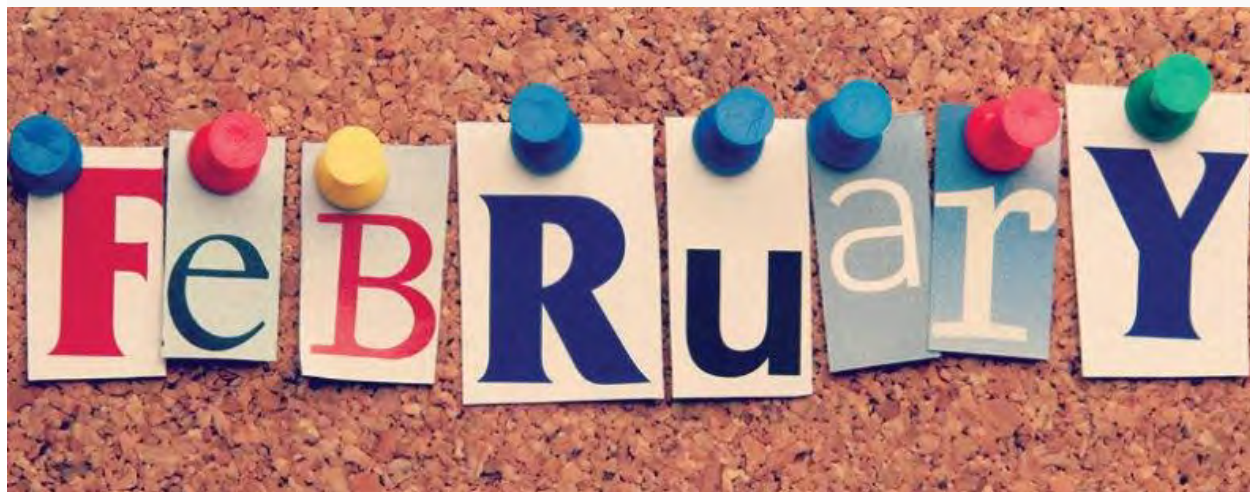


## Colorado Family Church: February Local Highlights

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We hope you enjoy this compilation of local updates from our community from February.

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## Youth Pastor Retreat in California



We are very fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated youth ministry team here, and we are also grateful to Subregion 5 for hosting an annual youth pastors' retreat to help our team gain inspiration and share best practices. This year, the retreat was held at beautiful Half Moon Bay in northern California, and we are happy that Anisa, Yoshiko, and Yoshi could all attend. [Here are a few more photos.](#)

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## Foundation Day Pledge Service



Despite the bad weather, we were still able to celebrate Foundation Day and True Parents' Birthdays with an intimate offering table, pledge service, and breakfast. Thank you to everyone that came and who helped make it happen.

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## Ongoing Interfaith Activities in Grand Junction



On Sunday the 27th of February, Antonio and I went to the home of Bah'ai friends and together celebrated their annual "Days of Joy." This celebratory day is in preparation for their 19 day fast beginning March first.

We all enjoyed good food, conversation and drumming on simple makeshift drums. We drummed along to the beats of various cultural music. So much fun!



### Interreligious Sharing, February 22nd

Let me begin by saying that the photo of Antonio and I is terrible.

Beyond that, it was a wonderful program. All the participants gave well-prepared remarks on the topic, "What is Sin? And How do we Overcome it?" (2 Bah'ai representatives, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Communication Director, Chaplain of the First United Methodist Church, Christian Science leader who sent his script to be read, and Antonio and I representing WFWP and UPF.)

Many of the faith leaders' and representatives' insights on the topic overlapped and some were unique to this group, such as our understanding of collective and hereditary sin, and our concept of fallen nature.

The United Methodist chaplain shared that John Wesley, their church's founder, advocated having a loving spiritual mentor to help members be accountable for their actions each week. This would help them not to sin.

The Bah'ais expressed that the holy rules of their faith were written by their founder, Baha'u'llah, to guide them to make wise spiritual choices and allow them to live in joy.

" Repent, atone and grow to be more like the Savior."  
- Latter Day Saints



And the Christian Science leader wrote, "Sin is the belief that we are separate from God. We overcome sin by proclaiming our innocence and thinking and acting in accordance with what God created and knows about us. We were not born into sin. "

"Sin is a violation of heavenly law which is committed when a person forms a common base with Satan, thus setting a condition for give and take action with him. God, our Heavenly Father and Mother, is ready to forgive us when we sincerely repent and reverse our sinful ways." -WFWP/UPF

**Comments from some of the participants:**

*Latter Day Saints: "I really enjoyed tonight's s sharing and learned so much about all the different religions' focuses on sin. The WFWP/UPF content was so new to me. I really enjoyed it!"*

*Baha'i: "Thank you for organizing these wonderful events! "*

We are grateful to Dr. Hentrich who imparted his deeper understanding of fallen nature to us, some of which that we added to our content.

-Antonio and Gale

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## Continued Renovations and Improvements

David Mahardy has been hard at work improving our kitchen and bathroom at the church. He went through the time consuming process to remove the old bathroom tile grout and replace it with new grout. Christine replaced the picture frames, mirror, and shower curtains. We still have a little bit of touch up work to do in there, but it is already looking much better. David is also working hard to improve our kitchen, with the help of some of our YAMI members, especially Yoshi and John. We are removing the old discolored and damaged wall panels and replacing them with new drywall, while making electrical improvements as we go. Lastly, because we replaced the dining room lights a while back, installed a new electrical panel, and also have been installing a new access system for the church, there has been a lot of drywall repairs and paint touchups around the church. We are very grateful to Dr. Hentrich for taking up this tedious job and refreshing our building.











Through the Sunday services this month, we had messages on a variety of subjects that we hope were meaningful and inspirational. If you missed any of them, you can find them all on our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). For quick reference, this month's recordings are below.

[Humility to the Will of God](#)  
[Foundation Day & I](#)  
[Finding Clarity in Life's Confusion](#)

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