

# Mountain View Sonrise

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A Newsletter of the  
Mountain View Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists

## Welcome, New Members, to the Seventh-day Adventist Church!



**William Lopez Martinez,  
FIRST BAPTISM of 2024! PTL!**



**Richard Henry-  
Second in 2024!**



**Fanny Manzaneras  
3rd in 2024!**



**Felix, Haniel, Anthony, &  
Gisselle, Lewisburg  
Spanish SDA on  
3/30/2024**



**Kaylee Lindsey (2023)**



**Trinity Warden (2023)**



**Lydia Holler (2023)**



**Keenan, Debra, James, and  
Thomas Dodd (2023)**



**Nicole Schriener (2023)**



**Michael Kho (2023)**



**Betsy Hancock, Linda  
Crislip, and Karen  
Parsons, (with Pastor  
Murphy) (2023)**



**Juan and Jessica Rugel  
(2023)**



**Anderson Holler (2023)**



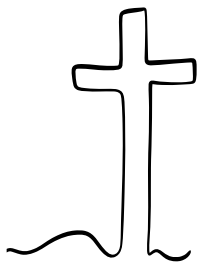
**Forrest West and  
Barbara Payne  
(2023)**



**Hunter Kuske (2023)**



**New Members Point Pleasant SDA  
(2023)**



# Regeneration & Revival

## What is “Let’s Grow Together?”

“Let’s Grow Together” is a new initiative launched by the Mountain View Conference, aimed at equipping local churches with education and resources to effectively fulfill the Great Commission. This initiative offers a roadmap and a cycle of evangelism, guiding church members towards a lifestyle centered on sharing the message of Jesus with others. “Tell Somebody About Jesus.”

### 5 Essential Phases

1. PREPARE the soil of the heart with friendship and service.
2. PLANT the seed with spiritual conversations.
3. CULTIVATE spiritual interest with ongoing Bible studies.
4. HARVEST decisions with appeals to follow Christ and be baptized.
5. PRESERVE the harvest with ongoing discipleship of new members.

In short, if you are reading this newsletter, you most likely received the MVC 2024 Calendar last December. The roadmap, cycle of evangelism, and resources mentioned above include a lot of the events you see listed on your conference calendar.

For example, in April you will see events such as Day of Prayer and Fasting, Literature Ministry Week, and Game Night/Bridge Event. These are all events where you can connect with others or invite someone to your church.

Ask your pastor how you can be more involved. Pray for these events and programs. Ask God what your part is in this conference initiative. Your pastor needs you, God wants you, and you will be blessed as we all “. . . grow together!”



## What is Constituency?

Perhaps you have heard the word “constituency” being said at your local church lately, and if you are new to the church, or even if you are someone who has been around for awhile, you may wonder what people are talking about.

Simply put, in the Mountain View Conference, a “session” is held every five years, at which times officers and committees are elected, reports are given, and policies are decided. On April 28, the MVC Constituency session will be held at Valley Vista Adventist Center, our campground, in Huttonsville, W.Va. This session is not open to the general public, but will be attended by delegates who have been chosen by each of our local churches.

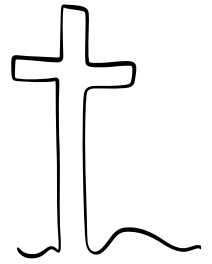
On March 3, 2024, a “Town Hall Meeting” was held at Parkersburg, W.Va. Seventh-day Adventist Church. Reports were given about what has happened in MVC over the last five years, and goals for the next quinquennial (5 years) were given. Churches throughout the conference joined via Zoom. Thank you to all who attended that meeting. If you would like a copy of the Town Hall booklet, with the reports from our conference, it can still be downloaded and printed from the MVC website ([www.mtviewconf.org](http://www.mtviewconf.org)).



On March 17, 2024, an “Organizing Committee” met and elected a “Nominating Committee,” which will meet on April 14, 2024. All of these meetings lead up to the meeting on April 28th. We ask for your prayers that God will lead in the decisions being made to further His work in the wonderful Mountain View Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Pictured: Victor Zill, MVC Exec. Secretary/Treasurer gives his report via Zoom at Town Hall Meeting. Walter Cardenas, Assistant to the President, and Tim Bailey, MVC President, at the meeting in Parkersburg, W.Va.

# Mountain View Conference Introduces New Pastoral Couples



Pastor Preston Monterrey is a bilingual and international speaker who has ministered throughout Central and South America, and the Caribbean proclaiming biblical and Judeo-Christian teachings. He has been a Bible student for more than 43 years. He served as a chaplain for several years in Southwest Michigan. His mission is restoring suffering humanity into the image and likeness of God through the Gospel of Jesus–The Christ. He has been married to Valerie for 38 years. His wife has been a midwife for more than 25 years. They have six children, and eight grandchildren. Pr. Preston is the new pastor in the Bluefield/Beckley Church District. Mountain View Conference is happy to have them as a part of the team!



Valerie and  
Preston Monterrey



Lynnwood and Peggy Spangler

In 1989, Lynnwood and Peggy Spangler left a successful plumbing business to attend Hartland Bible College. After graduating in 1993, they worked for Amazing Facts as a Bible worker and Evangelist. Then Lynn took a call to pastor in Pennsylvania that developed into the Conference Evangelist position for six years. Next, he was Texas Conference Evangelist for 17 years and then moved back to Pennsylvania as a pastor for six years. In February, he accepted a call to the Summersville district. He is already involved in 104 Bible study requests; our “Friends-R-Fun” daycare center there, with over 200 children; and the Summersville SDA School. He is excited to be a part of a church that is active in community outreach.

Lynn and Peggy have 2 children with 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Mountain View is excited to have such an energetic, on-fire pastor and wife as part of our team!

Roger and Heidi Curtis both grew up in Southern California, where they met each other in academy. They have been married for 30 years and have three adult children, Makayla, Megan, and Ethan. They have previously served in the New York Conference and then in the Texas Conference. They are coming to us from Washington State and are excited to begin ministry in West Virginia.

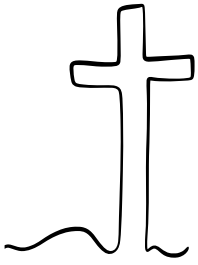
Roger and Heidi will be pastoring in the Buckhannon/Glenville/Parsons District starting April 1, 2024 (and Heidi will be helping as a nurse at camp meeting). Mountain View Conference is happy to have them as the latest members of our team and we look forward to working with them!



Roger and Heidi  
Curtis

## \$tewardship

“While some go forth to preach, He calls upon others to answer His claims upon them for offerings with which to support His cause on the earth. He has means in the hands of men that His divine gifts may flow through human channels in doing the work appointed us in saving our fellow men.” ~Ellen White



# CAMP MEETING 2024

June 14-22, 2024

The theme of Camp Meeting 2024 is “Rise Up and Build.” We are excited to announce the speakers for this year, specially chosen to guide and encourage God’s people in how they can help to build His church in our territory.

Our first weekend speaker will be [Joseph Kidder](#), born in biblical Nineveh (today’s Iraq), Professor of Pastoral Theology and Discipleship at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, since the year 2000.

Joe’s 16 years of pastoral ministry, having served from 1984 to 2000 in Washington State have informed his nine books and his countless articles written during the past 35 years. His thoughtful research has been translated into Croatian, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish, testifying to the universality of the principles found within his writings.

Joe has been known for many things during his two decades of service at Andrews University. Perhaps most notable are his daily walks around campus. He rarely walks alone and welcomes the company of seminarians and fellow faculty members. Their conversations don’t contain idle talk; rather, Joe spends time ministering to the person with whom he walks, praying with them about challenges faced in that person’s life.

Our evening speaker during the week is Ohio Conference President, [Bob Cundiff](#), who was born in Los Angeles, California, and relocated to Louisville, Kentucky, when he was six. Growing up in the South, he was raised in a household where his mother devoutly followed the Adventist faith while his father maintained his atheism. His conversion at 17 propelled him into a life of ministry, beginning with his undergraduate degree in Religion from Southern Adventist University. He further deepened his theological foundation with Master of Divinity and Doctoral degrees from Andrews University, equipping him with the knowledge and insight necessary for his diverse roles in the church.

From student missionary to international evangelist, youth pastor, young adult pastor, international evangelist, Executive Secretary, and eventually president of the Ohio Conference, Bob has served with a deep commitment to sharing the message of grace. His leadership is marked by a genuine love for Jesus and his family and a passion for guiding others in their spiritual journey. His interests include motorcycling, triathlon, travel, scuba diving, and sailing, which provides him with moments of reflection and connection with nature.

Our second weekend speaker will be [Carlton Byrd](#), the current Interim Pastor for the Fondren SDA Church, a role he assumed shortly after becoming President of the Southwest Region Conference, in June 2021. Additionally, he is the current Speaker/Director of the Breath of Life Television Broadcast for the SDA Church in North America, a responsibility he has held for the past 11 years. Dr. Byrd is a graduate of Oakwood University with dual degrees, and both Tennessee State University and Andrews University, where he earned two masters and also his doctorate. He is the author of three books and is happily married to his wife of 23 years, the former Danielle Mounter, and they are the proud parents of three daughters, Christyn, Caileigh, and Carissa.

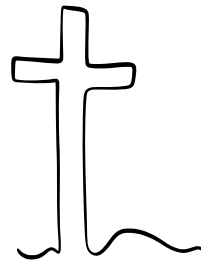
Most recently, he completed a 9½-year tenure as the Senior Pastor of the 3,000 member Oakwood University Church on the campus of Oakwood University in Huntsville, AL. During his pastorate at the Oakwood University Church, over 800 individuals were baptized, the church was completely renovated, and two new buildings were constructed, namely the Oakwood Adventist Academy (Kindergarten through Grade 12) building, and the 22,000 square foot Oakwood University Church Family Life Center housing a vegetarian food market, barber shop, health clinic, gymnasium, commercial kitchen, classrooms, and community service areas.



Left to Right:  
Joseph Kidder, Bob Cundiff,  
and Carlton Byrd

Call 304-422-4581 to make  
your camp meeting reservations NOW.

# CAMP MEETING 2024~SEMINARS



Do you remember our 11:00am Bible Marking Class at camp meeting last year? **Pastor Lynnwood Spangler** is now a pastor in our conference, in the Summersville District, and he will be teaching the class again this year. If you attended last year, please bring your Bible Marking kit with you, as he will be starting where he left off last year, covering different topics. If you are new to the class, he will have a kit for you and will be teaching how to use it again. This was a very popular seminar last year and was easy to learn, and we were sold out of kits. You **WON'T** want to miss it!! Kits will be provided to those who attend. Come learn how to mark your Bible and how to share your faith! Monday-Friday at 11:00am in the main pavilion.



Lynnwood & Peggy Spangler



Chef Mark Anthony

**Mark Anthony** spent 25 years catering to the celebrities in Las Vegas, Nevada. After surrendering his life to Christ, God put him on a mission of motivating people through cooking, health and nutrition. So far he has lost 75 pounds, and loves to share strategies for success. He has been known for his television appearances on 3ABN, Hope Channel, and LLBN. His current TV program called "The Whole Message" is in its 10th season, airing on 4 different networks. For the past 2 years he has been at The Black Hills Health and Education Center, where he served as president.

He will be demonstrating some amazing culinary recipes as well as bringing you some of the simple secrets from the wellness center. It's time to transform your life and help others do the same. Don't miss these fun and informative programs, Mon-Fri, 3:45pm - 4:45pm in the main pavilion.

## WINTER Camp



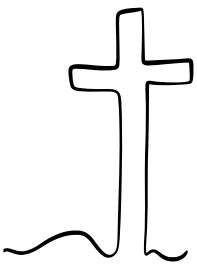
Mountain View Pathfinders from across the conference came to Valley Vista on the weekend of February 23-25, 2024 for their annual Winter Camp. Guest speaker for the weekend was Pastor Tony Garcia, our MVC Personal Ministries Director. He challenged the Pathfinders to know, "Who They Are." He also asked them if they would know if it was God calling them. During the weekend, the Pathfinders worked on the following Honors: Bully Prevention, Christian Team Building, and Duct Tape. The Pathfinders had a wonderful weekend of spiritual blessings and Christian fellowship.  
~Beth Ackman, MVC Pathfinder Director

## SUMMER CAMP!

**UNDEFEATED**  
VALLEY VISTA SUMMER CAMP 2024  
COME JOIN THE FUN

<p><b>LIFEGUARD CAMP</b> JUNE 9 - JUNE 13</p> <p><b>TEEN CAMP</b> JUNE 30- JULY 7</p> <p><b>JUNIOR CAMP</b> JULY 7-JULY 14</p> <p><b>ADVENTURE CAMP</b> JULY 14-JULY 21</p>	<p><b>FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US:</b> <b>304-422-4581</b> <b>REGISTER HERE</b> <b>VVSCAMP.COM</b></p>
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Please encourage all the young people you know to go to Summer Camp. They will be richly blessed!



# TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT JESUS

As part of our “Let’s Grow Together” initiative, all of our Mountain View Conference pastors will be holding some sort of Evangelistic/Revival meetings this year. As we share this tentative\* schedule with you, we ask that you put this on your calendar, or save this list, and pray daily for our pastors, for the people who will be attending, and for yourself, that God will show you what is YOUR part in His plan for saving souls.

March 29-April 27  
April 11-27  
April 19-Mar 25  
May 5-May 11  
May 15-19  
May 15-18  
May 21-25  
May 22-25  
May 29-June 1  
July 19-August 16  
Sept. 6-Oct 5  
Sept. 13-15  
Sept. 15-21  
Sept. 22-Oct. 19  
Sept. 30-Oct 26  
October 18-26  
Oct.-Nov. (dates tba)  
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Oct. 11-Nov. 9  
Oct. 11-Nov. 9  
Oct. 27-Nov. 16  
November 1-16  
November 15-23

Lewisburg SDA Church  
Cumberland SDA Church  
Braxton SDA Church  
Grace Outreach (Logan) SDA  
Moorefield Spanish  
Morgantown SDA Church  
Williamson SDA Church Plant  
Boulevard SDA Church  
Point Pleasant SDA Church  
Beacon of Hope SDA Church  
Parkersburg SDA Church  
Marlinton SDA Church  
Lewisburg Spanish SDA Church  
Point Pleasant SDA Church  
Summersville SDA Church  
Rainelle SDA Church  
Braxton SDA Church  
Grafton SDA Church  
Wheeling SDA Church  
Beckley SDA Church  
Spencer SDA Church  
Boulevard SDA Church  
Frostburg SDA Church  
Moorefield Spanish SDA Church

Speaker: Stewart Pepper  
Speaker: Jim Buchanan  
Speaker: William Iannacone  
Speaker: Walter Cardenas  
Speaker: Eddie Reyes  
Speaker: Jose Luis Espinoza  
Speaker: Tony Garcia  
Speaker: DW West  
Speaker: DW West  
Speaker: Stewart Pepper  
Speaker: Stewart Pepper  
Speaker: Eddie Reyes  
Speaker: Ramon Escalante  
Speaker: DW West  
Speaker: Lynnwood Spangler  
Speaker: To be announced  
Speaker: William Iannacone  
Speaker: Tim Bailey  
Speaker: Clayton Powell  
Speaker: Preston Monterrey  
Speaker: To be announced  
Speaker: DW West  
Speaker: Michael Carder  
Speaker: Eddie Reyes

\*Dates and speakers are subject to change.  
More meetings may be added that are not finalized yet.

Prayer



**Let's Pray Together** App

- Be a prayer warrior.
- Submit your prayer requests.
- Pray for others.

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Download the App Now

LET'S GROW TOGETHER Mountain View Conference

We are so excited to announce the launching of our new PRAYER APP!!

Scan the QR code on this picture to download the “Let’s Pray Together” app on your ANDROID phone, or find it in your app store.

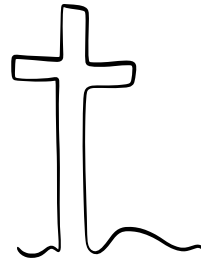
The app for iPhones will be re-released in mid April. More info will be posted on social media and through bulletin inserts when that is available.

Give it a try! Be a prayer warrior!

SOCIAL MEDIA



# EDUCATION NEWS



The Summersville Adventist School has been extremely active this year. During Valentine's Day we held a bake sale and our students even helped us bake! Pictured is one of our students, Mikey DeVries, making salted caramel fudge! There were so many baked goods donated by our church, our school families, and our students that we raised about \$1,000! All of our students have also been working on a research paper. There is so much information available that we teach our students how to research safely and effectively. Our students are also publishing two books! K-2 is writing a book on Kindness and 3-8 is writing a research book on the Solar System. Finally, our students in grades 3-8 have written a play and are making props. The play begins with the war in heaven and ends with Jesus dying for us and paying the price for our sins. We will be performing it at church on May 11th!



~Tamara Bremer, teacher at Summersville Adventist School

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Many students finish high school without any idea of their life goals, and some graduate and start college only to waste time and money preparing for a career that they don't enjoy. Either way, career indecision can be a costly mistake.

Highland Adventist School in Elkins, W.Va., works with students and parents to avoid that scenario. As part of their college and career readiness focus, secondary students participate in an annual two-week career shadowing internship. After taking classes on interview skills, dressing for success, workplace etiquette and employment skills, and participating in career interest inventories, each student is assigned to a local business for two weeks of interning as a full-time employee. They are assigned work by their host employer and are expected to meet all workplace expectations. At the end of the experience, the host employer provides feedback about their performance as an employee.

"Some students have found a career they are passionate about through this program," states Cheryl Jacko, principal. "Others, who long thought they wanted to serve in a specific career, changed their minds after two weeks in that profession. We believe either outcome is a win for our students as it helps them make wise career decisions. We are so happy to see our graduates serving God and our community in meaningful, fulfilling careers."

Through the years students have interned at a wide variety of businesses, including the hospital, the prosecuting attorney's office, veterinary offices, emergency services, and much more. Friends throughout the Elkins business community collaborate with the school to make this valuable experience available for H.A.S. students.



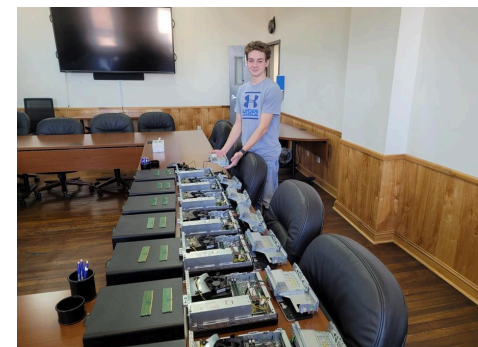
Lincoln Daetwyler, freshman



Caden Rowan, sophomore



Kendall Corley, sophomore

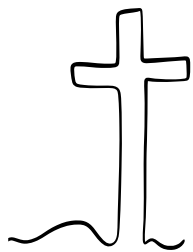


Hunter Channels, senior



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- Prayer**
- Tell Somebody About Jesus**
- Church Planting**
- Regeneration and Revival**
- Education**
- Social Media**
- Stewardship**
- Youth**

If you have a story to share about one of these  
topics, please send it to me and I will try to include  
it in a future *Sonrise*. Send your articles and photos

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## Save the 2024 Dates:

- April 28 MVC Constituency
- May 3-5 MVC Youth Retreat
- June 14-22 Camp Meeting
- June 30-July 21 Summer Camps
- July 26-28 Hispanic Camp Mtg.
- Aug 5-11 Int'l Pathfinder Camporee
- Aug 16-18 New Believer's Retreat
- Sept 6-8 Men's Retreat
- Sept 13-15 Shepherdess Retreat
- Sept 20-22 Young Adult Retreat
- Sept 22-25 Bible Worker Training
- Sept 27-29 Spanish Women's Retreat
- Oct 4-6 Women's Retreat (English)