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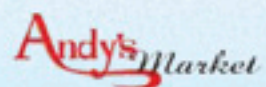


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LETTERS



A Good Fight

Just wanted to comment on Seth Pierce's "How to Pick a Fight" [April 2014]. If it had been the only article in the whole paper, it would have been worth sending out the April issue. Thanks! — *Cheri Armstrong, Athena, Ore.*

My Steps to Baptism

It was a real blessing to read the article from Max Torkelsen, my first pastor, in the April issue. The facts and figures he presented about the church were astounding. At this rate Jesus should come soon as the commission to go out has done its work. Wow! Every 28 seconds an Adventist is born again. This letter is generated by his comment, "What if a baptismal candidate can answer every question about our basic beliefs but has not experience a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ." The day of my baptism was very memorable. You see at the time (1978) I set out to prove that God was real before I ever attended any Adventist church. After about one year in the church Max told me to start thinking about making a decision to be baptized. So my thinking was to study from the little book *In His Steps*. I told myself that if I believed all that was written in this little book I would choose to be baptized. I took each basic belief one at a time and studied verse for verse. When I came to the study about Ellen White, having read only two of her books, I asked myself if I accept this one basic belief. After only a few seconds I told the Lord I would. *In His Steps* led me to be baptized. By accepting the one thing that might have held me back concerning Ellen White, God gave me "that peace that passes all understanding." Ever since then if ever there was one who kept me close to Jesus, it was Ellen White. — *Robert Rouillard, Lakewood, Wash.*

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PERSECUTED

The images are burned into history: Bible-based believers persecuted, even put to death for their faith. Centuries have buffered us somewhat from those scenes, yet the spector and potential of persecution is always present whenever human values collide.

It is indeed central to the concerns of many Christians across this country increasingly upset by a culture they perceive as intolerant of their faith. A variety of recent targets, from Christian television personalities to hometown bakers, have experienced public criticism and lawsuits because their personal philosophies run counter to politically correct views.

The Christian community has responded with outrage. Why is this traditionally “Christian nation” so opposed to Christians, they wonder. They feel persecuted by an expanding battle between secular and religious values.

Yet in the midst of this current philosophical struggle, many passionate believers, including a number of Seventh-day Adventists, will miss a truth that is counterintuitive



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PERSECUTION IS OFTEN THE PRODUCT OF SEcular GOVERNMENTS BUT OF religious MAJORITIES WHO SEEK TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE THEIR POSITION AGAINST PERCEIVED THREATS.

to their perceptions. Religious persecution is often the product not of secular governments but of religious majorities seeking to protect and advance their position against perceived threats.

This is indeed a timely topic. Religious persecution is again on the world stage. It has reached a six-year high according to a report published by the Pew Research Center in January.¹ Much of this persecution is centered in countries within the Middle East and Asia where Christians, as a significant minority, are targeted by violence and adverse legal systems. But it extends beyond these regions. According to the Pew study, “Incidents of abuse targeting religious minorities were reported in 47% of countries in 2012, up from 38% in 2011 and 24% in the baseline year of the study.”²

The Pew study also notes how religious majorities are influencing and directing governments against perceived threats from secularists and religious minorities. In Muslim-majority Egypt, for example, attacks on churches and Christian-owned businesses rose dramatically following the presidential election of Mohammed Morsi, an Islamist who has since lost power. Christians in Syria are being persecuted and driven from their homeland.³

In the aftermath of the Pussy Riot trials in Russia, the Russian Orthodox Church is putting pressure on its country’s parliament to legalize

intolerance toward anyone who attempts to criticize the church. In Eastern Europe, the Orthodox Church is lobbying for laws that would mandate six-day work weeks and not certify other denominations, in an attempt to combat the threats of an aging and dying membership base, competing faiths and an increasingly secular youth culture.⁴

AN INCREASINGLY POPULAR PEACEMAKER

Pope Benedict XVI and now Francis I have led in the call to end the persecution. After only one year in office, Francis’s revival of Pope John Paul II’s emphasis on interfaith dialogue has Western leaders hopeful that Rome will be the world’s great diplomatic peacemaker. As predicted in Revelation 13:3 and 17:12, the world is poised to “wonder after” Rome as it uses its position as the only world power that is both church and state to present itself as the great champion of Christianity and world peace. No other church by virtue of its size, tradition, structure, charisma and energies is poised to play such a singular part in shaping the future of the religious and political world.

In a wildly surprising smartphone video message to charismatic Protestants at Kenneth Copeland’s mega church in Fort Worth, Texas, Francis said, “I am nostalgic, yearning, that this separation comes to an end

and gives us communion.”

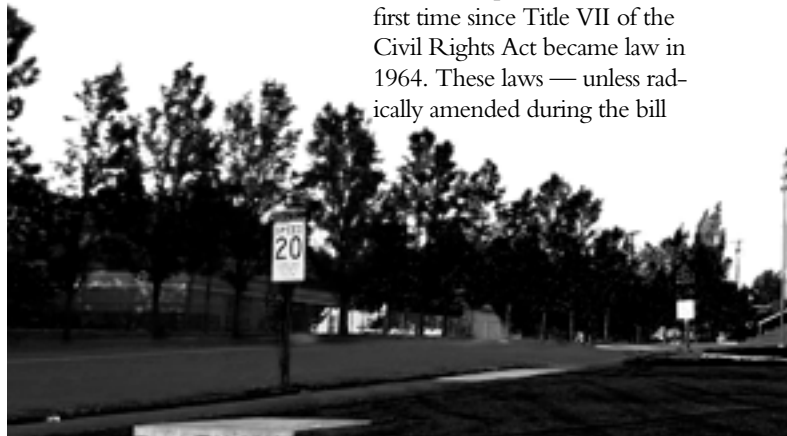
The pope’s unprecedented papal gesture was an invitation from personal friend and charismatic Episcopal bishop Tony Palmer, who introduced the pope’s remarks by proclaiming that “the protest is over! Luther’s protest is over! We are now all part of the universal church of Christ, the Catholic Church.” America’s Pentecostal leaders shouted “praise God, hallelujah!” and in a standing ovation waved arms high and swayed as if the Holy Spirit had taken over the conference.

ROME’S U.S. INFLUENCE

Shortly following, Pope Francis received a formal invitation from Speaker of the House John Boehner to address Congress. According to the U.S. House historian’s office, if the pope accepts, “it would be unprecedented” because “no pope or religious leader that serves as a head of state has ever addressed Congress.” Speaker

Boehner said that “the pope’s address as a visiting head of state before a joint meeting of the House and Senate would ... offer an excellent opportunity for the American people as well as the nations of the world to hear his message in full.”⁵

Pope Francis recently cautioned President Barack Obama about the Affordable Care Act’s contraception mandate and mentioned the Hobby Lobby case that was recently heard at the U.S. Supreme Court. In the United States, Catholics and evangelicals are uniting in support of business owners seeking exemptions from requirements to provide wedding-related services to gay couples. This year, religious leaders promoted legislation to amend state Religious Freedom Restoration Acts in 31 states in the name of strengthening religious freedom. But in nearly all of the bill proposals — especially those in Arizona and Idaho — the bills would have permitted violations of many anti-discrimination protections for the first time since Title VII of the Civil Rights Act became law in 1964. These laws — unless radically amended during the bill



OBJECT NOT OF SECULAR MAJORITIES SEEKING TO PROTECT AGAINST PERCEIVED THREATS.



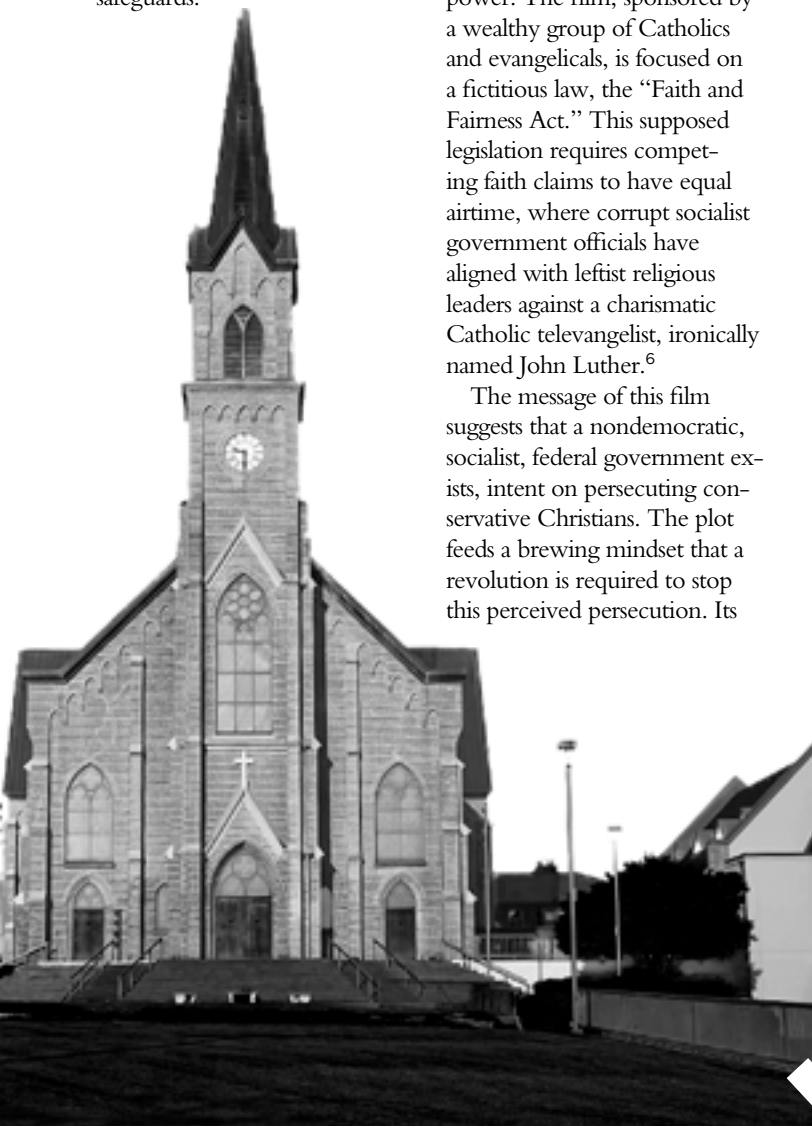
proposal stage — could have an adverse effect on Adventists because “religious” business owners could rely on them to deny Sabbath accommodations.

Efforts that appear to be motivated by the best of intentions are instead moving our country inexorably toward a repudiation of dearly held religious liberty safeguards.

PERCEIVED PERSECUTION AND THE CATHOLIC MOMENT

Hence the problem with the upcoming Hollywood film *Persecuted*. It’s a thriller that claims a political message about religious persecution, surveillance and the abuse of government power. The film, sponsored by a wealthy group of Catholics and evangelicals, is focused on a fictitious law, the “Faith and Fairness Act.” This supposed legislation requires competing faith claims to have equal airtime, where corrupt socialist government officials have aligned with leftist religious leaders against a charismatic Catholic televangelist, ironically named John Luther.⁶

The message of this film suggests that a nondemocratic, socialist, federal government exists, intent on persecuting conservative Christians. The plot feeds a brewing mindset that a revolution is required to stop this perceived persecution. Its



WHAT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MEANS TO ME

I believe in freedom of religion, not freedom from religion or freedom to enforce religion on others based on my beliefs, particularly acts of worship. This means upholding both the establishment and free exercise clauses of the First Amendment to a high constitutional standard against powerful forces. Using this standard, government neutrality means that religion and religious institutions must be allowed to thrive freely but without its official endorsement.

The First Amendment, in part, states that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . .” Today, some seek to reinterpret the no-establishment provision separating church and state in ways that would require government to financially support their institutions and enforce their dogmas so as to solve the moral ills of the nation.

Others seek to marginalize the free exercise of religion in favor of placing a higher level of protection on lifestyles destructive to universal moral principles sustaining all societies. Both are harmful to our constitutional health. I believe the nation’s founders anticipated this tension. That is why they created an internal check and balance within the very wording of the First Amendment in order to prevent the country from being overrun by either extreme in the great church-state debate (a puritanical vs. godless society). Remove this balancing safeguard and our nation’s constitutional guarantees will be lost, and with it our civil and religious freedoms.

As Sandra Day O’Connor, former associate Supreme Court justice, put it in a speech at the University of Ireland, “The religious zealot and the theocrat frighten us in part because we understand only too well their basic impulse. No less frightening is the totalitarian atheist who aspires to a society in which the exercise of religion has no place.”

Gregory Hamilton, Northwest Religious Liberty Association president

vision is of a “time of trouble” very different than what Adventists have understood from a careful study of biblical prophecy.

The film ignores the important and historical position of neutrality for our secular government and instead affirms the “Christian Nation” mantra becoming increasingly popular among many evangelical churches. The revolution it espouses echoes the call of Jesuit priest Richard John Neuhaus in his book *The Catholic Moment* as the time in which “the Roman Catholic Church in the United States assumes its rightful leading role in the culture-forming task of constructing a religiously informed public philosophy for



the American experiment in ordered liberty.”⁷ This is code for a constitutional revolution led by the Catholic Church in America, and with help from Rome and evangelicals.

THE ADVENTIST DIFFERENCE

A constitutional revolution for this, however, would produce unintended negative consequences. Today’s growing alliance between Catholics

and evangelicals who claim to be persecuted feeds into their biblical doomsday mindset in which a religious majority feels persecuted by secularist forces. Yet Adventists hold to their Protestant roots and believe the Bible portrays a very different future — just the opposite, in fact. According to Scripture, the religious majority will become militant in their quest for righteousness and power. They, not the secularists, will become the prophetic persecutors of those with whom they strongly disagree. The facts of persecution around the world even now are a grim testament to this unfortunate trend.

As Ellen White predicted, “They will force men to comply with their ideas of what is right. This is what the Jews did in the days of Christ and

what the church has done ever since whenever she has lost the grace of Christ. Finding herself destitute of the power of love, she has reached out for the strong arm of the state to enforce her dogmas and execute her decrees. Here is the secret of all religious laws that have ever been enacted, and the secret of all persecution from the days of Abel to our own time” (*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 126).

Ellen White also wrote that “in order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 443).

Note, she does not say secular-humanists, socialists

THE WORLD IS POISED TO “WONDER AFTER” ROME AS IT USES ITS POSITION AS THE ONLY WORLD POWER THAT IS BOTH CHURCH AND STATE TO PRESENT ITSELF AS THE GREAT CHAMPION OF CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD PEACE.

1. Pew Research Center, “Religious Hostilities Reach Six-Year High” (2014).

2. Pew Research Center, “Religious Hostilities Reach Six-Year High,” 10.

3. *Ibid.*

4. Brian J. Grim, guest speaker, about his research at Pew Research Center titled “Religious Hostilities Reach Six-Year High” (presented at the Religion and Foreign Policy Conference Call, Council on Foreign Relations, April 2, 2014).

5. Susan Davis, “Boehner invites Pope Francis to address Congress,” *USA Today*, March 13, 2014.

6. Napp Nazworth, “New Film ‘Persecuted’ Warns of Abuse of Gov’t Power, Religious Persecution,” *The Christian Post*, Feb. 13, 2014, glhrin/Prwxxt.

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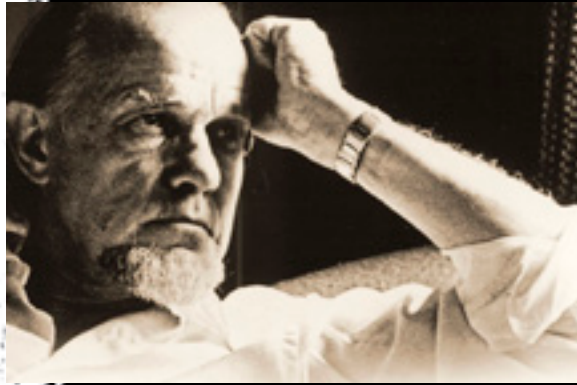


or communists. No, the religious powers will manipulate and control the government for purposes which, on the surface, may appear to be good and righteous.

Adventists have often wondered how such a thing could ever happen globally — especially in America, the land of the free and home of the brave. These latest trends show unmistakably that we are closer than we realize to seeing this kind of religious power emerge in our country in the guise of victimization and a spiritual revival (Revelation 13:13).

We should rejoice with the prospect of spiritual revival, but not at the expense of great principles of religious liberty so dear to our Constitution and our country. If there was ever a time for Adventists to be awake and vigilant, it is now.

Gregory Hamilton, Northwest Religious Liberty Association president



FRANCIS SCHAEFFER'S SHORTSIGHTED BOTTOM LINE

*“In *A Christian Manifesto*, one of the most influential books written in the twentieth century, theologian and philosopher Francis Schaeffer revived the traditional Christian view of civil disobedience that Christians must obey God rather than men when forced to choose between fundamental Christian principles and the dictates of the state (see Act 4:19) . . .*

“Writing at the height of the Cold War in 1981, Schaeffer drew from the persecution of Christians by communist atheists in the Soviet Union to argue that his ‘bottom line’ of Christian civil disobedience extended to America. Schaeffer perceived that the American government acted largely in support of the interests of an elite minority of secular humanists and atheists who were intent on imposing immoral values such as the practice of abortion, among others, on an acquiescent and predominantly Christian populace. Schaeffer was disturbed that Christians would stand by quietly without protesting or even resisting the imposition of secular humanism in all facets of society, and he sought to use the book to rally this reluctant ‘moral majority’ to action, and indirectly to applaud and buttress Jerry Falwell’s efforts.

“Where Schaeffer’s thesis became rather radical — and to him, admittedly ‘scary’ — was his suggestion that if painstaking, incremental attempts at political or legal change through civil-disobedient protests were unsuccessful, Christians were obligated to resist, even to death by revolting and abolishing the current government (pp. 127–28). This radical effort would bring about what Schaeffer believed was the ideal government supposedly envisioned by the nation’s founders.”

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ANCHORAGE BAJO EL LEMA: 'REVIVE LA LLAMA'



Iglesia Hispana de Anchorage en comida de fraternidad.

Desde la llegada del pastor nuevo en septiembre de 2013, la obra hispana se encuentra en constante crecimiento. La Iglesia Hispana de Anchorage, Alaska, es una congregación relativamente pequeña de unos cuarenta miembros activos quienes constantemente demuestran un gran compromiso y dedicación al sostener la flama del evangelio encendida, aunque se habían mantenido sin el liderazgo de un pastor de habla hispana durante casi dos años.

Poco después de hacerse cargo de las tareas pastorales en Anchorage, el Pastor Don West, originario de la isla caribeña de Jamaica, indujo a la iglesia en una serie de reuniones de reavivamiento bajo el lema "Revivir la llama". Estas reuniones fueron apoyadas por miembros de la comunidad, así como un número de miembros adventistas de habla inglesa en la ciudad. El Espíritu Santo se movió poderosamente a través de la proclamación de la palabra, y como resultado, cinco personas tomaron su decisión por Cristo a través del bautismo en diciembre del año pasado.

Compuesto por una mezcla de culturas de República Dominicana, Puerto



El poder del evangelio cantado por la Academia Juvenil de Anchorage.

Rico, Colombia y México, la iglesia es una muestra en miniatura de la diversidad que se puede encontrar en la comunidad hispana en general en Anchorage.

Con el objetivo de llegar a toda esa comunidad, con la buena noticia de la esperanza que Cristo ofrece, además de fomentar la fidelidad de los miembros actuales, la iglesia ha iniciado recientemente un nuevo programa de entrenamiento de discipulado centrado en replicar a Cristo en la vida cotidiana de los miembros de iglesia.

Uno de los eventos que ha creado gran expectativa y una dosis de energía entre los miembros, es la visita en este verano del reconocido evangelista y pastor Andrés

Portes, quien ha mantenido durante mucho tiempo un interés en el trabajo en Alaska y su visita será con el fin de hacer una contribución significativa a los esfuerzos de la obra hispana en la última frontera.

Quizás la necesidad más apremiante que esta iglesia tiene actualmente es un templo propio. Esto ha demostrado ser un desafío enorme para los miembros debido a la falta de recursos financieros. La iglesia se está reuniendo actualmente en la Academia Juvenil de Anchorage. Y junto a su nuevo líder, la iglesia anhela que muy pronto Dios abrirá la puerta a un edificio que puedan llamar hogar.

Parte de la visión del Pastor West para su iglesia, en armonía con la visión y los

esfuerzos de la Conferencia de Alaska, es contribuir de manera significativa a la extensión de hispanos en el territorio local, donde hay pocas opciones para los residentes de habla hispana. A través del uso de la tecnología y de la correspondencia de larga distancia, es como la Iglesia Hispana de Anchorage con el tiempo, desea convertirse en un punto de contacto para muchos de los hispanos en toda Alaska que están necesitando un hogar espiritual y un vínculo fundamental que les llevará a un encuentro con Jesús.

Don West, pastor de la Iglesia Hispana de Anchorage

El pastor Don West recién llegado para animar la flama del evangelio.



ANCHORAGE NORTHSIDE TRIES ROUND TABLE EVANGELISM

King Arthur is remembered for his round table that elevated his knights to equal status. This type of leadership engendered loyalty and respect from his knights. Round table evangelism seeks something similar.

Round table evangelism is really a Bible study held at round tables that allow for conversation and interaction with the Bible on an equal basis. Anchorage Northside Church members invited people to interactive prophecy seminars that engaged people in small groups around the tables and then collectively with a presentation. Most evenings ended back in the interactive studies.

Pastors Quentin Purvis and Kevin Miller teamed up for the presentations,

while 18 members led people through Bible studies showing Christ in prophecy and the gospel in the context of Earth's last days. A team provided snacks, and another team led a children's meeting that coincided with what the adults were studying.

The results of the meeting were threefold. First, members received excellent training in the real-world conditions of giving Bible studies. They found out it is not as hard or as complicated as it is sometimes thought. It also is fun to share Bible truth with people on a level that is nonthreatening and to develop relationships them.

Secondly, it reaffirmed the church's teaching in a new and fresh way. One of the comments was, "I got more out of this

series than others I've attended."

Finally, people made and are making decisions for Christ. There were two baptisms, three rebaptisms and several more continuing to study.

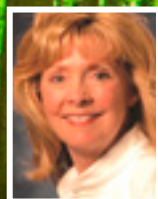
This interactive style of Bible study engages more church members in active sharing, presents prophecy in fresh ways and lifts Jesus up. Under His guidance and the Holy Spirit's power, Anchorage Northside members look forward to when He will sit them down at the table in heaven and lead the Bible study Himself.

Kevin Miller, Anchorage Northside Church pastor

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TREASURE VALLEY FINDS GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN 1042GP

Have you ever heard of a tax return called a 1042GP? The Treasure Valley Adventist School family in Payette had heard of a 1040EZ but never a 1042GP. They were about to have a clear understanding.

The school year began as it had for the previous 10 years — in a deficit. Heading into the annual fundraiser, staff knew they needed big money to meet big needs like replacing antiquated computers.

With needs totaling \$9,200, the fundraising goal was set for \$10,000. This was a lot of money, but the school community knew God would provide for their necessities.

The March fundraiser included a potato feed and auction. The school prayed for items; God provided. They prayed for people; 295 people

purchased tickets, including community members. This met the ultimate goal, to reach people outside the church walls.

Another goal was to host a fun event for the entire area. Individuals came from other churches, and even David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president, attended.

The night closed with a lot of sweat, tears of joy and thanks to God. Within a couple of days, funds raised totaled \$9,264 — the amount needed plus \$64 extra. The message of Phil. 4:19 came to mind: “My God shall supply all your needs”

Two weeks went by, and a few staff were visiting with a lady from out of town. She asked about their fundraising goal, and they told her that, though the goal was missed, God had provided for their needs. “I want to help you



Nearly 300 people enjoyed the Treasure Valley Adventist School fundraising dinner and helped contribute toward the ultimate goal of \$10,000.

meet your goal in honor of my mother who recently passed away,” she announced. She wrote a check for \$736 and brought the total to \$10,000.

Are you still wondering about a 1042GP? With \$42 in promised ticket sales turned in late, the event ultimately raised \$10,042. It was not about “My Plan” (MP) or “Our Plan”

(OP); it was “God’s Plan” (GP) all along.

So remember as you receive your tax returns in the mail, no matter whether you filled out an “EZ” or “XYZ,” it all goes back to GP — God’s Plan.

Cindy Grimaldo, fundraiser event coordinator

POCATELLO SEES MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Eastern Idaho is particularly difficult to reach, as the population is dominated by non-Christians and other denominations. However, the Lord has been working in this difficult region through the Pocatello Church’s public evangelism.

Tim Roosenberg presented his seminar on Islam, followed by the ShareHim series presented by Dean Lifshay, pastor,

and Monte Wood, Bible worker. Wood continued the outreach by offering a vegan cooking school.

The most thrilling outcome was the number of baptisms that followed, including one during camp meeting at Gem State Academy in Caldwell and three more the next month. The Pocatello Church welcomed a mother and daughter to

fellowship, and a teen member also chose the Lord as Savior. The calendar year ended with two baptisms, and two more people were baptized in March.

The Lord is working wonders in Pocatello.

Craig Connell, Pocatello Church communication leader



The fifth annual Souper Bowl scores a record amount of soup for Ronan-area food banks.

RONAN FOOD BANKS SCORE BIG AT SOUPER BOWL

The Seattle Seahawks weren't the only ones to put up big numbers on Super Bowl Sunday. The Ronan Church enjoyed its most successful Souper Bowl ever, collecting 4,004 cans of soup to split between the Bread Basket in Ronan and the Polson Loaves and Fish Food Pantry. This drive has been a growing annual tradition at the church for five years.

This year saw an unprecedented level of support. The event was structured as a friendly but fierce competition, with the congregation divided into two teams that scrambled to collect as many monetary contributions and units of soup as possible. Russ Jenkins, who helped coordinate, says, "When it was all said and done, the two teams were \$3.50 apart, so it was called a tie."

The real winners of this Souper Bowl were the two food banks. "Soup is something we don't get a whole lot of from individual donors," says Brian Rivers, food pantry managing director.

"It's a commodity that children can fix if their parents are busy or whatever," says Sherri McDonald, Ronan Bread Basket. "For [the Ronan Church] to gather it for us is tremendous. ... It'll last us into the summer."

Jenkins said the church's giving spirit is even more impressive when considered on a per capita basis. "We don't really have big money people," he explains. "They're such a warmhearted church."

Bryce Gray, Lake County Leader reporter



It was a day of friendship, fellowship and good competition for Montana's Pathfinder Bible Experience.

PATHFINDERS MATCH BIBLICAL WITS WITH CONFERENCE STAFF

Montana's Pathfinder Bible Experience this year wasn't the usual nail-biting, breath-holding competition to determine the best clubs.

Two teams from Bozeman's Gallatin Grizzlies Pathfinder Club began their study of 2 Samuel several months ago — their competitors, two days before the event or not at all.

These competitors included a team of Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) students, a team of local pastors, and a team representing Montana Conference staff, including Merlin Knowles, president; Laryssa Barlow, administrative assistant; Barry Taylor, church ministries and ministerial director; Donna

Wagner, prayer ministry coordinator; and Bruce Lane, MEA principal.

In the end, the Gallatin Grizzlies Team A shared first place with the conference staff. The pastors received second place, and the Grizzlies Team B shared third place with the MEA team.

It was a day of friendship, fellowship and good competition. In his benediction, Knowles said, "Thank you for the knowledge we learned and for showing us more that we need to learn."

Twyla Geraci, Pathfinder Bible Experience attendee

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I pray that as you listen to the speakers (such as David Asscherick, Mike Tucker, Jo Ann and Richard Davidson and others at the English camp meeting and Elizabeth Talbot at the Spanish camp meeting), you will be spiritually renewed. My desire is that you go home at the end of the week feeling blessed and ready to serve our wonderful God as you have been reminded of what He has done for you.

The children will love the special programs planned just for them. We will be blessed by attending workshops throughout the week on a variety of topics — each topic having been chosen to help us grow in our spiritual walk. We will be filled by the music of the King’s Heralds. Camp meeting is a special time of connection with friends both old and new, with God, and with our own hearts.

Just in case Camp Meeting 2014 is not yet on your calendar here are the dates: Spanish camp meeting, July 10–12; English camp meeting, July 15–19. I will be looking for you there. When you see me I would love to have you stop by and tell me how you are being blessed by experiencing God at Camp Meeting 2014. I look forward with anticipation to hearing some amazing stories. Let’s keep the theme in our hearts as we prepare for this special time together — “Here Am I”

Al Reinche, Oregon Conference president

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KELSO-LONGVIEW HOSTS JOURNEY TO HOPE

Journey to Hope, an evangelistic series with Becki Rogers, started with 137 adults crowding into the fellowship hall of the Kelso-Longview Church on Friday evening, Feb. 28. As people streamed in, church members had to keep adding more tables and chairs. The series spanned three weekends, with two lectures on Friday nights and Saturday nights plus the sermon for church. On Saturday nights, the church provided a vegetarian meal, which allowed members to mingle and get acquainted with their guests.

Rogers' life as she clutched her Bible and haltingly cried out to God. She concluded that if the devil is real, God must be also. She also learned the power of God's Word. This was only one of many stories of God's love Rogers shared in the context of biblical truth.

After the first weekend, organizers received an email from a man who was out of town but whose wife had attended. He requested a CD or DVD of the message and then said, "Cheryl was so inspired by what she heard that I was hoping I could hear what I'm miss-



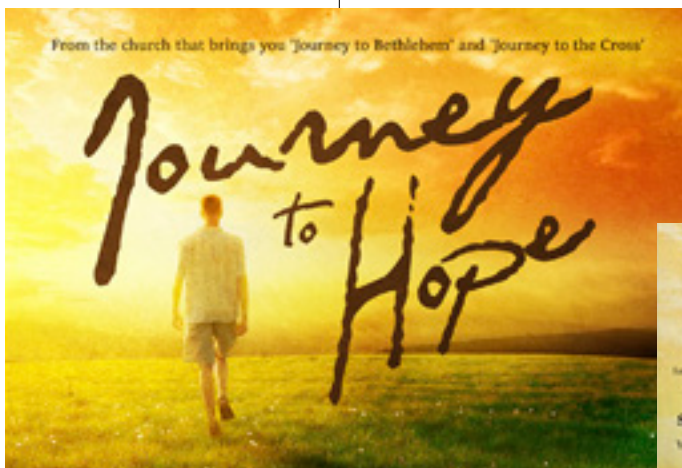
Becki Rogers speaks with guests during the evangelistic series Journey to Hope

sister and niece attended all the meetings. They confirmed some of the events; other stories they had never heard since

Rogers did not preach or push religion on her family.

Eighteen people indicated an interest in baptism. Church members have started a baptismal class on Sabbath mornings and will be doing a midweek Bible study as well. Please pray that God will do a mighty work, even yet, through these meetings.

Marcia Stone, Kelso-Longview Church pastor



Rogers' mother was known as the "Witch on 28th Street." One night when Rogers was a child, her mother was fully possessed by a demon and came crawling into her room to strangle her. God spared

ing before next weekend." Once he got home he was able to attend the meetings. Rogers became an Adventist when she was 20 years old and is the only Adventist in her childhood family. Her

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CELEBRITY CHEF VISITS ROSEBURG CHURCH



The Roseburg Church Better Living Center was filled to capacity as renowned chef Mark Anthony began his cooking demonstration on Sunday, April 13. Mouths watered as aromas began drifting from the kettles. Anthony's message was clear: Make Christ first in your life. He shared how a plant-based diet transformed not only his life but the lives of his family. When the cooking was complete guests enjoyed a delicious dinner.

The weekend began with Anthony as guest speaker for

the church service, during which he related how God took him from the lifestyle of Las Vegas, Nev., and cooking for the stars to being a messenger for God. He has put on more than 1,000 cooking presentations during the past six years — all for no salary. God has provided, and Anthony encouraged everyone to put God first, for He will provide all their needs.

Cameron Litvin, Roseburg Church communication leader

BEN DALUSING



The Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus celebrates its 20th annual Spring Festival at Portland's Sunnyside Church.

OAMC PERFORMS 20TH SPRING FESTIVAL

The Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus (OAMC) celebrated its 20th Annual Spring Festival with two concerts at Sunnyside Church in Portland, on Sabbath, April 5.

OAMC's director, David Wyman, conducted more than 70 men representing churches from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, as well as 22 singers of the William Chonestudy Men's Chorus from Loma Linda, Calif.

About 550 free tickets were available for each concert through Eventbrite.com. The tickets went fast, and each concert ended up with a waiting list of OAMC fans who waited for a miracle that would allow them to enjoy the singing of this chorus. On the day of the event the wishes of their hearts were granted, as every person on the list was able to secure a seat. About 1,200 people attended. Those who couldn't attend had the option of watching it streamed live online.

The two-hour program

was well-executed and spiritually charged. God's name was praised through OAMC's singing and through the performance of the Festival Ensemble that accompanied the chorus during both concerts.

Those who missed the opportunity to attend the Spring Festival will be glad that the OAMC will be performing at the Oregon Conference Camp Meeting in Gladstone this summer.

OAMC continues to be committed to its mission and vision to present the gospel of Jesus Christ through music; to reach out to include, encourage and mentor young men of the church; and to encourage and support men's chorus ministries around the world. For more information, visit oamc.org.

Ivonne Allen, Sunnyside Church communication leader, with Louise Craig, OAMC executive director



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Bea LaVigne is carried into the baptistery by newly baptized members Rick Packham and Mitch Swanson.

GRANTS PASS WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The Grants Pass Church enjoyed a special moment during the April 5 service. Bea LaVigne discovered Better Life Television quite by accident, drawn to its Bible teachings and Christ-centered programming. Through watching, LaVigne discovered the Sabbath and other Adventist messages. She found herself hungry for His Word and continued watching Better Life. LaVigne found sheer joy in growing closer and closer to Jesus by the day. She is just one of many who have been led to Christ through this television ministry, this author included.

LaVigne began attending the Grants Pass Church several months ago. Those who have come to know LaVigne have remarked on her deep faith and thirst to further understand the Three Angels' Message. Not long after she began attending the Grants Pass Church, LaVigne was diagnosed with cancer in her spine. What began as numbness in her legs has resulted in a grim cancer diagnosis. LaVigne has been given weeks to live and has lost the ability

to walk as of the writing of this article. Her faith is only stronger though this battle.

While facing a very dark time in her life in this sinful world, LaVigne has not lost that initial joy she found in knowing Jesus. Newly baptized members Mitch Swanson and Rick Peckham carried LaVigne into the baptistery so that Christian Martin, Grants Pass Church pastor, could perform her baptism. This was an intentional act — two new disciples assisting a new disciple.

Martin remarked that LaVigne had “every reason in the world not be baptized — yet she was eagerly determined to do whatever it took to be baptized.” She understood the significance of this act of baptism, knowing she’d be a testimony to many for years to come. LaVigne had a huge smile on her face as she realized that, regardless of the battle within her physical body, her eternal life is secure with Jesus.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader



SALEM CENTRAL WELCOMES NEW PASTORAL FAMILY

The Salem Central Church is happy to welcome Ben Barcnas Jr. and his wife, Becky, along with their two sons, Caleb and Andrew, as the church's new pastoral family.

Barcnas began his ministry in Minnesota and Colorado. Most recently he pastored the Stone Tower Church in Portland for more than seven years.

He was installed at Salem Central on Jan. 4, by Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president.

Both Caleb and Andrew Barcnas attend Walla Walla University. Caleb will graduate in June of this year.

Charlene Bennett, Salem Central Church communication leader

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MISSION TRIP IMPROVES CAMPUS SECURITY

A joint mission trip between the Seventh-day Adventist Community Church of Vancouver, Wash., and Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., held March 20–30, grew the 9-foot-high security wall around the campus of International Children’s Care (ICC) Hogar Escuela Adventista (HEA) in San Juan Opico, El Salvador, by another 100 feet. The wall is a long-term project by ICC to improve security on the campus and has been worked on by many mission groups over the last four years.

The trip was made during the Oregon Conference spring break by 26 members of the church, CAA students and former CAA students attending Walla Walla University. Daily project pictures were posted to the “Vancouveradven-

The 26 people who went on the mission trip gather on the rebuilt sidewalk bridge.



MARY JO CANNARD

Workers extend a security wall around the HEA campus in El Salvador.

tistouthgroup” Facebook page, and emails were sent home to friends and family in the U.S. Many of the emails are also posted on the Adventist Community Church of Vancouver Facebook page.

In addition to work on the wall, other improvements

included a fresh coat of paint on the administration building, replacement of rotted decking on a sidewalk bridge, various electrical repairs and improvements, and minor plumbing and household repairs.

During evening worship, the mission team was joined by many of the students and staff of HEA. The highlight each evening were responses to the question, “Where did you see Jesus today?” These included observations of people doing good deeds above and beyond their assigned tasks.

The group also had a chance to visit a nearby World Heritage site, the Pacific Ocean and a cluster of volcanoes.

The last night before leaving for the San Salvador airport

at 3 a.m., the young missionaries and the HEA residents shed many tears over not seeing each other again this side of heaven.

Almost everyone on the trip was able to participate only because of the generosity of friends, family and church members who donated to, hired or purchased from the group.

If you have the opportunity to go on a mission trip sponsored by your church or school, do it — whether you have a gray beard or you are a high school youth. There are



MARY JO CANNARD

The HEA administration building (and a few clothes) gets a fresh coat of paint.

few joys in life as great as doing things for someone else. There are many wonderful people out there who, even though they cannot go, are willing to send their money with those who can. All you have to do is ask.

Dave Cannard, Seventh-day Adventist Community Church of Vancouver member



MARY JO CANNARD

'THE JOURNEY' COMES TO SPOKANE VALLEY

For seven years, I've shared with my chiropractor the big event our church does, Journey to the Cross (J2C). He was always interested, but this year he came. As a cast member in the first scene, I spotted him in the crowd during the wedding at Cana. As the crowd began to leave, I was able to thank him for coming. His daughter loved the grapes and almonds offered by the servants at the house.



KATHY MARSON

Jesus is tried in Pilate's court.

With its seventh year just completed, J2C is becoming a dynamic outreach to the Spokane, Wash., community. Last year for the first time a local Mormon bishop offered to help recruit cast members from his church. This year many of his members again participated. The cast of more than 250 includes Adventists from many local churches as well as

five other Christian churches in the area.

In seven years J2C has grown from about 1,600 guests to 5,000. The most recent event had more than 250 cast members, plus musicians and greeters entertaining guests as they waited to go through Cana and Jerusalem to watch many stories unfold from the life of Jesus.

As cast and crew shared stories from the event, many told of the children. One girl chose J2C for her birthday party. At one point three little children who were guests rushed forward to be touched by Jesus. In the Garden of

Judas in the upper room prepares to betray Jesus.



KATHY MARSON



KATHY MARSON

Jesus and His disciples hold Passover in the upper room.

Gethsemane two young guests peeked over a rock to watch Jesus pray.

At the end of the Journey, a little girl told "Jesus" she had hurt her head, so actor Larry McCauley asked if he could pray for her.

Another theme was life changes and miracles. One actor

brought older honeycomb to share during the Great Commission. When he opened the package it was like fresh honey. One actress had a son going through renal failure, and after the event he told his mom he was cleared of his disease.

One lady brought five guests who were not Christians. Another said she had been questioning her standing with Jesus, and this has made a difference.

This is why Spokane Valley Church produces J2C — to share the love and life of Jesus in a whole new way so people will see Him in a whole new light. This Journey truly makes a difference.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

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KETTLE FALLS RUNS SUCCESSFUL DISCOVER BIBLE SCHOOL

Eighty students graduated in 2013 from the many courses offered at the Kettle Falls Discover Bible School. Currently more than 400 enrollees representing all 50 states take courses that include Focus on Prophecy, Discover Bible Course, Native New Day and Kid Zone. Requests from overseas are referred to the countries where the interested parties reside.

When students complete one series of lessons, they are offered a second and third set of lessons. Those who finish the Focus on Prophecy series receive *The Great Controversy*. Those completing the Discover Bible Course receive *The Desire of Ages*, and those who com-

plete the Amazing Facts program receive *God's Answers to Your Questions*. When students graduate they are encouraged to attend a local Seventh-day Adventist church. A number of students are already attending Adventist churches in their areas.

The Kettle Falls Discover Bible School, which began in 2006, has received so many requests at one time that they began sending the requests for Amazing Facts lessons to the Libby (Mont.) Church's Discover Bible School. The leader in Libby was grateful for the extra studies. One student in a Florida jail has enrolled five of her fellow inmates in the courses.



(From left, back row) Gordon Mellott, Tina Mellott, Wayne Kooser, Mary Ratcliff, Nick Ratcliff, (from left, front row) Nancy Dunnewin, Jean Leland and Cosette Kooser are part of the Kettle Falls Discover Bible School.

Students greatly appreciate the lessons they receive. One asked for a PowerPoint presentation to share with his church; another wanted a *Final Events* DVD along with his first lesson. Another requested lessons for 10 of her friends so they could study together. Story after story could be shared about the appreciation of the students for the lessons they receive.

Most of the enrollees learn about the courses offered by searching the Internet and finding biblestudycentral.org,

the website of Nick Ratcliff, and biblestudyworld.com, managed by John Quade. Others may hear about the lessons from radio or TV ads or ads in magazines or other leaflets. About 10 church members are online instructors in the studies. They hope this report inspires other churches to begin offering Bible correspondence courses in their areas.

Marilyn Morgan, Kettle Falls Church communication leader



Yovonny Rendon is a willing volunteer showing the others their "math mission."

TRI-CITY ADVENTIST SCHOOL HOLDS MATH FUN FAIR

On a brisk March evening the gymnasium at Tri-City Adventist School in Pasco, Wash., was abuzz with eager elementary and middle school students and their families

Myumi and Izaiah Evangelista, Joseph Thompson, and Jacob Morrison are intrigued with their math games.

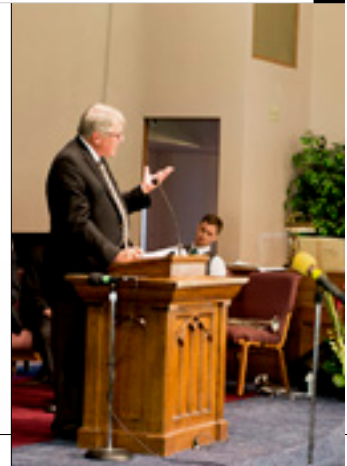


participating in a wide variety of math activities. With more than 35 interactive stations, the students had ample opportunity to investigate a variety of math concepts.

Karen Birney, third- and fourth-grade teacher, coordinated the event with the home and school committee members. Many community volunteers and upper-grade students assisted younger students to make the evening a great learning experience.

Verna Canada, Tri-City Adventist School teacher

YAKIMA DOCTOR'S LIFE CELEBRATED



Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president, shares encouragement and memories of Jay Sloop.

A celebration of life service was held for Jay Randall Sloop on April 26 at the Yakima Church. Family and friends packed the church to remember the gentle, fun-loving and godly doctor who disappeared in May 2013 while helping to set up two lifestyle clinics in Ukraine.

The emotional service featured musical tributes and shared memories of Jay's love of God, family and people. Over the years, in addition to delivering thousands of children in Yakima, Wash., he aided countless people in crafting a holistic lifestyle — blending Christian faith and health. “We are left without him in our lives right now,” explained Greg Sloop, Jay's son. “[We want] to remember who he is and was, what things were important to him and reminisce on the time he spent with us.”

Jay was born in Caldwell, Idaho, the fourth child of J. Randall and Faye Sloop. The family moved to Keene, Texas, and later Lincoln, Neb., where Jay entered Union College when he was just 16. He met his wife, Sharlene, there in 1955.

Jay graduated as president of his class on May 27, 1956, and that afternoon he and Shar-



Friends and family gather in Yakima Church to celebrate Jay Sloop's life of service.

lene were married. Jay started medical school in the fall at the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) and graduated in 1960.



Photos of Sloop recount a devoted physician and joyful Christian life.

The Sloop twins, Rick and Randy, were born in Los Angeles, Calif., during Jay's internship and internal medicine residency. Jay practiced family medicine in La Grande, Ore., for two years before returning to Los Angeles for an obstetrics-gynecology residency in 1964.

Midway through the residency, Jay was drafted into the Air Force and stationed in Lubbock, Texas, where he and the family welcomed a third son, Gregory.

The Sloops moved in 1969

to Yakima, where Jay practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Yakima until he retired in 2005 and began working as the Upper Columbia Conference health ministries director.

Jay went to Serbia and Ukraine for three weeks in early May 2013 on a medical mission trip. On May 14, 2013, he disappeared during his morning walk in Kiev. Despite an intensive search, nothing has turned up in the year since his disappearance.

Jay's family includes Sharlene, his wife of 56 years; son Richard and his wife, Linda, of Yakima; son Randal and his wife, Christine, of Paradise, Calif.; son Gregory and his wife, Lisa, of Portland, Ore.; sister Joyce Wasylshen and her husband, Gerald, of Lacombe, Alberta, Canada; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The Upper Columbia Conference plans to install the Jay Sloop Trail on its Spokane campus in honor of Jay's commitment to and love for an active lifestyle.

Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director

JOIN THE RACE

A

recently married couple was watching the 2013 Boston Marathon near the finish line when two bombs exploded and claimed the left leg of each spouse.

Through the ensuing year, they began a healing process that brought them once again to the marathon venue to *join the race*. They triumphantly crossed the finish line of the handcycle division with their hands clasped together in victory. Difficult times can get us off the sidelines and *into the race!*

This story reminds me of Hebrews 12: “Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (NKJV).

Jesus got in the race when He left heaven to join us on Earth and gave us the gift of eternal life by dying on the cross and being resurrected to new life.

The apostle Paul tells us that our battles are not against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities. In the battle of faith, Satan doesn't like it when anyone takes a stand for Jesus.

My question for each one of us is: Are we truly in the race? God is calling members in our churches to get off the sidelines and into the race. For every battle we face and every race we run, if we are willing to engage in faith and prayer, we will see the Holy Spirit direct the battles and win victories in our churches.

Let's keep our eyes on Christ as we run this race of life! Let's believe and trust what God will do for us as we live His mission.

John Freedman, Washington Conference president

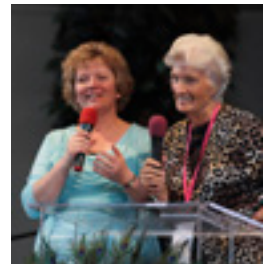


THE BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY

Becky Meharry is joining the Washington Conference education leadership team as associate superintendent in July. Get acquainted at glnr.in/wa-meharry.



Western Washington women have raised nearly \$65,000 since 2007 for Murwira Children's Orphanage in Zimbabwe. Read more at glnr.in/wa-women.



Puget Sound Adventist Chorale in April depicted the eight final events of Jesus' life on earth through the *Power of the Cross* musical. Read more at glnr.in/wa-cross.



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OSO LANDSLIDE GENERATES ACTS OF COMPASSION

EILEEN RICHMOND



A kindergarten student at Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood knows a family who lost everything in the Oso landslide. The student invited his whole school to support disaster response.

A tragic landslide in Oso, Wash., claimed lives, destroyed property and gained widespread media coverage in mid-March. It also revealed hearts of compassion. The Adventist Church, on a corporate level, provided insight and advice to officials

Lynnwood brought a homemade bank to school with \$6 inside. “I made a bank for Oso,” he proudly told Lowell Dunston, Cypress principal. This young man knew a family who had lost everything — including a relative — in the Oso landslide. “Word quickly spread through the four classrooms of our small school,” says Dunston. “Each class made a bank. Students brought dollars and change for 10 days.” Students counted the donations and discovered they raised

almost \$400 for Snohomish County Search and Rescue. This search and rescue team includes Adventist member Aaron Christensen. Fifth- and sixth-grade students at Kirkland Adventist School also wanted to help. They pulled out soapy sponges and giant smiles to host a benefit car wash. Their teacher, Cindy Miller, reports that students raised more than \$700 for the Oso Chapel.

Examples of compassion go beyond generous financial contributions to tangible acts of service. Sandra Clay, Forest Park Adventist Christian School (Everett) music teacher, played hymns at three funeral services for the same family. Brandon McNally, former firefighter and Arlington Church member, collected coats, gloves, gaiters and gear for search crews by asking an outdoor clothing provider for donations.

“While the ongoing news about the disaster is diminishing, clean up and rebuilding will go on for some time in the future,” says Byron Dulan, Washington Conference Adventist Community Services disaster response leader. “We are planning to sponsor a hometown rebuilding mission trip this fall. You are welcome to volunteer or make long-term recovery donations at [washingtonconference.org/disaster](http://www.washingtonconference.org/disaster).”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



BYRON DULAN

Adventist Disaster Response representatives met with Darrington community leaders to offer help and answer questions about how to process donated goods.

about the potential for a disaster-goods warehouse, a service that was not ultimately needed. Individually, Adventists showed compassion through acts of service and fundraising support. A kindergarten student at Cypress Adventist School in

Kirkland students wash cars for donations to help with disaster response efforts in Oso, Wash.



CINDY MILLER

THE WORK CONTINUES

More than 300 delegates, representing the entire membership of the Washington Conference, gathered Sunday, April 6, at the Auburn Academy Church for the 59th constituency session. All three conference officers were re-elected: John Freedman, president; Doug Bing, secretary; and Jerry Russell, treasurer. All department directors nominated were returned to their posts.

The term limits voting results: 52 percent in favor, 48 percent not in favor. The vote required two-thirds majority vote to pass, and the motion failed.

Delegates were eager to add their perspectives to the day's process. The nominating committee, which met in a separate room for most of the day, allowed individual delegates time to privately share additional ideas or concerns before any names were placed before the full delegation for a vote. Delegates responded favorably, with clear support for every person elected.

In this, the most ethnically diverse conference within the



John Freedman, Washington Conference president, introduces five videos during his President's Report. The videos, produced by Totally Inspired Media, are available on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Northwest, there are differing ideas on how to most effectively coordinate the work of African-American churches. No prospective name for regional affairs director was brought to the floor by the nominating committee. Instead, delegates affirmed a plan for North Pacific Union Conference and Washington Conference leadership to meet with regional black church leaders to seek reconciliation and a unified strategy. Once an accord is reached, the position will be filled by the conference executive committee.

The executive committee was also tasked with taking further action on two positions still unfilled from the nominating committee: the associate superintendent of education and a part-time health director.

Reports are always a major part of any constituency session. The financial presentation revealed how the recent economic downturn has affected confer-

ence reserves. This is a common challenge for other church entities too as retirement funding and medical costs for pastors, teachers and other staff continue to rise. Yet indications show that prudent management and God's blessings are beginning to turn things in a positive direction for the Washington Conference.

One other topic occupied an hour or two of vigorous but respectful discussion. Delegates debated the pros and cons of term limits for officers. The constitution and bylaws committee suggested discussion on whether or not officers should be limited to serving no more than three consecutive five-year terms. Both the debate and the vote were strikingly close — 52 percent in favor of those limits and 48 percent opposed. But since bylaw changes require the approval of at least a two-thirds majority, the motion failed.

Washington members can be proud of their designated





JONATHAN BAUMGARTNER

“I felt proud of our church and how it runs. I felt inspired by all the life-changing ministry going on and challenged to seek after more of the Holy Spirit’s power.”

Melissa Howell, Mount Vernon Church delegate

JONATHAN BAUMGARTNER



The first hour of constituency session was spent in worship and prayer.

delegates — the vast majority of whom stayed faithfully through to the end of a long nine-hour session. And they did so with a remarkable and obvious passion for the mission of their church.

“We had nine hours of people and pastors from every single church in the conference discussing, wrestling, disagreeing, speaking, listening to each other, voting, praying, sustaining very opposite views, and yet coming together united in the end towards our common goal: saving souls in the Puget Sound,” says Melissa Howell, Mount Vernon Church delegate. “I felt proud of our church and how it runs. I felt inspired by all the life-changing ministry going on and challenged to seek after more of the Holy Spirit’s power.”

David Glenn, Chehalis Church pastor, agrees. “There was a good spirit,” he says. “Although it was a long day, due diligence was done by the nominating committee. The reports



The re-elected administrative team includes (from left) Doug Bing, vice president for administration; John Freedman, president; and Jerry Russell, vice president for finance.

from churches and changed lives were thrilling.”

In his closing remarks, John Freedman, newly re-elected president, encouraged members to apply the principles of Ephesians 3, to allow God’s Spirit to work within them for unity, toward a common purpose of saving souls for His Kingdom. “Only then will we experience the promises of Scripture,” he said, “exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.”

Washington Conference has an army of leaders and lay members apparently ready to embrace that vision. Until Jesus comes, the work continues.

Steve Vistauemet, North Pacific Union Conference assistant to the president for communication, with Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director.



Watch five compelling video stories shown at the Washington Conference session: glnr.in/1ku6mQt.

ENGINEERING SCHOOL INTRODUCES GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN ENGINEERING PROGRAM

The Walla Walla University (WWU) Edward F. Cross School of Engineering will offer a global humanitarian engineering emphasis program beginning this fall.

Students in the program will complete core engineering classes as well as courses in religion, business, culture and ethics. Also required will be international service or work experience, such as participation in Engineers Without Borders, student missions or Peace Corps, or work with a nongovernmental organization or company.

WWU's first Engineers Without Borders projects in Honduras sparked a move to offer more students the chance to experience global service as well as earn academic credit for their involvement. "We recognized that a successful international development project requires far more than just technical skills," says Brian Roth, engineering professor. "It requires cultural sensitivity, multicultural communication, team-building and project-management skills."

The first Engineers Without Borders projects, two

Honduras school structures and related infrastructure improvements, were completed in 2010 and 2012. The chapter's current project is working with the community of Pucutuni, Peru, to design and install a new water system for the town.

"Engineers should have an understanding of global development issues and build cultural awareness," says Curt Nelson, founder of the WWU Engineers Without Borders chapter. "We hope students will learn to recognize humanitarian needs and build a team to meet those

needs and, perhaps most importantly, reflect on their place in society." Nelson says this program will also help students be better prepared for careers in international development work and to work with multinational

companies. Doug Logan, School of Engineering dean, observes that there is a trend in engineering education toward providing training for working effectively in a global setting. "The new program will enhance our students' competitiveness in the global economy."

For more program information, visit enr.wallawalla.edu/ghee.

Rosa Jimenez, WWU relations senior manager



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For Engineers Without Borders, working in collaboration with community leaders is a key aspect of each project.

LEGO TOURNAMENT DRAWS 18 TEAMS

The Plastique Bots of Pasco, Wash., took home the Champion's Award at the April 13 First Lego League Regional Robotics Challenge. Team members Luke Irvine, Andrew Irvine, Isaac Baik, Joe Thompson and Christian Lebold were coached by Lance Irvine and Rosa Mitchell.

The event, sponsored by the Edward F. Cross School of Engineering, brought together 18 teams from across the Northwest for the annual competition.

This year's theme, "Nature's Fury," challenged teams to focus on natural disasters and create a Lego robot and game to respond to a natural disaster simulation.

The following teams also won awards:

- » **Core Values Award**
CheeseBytes from Tillamook (Ore.) Adventist School;
- » **Robot Design Award**
Lavabots from Lupine Springs Academy;
- » **Project Award**
MEE TechnoBears from Mount Ellis Elementary School in Bozeman, Mont.;
- » **Robot Performance Award**
Phantom Brickkeepers from Trestle Homeschool.

The Plastique Bots from the Tri-Cities, Wash., area, earned the Champion's Award.



ADVENTIST HEALTH LEADERS COME TOGETHER FOR MISSION DAY



Adventist Health has a legacy in mission focus and whole-person care that has stood strong through many changing health care policies and uncertain financial times. The reason for this is Adventist Health's firm rooting in its mission, says JoAline Olson, senior vice president/chief human

resources and innovation officer. To promote this mission-focused care, Adventist Health hosted a Mission Day event in Roseville, Calif., for the system's leaders. More than 140 leaders gathered to focus on the sys-

tem's mission and values. The attendees included chief executive officers, chief financial officers, patient care executives, chaplain directors, and strategic partners from Cerner and Jones Lang LaSalle. "In times of changing health care policies, it is important for Adventist health care leaders to reflect on our foundations, focus on the

of the tree of life providing healing for the nations. Each attendee was given a unique leaf to symbolize their distinctive purpose in fulfilling the healing mission of Adventist Health.

The day featured many speakers from across the system and Adventist historian Ron Graybill, who spoke on the foundations of the Adventist faith and of Adventist Health. Rodney Wehtje, Adventist Health vice president of finance and treasurer, and Tom Russell, Adventist Medical Center (Portland, Ore.) president and CEO, shared stories of financial and public crises faced by the organization. They explained that God continues to guide as leaders pursue the Adventist Health mission, "To share God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing."

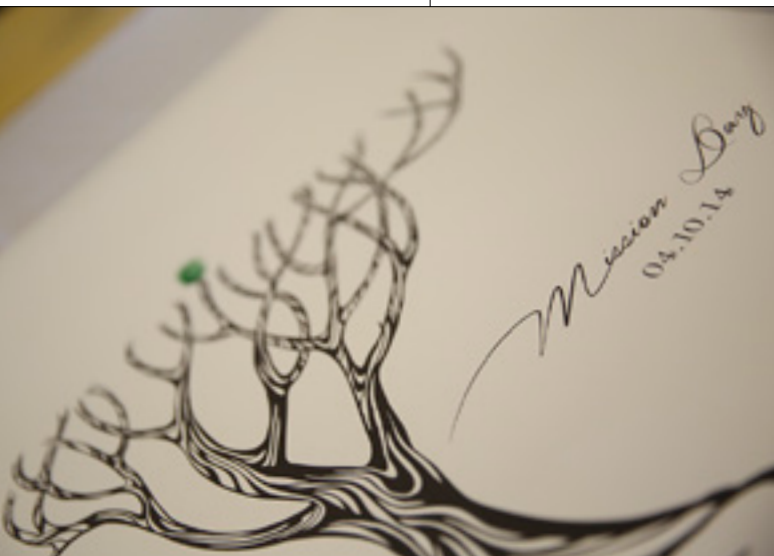
Attendees shared ideas on dealing with issues they face in their workplaces, including health care, communication and finance. "This event brought together people we wouldn't normally see and gave us the chance to cross-pollinate ideas," says Bryan Lewis, Sonora

(Calif.) Regional Medical Center mission and spiritual care director.

"Coming out of Mission Day, I felt encouraged, rejuvenated and optimistic about our future," says Crampton. "I know that the others will take this energy and vigor to staff in their individual facilities, and together we can make a difference in our communities."

The day-long event culminated with a special ceremony creating a distinctive piece of artwork as attendees "inked" their thumbprints on the limbs of a leafless tree to symbolize how each unique leaf comes together to fulfill a greater purpose. "We Christians often say that we are God's hands, and we are also God's thumbprints," says Lewis. "It was a beautiful depiction of who we are as an organization. We are God's representatives to heal the nations. This day rejuvenated us to do just that."

Divya Joseph, Adventist Health Gleaner correspondent



present and to plan the future," says Paul Crampton, assistant vice president of mission and spiritual care.

The theme of the event was based on Rev. 22:1-3, which talks about the leaves

resources and innovation officer. To promote this mission-focused care, Adventist Health hosted a Mission Day event in Roseville, Calif., for the system's leaders. More than 140 leaders gathered to focus on the sys-

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Barbara and James Anderson

Anderson 60th

James and Barbara Anderson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in their home with family and friends on March 26, 2014, with a dinner party.

Barbara Jean Dickerson and James Milton Anderson were married March 14, 1954, in San Diego, Calif. During their first year of married life they lived in Japan, where James worked in the Air Force as an accountant. Later they moved back to San Diego and had three children. Later Barbara became vice president of a San Bernardino bank and supported James through medical school. James worked 25 years as a family physician in Spokane, Wash., until he retired. Barbara also worked in the medical office as a medical assistant and office manager. They enjoy traveling and love being a part of the South Hill Church family.

The Anderson family includes Joyce and Keith Wilkens of Spokane; Eric and Quinn (Fitzpatrick) Anderson of Great Falls, Mont.; Bryan and Kim (Harris) Anderson of Spokane; and 8 grandchildren.

Davidson 90th

Lloyd Dean Davidson celebrated his 90th birthday on Aug. 18, 2013, with a recep-

tion at the Forest Grove (Ore.) Church fellowship hall.

Lloyd was born Aug. 19, 1923, in Spokane, Wash. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the Air Corp in Texas. From 1946 to 1948, he was employed as a warehouse worker in Vanport, Ore. Lloyd moved away from Vanport, just before the flood, to Columbia Villa and worked at Portland Radio Supply. Next he moved to Beaverton, Ore., where he was a purchasing agent for Tektronics until he retired. In his retirement, Lloyd continued working driving pilot cars until 2012.

Lloyd was married to Ruby Violet Walker for 67 years. He then was married a second time in 2012 to Bonnie Jeannine Ballard.

Lloyd's family includes Jim Davidson of Sherwood, Ore.; Bob and Jani (Wiebold) Davidson of Banks, Ore.; David and Penny (Strah) Ballard of Newberg, Ore.; Sheryl (Ballard) and Terry Bolton of Grizzly Flats, Calif.; Joe and Mandi (Hill) Ballard of Beaverton, Ore.; 6 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a step-great-grandchild.

Edgerly 60th

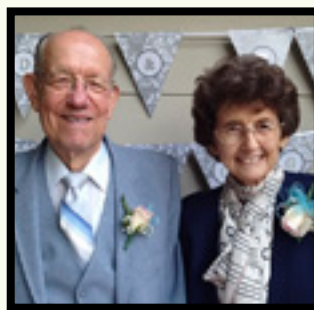
Dan and Loween Edgerly celebrated their 60th anniversary on March 12, 2014, with well-wishers and dear friends from their church family in Lebanon, Ore.

Dan Edgerly first met the lovely Loween Moore while visiting his brother's family shortly after being discharged from the Air Force. It was love at first sight, and they were married on March 12, 1954.

They shared a passion for serving the Lord, and Dan contributed his talents in construction and masonry to fur-

ther the growth of the church. Together they put their energy into building projects across the country and joined missions around the world in Palau, Saipan, Ethiopia and, most recently, Fiji.

The Edgerly family includes Kathy and Al Matthews of Wenatchee, Wash.; Tonia and Eugene Roemer of Wenatchee; Daniel and Glenda Edgerly of Yamhill, Ore.; DeAnn and Dane Silvernale of Glendive, Mont.; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Fred and Edie Moor

Moor 65th

Fred Bennett Moor Jr. had just returned to La Sierra College to complete pre-med following his 22 month stint in the Army when he met Edith Louise James, who had vowed never to marry a veteran or a doctor. His heart and humor won hers. They were wed on June 27, 1948, at Rupp Memorial Chapel, Lynnwood, Calif.

Edie's childhood years in India left her yearning to someday return to mission life. Fred dreamed of Africa, so impressed was he with all those stirring Sabbath School stories amply illustrated by the sandbox displays.

Nearing the termination of his internship following medical training at Loma Linda University, a mission opportunity arose in Nicaragua. By December 1953, the couple and their two young

sons landed on the Caribbean coast where Fred became medical director of a 25-bed hospital. While Edie taught diet therapy to the student nurses and managed the dietetics department, they also added a daughter to their family.

It became evident that the institution needed to be in a more central location. La Trinidad was chosen, Fred drew up plans, and construction of the new hospital ensued. Before completion however the Moors added one more son to the family — the first baby to be born in the new, still-unfinished hospital.

The new location allowed access to the institution by the country's general population thus increasing its influence.

It was a teary day 14 years later (1968) that the family took a permanent return for the children's education.

Southern California became home for three years while Fred finished his four years of training in orthopedic surgery. Then they moved north to Walla Walla, Wash. While getting the brood through college, Edie made sure the family and home were well cared for. Nine years in northern California preceded retirement in 1994 to Battle Ground, Wash., near their four children. Of those working years, their mission service experiences remain by far the highlight.

The Moor family includes Ben and Kathy Moor of Kelso, Wash.; Jim and Lynae Moor of Battle Ground, Wash.; RuthAnn and David Wyman of Battle Ground; Michael and Deborah Moor of Loma Linda, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandsons. Their grandson Brandon died in 2005.

BUTLER — Zoe Kathleen was born Nov. 20, 2013, to Joseph and Marni (Klatt) Butler, Tacoma, Wash.

CARON — Emily Valeri was born Jan. 1, 2014, to Valeri and Svitlana (Shulga) Caron, Winter Park, Fla.

NIELSEN — Kaydence Joelle Wat was born May 3, 2013, to Erik Alan Wat and Karyelle (Fleck) Nielsen, Mount Vernon, Wash.

FAMILYATREST

ALLEN — Laurence Arthur, 89; born Aug. 31, 1924, Cherryville, Ore.; died Oct. 4, 2013, at his home. Surviving: daughter, Laurie Allen; and 2 grandchildren.

BEASLEY — Anthony Wyatt, 34; born Nov. 22, 1978, Salem, Ore.; died Aug. 24, 2013, Denver, Colo. Surviving: father, Eldon Beasley, Gates, Ore.; mother, Judy (McDaniel) Beasley-Tapp, Salem; step-father, Warren Tapp, Salem; brothers, Jason Beasley, Denver; Robert Beasley, Aurora, Ore.; and grandmother, Pat (Kernan) McDaniel, Salem.

CAMPBELL — Voula (Manosar), 85; born Oct. 18, 1928, Crescent City, Calif.; died Feb. 4, 2014, Medford, Ore. Surviving: husband, George E. Jr.; sons, George E. III, Jacksonville, Ore.; Aris Campbell, Gresham, Ore.; daughters, Susan Campbell-Calzaretta, Ann Campbell and Michelle Hoque, all of Medford; brother, Lester Manosar, Crescent City; sister, Marie Stowers, Brookings, Ore.; and 14 grandchildren.

CRABB — Joan Edna (Daniels), 80; born Nov. 21, 1933, Ladysmith, Wis.; died March 1, 2014, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: husband, Cecil; sons, Kerry, Eugene; Greg, San Diego, Calif.; sister, Dolores Dickerson, of California; and 4 grandchildren.

DASSENKO — Jack, 95; born April 3, 1918, Grassy Butte, N.D.; died Feb. 13, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Gladys M.; son, Paul E., New York City, N.Y.; daughter, Pamela M. Dassenko, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; brother, Ivan, Salem, Ore.; sister, Lena Schild, Sturgis, S.D.; and a grandchild.

DAVIS — Sandra I. (Barham), 75; born June 2, 1938, Biggs, Calif.; died June 25, 2013, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Bob, East Wenatchee, Wash.; son, Troy E., Leavenworth, Wash.; daughters, Kim Spry, Cashmere, Wash.; Kori Davis, East Wenatchee; sisters, Joyce Mendall, Seattle, Wash.; Gaylene Wardel, of Arizona; Sue Snelson, Snohomish, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

DICKERSON — Lois (Elder), 85; born July 29, 1928, Washington, Kan.; died Nov. 25, 2013, Fort Worth, Texas. Surviving: sons, Dennis, Crowley, Texas; Mike, Ringgold, Ga.; Jon, San Antonio, Texas; daughters, Debbie Nakamura, Kapaa, Hawaii; Terri Capps, Edgerton, Wis.; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

DRURY — Elaine Iris (Estes), 91; born Aug. 13, 1922, Kalspell, Mont.; died March 26, 2014, Troy, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Larry, Las Vegas, Nev.; Charlie, Troy; daughters, Joy Gauger, Riddle, Ore.; June Miner, Troy; Becky Bradshaw, Meridian, Idaho; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

DURHEIM — Ralph William, 95; born April 18, 1917, Ismay, Mont.; died July 12, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Mildred Williams, Livonia, Mich.; Audrey Robinson, Tillamook, Ore.; Janice Rasmussen-Wheeler, College Place; 12 grandchildren,

17 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

EISEMAN — Jim E., 95; born Dec. 14, 1918, Bengie, Wash.; died March 7, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Jim Jr., Milton-Freewater, Ore.; daughters, Carolyn Janke, Milton-Freewater; Marolyn Wagner, Walla Walla; like a son, Tom Mannen, Riverside, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

ENDERS — Janet L. (Affolter), 63; born Feb. 4, 1951, Estes Park, Colo.; died March 6, 2014, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: husband, Steve, Chehalis, Wash.; sons, Jason, Pingtung, Taiwan; Matthew, Olympia; daughter, Heather Dietrich, College Place, Wash.; mother, Bette (Hircock) Affolter, Springdale, Ark.; brother, Gary Affolter, Colcord, Okla.; sister, Karen Johnson, Castle Rock, Colo.; and 5 grandchildren.

GOLDEN — Joyce A. (Davis), 84; born April 9, 1929, Salem, Ore.; died Dec. 21, 2013, Salem. Surviving: sons, Stephen, Kent, Wash.; Michael, Tigard, Ore.; Jason, Salem; daughters, Kathy Sellers, Portland, Ore.; Karen Myers, Salem; Nancy Golden, Keizer, Ore.; sister, Mary Christensen, Salem; 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

GRELLMANN — Charleene Wynona (Riffel), 86; born May 15, 1927, Shattuck, Okla.; died April 1, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Erwin, Beaverton, Ore.; David, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Dietmar, Carmichael, Calif.; Reinhold, Veldhoven, The Netherlands; daughter, Evelyn Boyd, Walla Walla; brother, Darrell Riffel, Woodward, Okla.; sister, Pat Reinhardt, Franktown, Colo.; 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

HIBLE — Judith L. (Hickens) Whitaker, 70; born

July 12, 1943, Emmett, Idaho; died Dec. 19, 2013, Hammett, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Keith, of Kansas; Mark, Orofino, Idaho; daughter, Michelle Hible, Mountain Home, Idaho; and sister, Janet Shultz, Salmon, Idaho.

JASTER — Sandra “Sandy” (Allen), 73; born Sept. 19, 1939, Millington, Mich.; died June 11, 2013, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: husband, Lesley; brothers, Charles Allen, Portland, Tenn.; and Dale Allen, Millington, Mich.

KELLOGG — Emogene Ann (White), 90; born Oct. 12, 1923, Cove, Ore.; died March 13, 1914, Stateline, Ore. Surviving: son, Russell, Pendleton, Ore.; daughters, Carol Ford, Baker City, Ore.; Norma Beier, Pendleton; 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

KOHOUTEK — Margaret Anne “Peg” (Lentz) Konzack, 93; born March 14, 1920, Missoula, Mont.; died March 11, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Robert “Bob”; daughters, Marlace, National City, Calif.; Judy, Ridgefield, Wash.; Janice, Corvallis, Ore.; Marla, Jasper, Wyo.; Tresa, Bellevue, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

LOGANBILL — Dennis Dean, 72; born Oct. 25, 1940, Salem, Ore.; died June 5, 2012, Salem. Surviving: wife, Heidi (Hulse); son, Kenneth, Renton, Wash.; and daughter, Kristin Loganbill, Renton, Wash.

LOGANBILL — Esther Lily (Aimes), 76; born April 8, 1937, Stanwood, Wash.; died Nov. 18, 2013, Renton, Wash. Surviving: son, Kenneth, Renton, Wash.; daughter, Kristin Loganbill, Renton, Wash.; sisters, Lois Fisher, Tacoma, Wash.; and Carol Rue, Vancouver, Wash.

MADSON — Vionona Mae “Dolly” (Krueger), 86; born Feb. 14, 1928, rural South Dakota; died March 10, 2014, Temecula, Calif. Surviving: son, Greg, Gresham, Ore.; daughters, Susie Dunaway, Fort Worth, Texas; Barbara Kerstetter, Temecula; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MITTELEIDER — Mildred “Millie” Louise (Miller) Oberg, 92; born Feb. 17, 1922, Waurika, Okla.; died March 26, 2014, Sacramento, Calif. Surviving: sons, Stanton Oberg Jr., Concord, Calif.; Richard Oberg, El Dorado Hills, Calif.; daughters, Marsha Force, Fair Oaks, Calif.; Cynthia Oberg Webster, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Nancy Oberg Wolske, Danville, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MOLINA — Pauline Melvina (Drake), 90; born Oct. 25, 1923, Glendale, Calif.; died March 29, 2014, Longview, Wash. Surviving: son, Robert, Alma, Mich.; daughters, Robin Molina and Annette Ward, both of Castle Rock, Wash.; sister, Jhune Classen, Castle Rock; and 2 grandchildren.

MYERS — Kenneth Eugene, 76; born Nov. 5, 1937, Tehachapi, Calif.; died Dec. 10, 2013, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: son, Gary, Sacramento, Calif.; daughters, Gayle Lasher, Auburn, Wash.; Caryn Fujikawa, Sacramento; sister, Gloria Nelson, College Place, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

NELSON — Norma Jean (Krauss), 87; born Oct. 1, 1926, Grand Springs, Mich.; died Nov. 22, 2013, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: husband, Richard L.; sons, Chris, Chehalis, Wash.; Jim and John, both of McMinnville; daughter, Nancy Nelson, McMinnville; 19 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

PEGEL — Barry L., 64; born Nov. 29, 1948, Boulder, Colo.;

died Nov. 17, 2013, Bellingham, Wash. Surviving: wife, Cheryl (Schultz); sons, Leslie, Lake Oswego, Ore.; Bryan, Durango, Colo.; brothers, Steven, Bellevue, Wash.; Greg, Walla Walla, Wash.; John, Bellingham; twin sister, Barbara Preas, Walla Walla; sister, Luanne Langer, Kirkland, Wash.; stepmother, Lois (McTaggart) Pegel, Walla Walla; stepbrothers, Bruce Buckley, Southern Pines, N.C.; Kevin Buckley, Loma Linda, Calif.; Rhett Buckley, Littleton, Colo.; step-sister, Brenda Eveland, Denver, Colo.; and 4 grandchildren.

POLSFUSS — Gordon Otto, 95; born Oct. 24, 1918, Minneapolis, Minn.; died April 1, 2014, Winston, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Bonnie Trunkey Wilber, Winston; 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

PRESSNALL — Ronald Dennis, 68; born Aug. 24, 1944, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; died June 12, 2013, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jeanne (Spreng), Forest Grove, Ore.; mother, Grace (Maulsby) Pressnall, Forest Grove; and brother, Donald L. Pressnall, Hebo, Ore.

PRICE — Alice Irene (Dailey) Kirkendall, 95; born Jan. 29, 1919, Robinson, N.D.; died Feb. 24, 2014, Sidney, Mont. Surviving: son, George Kirkendall, Syracuse, N.Y.; daughters, Ann (Kirkendall) Cummings, Sidney; Janis (Kirkendall) Dove, Gresham, Ore.; Melba (Price) Evans, Snohomish, Wash.; Mary (Price) Sunseri, Scio, Ore.; 8 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

RILEY — Sophie (Roosenberg), 92; born Jan. 28, 1922, Rotterdam, the Netherlands; died Feb. 19, 2014, Hamilton, Mont. Surviving: daughters, JoAnn McKey, Nampa, Idaho; Janet Riley, Hamilton; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

RINGERING — Scott Erwin, 41; born Jan. 12, 1972, Oregon City, Ore.; died Aug. 7, 2013, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Cameron Ringering, Lincoln, Neb.; father, Dean Ringering, Oregon City; and sister, Denise Ringering, Redlands, Calif.

SPAULDING — Ferol Mae (Kellogg), 89; born May 2, 1924, Flaxton, N.D.; died Feb. 17, 2014, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Susette Elmendorf, Redlands, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

TABERT — Delia Margaret Rose, 60; born March 11, 1953, Gold Beach, Ore.; died Feb. 13, 2014, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: father, Henry William Tabert, Forest Grove; brother, James Allen Tabert, Yakima, Wash.; and sister, Patricia Ann Hamburg, Issaquah, Wash.

THOMAS — Barry Gerard Sr., 69; born March 7, 1944, Shreveport, La.; died April 23, 2013, Sacramento, Calif. Surviving: wife, Ann (Stribling); sons, Barry G. Jr., Long Beach, Calif.; Aaron Elliott, Oklahoma City, Okla.; daughters, Jennifer Butler, Sacramento; Hazel Thomas, Long Beach; Denise Butchee, Portland, Ore.; Davenna Edmond, Inglewood, Calif.; 13 grandchildren.

TUCKER — Ruth E. (Johnson), 95; born July 22, 1918, Ione, Wash.; died Feb. 9, 2014, Keene, Texas. Surviving: son, Gordon R., Otis Orchards, Wash.; daughter, Charlotte Coy, Crowley, Texas; 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

WHITTEN — Carol Ann (Hekelaar), 82; born Jan. 4, 1932, Glendale, Calif.; died March 12, 2014, Twin Falls, Idaho. Surviving: son, Bill Jr., Burley, Idaho; daughters, Talyn Klemmetson, Twin Falls; Cynthia West, Nampa, Idaho; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

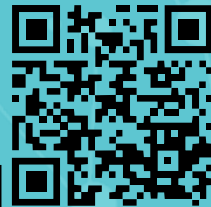
WILLIAMS — Dennis C., 81; born Feb. 7, 1933, Chicago, Ill.; died Feb. 25, 2014, Issaquah, Wash. Surviving: wife, Theo Margaret Williams, Sammamish, Wash.; son, Dennis Williams Jr., Bellingham, Wash.; Rodney Williams, Sammamish; daughters, Renita Williams, Redmond, Wash.; Tracie Williams von Studnitz, Berlin, Germany; 4 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

YARWOOD — Emily Marguerite (Braun), 66; born Nov. 20, 1947, Mount Vernon, Wash.; died Feb. 20, 2014, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Keith D.; sons, Keith L. Jr. and Kevin D., both of Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Tammy M. Yarwood, Walla Walla; brother, Les W. Braun, Everson, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

YATES — Horace Bo, 76; born March 2, 1938, Malvern, Ark.; died March 30, 2014, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: wife, Patricia (Sharon) LaSage; sons, Bob and Greg, both of Prior, Okla.; Brian, Eugene; stepson, Mike LaSage, Dallas, Texas; daughter, Patsy DeSilva, Broken Arrow, Okla.; stepdaughters, April LaSage, Portland, Ore.; Kathie (LaSage) Hill, Sacramento, Calif.; Renee LaSage, Junction City, Ore.; brother, Ken Yates, Vancouver, Wash.; sisters, Doris Alsup, Drain, Ore.; Cordelia Harwell, Madison, S.D.; 7 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren and a great-grandchildren.

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June 7 — Local Church Budget;

June 14 — Multilingual and Adventist Chaplaincy;

June 21 — Local Church Budget;

June 28 — Local Conference Advance.

More upcoming events listed at gleanernow.com/events.

Walla Walla University

June 8 — Missoula MSW hooding and graduation;

June 13 — Consecration service, University Church at 8 p.m.;

June 14 — Baccalaureate service, University Church at 9:30 and 11:45 a.m.;

June 14 — Teacher dedication, Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center Auditorium at 3 p.m.;

June 14 — Nurses pinning, University Church at 4 p.m.;

June 14 — Master's degree hooding ceremony, Walla Walla Valley Academy;

June 15 — Commencement, Centennial Green at 8:30 a.m.;

June 23 — Summer session begins.

Oregon

Strawberry Vespers and the Heritage Singers

June 21 — Sunnyside Church's 33rd Annual Strawberry Vespers at 5:30 p.m. This promises to be a great program for you to enjoy with your family and friends. There will be lots of great music from some of Portland's finest musicians. There will also be plenty of good fellowship and lots of strawberry shortcake. After this event, the Heritage Singers will be performing at 8 p.m., as part of their Northwest tour. Come with your family and invite your friends to a wonderful evening of joyful singing and praise. Admission is free. Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, OR 97216. For more information, go to sunnysideadventist.org. This is an evening you won't want to miss.

Washington

Missing Members

The Auburn City Church is looking for the following missing members: Alisa Dean, Brendon Dean, Eugene Dean, Tamara Hebert, Andrea Litzer, Susan Lofgren, Theresa Seek, Andrea Teal, Terry Teal, Maron Williams and Michael Williams. If you have any information about these missing members, please contact the Auburn City Church, 402 29th St. SE, Auburn, WA 98002; or call Carla at the church office, 253-833-2560.

World Church

San Pasqual Academy Alumni Reunion Day

June 21 — The San Pasqual Academy Alumni Association welcomes all alumni, former students, faculty and staff to attend Alumni Reunion Day. Alumni Reunion will be held at our old campus, 17701 San Pasqual Valley Rd., Escondido, CA 92525. Church service at 9:45–11:30 a.m. Business meeting at 11:30–11:45 p.m. Catered lunch in the grove and time with friends at 12–5 p.m. For more information or to reserve your lunch, please visit sanpasqualacademy.com.

Attention All Takoma Academy Alumni

We know it's difficult to get back east for homecoming/ alumni weekends, so we're bringing the fun and friends to you. Takoma Academy Weekend West Coast is in the early planning stages for the summer of 2015. If you are interested in attending a three-day weekend event on the West Coast, please send a short "yes, I'm interested" email to Deb Kopko Royal, class of 1978, at debkopkoroyal@gmail.com. As soon as we determine the level of interest, more information will be emailed to you. Don't put it off. Email today so the planning can begin.

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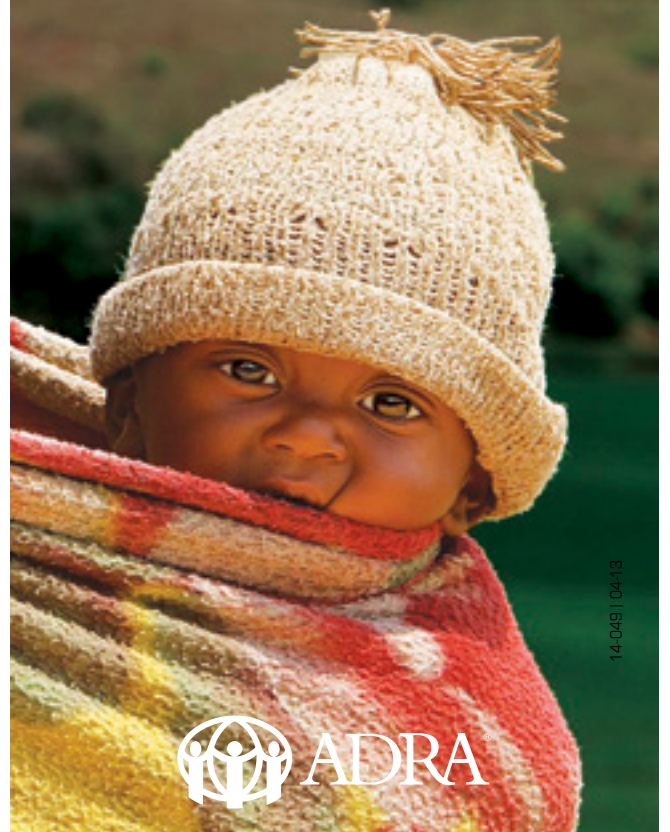
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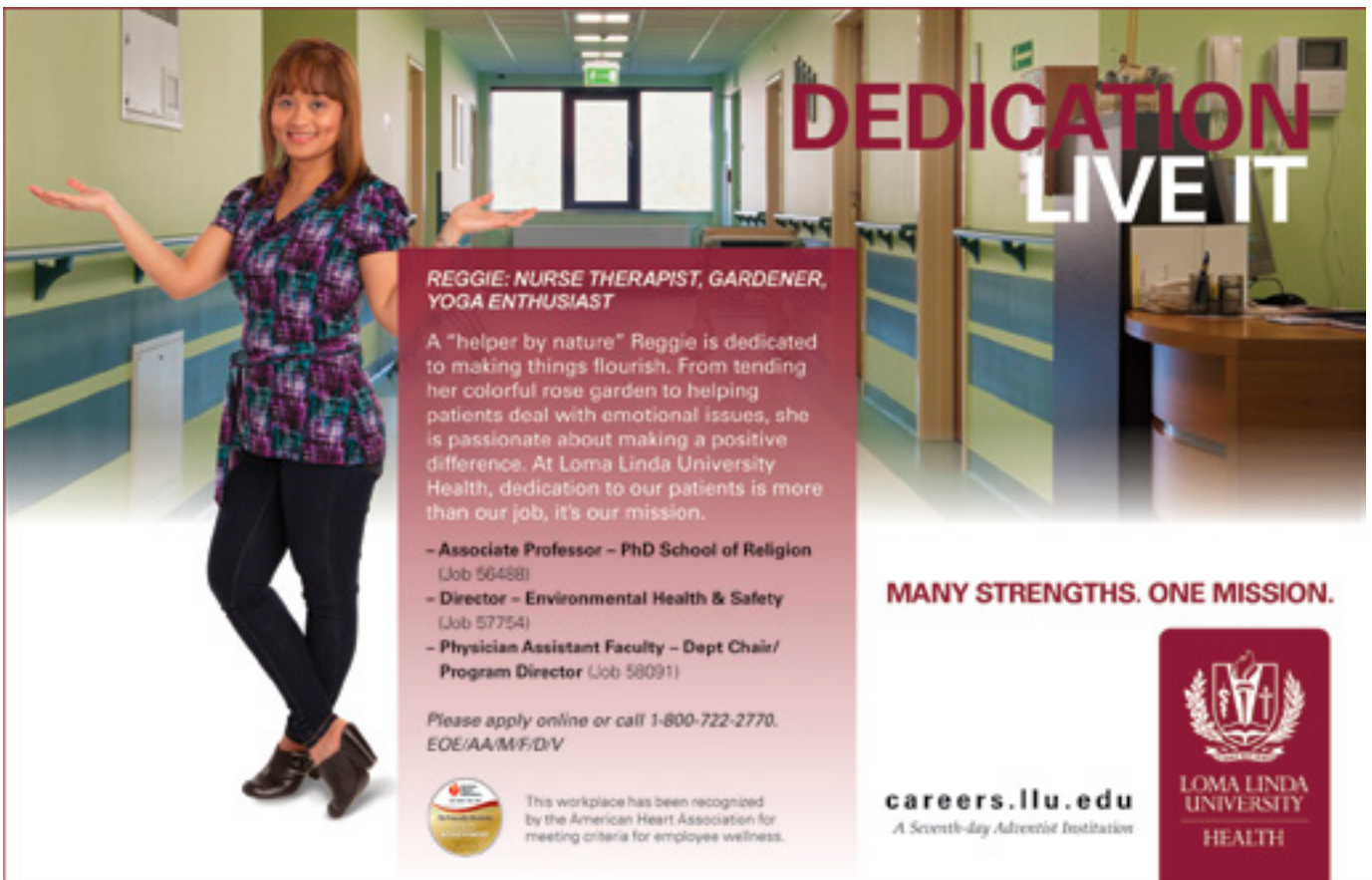
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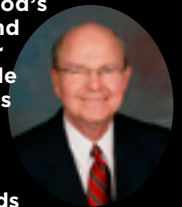
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Before I offer my perspective on the cacophony of criticisms

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feed, let's review some of the choice thoughts scampering across the webbernet.

First we had Christian reviewers defending *Noah* as a "solid adaptation," stating that the film is in the Jewish tradition of midrash, "filling in a story with details from your imagination — staying true to the source

where it says something ..."¹

Certainly, we see minor detail changes even between the gospels. I don't think anyone in his or her right mind wouldn't appreciate some sanctified imagination in the telling of a biblical classic.

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No thanks.

Stick to the Book ... I beg of you.

If they had, Tubal Cain would never have been a stow-away on board in this movie. For crying out loud, the pirates that attacked the ark, in the made-for-TV movie, made more sense than Tubal Cain prying open a door that, according to the source material, had been shut by an angel.

Moreover, midrash doesn't involve changing the character



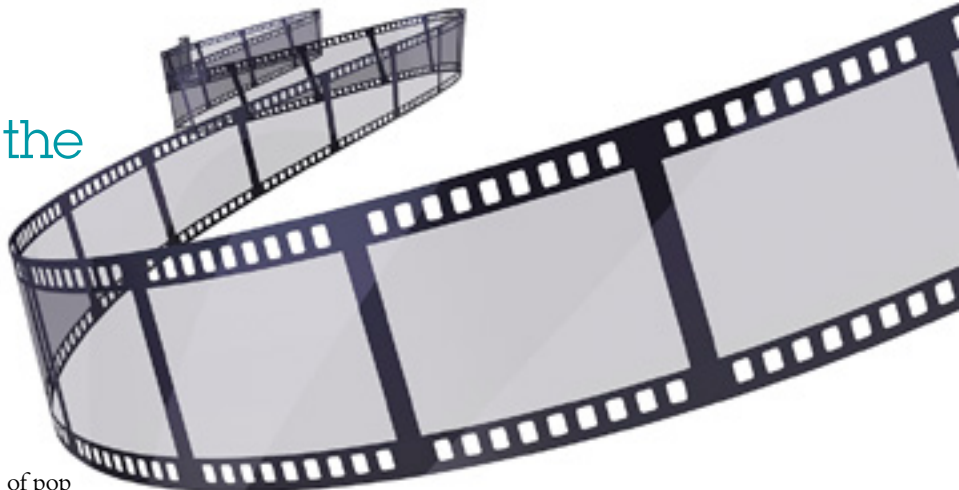
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of the characters. The character of the Creator is seen as “a vengeful Old Testament God.”² You could never adapt the Chronicles of Narnia and have Aslan eating the children — how okay is it to fall into the old clichéd “angry God of the Old Testament” shtick in a cutting-edge adaptation?

Compounding the absurd is the ejection by some reviewers of the most fundamental aspect of adapting source material — namely, the source material: “Aronofsky’s film may not be perfect, but criticizing it for not sticking directly to the source material unnecessarily obscures what it does so well ...”³

Why do “Bible movies” seem to be the only genre praised for not sticking to their sources? I have never seen other films praised for not sticking to their source. If someone replaced Bruce Wayne’s butler, Alfred, with a maid named

Alice, the fabric of pop culture would be rent asunder. Imagine Mr. Collins in *Pride and Prejudice* marrying Jane. Women across time and space would be crazier than Mrs. Bennet in the BBC version.

But here’s probably the most hate-mail-inspiring piece of my rant: Adventist Christians lamenting Hollywood’s distortion of another biblical story by commissioning thousands of Ellen White books with Noah covers.

I wonder how many other movie-themed *The Great Controversy* covers we have at the ready, how many Spirit of Prophecy missiles in our silos?

Please don’t misread what I am saying. I am an Adventist author — I believe in writing and its power. Good books will always reach eager eyes.

But as Jesus once said about another issue, “This you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone” (Matt. 23:23). Hence my question: With all our insight from Scripture and the Spirit of

Prophecy, why didn’t we just make a better movie — first?

Is Hollywood’s *Noah* the place to pour out all our anger? Where were the Adventist filmmakers, producers and church leadership on this? Where were we? With 17 million worldwide members, and many successful business/institutions, we couldn’t scramble \$150 million for a blockbuster to make a significant cultural impact?

We should direct our righteous indignation at our own lack of vision, initiative and creativity. He who tells a good story first wins — not the people in the stands criticizing it. All our vitriol did nothing to stop the cultural impact of *Harry Potter* or *The Da Vinci Code*.

Like Noah releasing the dove in the hope of life, we specialize in releasing our “dovetail” criticisms of others. Sometimes our critiques bring back a sprig of hope — usually they take off with no return.

Say you don’t like the film — state your reasons. Great. Now make the next one.

Show us what creation, the fiery furnace, the battle of Jericho and the life of Paul are really about. Show us vignettes of Jesus’ life with dazzling truth and sanctified imagination. The tools to build theatrical arks that we can be proud to own are there — the question is if the body of Christ is willing to use its hands and feet to do the work to build before the next flood of deception sweeps our influence away.

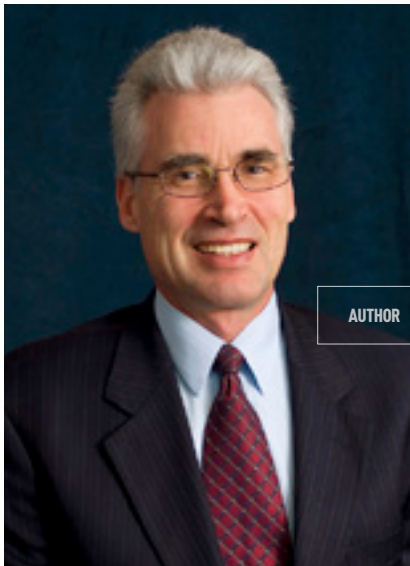
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Follow your Creator by dedicating your talents to creating things that bring Him glory — see entire Bible for inspiration.

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WHY CHILDREN LEAVE THE CHURCH, PART 1



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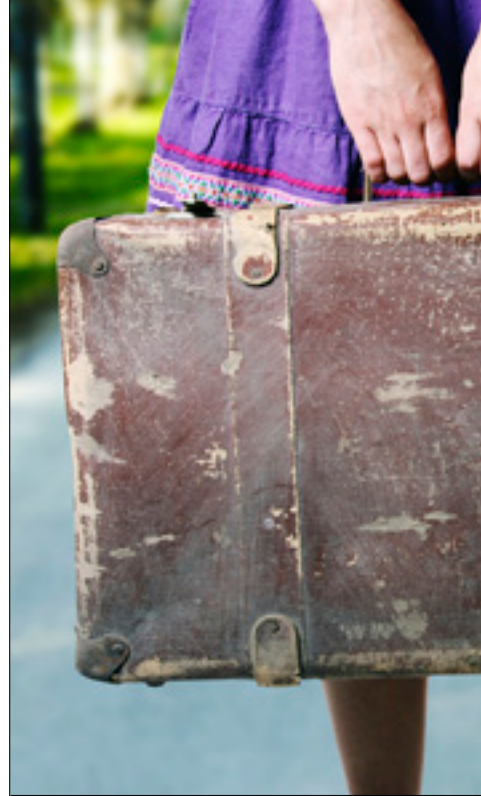
What shall it profit a pastor to save the whole city for Christ but lose his or her own children? While many kids grow up healthy and happy in the parsonage, many others are slamming the back door of the church as they exit to the world.

Why? My academic research revealed 40 attrition factors among adult children of Seventh-day Adventist clergy. I'll explore them with you from time to time in this column, since many of these factors affect all Adventist families. This month instead of focusing on data, I'd just like to share comfort for hurting parents and grandparents.

We Adventists do so much to help our kids find God and become committed members of our church, yet we lose many of them. Often we blame ourselves — and certainly we've all made mistakes. But so do parents whose kids remain with the church. Although home factors profoundly influence our children's spirituality, ultimately it's their own choice as to whether they stay with the church.

Lots of church members don't believe that, and they aren't shy about sharing unsolicited advice: "Pray harder — storm the gates of heaven!" Sometimes their counsel seems contradictory: "Let go and let God bring them back to church."

Inevitably, Prov. 22:6 gets quoted: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he



is old he will not depart from it." Guaranteed!

Confidence in God's saving power is commendable, but simplistic faith violates both the principles of Scripture and the character of God. Besides, what that proverb appears to guarantee has already failed. Prodigals, by definition, have departed from their childhood religious training — otherwise we wouldn't be praying for their return.

Has God not kept His word? No, because a proverb is not a promise. Rather, a proverb posits a principle generally true but not a universal, absolute guarantee. Consider another proverb: "When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov. 16:7). Really? Tell that to Stephen as enemies stone him to death for his faithfulness.

Jesus prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail (Luke 22:31). Yet it did fail, spectacularly. Did not the Father hear the intercession of His Son? No, God preserves free choice regarding matters of the soul, no matter how hard or long anyone fasts and prays.

So why pray? Because Christ will open the eyes of those blinded by the god of this world so they can



see their situation (2 Cor. 4:4). Our Father allows His prodigals to suffer hunger in their pignen. It's always their choice. At the end of the day, even prayed-for children get to decide for themselves about being saved.

Long ago the prophet Samuel was a father of adult children in radical attrition (1 Sam. 8:3). It's fair to assume that this extraordinary intercessor (Jer. 15:1) prayed for his prodigals, not only in their adulthood but throughout younger years. After all, he had witnessed firsthand the carnage of another clergy parent, Eli. Yet God didn't come through for Samuel's parental prayers — not as defined by the simplistic view of faith that pervades so many prayer meetings.

God is not to blame if our children are lost. And ultimately, faithful parents are not to blame. Adult children will answer to God for themselves about their choices, as it is written, "Each of us shall give account of himself to God" — yet, "resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's [or our children's] way" (Rom. 14:12, 13).

What kind of stumbling blocks do we innocently place in front of our kids? We'll talk about that next month. Meanwhile, a preview:

- » Parental conservatism regarding lifestyle standards is not statistically significant in attrition. What hurts is rigidity and legalism — becoming coercive with one's convictions.
- » Lack of relationality in the family is a supremely serious cause of attrition.
- » Closely associated is lack of freedom for teens to develop their own faith experience in a nurturing, nonjudgmental context — and without the expectation of being super saints.
- » There is no greater cause of attrition than attempting to shield teens from knowledge of, or to resist discussion about, church or denominational conflict.

Summarizing this preview of my attrition data: What's important is a loving, gracious, respectful attitude toward our kids, modeling faith and mentoring them — but not coercively. No wonder, since Jesus said, "By this all people [including our kids] will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

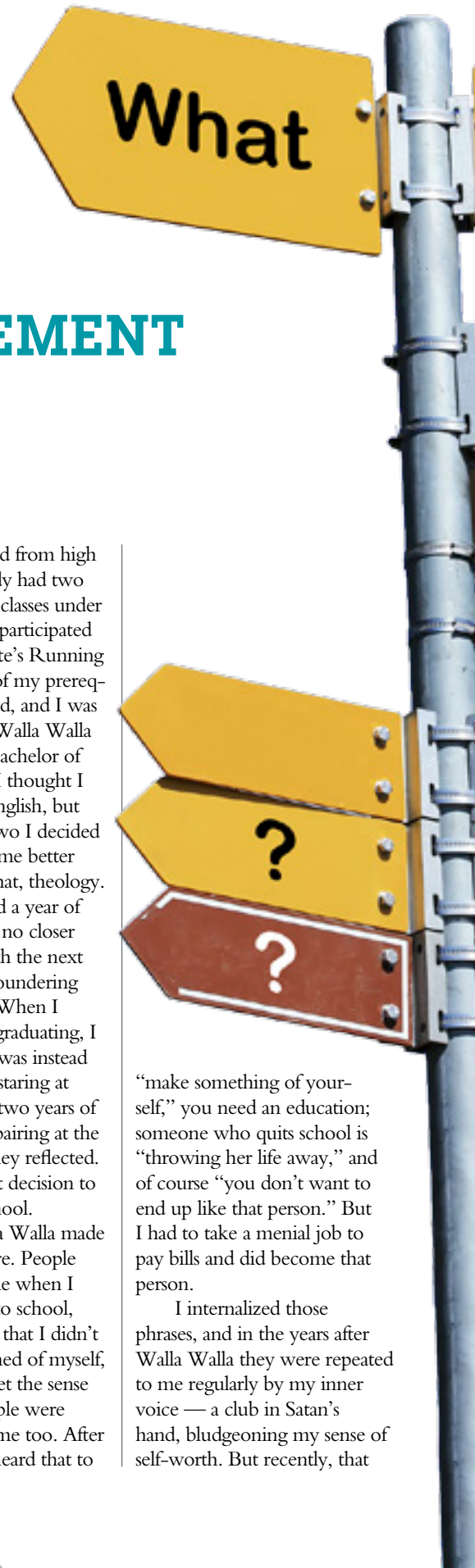
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PERSPECTIVE



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GOD'S MEASUREMENT OF SUCCESS

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hen I graduated from high school, I already had two years of college classes under my belt. Having participated in Washington State's Running Start program, all of my prerequisites were finished, and I was ready to move to Walla Walla and conquer my Bachelor of Arts in two years. I thought I wanted to teach English, but after a quarter or two I decided psychology suited me better and, shortly after that, theology. Soon I had finished a year of university and was no closer to any degree. With the next year came more floundering and tighter funds. When I should have been graduating, I

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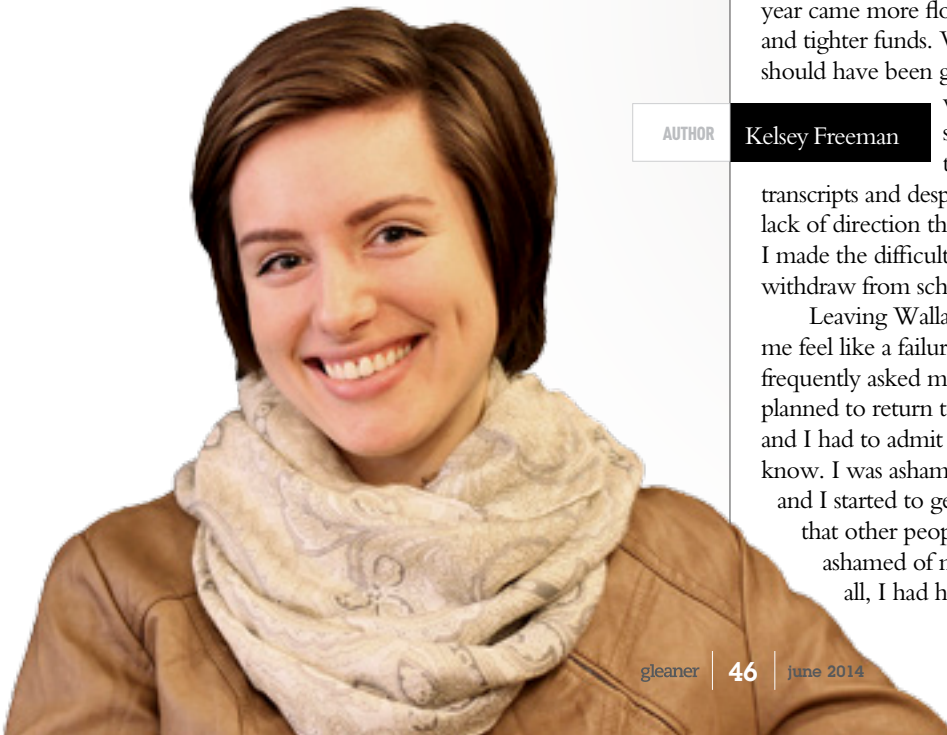
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was instead staring at two years of transcripts and despairing at the lack of direction they reflected. I made the difficult decision to withdraw from school.

Leaving Walla Walla made me feel like a failure. People frequently asked me when I planned to return to school, and I had to admit that I didn't know. I was ashamed of myself, and I started to get the sense that other people were ashamed of me too. After all, I had heard that to

“make something of yourself,” you need an education; someone who quits school is “throwing her life away,” and of course “you don't want to end up like that person.” But I had to take a menial job to pay bills and did become that person.

I internalized those phrases, and in the years after Walla Walla they were repeated to me regularly by my inner voice — a club in Satan's hand, bludgeoning my sense of self-worth. But recently, that





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voice has changed. It started when I heard a sermon, spoken eloquently, powerfully and by a man without a college degree. In fact, the speaker was a farmhand who dresses in flannel and shovels cow poop on a daily basis. But he knew God's Word, and I was impacted by his message about glorifying God in all that you do.

It helped me see that my focus was off. What I thought was important and what God says is important were not the same. God never asked me to

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"make something of myself" through education, and scholastic achievement certainly does not factor into His determination of my worth. Pride told me that I needed a title and a business wardrobe to be a successful person, but God tells me I only need Jesus.

Now here is a dirty little secret: When job hunting, I used to skip over all of the janitorial and fast-food positions, honestly believing myself to be superior to such occupations. With that attitude I had been a perpetuator of the cultural shaming of menial workers and the uneducated, like that godly farmhand (and ironically, like myself). Now, instead of being ashamed at my incomplete education, I am ashamed and appalled at such blind pride.

I have been changing how I allow myself to think and feel about those in low-paying positions. I'd encourage you to do the same. How does your heart

react when you are served your pizza by a middle-aged man? If you find yourself thanking God you aren't in his position, you may have a heart problem other than the one caused by the pizza.

Some of the most inspirational Bible authors and subjects were farmers or fishermen, and for many important characters an occupation is not even recorded. I think that by choosing to use and document people from all sorts of backgrounds in the expansion of His kingdom, God was trying to show us that worldly "success" does not impress Him, and it is irrelevant to heavenly success.

I am not saying I believe higher education is bad or that worldly and heavenly success are mutually exclusive. There are many important professions that call for a college degree, and God calls many people to those professions. But where He doesn't always call people

to a particular profession, He does call everyone to spread the gospel through loving Him and loving others. So examine your heart's motives, and "whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23).

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LET'S TALK

BREAD

Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. — Isaiah 33:16

It was a mission trip that brought this to mind. There at the humble home of my host family, the first evening meal was set forth with bowls of steaming soup. Dipping in with gusto, I kept a vigorous pace, relishing the savory broth with its hearty chunks of soy meat. At

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least that's what my vegetarian mind assumed. Gratified at my obvious enjoyment, the host filled my empty bowl to the brim with a generous second helping. "He likes your goat soup," he said to his wife with a proud smile.

The biblical bread and water would have been welcome at that point. The second bowl went down much slower than the first. The ancient languages leave unclear whether the Bible promise is really a figurative term for Special K loaf and Draper Valley grape juice. But really, I'm fine with just plain bread and water.

I do love bread — home-made, crusty, whole-wheat

goodness. It has occupied an indelible spot in my life since early memories of my mother kneeling before a grinder and a bag of Montana hard red wheat to laboriously create stone-ground flour. Gluten intolerance was apparently not an option.

But if we had to depend upon God's bread now, what would He provide? Would He be able to satisfy our cultivated sensitivities?

You see, we've learned many things during long hours on the Internet. Facebook friends and online blogs have schooled us in a multitude of fine-print worries. They cause me to wonder.

Would our heavenly Father be careful not to use genetically modified wheat? Would He know of the problems caused by inflammatory gluten? Would He be savvy to the reported ills of grain brain or wheat belly from those nasty carbohydrates?

Would His water be purified from a heavenly spring, or out of a tap with chemicals and traces of discarded drugs? Would His brown rice be from some celestial farm, or full of arsenic from the earth? Would His fruit or vegetables be organic or irradiated?

I understand the desire to feel energetic and clear-headed. If eating a vegan or gluten-free diet relieves your challenging

symptoms — amen to that. If a raw-foods-only regimen has brought health and healing to your body and soul, so be it. If the CHIP program has saved your life, I rejoice with you.

But somewhere, someday, you're going to sit down at a friend's table where the fellowship is fine but edible options are limited. That's when the simple act of grace — "Lord, please (PLEASE!) bless this food to our needs" — becomes most meaningful.

It's also when that promise of bread and water takes on added spiritual meaning. The Christian walk includes an important truism. It's not about us, straining over salvation by avoidance. It's about Him, the One who can bridge the gap between the ideal and the real. It's about Him, the One who can turn water to wine and transform a meager lunch into an abundance for thousands.

It's a transformative promise as we gratefully accept whatever bread and water He places before us today.

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Special K loaf and Draper

Valley grape juice. But really, I'm fine with just plain bread and water.

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