

Washington Conference President's Prayer Newsletter



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PONDER

What are you thinking about?

There is an age-old question that gets asked multiple times each day throughout the world. It is asked by wives to their husbands when they are staring into space. Usually when the wife asks, the husband's answer is invariably "nothing." Of course, this is frustrating to the wife.

Sometimes the question is asked of our children after they get out of school and seem to be unusually quiet. Then the stories may pour out regarding hurt feelings over something that was said on the playground, a bad grade on a test, or maybe even that they have a childhood crush on that cute classmate who passed them a secret note in class.

At times the question can lead to serious discussions about job changes, potential moves for the family, or bad medical news that

you have just received and are trying to process. It is an open-ended question that can elicit all sorts of responses—or nonresponses.

The things that we think about can be happy thoughts that cause us to smile. Or they can be thoughts that lead us to reflect. They can also be thoughts that are depressing. We may be thinking about the price of gas at the pump or the increased cost of living that is causing us to readjust family budgets.

We may be thinking about the state of the world—politics, crime, or anything else that reminds us that the world is not getting better.

In the letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us that even with everything going on around us in the world, we still have some really good things to think about. Philippians 4:8 says, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever

things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

In these challenging times, we still have much to think about and meditate on when we consider the goodness of God and the purity of the gospel of the cross and resurrection.

As we come to the end of the first quarter of 2026, let's continue thinking about and sharing the goodness of God.

In His service,

Joseph S. Biny





Hispanic Ministries Prayer Convocation

On Jan. 10, 2026, about 900 members and leaders from Spanish-speaking churches gathered for the Annual Prayer Convocation, an event focused on strengthening evangelism through small groups and reaffirming them as a foundation for spiritual growth and community life.

Guest speaker Gustavo Squarzon encouraged attendees to live in complete dependence on Christ and express their faith through active engagement in their communities. Special music from Wander Bello helped create moments of worship and reflection throughout the program.

We praise God for a meaningful gathering that strengthened faith and unity among our Spanish-speaking churches. Despite challenges many immigrant families are facing in the current climate, the convocation was a powerful reminder that small groups are more than an organizational strategy. They are spaces where members build relationships, study Scripture, pray and support one another. We are thankful for the continued growth of small groups as Spanish-speaking churches strengthen discipleship, deepen community and prepare members to share the hope of Christ.



Russian-Ukrainian Prayer Convocation

We praise God for the annual convocation that brought together Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking members of the Washington Conference on Jan. 10, 2026. The gathering included Sabbath School for all ages, reports celebrating God's blessings during Pentecost 2025, along with special music and worship. The day concluded with prayer and renewed gratitude for God's leading, inspiring members to continue sharing the hope of Christ with the Russian-Ukrainian community of Greater Seattle.



Regional Ministries Day of Celebration

The Regional Ministries Day of Celebration was held Jan. 10, 2026, at Emerald City Church, bringing members together for a spirit-filled day of worship and gratitude for God's leading in Regional Ministries. Guest speaker Pastor Damian Chandler delivered an inspiring message encouraging participants to celebrate God's faithfulness and remain committed to sharing the gospel. The gathering renewed vision and reminded all present of the importance of reaching communities with the hope and love of Christ.

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."
Psalm 136:1*



Vitalii Glavatskyi's Ordination

On Jan. 17, we celebrated the ordination of Pastor Vitalii Glavatskyi. We thank God for His calling and faithful service. As a conference family, we lift Pastor Vitalii and his family in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide his ministry with wisdom, strength and compassion in the years ahead.



Tacoma Prayer Train Stop

On Jan. 31, the Pentecost Prayer Train made its first stop of the year at Tacoma Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. More than 65 people gathered to seek the Lord together in prayer, asking God to bring revival and revitalization to our churches. Together, we are praying for at least one baptism in every church as the Spirit moves across our conference family.



Michael White's Ordination

On Jan. 24, our conference family gathered at the Poulsbo Seventh-day Adventist Church to rejoice in the ordination of Pastor Michael White. We praise God for His calling on Pastor Michael's life and for the dedication he brings to ministry. We continue to lift him and his family in prayer.



Annual Arts Fest at AAA

On Feb. 28, more than 375 students from 14 schools gathered at Auburn Adventist Academy for the Washington Conference Arts Fest. Students rehearsed, built friendships and prepared for an evening of worship through music, drama and art. We praise God for the gifts He has placed in our students.



Pathfinder Teen Retreat

On Jan. 30-31, 235 Pathfinders and leaders gathered at Sunset Lake Camp for the Pathfinder Teen Retreat, centered on the theme "All In: Do My Honest Part." The weekend was a spiritual blessing as teens worshiped, learned and committed themselves to serving God faithfully in their daily lives.



Tithe Increase for January 2026

We praise God for His abundant provision. After a year of lower giving, the first month of 2026 has brought a 29.09% increase in tithe compared to January 2025. We thank the Lord for the faithfulness of His people and pray He continues blessing the mission and ministry across our conference.

*“Let your requests be known to God...”
Philippians 4:6*



2026 Evangelism Efforts

Please pray for evangelism and revitalization across the Washington Conference as we move forward with this year’s theme, Beyond Pentecost. Last year, God blessed our conference with 859 baptisms. We are praying for even greater things this year—that every church will see lives transformed and baptistries filled.



2026 VBS Season

Please pray as we enter the Vacation Bible School and Day Camp season across our conference. Both programs are an important part of our ministry to children and families. Pray that many churches will become centers of evangelism in their communities, sharing the love of Jesus with children and planting seeds of faith that will grow for years to come.



Conference Schools

Please pray for our schools as they approach the close of the 2025–2026 school year. Ask God to grant strength and wisdom to teachers and administrators as they guide students through the final months. We also pray for God’s provision as schools prepare for the coming year, asking Him to lead the right individuals to fill positions that are still open.



Sunset Lake Road Repair

Please pray for Sunset Lake Camp following significant road damage caused by heavy rains and flooding. A crushed culvert created water buildup that eroded part of the entrance road. While the road has reopened, repairs will be costly and not covered by insurance. Please pray for wisdom and for the possibility of FEMA assistance.

MINISTRY CALENDAR

March

- 07 NPUC PBE (Chehalis)
- 17 Executive Committee
- 29 Financial Stewardship Seminar (Conference Office)

April

- 03-05 Refresh Retreat at Sunset Lake
- 04 Walk: One-day Retreat at Sunset Lake
- 10-12 Grow: Young Adult Singles Retreat
- 11 Adventurer Bible Game
- 11 PSAA Alumni Weekend
- 17–19 ACTS Church Planting Module 5
- 26 Pathfinder Fair (Auburn)

May

- 03 Women’s Ministry Spring Day
- 05 Executive Committee
- 15-17 NPUC Regional Convocation
- 17 Adventurer Fun Day
- 24 Hispanic Women’s Ministry Spring Day
- 29-30 Southern District Convocation (Chehalis)

June

- 12-13 Hispanic Ministries Camp Meeting
- 19-20 Central District Convocation (Auburn Adventist Academy)

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REVITALIZING CAMP MEETING IN A SEASON OF CHANGE

A recent conference-wide survey revealed that while many people value the idea of camp meeting, many do not attend due to distance, work schedules, and family obligations. Survey respondents supported weekend convocations offered in districts across the conference as the most viable alternative. This approach was last taken in 2022 as the pandemic was winding down. Now it will be used to make the camp meeting experience more accessible to more of our members for a fraction of the traditional camp meeting costs.

Our theme for convocation 2026 is “Beyond Pentecost: ARISE.” Following the Pentecost 2025 initiative where we experienced record-setting baptisms, preparation for Pentecost is still our greatest need and desire. It’s beginning to rain, but we want more than “mercy drops,” we want showers of blessing! Beyond Pentecost is discipleship and the harvest, thus the call to “Arise” and shine (Isa. 60:1-3).

Ty Gibson of Light Bearers Ministry will speak at the Southern District Convocation, May 29-30, at the Chehalis SDA Church. Contact Pamela Burghart at the Chehalis church office for more information. (360) 748-4330; office@chehalisdda.org.

Pavel Goia, Ministry Magazine editor, will speak at the Central District Convocation, June 19-20, on the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy. Contact Khloe Bucknor Stewart at the conference office for more information. (253) 681-6038; khloe.bucknor@wc.npuc.org.

Other convocations: Peninsula District, August 7-8 at two locations—Bremerton SDA and Sequim SDA churches. Speakers TBD.

Northern District, October 9-10, Bellingham SDA Church, Dick Duerksen, speaker.

Make plans to “Arise” in the Spirit at a convocation near you.

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