton, 84; born Feb. 20, 1936, Reinbek, Germany; died Dec. 6, 2020, Port Orchard, Washington. Surviving: wife, Darlene; son, Kevin, Seattle; Mark, Graham, Washington; daughter, Robin Cardoso, Enumclaw, Washington; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**LESLIE**—Lealia “Ruth” (Leslie) Ockerman, 91; born Aug. 10, 1929, Ashland, Kentucky; died Dec. 12, 2020, Eagle, Idaho. Surviving: son, Bill Ockerman; daughters, Linda (Ockerman) Aganon, Jimmilea (Ockerman) Boeck and Sandra (Ockerman) Roque; 7 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

**LOISEAU**—Lucien Lucille, 87; born Oct. 31, 1932, French Caribbean Island of Francois Martinique; died July 2, 2020, Vancouver, Washington. Surviving: wife, Mariette Armande Hunt Loiseau;

daughter, Linda Loiseau Foxworth, Happy Valley, Oregon; 2 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

**MILLER**—Deana Joanne (Calkins), 79; born July 19, 1940; died March 20, 2020, Walla Walla, Washington.

**MOORE**—Margaret “Peggy” Jean (Hoover), 80; born Jan. 31, 1940, New Castle, Pennsylvania; died Oct. 4, 2020, Middleton, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Donald; daughter, Valerie Moore, Middleton; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**MORAVETZ**—Richard William, 91, born Nov. 18, 1929, Rib Lake, Wisconsin; died

Dec. 3, 2020, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Nina Louise (Bugs); brother, Clifford, of Wisconsin; daughters, Carol Sommer, Boise; Marilyn Nelson, Emmett, Idaho; Susan Janssen, Sand Point, Idaho; 6 stepchildren, 10 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

**WHITEHOUSE**—Alvin D., 94; born July 28, 1926, Port Townsend, Washington; died Dec. 31, 2020, Newport, Washington; Surviving: wife, Kathleen (Mandigo), Oldtown, Idaho; sons, Jeffrey Whitehouse, Newport; Jerry Whitehouse, Oldtown; Donald Vories, College Place, Washington; daughters, Julie (Whitehouse) Hoppis, Yakima, Washington; Jann Whitehouse

Spaulding, Gaston, Oregon; Linda Garner, Lewiston, Idaho; sister, Joy Among, Roseville, California; 10 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

**WILSON**—Eugene L., 89; born March 5, 1931, Martinez, California; died Dec. 31, 2020, Burlington, Washington. Surviving: wife, Margaret “Marge” (Washburn); son, Brian, Burlington; and 2 grandchildren.

**WOLCOTT**—Alyla Elaline (Weeks), 96; born Aug. 26, 1924, Williston, North Dakota; died Dec. 13, 2020, College Place, Washington. Surviving: daughters, Carol Wolcott Pershall, Kathy Wolcott Hazen and Linda Wolcott Torretta, all of College Place; Margie Wolcott Torretta, LaGrande, Oregon; Sandy Wolcott Kinsfather, College Place; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

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1940–2021

MARTIN E. GERBOZY

Martin E. Gerbozy was born on Easter Sunday, Mar. 24, 1940, in Ashland, Wisconsin. Marty met his wife, Betty, in Massachusetts and they married in Japan while he was in the U.S. Army. Marty had a strong testimony to the power of God in his life. After becoming an Adventist, God kept him from being court martialed for his conviction to keep the Sabbath. After 20 years of service in the military, Marty retired as a sergeant first class. After completing his master’s degree in agriculture, he later ran a successful insurance brokerage in California. Marty’s faith was central to his life. He was active in his church as a Sabbath School teacher and an elder. He even helped start an evangelistic program at the Yuba City Seventh-day Adventist Church to reach the local East Indian community.

Marty died at the age of 80 on Jan. 22, 2021, in Vancouver, Washington. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Betty; son, Mark Gerbozy; daughters, Rachel Gerbozy Tester and Jeanne Fevens; and grandchildren, Serena and Sasha Gerbozy. Marty was a loving, kind, patient and generous man. To his family, he was a great example of God’s unconditional.



1934–2020

## WILLIAM ROBINSON



William Robinson was born in Fairburn, South Dakota, on Jan. 10, 1934, and died of cancer at his home on Aug. 22, 2020. He grew up on a farm and went to a one-room school before attending Plainview Academy, Union College and the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University), where he met his wife VelmaJean Knauss. After working to pay off loans, they accepted a call to serve for four years in a mission clinic on Guam.

After returning, they eventually settled on a small ranch in Selah, Washington. Robinson, with his wife as office manager, served the Yakima community in his solo family practice for 43 years until his retirement in 2015.

A fourth-generation Adventist, Bill loved his church and served for many years in leadership positions at the school and church, where he enjoyed singing in the Men's Ensemble. Since their time living on Guam, he had enjoyed raising orchids. His flower arrangements consistently graced the front of his church. He also enjoyed art and painted the 48-foot mural at the local Adventist school.

Bill was preceded in death by VelmaJean. He is survived by his brother, Tom; his children, Brett, Greg and Lisa; and 7 grandchildren.

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- July 3—Local Church Budget;
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### WASHINGTON

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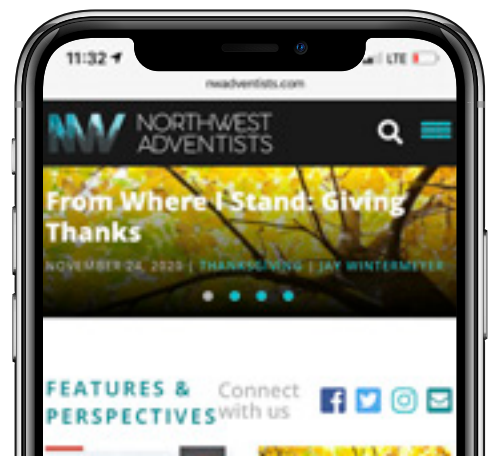
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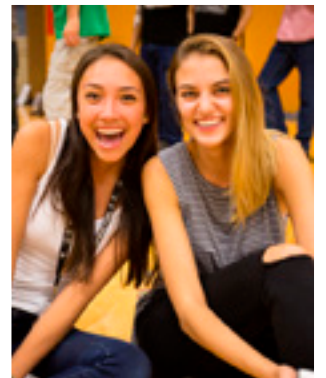


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# Ice Tie-Dye

## EVER HEARD THE PHRASE “GOOD CLEAN FUN”?

It's summertime and there are lots of fun things you can do outdoors that aren't always neat and tidy.

Here's a fun summer activity that isn't necessarily clean! You're going to love it! Seriously, creating your own custom tie-dye shirt is a lot of fun! There are so many different color combinations to choose from and all kinds of ways to fold a shirt to create unique patterns.

Here are instructions on how to create your specialized shirt. Before you begin, be sure to check with a grown-up!

### SUPPLY LIST:

- » A grown-up's permission
- » A white cotton T-shirt
- » Dye powders (check your local craft store)
- » A big plastic bin
- » A cooling rack
- » Ice

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Ask a grown-up before you begin!
2. Wash the shirt without using fabric softener and leave it damp. Do not dry the shirt.
3. Set up the cooling rack inside the plastic bin.
4. Crumple the damp shirt and place it on the cooling rack.
5. Cover the shirt with ice.
6. Sprinkle dye powder over the ice.
7. Let sit for 24 to 48 hours.
8. Rinse the shirt until water runs clear.
9. Wash the shirt by itself to remove any left over dye.
10. Dry as usual and enjoy your ice tie-dyed shirt!

**Fun tip:** Did you know you can tie-dye any piece of light-colored cloth? Yep! You can make your own crazy socks, festive cloth napkins or a personalized beach towel!



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# SUDOKU

FILL IN THE MISSING NUMBERS TO COMPLETE THE PUZZLE.  
 EVERY COLUMN, ROW AND GRID MUST CONTAIN THE NUMBERS  
 1 THROUGH 4 FOR THE KIDS GAME OR THE NUMBERS 1  
 THROUGH 9 FOR THE INTERMEDIATE GAME.

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KIDS SUDOKU

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INTERMEDIATE SUDOKU

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### 3 REASONS

# Adventist Education Matters to Me



AUTHOR | LaVonne Long

**W**hen I was 7 years old, my parents began attending a Seventh-day Adventist Church company on a nearby reservation. As my parents began accepting Adventist teachings, our family life slowly began to change. In fourth grade the biggest change occurred – my parents enrolled me in North Puget Adventist Junior Academy (now Skagit Adventist Academy).

Growing up on a reservation with friends who are more like family and attending a small-town public school wasn't a bad life. In fact, I have great childhood memories. The change to a small private school was difficult for me at first. But then, I was introduced to another world I didn't know existed.

I began playing clarinet for the school band. I started reading and enjoying Christian books. I began attending Pathfinders and learning about birds, knots and cake decorating. I went camping. I was introduced to plant-based food and so much more! My life was changing. But best of all, through regular family worship, church all day on Sabbath and my Christian education, I began to know Jesus.

Looking back now, I am proud of my parents for the great sacrifice they made to send me to an Adventist school. We were a poor family living on one income on a small reservation. The investment of money and time wasn't easy. But my parents believed an Adventist Christian education was the key to my success. Now, as a parent



with two kids of my own, I wholeheartedly agree.

Because of my experiences, I am sharing three reasons Adventist education matters.

#### **SPIRITUAL FOCUS**

The most important reason I am choosing an Adventist education for my two kids is the focus placed on eternal things. Adventist teachers introduce kids to Jesus daily, helping grow their character



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The curriculum offered to students is intentionally designed with a Seventh-day Adventist worldview and whole-person education in mind. When students struggle, there is teacher support, mentoring and even older student tutoring.

The value of an Adventist education is multifaceted and long lasting. Studies like ValueGenesis show that it strengthens young people's faith, results in more decisions for baptism, affects church attendance, and more. In my own experience, Adventist education has been lifesaving and truly life-changing.

Today I am honored to work at the Adventist school of my childhood. I have the privilege to send my own kids to an Adventist school.

If you are not sending your kids to an Adventist school, will you please consider it this fall? It has been such a blessing for me, and I know it can be for your family as well.

### LaVonne Long

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and intentionally showing them Christ through their words, teaching and lifestyle. I'm thankful our schools begin the day with corporate prayer and classes with worship. I also value the phenomenal Bible classes that help my kids encounter Jesus and give them a chance to participate in week of prayer events and community service. This spiritual focus is something my children won't get in public school.

### TEACHERS CARE

Adventist education features smaller class sizes. This means students have more time to interact with their teachers. In smaller classrooms, my children have the chance to know and be mentored by godly teachers. When these teachers are invested in Christ-centered relationships with students there is the potential for great change. I realize there are great teachers in many different schools across the Northwest,

but I believe that nothing compares to a committed Adventist teacher.

### HIGH ACADEMICS

Did you know that 85% of kids that graduate from an Adventist school go on to college? That's pretty awesome! I love that the school I attended had high academic standards for their students. Students in an Adventist school, on average, place a grade higher nationally than other students.

# No Fear in Love

## PART 2

*There is no fear in love because perfect love casts out all fear....*

1 JOHN 4:18



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ur first year of life together was a roller coaster. I went from nearly leaving the church to convincing my wife that we should be missionaries.

After being married for just eight months, Danelle and I found ourselves living in a thatched roof hut the middle of a jungle, far away in a remote mountain village in the Philippines.

I was motivated to live a missionary life. I had heard sermons by a missionary pilot who said Jesus was going to return within five years. While I didn't recognize it at the time, this was clearly a form of date setting.

Last Generation theology teaches that Jesus will not return until there is a generation of people who perfectly reproduce His character here on Earth. I was determined to be one of those people.

I began daily listening to hours of sermons that reinforced this theology. I was on a quest for perfection, and I planned to do my part to save the world.

Each morning, Danelle and I would wake up at 5:30 a.m. to join other missionaries at a prayer rock. But over time, Danelle became too emotionally and physically exhausted to get up and pray.

She was one of two nurses performing the duties of dentist, doctor, pharmacist and receptionist. One time, they saw 70 people in a single day.

Understandably, Danelle's exhaustion didn't always allow



her to make it to the prayer rock. But I judged her for this. I thought she was spiritually weak. After all, we were called to be the final generation. Tiredness wasn't an excuse.

While I was judging my wife, she was comparing herself to me spiritually. She felt she wasn't measuring up.

In my quest to perfectly reproduce God's character, I had convinced her of the need to take off our wedding rings, change our diet, become missionaries, and commit ourselves to surrendering every sin.

Surrender is good when we are motivated by a desire to be obedient to a loving God. But it can become psychological torture

AUTHOR

Kevin McGill



*I was on a quest for perfection, and I planned to do my part to save the world.*

*A deep depression began to come over me. I felt lost. I knew I wasn't able to get up and pray. I thought that was my fault. I didn't protect myself by spending time with Jesus. And now I was lost. Maybe if I would have been getting up early to pray, I wouldn't be depressed. But now I was depressed, and lost and I couldn't pull myself out.*

*At the brink of my depression, I couldn't get out of bed. I had never experienced that before. Kevin called the career missionary, and she came to talk to me. I had such shame. As she was talking to me, she asked, "Danelle, do you feel like you are sinning?"*

*She nailed it.*

*I believed my depression was a sin. There must have been something spiritually wrong with me. I wasn't getting "fed" enough or "armed" enough. The tools of devotions and praise time became a weapon against me. Nothing was heavier than the spiritual and psychological pressure of believing I was not fully submitting to God. But what happens when rest itself is a Holy thing?*

*The career missionary was able to speak truth to me and assure me that my depression was not a sin. She gave me permission to rest.*

*In this temporary rest, we were beginning to see the light. We were learning we had been believing an incorrect gospel. A backwards gospel that smothers and is not life-giving. One that is uncomfortably close to the real thing. One that states truth at first, 'through Jesus we are made perfect,' but then goes on to emphasize the steps to perfection including unhealthy and unrealistic behavior motivated by fear. The focus shifts away from loving Christ and others. Instead, the focus becomes self-centered.*

In part three of this series, Danelle and I will talk about our personal encounter with the God of LOVE and how He moved us from a place of fear and legalism to a place of true rest and freedom.

### Kevin McGill

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if it is not actually "God" we are surrendering to. Not everything some label a "sin" is actual SIN.

Last Generation theology misses the mark if it cannot help people distinguish between human preferences and God's commands. Confusing tradition and manmade religion with God's commands can be very damaging. It sets up outward behavior as a sign of godliness. It can lead to spiritual pride and an inability to receive what others have to offer spiritually.

As I was judging Danelle, believing her to be spiritually weak, she started to become depressed. In my state of spiritual superiority, I judged

her for being depressed. Although I didn't say it out loud, I believed her depression was a sin. But she was emotionally, physically and spiritually exhausted and didn't have the capacity to help one more patient.

Danelle describes this time in her own words:

*Exhaustion settled in, and I found it harder and harder to get up early to make it to the prayer rock. If I missed, I would feel such guilt! So, I would get up and go, but I was just so tired. I began to go less and less and feel more and more guilty. After all, Jesus frequently stayed up all night praying and getting spiritually fed and armed for the day, right?*

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