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Getting to Know You: Ritchie Hammen

By Amanda Whiting



Ritchie Hammen has been attending Bellevue since 2005. He was born in WA and grew up mostly in the “blue, green, and gray land of Everett”, but also spent four years in eastern Canada as a child. When asked how long he had been an Adventist, he replied “Since I was born, since I was baptized, and since this morning.”

Ritchie currently works as a medical interpreter. He studied Fitness Management at Walla Walla University and is in his last year of grad school for a Master of Public Health degree from AIIAS.

As you all probably already know, Ritchie is very involved with health ministries for our church, and we see him weekly during the church service giving us a health tip. He also likes to help others with their health outside of church, by troubleshooting and problem solving lifestyle and health issues for friends and family. He creates action plans and concept maps for them, and is kind of a “lifestyle private investigator”.

Ritchie also helps out at church by playing the piano (sometimes in the main service, often in the Juniors class), and previously by serving as a Juniors teacher and deacon and before that, as a junior deacon.

Besides all that, Ritchie says “Archeology and history are some of my greatest passions, as well a bit of geology and zoology and seeing how they harmonize with the Bible, using fresh new satisfying and scientifically-sound evidence. Also, I enjoy ‘trying’ to learn languages and teaching myself unique and little-known skills. The best thing in life is to explore. Explore God’s word, and explore the world. We’re missing out on a lot, and all it takes is to take one half-step outside our comfort zone to enter into a whole new universe.”

Flashback Friday Work Bee Edition



Kayla’s Kids Corner

By Kayla Mellon

Check out this great live class for all of our kids and “kids at heart” who love to read and doodle!



Renowned children’s book author and illustrator, Mo Willems, (*Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* and the *Elephant and Piggie* series) does a daily “Lunch Doodles” every weekday at 11am on YouTube. Here he will do a special daily doodle and then teach you how to draw. You can even email him questions at lunchdoodles@kennedy-center.org where he will try to answer them on his next video.

Just type in “Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems” in YouTube and have fun!