

The President's Pen!

Why does the Idaho Conference exist? What is our purpose? Do we have a mission focus? The answer to these questions is found in our mission statement that follows.

"We are called to make disciples in our communities, sharing the distinctive, Christ-centered Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness."

I am thankful that our pastors, educators, church leaders, and office staff are embracing the mission of the Idaho Conference! Gerald Margil shared the following thrilling experience with me. He serves as the Idaho Conference Hispanic Ministries Coordinator and the pastor of the Treasure Valley Hispanic District.

During one of the recent evangelistic series, which took place in our Hispanic churches, the following episode occurred. When the preacher was making the call to surrender to Christ, I turned my eyes towards the congregation and noticed that there was a gentleman who had been attending church for a little over a year. I had already had the opportunity to pray and talk with him a few times in the past and knew of his spiritual journey and his love for the Lord, even though he had not yet been baptized.

At that moment, the Holy Spirit gave me the conviction that I should approach him, which I did. Then I put my hand on his shoulder and asked him the following question: "dear brother, would you like to accept tonight, the call to baptism?" To which he replied with a simple and succinct yes. "Would you like me to accompany you and go to the altar together?" "I would like that," he replied.

So, we went to the front together and the following Sabbath I had the honor of baptizing him.

Praise God!

We rejoice with the Cloverdale Church and the Boise Hispanic Company. They recently concluded evangelistic and reaping meetings with people joining God's remnant church.

2022 Idaho Conference Camp Meeting

Camp Meeting is coming! After a virtual Camp Meeting in 2020, and a hybrid Camp Meeting in 2021, we are planning to be back on the beautiful campus of Gem State Adventist Academy for our in-person Camp Meeting, June 14-18, 2022. Our theme is "Prepared. Willing. Faithful."

The English language Camp Meeting will feature Darold Bigger, professor from Walla Walla University, and Shawn Boonstra, director/speaker for the Voice of Prophecy. Bigger will serve as the speaker for the Tuesday through Thursday evening meetings. Boonstra will serve as the speaker for the Friday and Sabbath evening meetings and Sabbath morning worship service. Robert Costa, speaker/director for Spanish It Is Written, will serve as the speaker for the Spanish language Camp Meeting. Dale Galusha, Sung Kwon, Doug Na'a, and Richard and Linda Sloop, will serve as seminar speakers. Check out our website at idahoadventist.org for more Camp Meeting details.

Fun Facts

Baptisms and Professions of Faith through April 2022 – 18

Year-to-date (YTD) tithes through March 2022 compared to YTD through March 2021 – -0.26%

Enrollment for 2021-2022 school year, 353 total students, 49 more than 2020-2021 school year

Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) Highlights

GSAA Academy Days

Forty-three seventh and eighth grade students enjoyed a day of classes and fun activities on the campus of Gem State Adventist Academy. Many are planning to enroll as students for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

ID Youth Conference

Gem State Adventist Academy hosted the annual ID Youth Conference with 72 in attendance. Guest speaker, Jeff Villegas, gave an invitation for the young people to make a commitment to following Jesus. Many accepted the invitation.

Mission Trip

Gem State Adventist Academy and the Idaho Conference Youth Ministries Department partnered in providing a mission trip to Bethel, Alaska. The students and adult sponsors were blessed in ministering to the children and adults of this notable Native American village.

I invite you to pray for the team of missionaries serving at Gem State Adventist Academy.

Barefoot Media Ministries Highlights

Barefoot Media Ministries is reaching men, women, young people, and children for Christ via radio and digital media content. They are fully listener supported with specific fundraising drives in the spring and fall. Barefoot Media Ministries recently completed their spring fundraising emphasis. By hard work, God's grace, and generous donors, they surpassed the goals set for Project 88.7 and KTSY 89.5. Praise the Lord!

I invite you to pray for the team of missionaries serving at Barefoot Media Ministries.

Camp Ida-Haven Highlights

The Camp Ida-Haven team is working hard to prepare for another fantastic in-person six weeks of summer camp. They are anticipating another summer at full capacity! The summer camp schedule follows:

- * Cub Camp – June 26-July 2
- * Junior Camp – July 3-9
- * Tween Camp – July 10-16
- * BeTween Camp – July 17-23
- * Earliteen Camp – July 24-30
- * Teen Camp – July 31-August 6

I invite you to pray for the team of missionaries serving at Camp Ida-Haven.

Idaho Conference Board of Directors Highlights

The Idaho Conference Board of Directors met on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at the Nampa Seventh-day Adventist Church. Some of the actions taken by the Board follows:

- * Vice President John Rogers shared the March 2022 financial report. By God's grace and the faithfulness of our members, the Conference is in a strong financial position.
- * Pastor Gerald Margil to serve on the Personnel Committee.
- * Gary Botimer to serve on the Board of Education.
- * A new policy for recruiting college/university elementary education majors was approved.
- * A slate of delegates to serve at the August 7, 2022, North Pacific Union Conference/Walla Walla University Constituency Session was approved.
- * The Conference administration is working on filling several pastoral vacancies and the Prayer Ministries Coordinator position.

Mission Matters

The Idaho Conference Communications Department publishes a monthly e-newsletter called *Mission Matters*. I invite you to subscribe at <https://connect.nwadventists.com>.

Bible Focus

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

Spirit of Prophecy Quotation

"The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory." *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 9.

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