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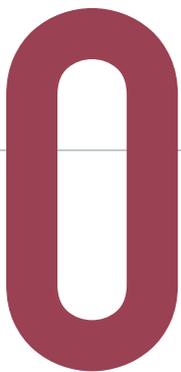
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SINGLE: THE NEW NORM



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Being single is the “new normal” today for many adults in North America. In fact, for the first time since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began tracking these numbers in 1976, there are now more single individuals than people who are married.*

Despite the popularity of online dating, it appears that American society is in the midst of a major social and demographic shift with many singles saying they are not feeling any rush to stand at the altar. An increasing variety of educational and career opportunities provide freedom to explore the world, while for Gen Xers and

Millennials already loaded with debt, marriage is not an imminent priority.

Regardless of the trends encouraging singleness, the church as a body is being offered unprecedented opportunities to actively embrace singles and celebrate their gifts. Whether singleness is a short or long term experience for individuals, they can contribute toward building up the body of Christ in unique and powerful ways.

* www.pri.org/stories/2014-09-14/singles-now-outnumber-married-people-america-and-thats-good-thing

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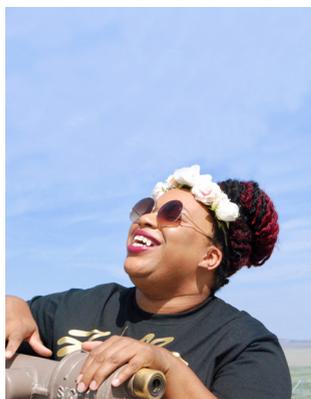
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Donnette Roston uses her gifts to joyfully serve those around her at the New Community Adventist Church and beyond.

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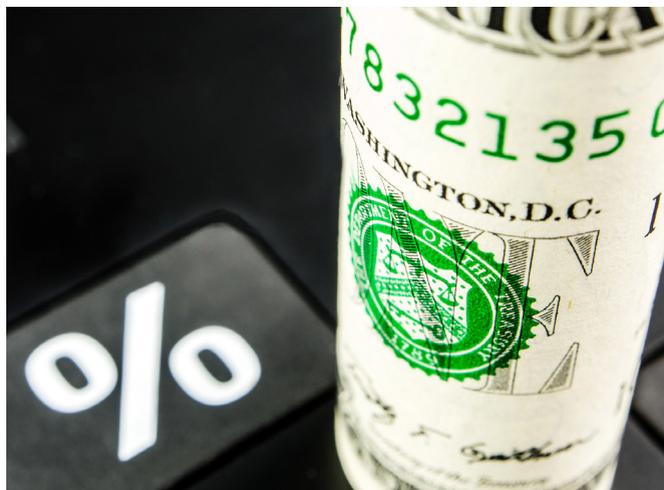
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Should I Tithe on My Net Income or My Gross Income?



This article is the third in a six-part series about the ministry of generosity. Read more online at outlookmag.org/author/brennanhallock

In order to determine whether you should tithe on your net (after-tax) income or your gross

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(pre-tax) income, you must determine what the purpose of tithing is. During the time of the Old Testament Israelite nation, tithing was instituted as a law. The purpose of this law was to help others.

Deut. 14:28-29 says, “At the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit it in your town. The Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and the alien, the orphan and the widow who are in your town, shall come and eat and be satisfied” (NASB).

The Israelites used their tithes as a form of a welfare system, which helped the orphans, the widows, the foreigners and the Levites (who performed specific religious and political duties).

The point of tithing during this time was to help others and trust God. Worrying whether we should tithe on our net income or gross

income may cause us to miss the point of tithing. We may be more concerned about our actions than their results.

David A. Croteau writes in *Christianity Today*, “If I’m asking the question [whether to tithe on my net income or my gross income] with the intent to decipher how little I can get away with giving, then a serious heart issue is exposed. When we are driven by the principles of giving from the New Testament, the after-tax question becomes irrelevant. God’s people should try to find ways to give more, not less.”*

Helping others more is the purpose of Christianity being in the world. If I am asking questions with the intent to help myself more, then I am not aligning my actions with my religion.

Give what you have been convicted to give

Based on the view that you should help others as much as possible, you may assume you should err on the side of tithing on your gross income. This is not an illogical conclusion, but we must remember Christianity is a religion of conviction. Doing what you believe God has convicted you is right—even if it is not in line with your peers’ beliefs—is a fundamental teaching of the Christian church.

Paul iterates this message in 2 Cor. 9:6-7 when he says,

“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (NASB).

Paul does not say you should give more because you will have a better return; he says you should give what you have purposed (or been convicted) in your heart to give.

Much more than a giver

God wants much more than a giver, He wants a relationship with the giver. If we fret about whether we should be tithing on our net income or our gross income, but we do not help others and do not cultivate a relationship with God, we have missed the point of tithing. Reducing our religion to an argument about whether or not we are robbing God or receiving our full share of His blessing does not address the underlying fact that others need us—and God wants us—to give cheerfully, no matter if it is a percentage of our net income or our gross income. **Q**

*Croteau, David, Frederica Mathewes-Green, and Steve Stewart. “Is It Robbing God to Tithe on Your After-Tax (Not Gross) Income?” *Christianity Today*. June 2015.





Lessons from a Winter Canopy

The skeleton of the tree looms above me. I trace the branches with my eyes, marveling at their beauty. I dream of spring, when the leaves will be out and the tree will be a canopy of green over my head.

But it is not spring. Not yet. It is winter, and green is nowhere to be found. As I look closer, following the tree's frame, I notice not only the obvious but also the delicate. The tree's arms have branches, the branches, twigs, each finger reaching for the sky.

If it weren't for the twigs, the leaves wouldn't have anything to attach to. The thought isn't particularly profound, but my mind travels further down this path. "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ" (I Cor. 12:12 NLT).

Belonging in the body

As a single woman in my church, I realize I am part of this body. I am not exactly sure which part I compose, but I know I belong and have something to contribute. When I look around me in the church praise group I play with, I see young adults attending college, as well as married adults with kids and those married without them.

The group is made up of men and women, sometimes even children. With various instruments and voices, we praise our God who made this "body" of ours. We all belong.

Looking around my Bible study group, I also see parts of the body. We are a body composed of those with greater wisdom by years of experience and those who are still on the way to becoming wiser. I am the only single person there now. But each time I open the Word and lead out, I am a part of the body. Each time I am spiritually fed by another, I am also part of the body. I belong. And I have something to contribute. Without me, the body would be incomplete.

Each part an anchor

I have to remind myself of that truth sometimes, because society often urges me to draw the "big picture" and leave out the "twigs." Maybe I am a twig. It is easy to miss the twigs, to gloss over the little fingers that grasp the leaves dancing softly in the breeze. But the twigs anchor the leaves, allowing them to flutter without falling, dance without blowing away.

Still, that doesn't make the leaves any less beautiful. It doesn't lessen the impact of the trunk, holding each

part together, giving security, stability and strength to the whole. That also doesn't negate the need for the branches that can sway, adding to the rhythm of the body, yet sustaining it in the storms. And it doesn't minimize the seeds that will form yet other bodies, other trees. Each part is unique. Each member is special. Each is necessary. So am I—where I am in life, even now.

I look at the tree once more. Spring is coming, yes, but for now I will pause under the twigs and the branches, await the seed and the leaves, and rejoice. **0**

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Read the full article at outlookmag.org/lessons-from-a-winter-canopy.

Laurel McClelland (right) enjoys the beauty of God's creation with friends.

Courtesy Laurel McClelland



PURSUING YOUR

At every step of your journey of singleness, pursue the life

By Brittany Winkfield

With an appreciation of her past and an eye for her future, Donnette Roston is traveling the path God opens for her each day.

For Donnette Roston, an experienced K-12 teacher and nanny living in Denver, Colorado, life as a single Christian is good. In her spare time she enjoys reading, hiking, listening to music and spending time with family. Cooking is her specialty and her delicious cakes and cupcakes have a reputation of their own.

Roston is the second of four children born to Nathaniel and Terri Roston. She gave her life to Christ on her seventh birthday and today she is an active member of the New Community Adventist Church. Roston has a heart for young people and serves as the Rocky Mountain Adventist Youth Federation president. Her selfless spirit and strong desire to help others makes her unique. She is a giver, putting others before herself as she steps in to bless those around her.

Singleness is not Plan B

Despite what many people think, “singleness, dating and marriage are not the main storyline of life,” Roston states. “God cares deeply about your love life—even more than you do—but there’s something big playing out. The bigger storyline is that we have fallen short of what God intended us to be. The world is a mess, but the good news is God is on the move.”

Roston believes that with Christ there is purpose in the timing, and there’s purpose in the process, but each person must choose whether to view singleness as a filler for the rest of life or focus on becoming healed, healthy and

whole—the best version of yourself. “Whether you are 30 or 80, you’ve probably been tempted to believe that time is flying by and no one can stop it,” Roston says. “Pressure from society starts to weigh on you if you never get married and never have children. False. As long as you’re alive, you’re not too old.”

Feeling invisible

Yet as a single Christian—no matter how hard she tries to fight it—Roston often wonders if anyone notices her, especially in the church, where singles tend to be overlooked in ministry. “The reality is, you start to believe you did something wrong. People ask ‘Why are you still single?’ and you begin to internalize that question,” explains Roston.

But Roston affirms that there is a God who sees each one of us. “He knows you by name and knows where to find you and your brokenness,” she says. “Every battle against discouragement and despair starts in our minds. We become what we think about.” Roston adds that we can renew our minds and find joy by focusing on the truth of God’s promises.

Whether your season of

Photos: Brittany Winkfield



BEST LIFE

God has given you today.

singleness is long or short, you can know that God has a purpose for your life. All that is left is for you to ponder the question: What will that look like for me? “Regardless of whether you are a married follower of Jesus or a single follower of Jesus, we can together link arms and make a difference for the kingdom,” Roston emphasizes.

Created to relate

God desires for us to have relationships. Regardless of our relationship type—single, married, divorced, widowed—we were created to relate. Time as a single person should be characterized by deep friendships that will hold each other accountable and keep loneliness and isolation at bay. Roston points out that a foundation of close friendships will help individuals stand strong in the midst of the stresses and strains of life. “You need people who love God, who love you and who aren’t afraid to tell you when you’re being an idiot!”

This season is also a time to invest in God’s Word and prepare your heart and mind for service. With the support of God’s Word and godly friends, you will be able to take a stand for something

that matters. “Take care of *you*, and use this time to work on yourself,” Roston advises. “Get the counseling and support you need now as a single person to work through any unresolved issues of forgiveness.”

Roston believes individuals should do this not just for their own sake, but for the sake of those who might believe in Christ because of their example of faith and forgiveness. “Remember, you are never a victim of your circumstances, because God uses everything that happens to you for your blessing and His glory,” she concludes. **0**

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Roston’s favorite scripture is I Cor. 15:58: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (NKJV).

THE WAITING ROOM OF LIFE

In this hurry-up world, waiting for anything can cause us to lose our temper and our mind, if we’re being honest. However, as human beings, we learn some of life’s greatest lessons while we wait. God promises His richest blessings to those who wait for Him.

WHEN WE WAIT ON GOD ...

- **We learn His will:** *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. (Rom. 8:28 NLT)*
- **We receive new strength:** *He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. (Isa. 40: 29-31 NLT)*
- **We win the fight:** *For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for Him! (Isa. 64:4 NLT)*

While we actively wait, God actively works. Although waiting can be one of the more difficult things in the Christian life, it’s not wasted time. When we choose to wait on Him, God will use the long pauses in our lives to bless us in large and unexpected ways.



MAUC Partners with Adventist



Photos: Courtesy Gerard Ban

Gerard Ban, LouAnn Howard and Gary Thurber recently visited the Seventh-day Adventist schools on the islands of Weno and Paata in Micronesia. These schools are now part of the North American Division.

In 2011, the Guam-Micronesia Mission was reassigned from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division to the North American Division. GMM has 12 schools located on the many islands that comprise the territory.

Recently, each of the nine NAD unions “adopted” one or two of the schools. In order to facilitate a working relationship with the partner schools, the NAD Office of Education offered to sponsor

a trip for up to three individuals from each union.

In January, Mid-America Union Conference president **Gary Thurber**, MAUC director of education **LouAnn Howard** and MAUC associate director of education **Gerard Ban** traveled to visit MAUC’s two schools: Chuuk Seventh-day Adventist School and Paata Seventh-day Adventist School.

Many blessings, many needs

The schools in GMM are run primarily by student missionaries from our Adventist colleges and universities. There is no doubt that both the student missionaries and the students are being blessed in all kinds of ways by this experience.

On the main island of Weno the school has an enrollment of 167 students

in grades K-5. The classes are taught by 8-10 student missionaries over two sessions. Due to the lack of additional student missionaries, the school is not able to offer more grade levels.

There certainly is not a shortage of available students, however. In fact, there is a waiting list for students who would love to be enrolled.

The MAUC team made a trip over open ocean in a

Schools in Chuuk



small boat to the island of Paata. This two-hour trip was quite the experience in itself, thanks to the open boat and the pounding waves. A small two-teacher school of 18 students is operated there. Unfortunately, the financial limitations of the families prevent more students from attending.

It is impressive to see the work our student missionaries are doing. Not only do they teach the students academics, they also introduce them to Jesus and help them build personal relationships

with the awesome God we serve.

The school personnel and students at these schools were so friendly and welcoming to our team. In spite of the many needs they have, it is apparent God's work is being done.

We ask that you join us in prayer for our partner schools' young people and educators in Weno and Paata as we continue our work with them. **O**

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WHERE ARE THE WENO AND PAATA ISLANDS?



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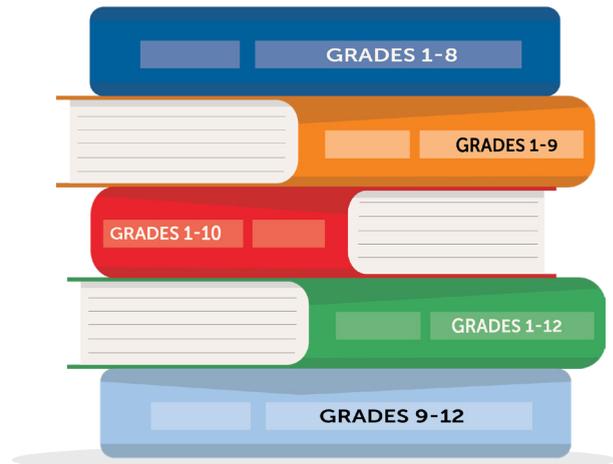
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Park Hill Named 2017 Church of the Year

Park Hill Adventist Church was named the 2017 Church of the Year by the Colorado Gospel Music Academy & Hall of Fame in recognition of the church's sustained distinguished community service and spiritual

contribution to Colorado. The award was presented at the 47th Annual Colorado Gospel Music Academy & Hall of Fame Awards Celebration at New Hope Baptist Church on Feb. 11. The Colorado Gospel

Music Academy & Hall of Fame was founded to recognize accomplishments and contributions of individuals and organizations that have been true soldiers and faithful community servants in Colorado.

The ministries and accomplishments of the Denver Park Hill Church in 2017, which factored into the committee's selection, include:

- Back to School tutorial preparation boot camp for middle schoolers, and pre-SAT tutoring hosted by children's ministry and **Cherelyn Napue's** Club Z
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day Interfaith Celebration
- Barbershop health screenings for African American men and families
- Community discussions around biased policing and the Denver Police Department use of force policy
- Organizing and hosting the first ever Park Hill Interfaith Community Fest, uniting Christian,

Islamic and Jewish faiths to promote community unity, economic empowerment and holistic health

- Weekly food and clothing distribution for low-income families
- Activating two Safe Haven initiatives that provided spiritual and emotional support for Park Hill after two tragic gun violence episodes
- Domestic violence awareness vigil at the City and County building
- Joining as members and providing leadership for the Youth Violence Prevention Center-Denver Key Leader Advisory Board
- Supporting initiatives for reform in the Denver Police Department data collection, jail overcrowding, addressing effects of Denver's gentrification and other activities to improve Park Hill

Brittany Winkfield is communication director for the Central States Conference.

Pastor Robert L. Davis and his wife Denise accept the award for the Park Hill Church, which was honored with the 2017 Church of the Year at the 47th Annual Colorado Gospel Music Academy & Hall of Fame Awards Celebration at New Hope Baptist Church in February.

Courtesy Central States Conference



Responses from Recent Questionnaire Sent to 18 Singles

Is being overlooked the experience of most singles?

“When I was a child, I remember scanning the congregation during boring moments of the sermon. I was looking to see who had their arm around whom. I observed that, sometimes, husbands put their arms around their wives, sometimes wives put their arms around their husbands, and sometimes the couple sat too far apart to show such affection. I didn’t even look at the single people to see how they sat. And from what my single friends have told me, this experience of being overlooked (even by a restless child) is indicative of the single experience in the church,” says **Joy-Elizabeth Lawrence** in *Today’s Christian Woman*.*

Is being overlooked the experience of most singles? How do they feel about being single

in church? Is there a place for singles in ministry? **Jacquie Biloff**, communication director for the Dakota Conference, prepared a questionnaire and sent it to 18 “singles” (singles, those dating, engaged, married living separately and those previously married). Following is a sampling of the questions and responses:

Do you feel comfortable in your role as a single person in church?

1. I have moments of contentment and feel comfortable with being single and then I have moments where I am not sure where I fit in.
2. Not really. Making friends is very difficult and I very often feel isolated.
3. Yes and no. Yes, I feel comfortable because it gives me a chance to meet new people and a chance to hang

out on a Saturday night. No, because it can create awkward, uncomfortable moments.

4. The church I go to has a lot of “single” women—widows, divorced or the spouse isn’t a church member. We have a lot in common.
5. Yes, but that’s probably due to the fact that I’ve always been actively involved in church/academy/college activities. So I have no problem going and sitting alone in the pew on a Sabbath morning. Or maybe a better description would be I don’t allow my marital status to define my relationship with God or my role in the church. I mean, Jesus was single too.

What benefits/downsides are there to being single?

1. I am free to choose how I spend my available time and free to serve where I feel called. Earlier in life,

I could not fully enjoy my acts/gifts of service or roles in the church due to feeling torn between a spouse who wanted all of my time and my desire to give and support where I could in the church or school.

2. Not very many benefits. There are very few church members who really reach out to me for friendship. I feel isolated and alone.
3. Benefits: Gives me freedom to go to events and activities. It also gives me time to do things for the church in the role I am called to. Downsides: In my personal opinion, I feel judged more since I am single than a married person is.
4. Benefits: I can go to sleep whenever I want! I can eat popcorn for supper every night of the week and not feel guilty about not cooking a real meal. Downsides: It is difficult to come home and not have someone to debrief and share life with. My dog is a great listener, but not the best conversationalist. And when you’ve had a super rough day, it’s hard to be your own cheerleader and boost your own morale. Sometimes you just want a hug on a hard day.

Does being single make it more or less difficult to be involved in church?

1. I feel there is a rich reward to couples that can share in ministry. It knits them



together, woven with God. Not all couples are able to join passions and minister together or complement each other's ministries. While there is a need for both couples and singles ministries, I think being single makes it less difficult to be involved in church or a ministry.

2. I don't know if it's me, or what. I have never been asked to be involved in my local church.
3. Depends on the church and the people in it.
4. It's as difficult as you make it. I don't want to change the topic and digress into the young people leaving the church issues, but I really believe that it comes down to personal responsibility. I can complain or blame a church board, or an elder, or a church member for not making a young person or a single person "feel" welcome, or involve them in ministry. Or, if I'm passionate about a ministry I feel is God's will, I can throw myself into it and give it to God and let Him pave the way.

How could couples help singles feel more accepted or part of the group?

1. Simply by inviting them to whatever they are doing. I feel left out when I hear of get-togethers that are couples only. I struggle with situations which are exclusive.
2. Invite singles to Sabbath dinner, game nights, make an effort to sit with singles at church. Make an effort to become friends and include them both inside and

outside of church. Usually, I sit alone.

3. Couples are good for giving advice and helping single young adults. The advice just needs to come without judgment.
4. It's typical to see couples that have kids all hanging out together, then the couples that don't have kids have a different friend group. It's natural to associate with those with whom we have things in common. If you are single and your friends all start getting married, it's hard to become that third wheel. But I would hope that just because your friends get married, the commonalities outweigh the relational differences.

What is the most annoying question people have asked you about being single?

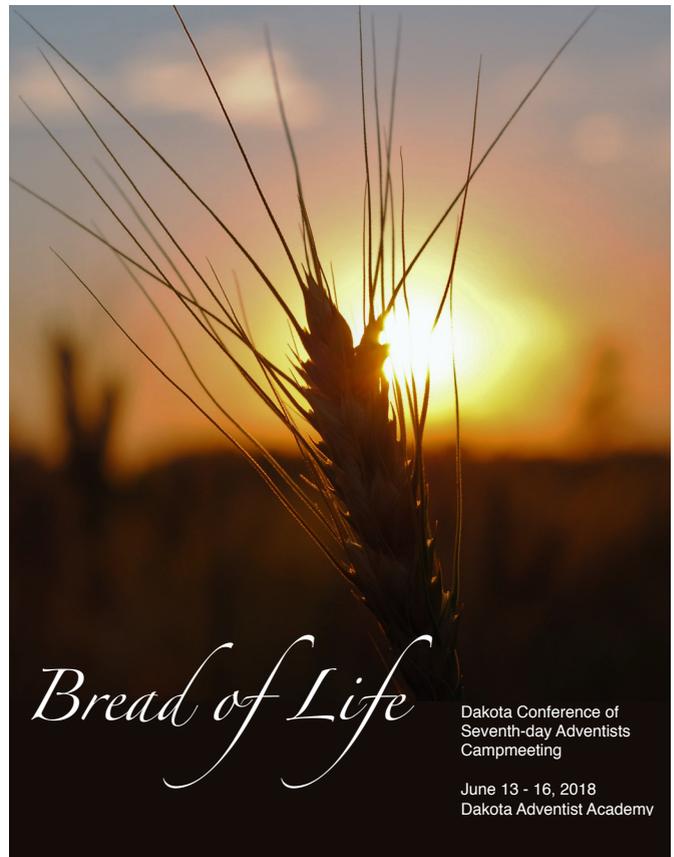
1. "Do you want to date?" I know I don't want to force the circumstance. I don't want to be set up on a date. I don't know if I want to date again. I am content at the moment and will wait on God to change my heart and circumstances if He sees fit.
2. "Why are you still single?" It is annoying because I don't really know the answer to that question; especially now, because I am 32 years old and still single.
3. When I was living at home with my husband, who is a church member, there were years when he didn't attend church or would attend off-and-on. Some of the annoying questions were: "Where is he?" "Why isn't he in church?" "Has he found a job yet?" (after he was laid

off and didn't find a job for over a year). One single lady in her late 80s asked this every week. That was one of the reasons my husband stopped going to church for a while. She was too nosy! Quite often I didn't talk to a lot of people at church just to avoid these questions.

4. "You know it's not your fault, right?" Of course it's not my fault. I know how awesome I am! Also that statement tends to imply that marriage is the ideal and that being single should only be a stage of life that leads to marriage. One of the hardest prayers to pray is surrendering to God and telling Him I'm okay with being single if that's His plan for my life. That's such a terrifying prayer because we're

relational beings and you have these scary visions of becoming that crazy cat lady! But that's where your relationship with God deepens and you allow the Holy Spirit to fill those longings. I read somewhere that God is closer to singles because we are going at this thing (life) alone. He fills the void in our lives that a spouse would fill in addition to being our Savior. I refuse to let a marital status define me; only God gets to do that.

*Lawrence, Joy-Elizabeth. "Stop Overlooking Singles in Church." www.todayschristianwoman.com/articles/2015/february-week-2/stop-overlooking-singles-in-church.html



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Independence Samoan Company Officially Becomes a Church

The Independence Samoan Company held a dedication service on Sabbath, Feb. 17, as part of a three-day celebration of their transition from a company to an official church.

Members and approximately 100 guests came together for the weekend, including Samoan Adventist leaders from across the U.S., some coming from as far as California, Oregon, Washington and Utah. Samoans representing other Christian faith groups in the surrounding community also came to show their support. Representing the conference were executive secretary **Robert Wagley** and ministerial director **Lee Rochholz**.

“We’re not here this morning to welcome you into the sisterhood of Seventh-day Adventist churches in Iowa-Missouri,” Rochholz said, adding, “because you’re already a part of that sisterhood.” Likening the church’s journey to pastoral ordination he said, “When we ordain pastors to the gospel ministry, we’re not giving them power they didn’t

already have or a new charge to go do ministry; we’re simply acknowledging what they’ve already been doing. The Holy Spirit has already been working through you and we’re simply here to acknowledge that.”

Wagley, who gave the sermon, echoed Rochholz’ sentiments. “Today is a day of recognition, celebration and dedication,” he said. “Not only to the faithfulness of God, but to your commitment to living out His calling.”

Wagley shared the story of the temple consecration from 2 Chron. 7:12-16 and challenged the members to continue their commitment to reach their community for Christ. “We are not merely a group of believers who gather in holy huddles on the right day of the week,” he said. “We are people of light and hope to a community in need of nourishment from the Word of God, the testimony of His people and the faithful witness of the gospel being lived out in His church.”

As the dedication service concluded, each member in

attendance came forward and signed the church charter (article of incorporation).

“This process started five years ago this very day,” said church pastor **Mark Tagaloa**. He recounted how, on Sabbath, Feb. 17, 2013, he and his wife **Sandee** were visiting family in the area and discovered there were a large number of Samoans in Independence, Missouri.

The Tagaloas came away from that trip convicted that God was calling them to plant a church there. Both the core group of Samoans and the conference were interested, but there was a problem: no funding was available to hire Tagaloa. However, because he believed so strongly that God was leading, Tagaloa agreed to start as a volunteer. He served for several months with no pay and for a little more than a year on a small stipend, at one point turning down a full-time position with another conference to continue laboring where God had called him.

Over the last five years, what started as a group of 20 people has grown to 70

baptized members, with more than 30 others attending weekly.

Randy Harmdierks is communication director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

Learn more about the Independence Samoan church plant or any of Iowa-Missouri’s over 100 churches at imsda.org/churches.

Photos: Randy Harmdierks



Pastor Mark Tagaloa shares the history of the Independence Samoan church plant (top).

After signing the church charter, members of the new church gather as conference secretary Robert Wagley offers a prayer of dedication (middle).

Members sign the church charter (bottom).



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Evangelistic Efforts Continue in KC

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Churches in the Kansas City area came together Jan. 26–27 to worship, pray and continue preparations for the city-wide evangelistic effort *Revelation Today*, which is scheduled to begin March 30. This effort is put on by the Central States, Kansas-Nebraska and

Iowa-Missouri conferences in partnership with It is Written.

Work for *Revelation Today* began 18 months ago and has included outreach events, evangelism meetings and the work of nearly 100 lay Bible workers, led and coordinated by five full-time Bible workers. Almost 400 Bible studies are underway.

Nearly 1,200 people were in attendance at the January event as speaker and director of It Is Written **John Bradshaw** spoke, and lay Bible workers shared personal testimonies of the Bible studies and outreach that has been taking place throughout the city. Attendees prayed for the 340,000 brochures being mailed to

advertise the series, along with radio and billboard advertising. They also gave over \$10,000 in support of the effort.

Revelation Today will continue through April 28. Meetings take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the Jack Reardon Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

Virgil Covel serves as ministerial director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

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Adventists Volunteer During Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis

The National Football League's Super Bowl LII took place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Feb. 4, 2018. Because of the large number of people who attended this and related events in the city, security was tightened and officers were brought in from Homeland Security, FBI, CIA, the military and more. Below **Pastor Sean Lee** relates his experience as a volunteer police chaplain during this event.

Jer. 29:7 says "...and work for the peace and prosperity

of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare" (NLT). The word peace or welfare comes from the Hebrew word *Shalom*, which directly translates as "peace, welfare and completeness." Jeremiah writes that we should not only pray for peace and welfare, but also work for the completeness of the community where we live.

We pray for the peace and completeness of our communities and cities,

but what about the work part? Do our communities and cities look to us—the Adventist Church—when they need peace, welfare and completeness?

When I signed up to be a volunteer police chaplain for the Minneapolis Police Department, I did not know what it might bring to me and my church. It was—and still is—a difficult time for citizens throughout the nation due to unfortunate incidents related to the use of lethal force by law enforcement officers.

During the time I signed up, protests were taking place, and my heart was heavy for my community. I signed up for volunteer chaplaincy at MPD, hoping I could do something for my community.

To my surprise, many fellow chaplains had never met any Adventists or Adventist ministers. I thought to myself, *There are more than 400,000 people in Minneapolis, and*

the Minnesota Conference just marked 10,000 members in the entire state of Minnesota, so to some degree it makes sense they don't know who we are. I am representing a small portion of the population.

Taking on the challenge

A few months before Super Bowl LII, MPD chaplain coordinator **Officer Jason Andersen** told us the city would provide only one box meal for each officer on duty per day during the event. He was upset, but suggested the MPD chaplains partner with Breakthrough Ministry, which feeds homeless individuals in Minneapolis, to serve hot meals to the first responders group for the 10 days of the event.

We prayed about it and agreed to do it. As we began planning, though, we realized we would need a lot of food donations, financial donations and, of course, volunteers.

Photos: Courtesy Sean Lee



Pastor Sean Lee (far left) with first responders and volunteers (top)

Thank you card from the first responders to the MPD chaplains (bottom)

Certificate of appreciation from the National Guard to the MPD chaplain program (opposite page)

Volunteers serve food to first responders (opposite page)

MPD officers listed the religious organizations they wanted to partner with. I did not find a single Adventist church on the list, which saddened me. I told the chaplains and the coordinator I would get my church, Southview Adventist Church, involved. I told them about Southview Church without the church board approval, which worried me, but I said we would do it anyway.

Southview Church did decide to support the effort, and donated eight 110-quart coolers. MPD designated four relief stations in the downtown area from Jan. 25 to Feb. 4 for the first responders, and these coolers were used to provide water and other cool beverages. I was proud to see that Southview members also signed up for volunteer work.

The Minneapolis Miracle

Working at the relief stations as an MPD chaplain, I saw officers flood into the four relief stations. These were officers from not just all over Minnesota, but from all over the nation. There were federal agents from

the FBI, Homeland Security, U.S. Border Control, ICE and undercover agents who did not say what agency they belonged to. We had a military presence from the Minnesota National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard as well. We served hot meals to private K-9 units, EMS and the Minneapolis Fire Department.

The officers were thankful, and many told me they had expected to be miserable in the cold weather, but the relief efforts were a blessing. It is estimated approximately 16,000 meals were served. Everything was paid for by donations, and the MPD chaplains called it the “Minneapolis Miracle.”

When people saw volunteers from Southview Church, volunteers from other churches asked about the Adventist faith. At least 10 people asked me about my Adventist faith, our dietary guidelines and the Adventist church location. I even had a conversation with a National Guard soldier who questioned me about the purpose of life. It was amazing to see people open up and talk about their faith journey.

Connection, visibility and identity

As we work to reach our communities, we should think about three words: *connection*, *visibility* and *identity*. Do you have *connection* to your community? I am not suggesting that supporting first responders is the only way. What connection does your church have with your local community?

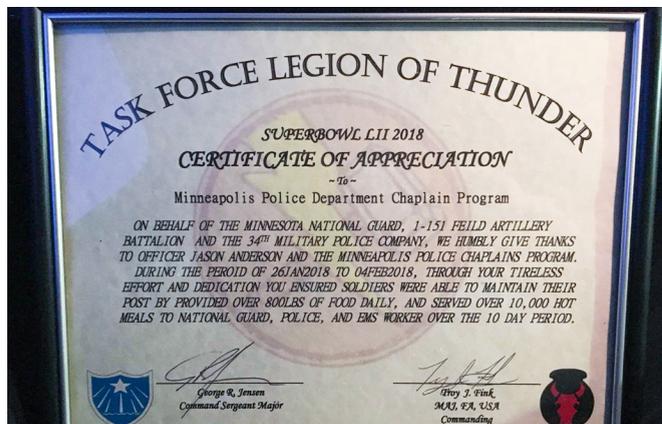
Is your church *visible* to the community? I am not just talking about the physical building. Do you participate in community events? Do they know your location? I hope you do not wait for people to come into your church, but rather actively seek people outside your church. People in your community should know there is an Adventist church where they can go when they are seeking God’s presence.

Are you ready to share your *identity*? When the

Southview volunteers were at the relief stations, they stood out because they were not shy about sharing what they believe. People asked about Adventist worship, and we told them about the seventh day Sabbath.

I pray people in your community know about your congregation. I hope you are visible in your community. I also pray that people see Jesus through your presence and confidence in your identity as Seventh-day Adventists.

Sean Lee is associate pastor of the Southview Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Evangelism Continues as *Revelation Speaks* Peace Ends

Photos: Palmer Halvorsen



Revelation Speaks Peace came to a close with 150 decisions for baptism and many more interested.

The final message of the *Revelation Speaks Peace* meetings was given by **Shawn Boonstra** at various churches in the Denver area. This series was held throughout January and into February at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver, and some joked they would go through withdrawals after investing so many nights at the meetings.

Decisions for baptism reached 150, with more expected over the next year as people continue to study. “There are as many as 600 interests per church to follow up on,” commented **Eric Nelson**, RMC vice president for administration and *Revelation Speaks Peace*

RMC coordinator.

DeeAnn Bragaw, prayer ministries coordinator, met with nearly 35 prayer warriors, some of whom arrived each evening 45 minutes before the meetings began to pray over every aspect of the event, walking the venue to pray for the people who would be attending that night, the sound, the speaker, the children’s area, the volunteers, the baptistry, those making decisions and prayer requests turned in through the prayer box.

“We all prayed over each request,” said Bragaw, “and as person after person prayed, the name on the request became precious to us, as if they were members of our own family. Sometimes, we cried over these dear people as we prayed over them. It was a sweet and sacred privilege.”

Follow-up meetings around Denver drew 75 individuals to the Denver South Hispanic Church, 125 to the Chapel Haven Church and 243 to the Denver South Church, where

Boonstra again spoke of God’s love for His children.

Commenting on the Denver-metro outreach, Boonstra said, “Seldom have I seen such high levels of conviction. The strong response to the appeal on the final Saturday night took me by surprise, and it’s hard to surprise me.”

Boonstra continued, “Some of the stories developing have moved me deeply. We have seen a lot of church members rediscover that public evangelism is as effective and as powerful as ever.”

Baptisms for 2017 were up considerably from 2016 as a result of Denver-metro area churches focusing on evangelism in preparation for the *Revelation Speaks Peace* meetings. While baptisms were at 356 in 2016, 423 new members joined through baptism in 2017.

Carol Bolden is a communication assistant for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

The One Project Is Over, but the Message Continues

The One Project ended its seven-year run of 32 gatherings celebrating the supremacy of Jesus Christ with more than 900 participants meeting in San Diego Feb. 11-12. Tim Gillespie was among the 16 presenters reflecting on the theme “Oh, how I love Jesus.” The presentations affirmed the Adventist

ethos and its beliefs and encouraged an ongoing conversation on how to help the church re-engage “with the story of Jesus.”

Read the full story by Rajmund Dabrowski at bit.ly/themessagecontinues

Photos: Rajmund Dabrowski



Vincent Begins Pastoring Casper District

Shayne Mason Vincent and his wife **Gabriela** began pastoring Wyoming's Casper, Douglas and Wheatland churches in March.

Vincent said, "I have wanted to be in the ministry since I was nine years old in the Lutheran Church." Since his conversion to Adventism about 12 years ago, he has worked within the church in various capacities.

Pastor Vincent's experience gives him important insights into the underlying beliefs and needs of Adventist church members and communities. "I have worked as an associate pastor, chaplain, literature evangelist, Bible teacher and musician, as well

Shayne Mason Vincent (pictured with wife Gabriela) says God called him to the Adventist Church when he was 23 and has since taken him on a journey of growth and healing.

as a therapist with hospice, addictions, mental health and marriage and family," he explained.

Vincent graduated from Weimar College with a BS in pastoral ministry and a BS in biblical counseling. He also obtained a master's degree in social work from Andrews University with an emphasis on religion and



Courtesy Shayne Mason Vincent

marriage and family.

"My wife Gabriela and I have joyfully accepted the call to serve with the RMC," said Vincent. "God is our life. Ministry is a major part of the reason my wife and I married so this is a life goal and passion for both of us. Sharing Him is our joy, and knowing Him is our life's study."

The couple enjoys nature, photography, music and outdoor activities, and they look forward to incorporating their passions into their ministry and the church family they now serve.

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Pierre Ordained to Gospel Ministry

Esteb Pierre, pastor of the Agape Haitian Church in Colorado, was ordained the afternoon of Feb. 24 in a full sanctuary. Held in the Aurora Church, the ordination was attended by members of both the Aurora and Agape Haitian churches.

Eric Nelson, RMC vice president for administration, told Pierre, "I see in you dedication, consecration, hard work, passion and evangelistic outreach."

A native of Petit-Goave in southern Haiti, Pierre immigrated to the United States with his family in 2006. He has worked with the Rocky Mountain Conference since

2015, and contributed to doubling the attendance at the Agape Haitian Church.

Pierre comes to the RMC well qualified as a pastor. He has a number of degrees, including commercial administration, business administration and a master of divinity. He is also a native Creole speaker, and speaks English, French and Spanish. His professional experience includes working as a substitute teacher, chauffeur, maintenance supervisor, Spanish teacher, accountant and ADRA project coordinator.

Mid-America Union ministerial director **Mic Thurber** told Pierre, "We see Jesus in

you and invite you to [be a] pastor [to] the world." He added, "We're 'lashing you fast' or tying you down securely as an ordained pastor," which Thurber portrayed as a "way of life; not a temporary job assignment."

With his wife **Junia** at his side, Pierre was surrounded by ordained pastors who gave him "God's touch" through the laying on of hands during the ordination prayer. "We

dedicate and consecrate you to lifelong ministry," said Nelson during the prayer.

The Aurora and Agape Haitian churches celebrated his ordination with a Haitian meal served in Aurora's beautifully decorated gymnasium.

Carol Bolden is a communication assistant for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Esteb Pierre, who pastors the Agape Haitian Church, was ordained to ministry in February.



Lisamette Vargas



Courtesy Meredith Nichols

Planning for the Worst

IRR graduate develops disaster plans for a Colorado county

One year ago, **Meredith Nichols** was in the classroom planning for hypothetical disasters. Today, she works for Custer County in Colorado planning for real ones.

The 23-year-old deputy emergency manager never expected to attain such a high position right out of college, but she has embraced the responsibility. Thanks to the comprehensive international rescue and relief program at Union College, Nichols has been training to be an emergency management professional since day one of her freshman year.

Diving into the field

The first IRR class a freshman at Union College takes is principles of emergency management. More than just a semester of dry theory,

the course teaches students the foundation of emergency response and provides them with FEMA-certified credentials.

“We run incident after incident,” said **Rick Young**, program director for IRR. “We believe if you don’t practice it, you won’t maintain it. We embed muscle memory in the students so they can use these skills in the professional world.”

The program also includes disaster management coursework, plus five weeks of field training in Colorado and three months in Nicaragua focused on global health.

Nichols has proven the value of that educational philosophy. Between the months of May and September 2017, the recent graduate was responsible for updating the

emergency operations plan for Custer County, a herculean task by any standard. The fact that the existing plan was 14 years out of date made the responsibility even more daunting.

However, thanks to the muscle memory built during principles of emergency management, Nichols approached the task exactly as she had learned to do.

“In class we ran a lot of exercises and eventually helped rewrite the emergency operations plan for Union College,” Nichols said. “Writing the plan [for Custer County], I could think back and see what we had done in class and apply that to my work.”

After four months and four drafts, Nichols sent the updated plan to the county commissioners. They approved

it without a word of criticism.

The success of that plan was the catalyst that propelled Nichols—then only a paid intern—into her current position as deputy emergency manager for Custer County.

“Meredith has a valuable skill set,” said **Cindy Howard**, emergency manager for Custer County. “From writing and editing plans, sharing documents and inviting collaboration among stakeholders, her education and her experience in training and exercise bring essential skills to the program.”

Moving up in her career

Following the success of the updated Custer County emergency operations plan, Nichols has moved on to her next project: to develop a working hazmat plan for the county. As a member of the hazmat

Esther Purvis/Union College



Courtesy Union College



When Union College IRR graduate Meredith Nichols (opposite page) finished her internship, the Custer County (Colorado) Department of Emergency Management valued her skills so much they created a new position for her.

Union College IRR students (above) train for rescue and emergency management starting their freshman year at Union—including earning emergency medical technician level one and two certifications in their first year.

committee, Nichols will help create a tabletop exercise based on the most current response protocols, followed by a full-scale, county-wide simulation.

“The hope is to get as many people involved as possible,” she said. “We want to make sure we have the right resources to manage a hazmat disaster.”

To accomplish this goal, Nichols has begun to develop relationships with key players in the county. The recent graduate now interacts with fire chiefs, sheriffs, county commissioners and behavioral health specialists.

“It’s kind of insane because I’m only 23 and newly graduated,” Nichols said. “But Union helped me to feel prepared. My communication skills really developed at Union.

Rick Young made a point of how to communicate in front of people and how to get your point across.”

If Nichols has gotten one point across, it is that she is an invaluable member of the emergency management team in Custer County. She is so well regarded, in fact, that the county offered her an all-expense-paid enrollment in the Emergency Management Academy in Denver this April. The six-month program is a crash course on how to function as an emergency manager. By the end, Nichols will be qualified to lead emergency preparedness at the county level.

“You get a lot of information about emergency management,” Nichols said. “I definitely feel honored that the county wants to send me.”

A future in emergency management

For someone who initially didn’t want to go into emergency management, Nichols has taken to her surprising new career with passion.

“I just stumbled into it,” she recalled. “I wanted to go into public health, but somehow I shifted into this career.”

Such career adaptability is as much a testament to the IRR program as it is to Nichols’ own identity—the range of opportunities for the dedicated IRR student is as wide as the imagination.

“IRR is so versatile,” said Nichols, who graduated with a personalized IRR degree in international community development. “I know it can be intimidating if you don’t have a plan by senior year, but the type of person who makes

it through IRR is a great candidate for almost any job.”

Young agrees. “If we can mold a program to your specific career and academic goals rather than the usual academics that college throws at you, I’m all for it,” he said. “Some students don’t like the medical aspect of IRR, and that’s fine. We will build a program around the direction you want to go.”

Nichols is thankful she graduated with exactly what she needed to succeed. “Being able to transform my degree into what I wanted was super helpful,” she said. “I saw each class as an opportunity to grow. Union really did help me.”

Michael Rohm graduated from Union in 2014 and is a freelance writer in Oregon.

SMH Offers Higher Level of Whole-Person Cancer Care

As part of Adventist Health System, Shawnee Mission Health places a special emphasis on whole-person care. The commitment of caring for the physical, mental and spiritual health of our patients and members of the community is at the heart of everything we do.

SMH staff constantly look for ways to improve the whole care experience of patients, and this is especially important for those facing a cancer diagnosis.

Since opening in 2014, the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center has focused on treating the whole person—body, mind and spirit—and offers several support services and amenities, including a single point of contact for care and complementary therapies like massage and music therapy. Designed with patients in mind, the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center continues to offer a higher level of whole-person care each year.

On Nov. 15, 2017, SMH became a certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network, a program of MD Anderson Cancer Center, the top ranked cancer center in the nation. As Kansas City's only affiliate of the network, SMH is raising the standard of cancer care, providing a higher level of therapies, technology and clinical expertise.

The Shawnee Mission Cancer Center is designed to give Kansas City area residents comprehensive outpatient care at one convenient location. By collaborating with MD Anderson, SMH is able to offer renowned cancer care at the local level by providing treatments that align with MD Anderson care guidelines and by giving physicians the opportunity to consult with Houston-based subspecialists on especially rare or complex cases. Patients now benefit from the combination of SMH's whole care experience and MD

Anderson's 76-year history of cancer care expertise in one place close to home.

"MD Anderson Cancer Network and Shawnee Mission Health joining together in collaboration enhances an already excellent program here. We can bring MD Anderson's expertise and innovative approaches to more patients in the Kansas City area and raise the standard of care throughout the region," said **William A. Murphy, Jr., MD**, chair of the board, Physicians Network.

For many patients, the opportunity to receive advanced cancer care focusing on mind, body and spirit in the city where they live is invaluable. **Charlene Biles** chose the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center because it was close to home and she quickly came to appreciate the doctors and staff for the wonderful care she received. "The staff are very caring," said Biles. "They would talk with me,

answer all my questions and make me feel at ease."

Fearful after his cancer diagnosis, **Charlie Wilburn** will never forget how the doctors and staff at the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center helped him and his family work through their fears. "The Cancer Center staff come out, give you a hug and genuinely tell you they are glad to see you," said Wilburn. "That's something people need. Getting to know you and being personable is one of the healing tools to help you get better."

Another patient, **Tony Gray**, believes part of God's plan was to introduce him to the doctors at the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center.

"I felt love by the whole staff; they just cared," said Gray. "I like the spiritual side of Shawnee Mission Health. I like the quotes on the wall and the fact that I've had staff say they will pray for me. That may or may not mean anything to most people, but it really means a lot to me."

Jackie Woods is a project manager/writer for Shawnee Mission Health.

To learn more about Shawnee Mission Cancer Center and watch videos of patient stories, visit AHigherStandard.com.

Courtesy Shawnee Mission Health



Centura Health Expands Services to West Littleton, Colorado

With the recent addition of the West Littleton Neighborhood Health Center, the Centura Health family of Adventist Hospitals in Denver is making high-quality, affordable healthcare easier to access. It will expand Littleton Adventist Hospital's involvement in the community and further their mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ and nurture the health of the people in our communities.

The Neighborhood Health Center offers a broad range of services including a fully equipped emergency room, imaging services, primary care providers from Centura

Health Physician Group and physician specialists. The center will make a meaningful impact on the community's healthcare needs through a combined focus on wellness and prevention.

This innovative facility is much more than a typical walk-in clinic. It features a hybrid mix of both family practice and emergency healthcare services. Patients requiring non-emergency or well-patient care can quickly be seen by a physician who will serve as their primary care provider. Patients with more critical conditions can quickly be seen in the ER. Those requiring hospital

stays will be transported seven miles away to the main Littleton Adventist Hospital facility.

The health center's focus on community wellness and prevention provides a strong connection to the Adventist health message. Its expansive conference room will be used to host educational programs, community events and wellness classes such as CREATION Health.

"Centura Health is working to shift the focus from reactive care to preventive care and wellness," said Littleton Adventist Hospital CEO **Brett Spenst**. "This means providing the right

care at the right time close to home. For more than 28 years, our hospital has been the hospital of choice for the greater Littleton area and we're honored to deepen our community relationships to work together for lifelong health."

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This article was written by Mark Bond on behalf of the Colorado Adventist hospital campuses that make up Rocky Mountain Adventist Health/Centura Health.

To learn more about Centura Health, visit CenturaHealth.org.

Centura Health's new West Littleton Neighborhood Health Center provides both preventive care and emergency services paired with diagnostic imaging and primary and specialty physician care. It provides new access to a part of Denver that was previously beyond the reach of the Centura family of health services.



Courtesy Centura Health

Beltz, Marla, b. Nov. 28, 1930 in Ft. Lupton, CO. d. Jan. 23, 2018 in Augusta, GA. Member of Augusta First Church. Preceded in death by 2 sisters. Survivors include husband Duane; son James; daughter Dewana Freeburg; 1 brother; 1 grandson.

Blackwell, Virginia J., b. Nov. 4, 1929. d. Jan. 20, 2018. Member of West County (MO) Church. Preceded in death by husband William "Art"; son William Jr. "Skip"; 2 brothers. Survivors include daughter Sharon Bentch; son Paul; 1 brother; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Blasche, Linda Nadine, b. Nov. 6, 1948 in Wichita, KS. d. Feb. 9, 2018. Member of Wichita South Church. Preceded in death by husband Larry. Survivors include children Don Austin, Roger Austin, Vicki Carter, Lori Cantrell, Jennifer Begay; 1 sister; 12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Burlage, Frank, b. April 4, 1961. d. May 4, 2016. Member of St. Louis Southside Church. Survivors include wife Carolyn.

Burton, LaWand V., b. April 17, 1947 in Toledo, OH. d. Nov. 9, 2017 in Gallatin, MO. Member of Gallatin Church. Preceded in death by parents; 2 brothers. Survivors include husband Booker; daughter Linda Yarbrough; son Demetrius McGlothan; 6 siblings; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Coryell, June, b. Sept. 21, 1923 in Salem, MO. d. April 21, 2016 in St. Louis, MO. Member of Salem Church. Preceded in death by husband Robert; 3 siblings. Survivors include daughter Gail Sommerfeld; son Greg; 2 sisters; 3 granddaughters; 2 great-granddaughters.

Cox, Delores, b. Jan. 24, 1937. d. Feb. 1, 2018 in Wichita, KS. Member of Wichita Cornerstone Church. Preceded in death by son Jamie. Survivors include husband Charles; children Randy, Sherrie Speidel and Melanie Remy; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

Elwick, Dorothy P., b. May 3, 1926. d. Jan. 20, 2018. Member of Ames (IA) Church.

Fredrickson, Rose Marie, b. Feb. 4, 1936. d. Nov. 6, 2017. Member of Southwest Denver Church. Survivors include husband Roland; daughter Jan Marie.

Gillham, Benjamin L., b. May 12, 1938 in Bushland, TX. d. Sept. 3, 2017 in Pinedale, WY. Member of Greeley (CO) Church. Preceded in death by 7 siblings. Survivors include wife Byra; son Brent; daughter Brenda Carnahan; 5 siblings; 4 grandchildren. U.S. Army veteran.

Hellige, Hope A., b. Aug. 5, 1920 in Fort Madison, IA. d. Dec. 29, 2016 in Montrose, IA. Member of Fort Madison Church. Preceded in death by husband Paul; 1 brother. Survivors include daughters Margaret "Peg" Aicher and Jill Miller; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Johnson, Donald R., b. June 25, 1932 in Des Moines, IA. d. Dec. 19, 2017 in Cameron, MO. Member of Gallatin (MO) Church. Survivors include wife Bettejean; daughter Wendy Hemmingsen; son Lauris; 2 brothers; 3 grandchildren.

Lakota-Plenty Holes, Regina, b. July 17, 1938 in Pine Ridge, SD. d. Oct. 22, 2017 in Pine Ridge, SD. Member of Dakota Conference Church. Preceded in death by husband

Melvin Samuel; daughter Delilah; 2 brothers; 1 great-granddaughter; 1 great-grandson. Survivors include sons Clifford Running Hawk, Juwan Lakota; daughters Florence, Juanita, Olivia and Misty Lakota-Normand; 2 brothers; 9 sisters; numerous grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild.

Leaming, Claudia J., b. Aug. 7, 1935. d. Feb. 19, 2018 in Knoxville, IA. Member of Ankeny (IA) Church. Survivors include husband Charles; children Deborah Griffith, Charles, Frederick and Patrick; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Lightfoot, Margaret G., b. June 10, 1943 in Rochester, PA. d. March 11, 2017. Member of St. Louis Southside Church. Survivors include husband William; sons William Jr. and Eric; 8 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Luckiesh, Louella M., b. April 20, 1925 in Council Bluffs, IA. d. Jan. 17, 2018 in Story City, IA. Member of Ottumwa (IA) Church. Preceded in death by husband Joseph; daughter Bonnie; 4 siblings. Survivors include daughter Joella Smith; sons Mark, Clifford and Bennett; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

McNeal, Frank C., b. July 7, 1967. d. Sept. 16, 2017 in Sedalia, MO. Member of Sedalia Church.

Reeves, Harold R. Sr., b. Feb. 21, 1922 in Muscatine, IA. d. Jan. 19, 2018 in Vermillion, SD. Member of Muscatine Church. Preceded in death by wife Carol; son Harold Jr. Survivors include daughter Laura Breece; son Gary; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. Served in U.S. Navy during World War II.

Samelson, Donna "LaVonne", b. Feb. 2, 1935 in Iroquois, SD. d. Jan. 18, 2018 in De Smet, SD. Member of Dakota Conference Church. Preceded in death by husband Holly; 1 brother; 2 sisters. Survivors include daughter Lana Bornitz; 2 brothers; 3 sisters.

Shadday, Esther Deloris, b. July 10, 1923 in New Underwood, SD. d. Feb. 15, 2018 in Denver, CO. Member of Denver South English Church. Preceded in death by first husband Paul Larson; second husband Jim. Survivors include children Kathleen Rochambeau, Koleen Stoup, Paula Aughenbaugh and David Larson; 10 grandchildren.

Sivao, Alae, b. June 11, 1956 in Amanave, American Samoa. d. Dec. 11, 2017. Member of Independence Samoan (MO) Church. Preceded in death by 3 brothers; 2 grandchildren. Survivors include daughters Ese, Fia, Fuata, Talailelagi Epps, Taumalatou, Aiyana Fuiava and Talaematafi Fuiava; sons Iosua, Samson Faasipa, Alae Jr., Manuita Toaiva, Faautugatagi, Dante Vaovasa and Mei Fuiava Jr.; 11 siblings; 11 grandchildren.

Thompson, Dean W., b. Dec. 4, 1945 in Great Falls, MT. d. Feb. 2, 2018 in Lincoln, NE. Member of Capitol View (NE) Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include wife Teresa; daughter Kayla Stanley; 1 sister; 2 grandchildren.

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Grand Junction	7:43	7:50	7:56	8:03
Pueblo	7:27	7:33	7:40	7:46
IOWA				
Davenport	7:33	7:41	7:48	7:56
Des Moines	7:45	7:53	8:01	8:09
Sioux City	7:57	8:05	8:13	8:21
KANSAS				
Dodge City	8:08	8:14	8:20	8:27
Goodland	7:16	7:23	7:30	7:36
Topeka	7:51	7:58	8:05	8:12
MINNESOTA				
Duluth	7:45	7:54	8:04	8:13
International Falls	7:52	8:02	8:12	8:23
Minneapolis	7:47	7:56	8:05	8:14
MISSOURI				
Columbia	7:37	7:44	7:51	7:58
Kansas City	7:47	7:54	8:00	8:07
St. Louis	7:29	7:36	7:43	7:49
NEBRASKA				
Lincoln	7:57	8:04	8:12	8:19
North Platte	8:14	8:21	8:28	8:36
Scottsbluff	7:26	7:33	7:41	7:49
NORTH DAKOTA				
Bismarck	8:19	8:29	8:38	8:48
Fargo	8:03	8:13	8:23	8:32
Williston	8:32	8:42	8:52	9:02
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Pierre	8:15	8:24	8:32	8:41
Rapid City	7:26	7:35	7:43	7:52
Sioux Falls	8:00	8:08	8:16	8:24
WYOMING				
Casper	7:37	7:45	7:53	8:01
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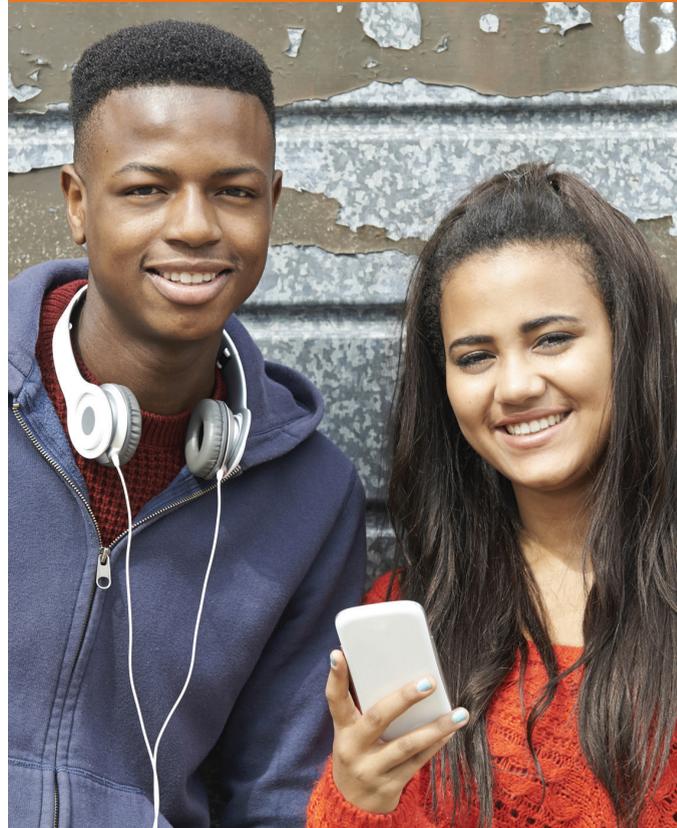
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