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We Cannot Lose Another Generation

An alarming report from the Centre for Secular & Postmodern Studies reads: “People are leaving organized churches in biblical proportions; at a rate of 53,000 a week in Europe and North America combined. As a whole, Christians lose 7,600 a day to other religions or irreligion.”

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is not immune to this reality. While it's true that we are experiencing great growth in Africa, Central and South America, and the Caribbean (praise God for that!), we need a resurrection in North America and Europe!

I recently visited what would be “the mother church in Israel.” Its pastor, a young Caucasian that had recently moved to the area, came to me almost in tears with two pictures. The first picture had been taken on a Sabbath morning many decades ago. It showed a beautiful congregation of kids, youth, and adults. They looked happy, and all the pews were full.

The second picture was from the same church, but there were only a small number of gray-haired members sitting in the pews. Those left in that church are precious souls to God, but the painful question remains, where are those children and youth? Will we ever see them in the kingdom of God?

As his three children played nearby, the young pastor said, “We cannot lose another generation! We cannot allow it to happen again. What can we do?”



NO MAGIC FORMULA

There has been extensive research, studies, and polls, and many theoreticians have tried to explain this sad reality, as if they could somehow find the magic formula to avoid the losses of generations in our church. The saddest part is that many of our very own pastors and leaders are just sitting down



waiting for this magic formula, or some remedy that will cure this burden. But that's never going to happen! No one will come up with the magic formula! We have a problem in the system, and we have forgotten the recommendations of the founder of the church. We need to begin by working with our most valuable treasure—our children and youth—and heed the call of Jesus: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matt. 19:14, NIV).

Many of our congregations don't give children the place they deserve in church. It's almost as if they are not welcome, or their presence is bothersome. Sometimes the children's room is the last room available in the church, the one for storage and old furniture. What message are we sending them?

I recently went through some paperwork that read: “VOTED: Do not baptize anyone under 16 years old. We recommend waiting until children are old enough to know what they are doing.” It's no wonder this church is close to extinction; they signed their death sentence 20 years ago with that vote. If we let the kids go, we will never have youth. Without youth, the parents will also disappear—so there goes the church. Is that what we want?

I'm not suggesting we simply improve Children's Sabbath School or the lesson study. I'm praying that a true spiritual revolution occurs in our ministry to children. They are not only the future of the church, but also the “owners of the kingdom of God.” We need a church that will look after our children and grandchildren—a church where they can grow up happy and prepared for the second coming of Christ. *We cannot lose another generation!*

José H. Cortés, PsyD, is president of the New Jersey Conference, headquartered in Trenton, N.J.

Two Leaders Given Lifetime Awards

Ian Kelly, DMin (center), 10-year associate director for the Columbia Union Conference's Office of Education, was recently awarded the General Conference

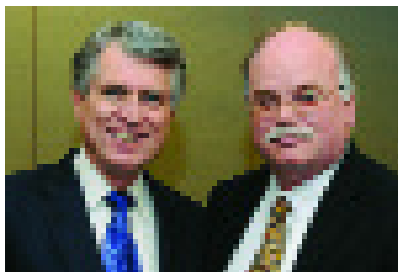


Award of Excellence, the second highest award of the Office of Education of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. Honorees are required to have served at least 15 years in Adventist education, and be admired by peers.

"In some ways, it is undeserved, but I am thankful for the gift given by my family, colleagues, and friends," said Kelly.

Larry Blackmer (left), vice president for education for the North American Division (NAD), joined Hamlet Canosa, EdD (right), the Columbia Union's vice president for the Office of Education, in presenting the award.

Lonnie Melashenko (left), Kettering Adventist HealthCare's



(KAHC) vice president of Spiritual Services and Mission, was awarded an NAD Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in Adventist media. Prior to joining KAHC,

Melashenko served 17 years as speaker/director for Voice of Prophecy (VOP). Fred Kinsey (bottom, on right), new VOP speaker/director, presented the award.

"It was a humbling, yet thrilling experience," stated Melashenko, a Kettering (Ohio) church member, of the award. "It was my privilege to take radio into the stratosphere and help fulfill [H.M.S.] Richards' dream: 'To be on the air, every day, everywhere!'"

Office of Education Hosts REACH Training

The Columbia Union's Office of Education recently conducted its first North American Division REACH (Reaching to Educate All Children for Heaven) training session. Fifteen educators, representing elementary and secondary schools in each of the Columbia Union's eight conferences, learned how to train others to use the REACH inclusion model.



Roberta Fleck (center), Alternative Learning Center director at Walla Walla Valley Academy (Wash.), led the training session, along with Debra Fryson (left), associate director for the NAD Office of Education, and LaVona Gillham (right), associate director for the Columbia Union's Office of Education.

"These trainers will provide other teachers with strategies and materials to identify and accommodate the many learning differ-

ences that are seen in a regular classroom," explained Gillham.

Pennsylvania Hosts Union "Bible Bowl"

Seven Pathfinder clubs from the Allegheny East (AEC), Chesapeake, Ohio, and Pennsylvania conferences gathered in Gettysburg, Pa., to participate in the annual Columbia Union Pathfinder Bible Achievement, or Bible Bowl, hosted by Pennsylvania Conference.

Participants from AEC's Hillside Thunderbirds, Chesapeake's Baltimore White Marsh Cloudwalkers and New Hope Night Hawks, Ohio's Columbus Ghanaian and Delaware Discoverers, and



Pennsylvania's Hamburg Blue Mountaineers and Reading Hampden Hawks were asked 90 questions to test their knowledge of chapters 10-36 of 2 Chronicles. The two clubs with the highest score—Discoverers and Night Hawks (above)—went on to compete in the division-level competition in Berrien Springs, Mich.

"The Pathfinders who choose to participate and study find a deeper appreciation for the details God gives us in His Word," shared Carl Rodriguez (right), Chesapeake's Youth Ministries director.—*Pam Scheib*



PHOTO BY BETSY COLON

Union Pathfinders Plan for Camporee

Approximately 5,000 Pathfinder leaders, participants, and guests from across the Columbia Union are planning to experience the "Courage to Stand" 2009 International Camporee (camporee.org) in Oshkosh, Wis., August 11-15. Expected to be the largest single, international gathering of Seventh-day Adventist youth—34,000 total attendees—the night-



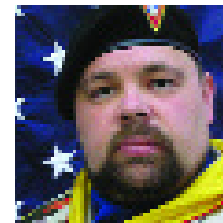
ly presentations this year will focus on the life of Esther. "Even in these poor economic times, people are making a commitment to this important spiritual event," says Mike Stevenson (above), union/Ohio Youth Ministries coordinator. "It is going to be tremendous!"

Several Potomac Conference leaders will play significant roles



at the camporee. Denny Grady (left), Youth Ministries director, will act as special events coordinator; Joel Hutchins (top), area Pathfinder coordinator,

will be the drill and marching coordinator; and Roger Rinehart (below), head area Pathfinder coordinator, is the daily, on-site parade coordinator.



Columbia Union Conference president Dave Weigley will join many confer-

ence presidents to host a special evening program for union attendees during the five-day event. Union leadership is also funding a newly designed pin for all union participants. Stay tuned for details.

Chesapeake, Ohio, Potomac, and Pennsylvania conference Pathfinder groups will be hosting international camporee guests from Brazil, the Caribbean, Grenada, and England.

Loma Linda University Offers New Master's

Loma Linda University (Calif.) is now offering a master's of public health in lifestyle medicine through its School of Public Health, the first degree of its kind in the country. Designed for

From the Pulpit



All Christians may agree that prayer is an all-powerful shield and the origin of uncountable blessings. But, how many of us truly obtain the daily benefits of this overflowing fountain of power? If, for some reason, we have carelessly let go of our prayer lives, let us make the decision today that prayer will be our first priority every day.—*Carmen Esposito, Potomac Conference Hispanic Women's Ministries director, speaking at the Beltsville Maranatha (Md.) Spanish church for the North American Division Women's Day of Prayer*

applicants with a clinical, professional degree, the master's will equip them to go beyond fighting established disease to actually promoting health. It also gives students a firm foundation in the core areas of public health, including environmental and global health, health administration, nutrition, and epidemiology.

"Today's lifestyles are determining tomorrow's epidemics. I'm excited about this degree because it meets the challenge by preparing professionals to incorporate the principles of lifestyle medicine into their practice," states

Lilly Tryon (right), MSN, RN, wellness coaching coordinator for Adventist WholeHealth Network based in Wyomissing, Pa.



Nearly half of the total coursework may be completed online. For more information, email hprodept@llu.edu or call (909) 558-4741.—*Heather Reifsnnyder*

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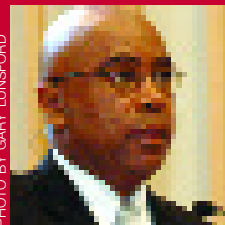


PHOTO BY GARY LUNSFORD

The mission of the church is to make disciples. We cannot make disciples until we are committed to the nurture and growth of our own faith. And a disciple is not someone who is merely committed to following Christ, but rather it is someone who is committed to Christ.—*Pastor Charles Tapp, preaching during his installation service at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md.*

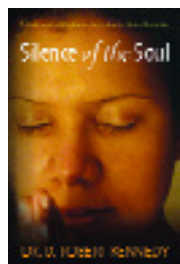
Potluck

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What's New?

Book > **Silence of the Soul Robert Kennedy**

After contemplating Revelation 8:1 about "silence in heaven for the space of half an hour," Robert Kennedy, PhD, EdD, senior pastor of Allegheny East Conference's Church of the Oranges in Orange, N.J., says he felt the need



"In a world where the sounds of words and activity have become so idolatrous, the call for 'silence' seeks to remind us to pause to contemplate the intensity of the divine."—Robert Kennedy in *Silence of the Soul*

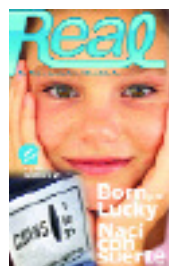
CD > **The New Earth Band**

"Our music is a bouncy, down-home blend of country and southern gospel," explains Lee Schappell, one of the four band members hailing from Pennsylvania Conference's Reading Hampden Heights and Reading Kenhorst Boulevard churches. About their first, self-titled CD he adds, "Each

selection communicates a profound and timely message that's firmly grounded in God's Word." These four God-fearing guys love to share the good news of salvation through concert or at any other gathering they are invited to perform. Listen to samples of their classic or self-penned numbers like "Gospel State of Mind," and order copies, by visiting their "website for sore eyes"—thenewearthband.com.

Magazine > **Real**

Real is the new Adventist outreach magazine for youth that builds on *Guide's* 55-year history of ministry to juniors and earlites. "Real takes Bible truths to children outside our churches," says *Guide* editor Randy Fishell, a member of Chesapeake Conference's Willow Brook church in



Boonsboro, Md. "We especially want to involve young people in sharing *Real* with their classmates, neighbors, and friends—young people who need to know Jesus."

The monthly publication targets ages 10 to 14 and contains true stories, puzzles, fun facts, and Bible studies. *Guide* has set a goal of collecting 10,000 names, with subscriptions paid for through donations. Columbia

Did You Know?

Hope Channel (hopetv.org), the official Seventh-day Adventist Church television network, is now partnering with DIRECTV for U.S. broadcasting. Now 17 million homes—the largest satellite TV audience in North America—can access the program's predominantly original programming by turning to channel 368!



Union members of all ages are invited to submit names, and read more, at guidemagazine.org/real.

WholeHealth

More is Better

Exercise is probably the most important predictor of whether you will succeed at long-term weight loss and maintenance. Physical activity raises metabolism levels, burns excess calories, controls your appetite, and helps keep stress levels manageable. Even so, many people exercise regularly and *still* struggle with their weight. Recently, the American College of Sports Medicine revised the guidelines for the amount of weekly physical activity necessary for "significant" weight loss and maintenance, recommending at least 250 minutes (up from 150) of exercise a week or

Only an Adventist ... might recall looking for angels outside the movie theater.

What You Bring to the Table

In the Spotlight > **One Achord Marriage Ministry**

Nancy and I weren't born knowing how to do marriage. In fact, we did it wrong at times," admits Gerry Wagoner of his 26-year union with his wife. But a desire to conquer issues in their relationship led the Ohio Conference Piqua church members to search the Scriptures.

They were amazed to find principles that unlock people's hearts. "After our own lives were changed, we felt a burden to help others find oneness and freedom," recall the Wagoners, who have two adult sons.

Almost immediately, God started sending people their way. Without formal education in counseling, and using the Bible as their primary resource, the Wagoners started One Achord in 2004. Since then they have counseled nearly 100 couples across the United States and as far away as Olso, Norway.

One husband touched by their ministry wrote, "I am so

happy because I feel that all bitterness is gone. It is like a big burden has fallen from me."

Vergniaud Angrand, the Wagoners' former pastor, recalls One Achord's impact: "Their ministry puts a great emphasis on bringing to light the hidden side of couples, either through past experiences or newly developed habits."

Although their services are free, the couple reaps many rewards. "It's fun to look out at an audience and see couples sitting far apart from each other on the first day, but then sitting as close as possible on the third day," adds Nancy.

The Wagoners also counsel pastors, laymen, and singles, and in March held their first seminar for young people on building strong relationships. To contact the Wagoners, write to gcwagoner@earthlink.net. —LaTasha Betts Hewitt



The Wagoner Clan: Dylan, Nancy, Gerry, and Nathan

50 minutes a day (up from 30) five times a week. Exercising for shorter duration has health benefits, but may not keep the weight off. You can minimize being overwhelmed when beginning or increasing an exercise program by keeping it simple: Every day choose an activity that you enjoy and do it for as long as you like, gradually building to 250 minutes a week. Over a two-month period, Mary went from no exercise to fitting in an hour a day. After losing 12 pounds and improving many health risks, she now claims she'll "never go back." When it comes to exercise, more is better. —Lilly Tryon, MSN, RN, Adventist WholeHealth Wellness Center

Keeping Score

2008 Columbia Union Women's Ministries Figures

- 72,000**
Approximate number of Columbia Union female members
- 84**
Number of baptisms by Adventist women
- 23**
Number of reclaimed members
- 231**
Number of evangelistic and other meetings held
- 22**
Number of training events held
- 6,854**
Number of female Adventists attending above meetings
- 453**
Number of female guests attending above meetings

Source: Shirley Benton, Columbia Union Women's Ministries Coordinator

President Dave Weigley on the STATE of the UNION

Interview with Beth Michaels

Nearly three years into the current quinquennium, first-term Columbia Union Conference president Dave Weigley addresses the current state of our union. While closely collaborating with administrators at our conferences, healthcare institutions, and educational facilities, and conducting evangelistic crusades inside churches across the union, Weigley gains a clear view of members' concerns, focus, praises, and prayer requests. A pastor and passionate administrator, Weigley retains a positive outlook for the future and continues upholding his mission—for all members to “Experience the Mission”:

Q: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE UNION'S CURRENT CONDITION?

DW: I believe we are strong. First, we are strong because of the deep dedication of our people. I have worked with a lot of churches around the union, and I have been to the conference constituencies. I see a great deal of dedication for the cause of Christ,

for the cause of the Seventh-day Adventist movement—to share the message.

Secondly, we are strong because our conference leadership is very intentional about soul winning and challenging their members to do the same. I even see pastors challenging their conference presidents, emphasizing the need to be about God's work; about sharing the unique message of the Adventist Church; about Jesus Christ, His love, the transforming power of His grace; and about our tremendous faith in His soon return.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT?

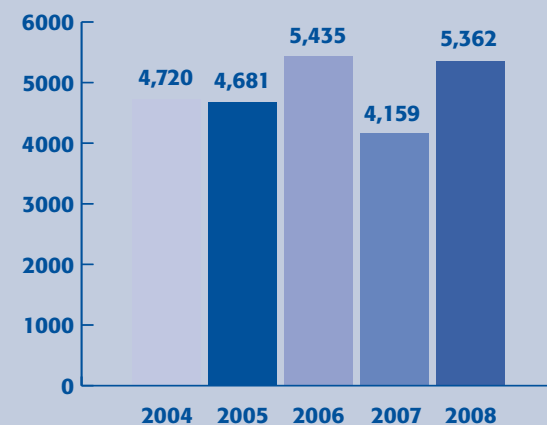
DW: Although this is called the Year of Evangelism, technically, *every* year should be the year of evangelism. Every church needs to make sure that their doors are open, and that they are intentional about sharing the message.

What really excites me, while presiding at union committee and in reading the *Visitor*, is witnessing conference presidents share a vision about how their conference *is* going to be intentional and champion the cause of God. And our union leaders have committed to participating in those meetings and helping with evangelistic efforts.

For example, Rubén Ramos, our union's

Multilingual Ministries director, shared information about some lay training events taking place in a number of our conferences. He also reported that Ohio and Pennsylvania conference leadership are doing a new School of Theology and Discipleship within their territories. Another example is Pennsylvania Conference's Equipping University. Many other conferences are very focused on equipping lay people. And lay people are stepping up to say, 'Hey! It's time we get involved in sharing the message!'

Baptisms and Professions of Faith



Another initiative that I'm excited about is the Faith Community Nursing program at two of our Adventist hospitals. The program allows church members to be involved in health ministry and for nurses to function within a congregational setting. It is a new take on an old ministry called parish nursing.

I am also excited about the quality and excellent coverage of our events and programs through the *Visitor*, *Columbia Union Story* videos, the website (columbiaunion.org), and our many avenues of sharing the message.

Q: HOW IS THE UNION FULFILLING ITS MISSION THROUGH THE MISSIONS ABROAD PROGRAM?

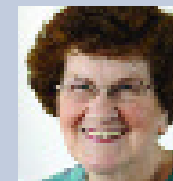
DW: That is another one I get very excited about because I have seen how much good the union does overseas. First, we support and encourage fellow pastors and lay people to go overseas and

COLUMBIA UNION MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

The Columbia Union Conference assists its eight conference territories, not only through the leadership of its three executive officers—Dave Weigley, president; Neville Harcombe, executive secretary; and Seth Bardu, treasurer—but also through its seven department heads. Below are highlights of their recent efforts:

Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF)—CURF continues to make ministry possible, steadily growing since it started in 1968. Led by Peggy Lee since 1980, their highlights from the beginning of 2006 through March of this year include:

- Voting 173 loans to churches and institutions—a total of \$66.23 million.
- Maintaining a loan balance of \$79.29 million—representing more than 258 loans.
- Maintaining a “notes payable” balance of \$96.88 million—representing 1,310 note holders (investors).



Communication Services—In addition to publishing the monthly *Visitor* magazine—circulated each month to 45,000 households across the union—and the annual calendar, other current highlights from this department, led by Celeste Ryan Blyden, include:

- Developing and producing the *Columbia Union Story* DVD series, which highlights members and ministries across the eight-state region.
- Utilizing technology (email, the Internet, blogs, podcasts) to connect more members to the greater church family.



Information Technology Services—In addition to network, email, and wireless systems upgrades at union and conference offices, this technology team led by Harold Greene provides accounting support to all unionwide institutions. Other 2008 service highlights include:

- Establishing a wide-area network with most conferences and some academies, which simplifies network management and support and allows remote network monitoring.
- Creating a migration process for a new payroll program.





conduct evangelistic meetings, to share the three angels' messages and invite people to know Jesus Christ. We need to be vigilant because, as the old saying goes, 'The work needs to be finished, but it won't be finished until it's finished everywhere.'

Second, thanks to the faithfulness and financial commitment of Adventist HealthCare and Kettering Adventist HealthCare, we have also been very intentional about providing mission funds for organizations to build schools, clinics, and a myriad of educational and medical facilities in different parts of the world.

I have been able to help continue dedicating projects that my predecessor Harold Lee and his team pioneered in India and Africa, places like Ghana and South Africa. We see tremendous blessings come from projects that help the less privileged go to school, that help expand a college's nursing program, or that transport AIDS victims to a hospital and help feed over 500 orphans. We are looking to do some more projects overseas.

Q: DURING A POOR ECONOMY, SHOULD WE DECREASE THE AMOUNT WE SPEND ON OUTREACH?

DW: I would not encourage anyone to cut back in giving to outreach. Now more than ever, people need to know there's hope in Jesus Christ, and they need to experience the mission. Rather, this is the time to be more aggressive. Surely, every time we give the Lord an opportunity, He can bless us, and He does.

Q: IN WHAT AREAS DO WE NEED TO IMPROVE AS A UNION?

DW: I was at a meeting recently where I was reminded that we baby boomers make up about 30 percent of the population—over 78 million people born

between the years 1946 and 1964. This group is moving through society and through the age factors. Pretty soon, we will be off the scene.

However, the boomers are doing a lot of the thrust in outreach and evangelism, both overseas and in the states. The median age of the Adventist Church member is about 53, whereas for the rest of the United States it is age 36. That's very disconcerting to me. I think we really have to look for more ways of passing the torch and involving our younger generations, to get them involved in the church's mission.

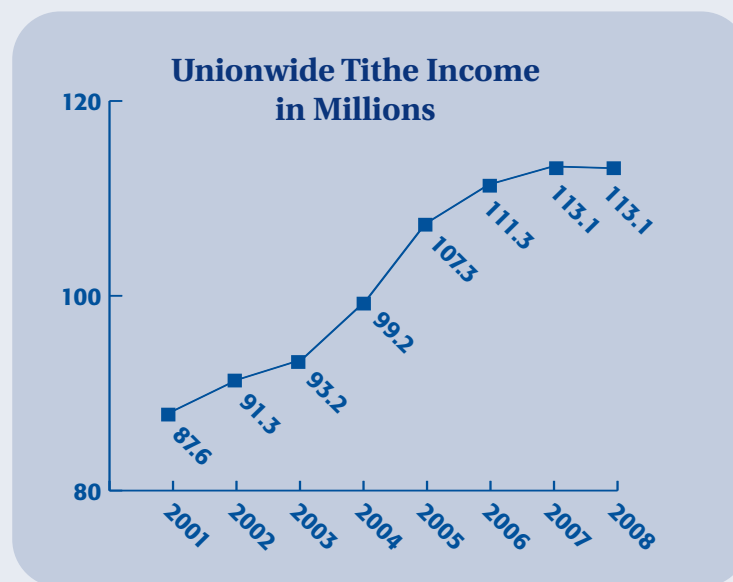
Q: HOW CAN WE BETTER ENGAGE YOUNGER GENERATIONS?

DW: One very positive aspect of the younger generation is that they have little duplicity—they don't say one thing and then live another. Their mindset is, 'If I'm going to be an Adventist, I'm going to go all the way. I'm going to be engaged in mission and ministry.'

And that is it. If people will simply get involved in a local church or school, or just do something, somehow, in ministry, they will get caught in experiencing the mission. If you experience mission, your life is never the same.

I remember, at just 18 years of age, I was heading off to be in a different profession, but I spent one summer with a witnessing team, sharing the gospel door to door. It really changed my life. I think that giving young adults similar opportunities to experience the mission is the way to reach them.

I'm excited that our union is going to participate



in the "Courage to Stand" 2009 International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., August 11-15. More than 5,000 of our young people will be there, and I'm so delighted to see so many of our lay people and local church leaders involved in Pathfinder clubs. This is a wonderful way for our young people to experience mission because Pathfinders is so focused on positive activities that enrich young people and engage them in service.

Office of the Treasurer



"Union leaders are here to safeguard the assets of the organization (the caring tithes and offerings of our members) to help carry on the mission of the church, and to be prepared for any crisis."—*Columbia Union Conference treasurer Seth Bardu*

Q: SHOULD MEMBERS BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FINANCIAL FUTURES OF THEIR FAMILIES AND CHURCHES?

DW: First I must reiterate that, despite the poor economy, we are strong. I see it best through the number of loans and inquiries we get through the Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF). Our people are showing a lot of commitment to improving their houses of worship. Local churches and schools, through our conferences, are trying to expand and buy new churches, and remodel and build new schools. This tells me that, in spite of economic downturn, people remain committed and faithful.

Of course, every one of us is affected by the economy. During the Great Depression, when unemployment was up around 30 percent, and even higher in some sectors of society, the church was not able to maintain the workforce—paid pastors were not quite as plentiful. However, lay people took charge, and we had an influx of members during that time. We grew. That is what normally happens; when things get tough, we turn to what is eternal. We believe that the Lord will provide.

I saw it happen in a church out West. When a

Ministries Development—Vice president Frank Bondurant partners with conferences in developing outreach ministries that transform and evangelize our communities.



Here are just a few 2008 highlights:

- Planting five congregations in the Allegheny West, Ohio, and Pennsylvania conferences.
- Returning more than \$200,000 of tithe to conferences for local ministry projects.
- Overseeing numerous community projects like the Summer Life Skills Program for teens at Church of the Oranges in Orange, N.J.; nutritional counseling and job placement services through Adventist Community Services (ACS) of Greater Washington in Silver Spring, Md.; temporary shelter for homeless men at the Atkinson Center in Coatesville, Pa.; health fairs and youth service activities through Baltimore ACS; and emergency eviction prevention and utilities and drug assistance through the ACS of Greater Pittsburgh.
- Supervising training projects like Ohio Conference's Innovation Conference, Pennsylvania Conference's Strategic Action Leadership Training courses, and Best Practices in Evangelism research with conference pastors.

Multilingual Ministries—President Weigley established this department in early 2007 to help reach and direct the quickly growing multicultural sector of the Adventist Church in the Columbia Union. Directed by Rubén Ramos, the ministry oversaw significant growth during 2008, including:



- Introducing the School of Theology and Discipleship in the Pennsylvania and Ohio conferences, resulting in more than 140 graduates—each trained to lead small groups.
- Speaking at 25 church events and holding 13 weeks of evangelism, resulting in 148 baptisms and professions of faith.
- Contributing to eight training events and four pastors meetings throughout the union.
- Launching the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry in conjunction with Andrews University (Mich.), with more than 30 union members and pastors now participating.

major industry that was tied to a local Adventist church was closed, the town was devastated by job loss, but because the pastoral staff had a real focus on outreach—to help their neighbors—that church flourished.

I just returned from Zambia, which has experienced phenomenal growth—from 60,000 members in the early 1990s to more than 600,000 members. Zambia's union president, Harrington Akombwa, shared with me how they grew so rapidly, even during economic failure: 'The people turned to something that was real,' he said. 'They realized that money wasn't worth that much, so they turned to God. People got involved in the church and then shared the message.'

Although Zambia's economy is back, the lay people who had taken charge and were engaged in ministry are still involved.

Here we are now, in what some call a deep recession. Maybe the Columbia Union will experience what one person called "the Zambia effect." Maybe this economy will drive us to our knees and to a greater worldview of church involvement.

Q: HOW WILL OUR SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO THRIVE?

DW: Private education is going to be affected. However, interestingly, during economic downturn, the trend in higher education is that schools sometimes gain in enrollment because people retool—



they have lost their jobs and turn back to education, a place where they can gain a new trade.

At Columbia Union College (CUC) in Takoma Park, Md., we are tightening the belt. We are working through this financial challenge because, although we have not yet experienced a downturn in the enrollment, we see this on the horizon. Leaders for all of our private schools will have to be wise and prudent managers, especially at elementary and secondary schools. I think our smaller schools are going to be most affected.

One program that is really going to help during the economic downturn is a contract our Office of Education recently signed with Griggs International Academy. The two entities are working together to offer additional curriculum—at a very reasonable rate—to some junior academies in the union. Each school year, about 150 instructional units will be available as distance education courses.

Q: IS ADVENTIST SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GROWING?

DW: One of the challenges all of the North American Division (NAD) faces is plateauing or declining enrollments. Probably the biggest influencing factor is that we have a lot of immigration going on in this country. A lot of people are coming to America who could be attending our schools, but it is difficult for them to find the resources to afford private education.

Another large influence is, again, the boomer generation. Boomers tended to have larger families, and with them moving off the scene, the number of young people in the church will decline. Plus, I'm not certain that the *value* of Christian education is

embraced by the current generation like a lot of our church members did years ago. Don't get me wrong; there is a great deal of commitment in our churches. However, when I was young, it was just understood that kids were going to church school. Mom and Dad sacrificed to do so. We must continually educate and inform parents of the value of Christian education. I believe it is *invaluable*. How can you ever put a price on seeing a young child make the decision for Christ?

Q: WHAT NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS ARE HAPPENING AT COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE?

DW: I think CUC is developing some wonderful strategies to embrace the future. They are meeting the need for more medically trained individuals by developing partnerships with Adventist HealthCare. We started that alliance years ago, and it is developing very nicely. There is some great opportunity there.

We are also seeing good opportunities at CUC through our radio station WGTS. They have been able to reach so many people in the greater Washington, D.C., area. In fact, it has hit new records in listenership. In 1996, they had 30,000 listeners each week. They have jumped to more than 500,000 listeners per week, plus another 50,000 through their website.

I am also encouraged by the possibility of CUC implementing some much-needed capital improvements, including new buildings on the campus.

Q: WHAT ABOUT TITHE? IS IT UP OR DOWN?

DW: Overall, I would say that tithe is strong, despite the economic downturn. We're seeing a little bit of plateauing, however, Mountain View Conference, which has been very intentional in recent years to include and train every layperson to be an evangelist, has seen an increase both in tithe and acquisitions.

Q: WHAT THREATS DO OUR CHURCHES IN THE UNION FACE?

DW: One, in particular, is called mission drift. Years ago, most church members knew the mission of the Adventist Church: to proclaim and articulate the three angels' messages. I think today, however, we have allowed some popular influences—other worldviews—to creep into our message. The Adventist Church has a

Office of General Counsel and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty—Walter Carson, Esq., a union vice president, continues to provide legal counsel to church leaders and various ministries throughout the union, and to members seeking workplace religious accommodations. Their 2008 highlights include:



- Conducting a continuing education program for church Planned Giving and Trust Services' professionals serving in the Columbia and Atlantic unions.
- Holding religious freedom rallies across the union.
- Helping promote *Liberty* magazine, gaining approximately \$350,000 in subscriptions unionwide.
- Testifying before the Maryland House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee in support of a state Workplace Religious Freedom Act proposal.
- Continuing *Talking About Freedom*, the weekly WGTS radio program by Adrian Westney, associate director for Religious Liberty—a singular voice in the Washington, D.C., area for the separation of church and state.

Office of Education—While busy helping to prepare hearts and minds for service, Hamlet Canosa, EdD, the vice president for the Office of Education, and his team direct the educational leadership of the Columbia Union's five boarding academies, five day academies, 14 junior academies, and 77 elementary schools. In addition to consulting, evaluations, and orientations, some of their 2008-09 highlights are:



- Providing principals and teachers with the *Pathways* curriculum, board governance, and *CognitiveGenesis* results.
- Signing a two-year distance-education agreement with Griggs International Academy to enhance junior academy curriculum.
- Developing strategies to promote best practices in education.
- Reinstating superintendents and presidents councils to more specifically focus on respective interests and needs.
- Launching the Early Childhood Education/Care program with Evelyn Sullivan as coordinator.
- Hosting the first joint registrar workshop between the Columbia and Atlantic unions.



Office of the Secretary



The statistics behind soul-winning activities in our union do not give us the full story of how our constituents are engaged

in fulfilling our mission and vision. However, with church membership nearing 128,000, it is encouraging to see that our biblical approach to creative evangelism is influencing baptismal growth.—*Columbia Union Conference executive secretary Neville Harcombe*

very unique understanding of the gospel and of the great controversy going on between Christ and Satan, and that's why we preach and share. If we get the message a little diluted, we will then dilute the mission.

Secondly, there is a challenge in the area of location. We can call ourselves different names according to locality, but we need to remember that we are all Adventists. We are one church all around the world and that makes our message, our methodology, very similar to every other Adventist church. When we work together, the sum of our parts is greater than working alone. When we work

together, we have tremendous strength.

Thirdly, we need to remember the guidelines given to us by the church's governing body, which was given to us for good reason. The Lord has guided that counsel to give wisdom and understanding on how to administer the church. If we get off center on that issue, it can create unhealthy, long-term issues for the church.

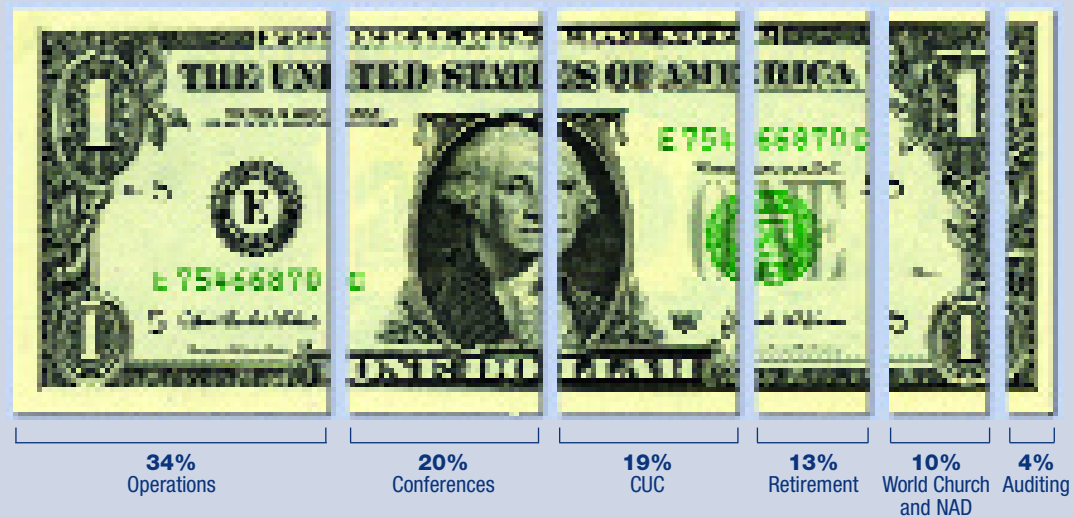
Q: HOW DOES OUR FUTURE LOOK?

DW: I think the future looks good. I see potential programs engaging our young people. I see a lot of lay training taking place, where members are getting involved in ministry. I see our college beginning to set some new benchmarks in both offerings and enrollment. I see our leaders continuing to model the way; they will be more engaged, will share their gifts in ministry, and will demonstrate their faithfulness to experiencing the mission.

I think the Adventist Church in North America is poised for more growth. I think the economic downturn will cause people to look for something solid and real. I see tithe increasing. And by what I see happening through the CURF Board, we are going to have more new buildings in which to worship.

Most importantly, I see our church members working to quicken the soon return of Jesus Christ, fulfilling our purpose of living Christ's example here on Earth. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

Net Tithe Usage



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128% INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE PURCHASE, REPAIRS, TRAINING, AND OUTREACH OF THE DAYTON KOREAN CHURCH.

After three months of negotiations, 40 days of fasting and prayer, months of gathering prayers and contributions, and receiving a loan from the Columbia Union Relief Fund (CURF), the Dayton Korean congregation purchased their first church building.

Since January 2011, the over 50 member group (total members of the following church has increased to more than 100 regular members). Through Pastor Young Han Han's training and the leadership of the church's eight cell groups, members are becoming disciples for Christ. They are busy providing childcare and meals with support to a health food store, devoted visiting, health screenings, and services, family and congregational services, Bible classes, and other initiatives. Members also perform concerts and do overseas mission projects.

By helping churches like Dayton Korean make a big impact on their community, CURF is promoting the mission of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. As it has done for so many other churches, schools, and conferences across the Columbia Union for the past 40 years, CURF makes ministry possible.



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YOUR HEALING MINISTRY

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Work While it is Daylight

Richard Haas

The stories of Jesus' miracles have always meant something to me. Being in healthcare, the subject of physical healing is relevant to my daily life. The story that especially catches my attention is found in the book of John, chapter 9 (NIV). Verses 1-7 read:

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, I must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" [Siloam means "sent"]. So the man went and washed, and came home seeing."

JESUS ANSWERS

I am intrigued by many points in this story, including trying to imagine what it would be like to be born blind—never knowing what colors are and how they defy description.

I am also curious about the question posed by the disciples, "who sinned?" which demonstrates a legalism to which I cannot relate! And the spit with mud—is there a science behind this, or was it all about faith and obedience? Other blind people were healed without spit and dirt, so it makes me think it must have been about obedience.

The part that seems to have the deepest impact on me, particularly now, during these challenging times, is what Jesus said in answer to the disciples' question: "But this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, I must do the work of Him who sent me" (verse 3). Though times are unsettled and nerves are jittery, we can know that the medical work we have been asked to do is still God's work and one of our highest priorities. It strikes me that Jesus came to this world to get an important message across, that God is *love*. He spent only three years in this ministry, and a great deal of His time was devoted to physical healing!

Ellen White referred to health ministry as the "right arm" of the gospel, and at Grandview Medical Center and throughout the entire Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC) network in the Dayton, Ohio, area, we take that work very seriously. We know that everything we do impacts the lives of people and their families.

On the following pages, you will read about a recent charitable surgery given to a Croatian man, restoring his ability to support his family. In our news, you will see that KAHC continues to be ranked by employees as one of the best places to work in Dayton—three years in a row! We believe that our mission and commitment to excellence is what creates a strong sense of unity and purpose for employees. Please join us in this ministry by praying for our patients and their families; that we will give them improved lives and show His love.



Richard Haas serves as president of Grandview Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio.



Born Again: A Patient's Story of Healing

Kevin Lavoie

For Jedinko Markanovic, the city of Dayton, Ohio, has been a source of hope for a better future. "I feel like Dayton is a lucky town for me because it was the Dayton Peace Accord that stopped the war in Bosnia," Markanovic said through an interpreter. But it is in the same town that a more personal transformation for the 42-year-old Croatian builder took place. Following a spinal fusion surgery at Grandview Medical Center, he relayed, "It is like I am born again ... getting help in a good hospital with a great doctor. I have hope for myself and my family."

A damaged disc between two lower back vertebrae caused excruciating pain for Markanovic. The problem started during the Bosnian war where, for six years, he



The life-changing care Jedinko Markanovic (center) received was a collaboration between (left to right) Scott West, DO; Melissa Yahle, RN; Abbie Maiorano, PTA; Pam Miller, NA; Michelle Stanton, RN; and Becky Smith, RN, all of Grandview Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio.

dug and lived in trenches fighting for his country. After the war, Markanovic moved his family from Bosnia to Croatia, where he taught himself to construct magnificent stone buildings. Life was improving for Markanovic, his wife, Spomenka, and their two daughters, Andrea (11) and Suncica (16), but soon the rigors of his construction work exacerbated the damage to his spine. Eventually, he could no longer lift even five pounds or stand more than 10 minutes without debilitating pain. While driving vehicles, the spinal damage would cause complete numbness in his legs, making transportation dangerous and difficult. As a result, Markanovic was unable to work for nearly two years.

CARE LEADS TO ACTION

Scott West, DO, at Grandview Medical Center (part of the Kettering Adventist HealthCare network), became aware of Markanovic's story through a colleague. After reviewing Markanovic's MRI and CT scans from Croatia, the colleague asked Dr. West whether the Croatian builder should go forward with a prescribed surgery in his homeland.



Jedinko Markanovic holds a photo of one of the many stone buildings he crafted in Croatia before his back gave out.

"Don't get that surgery!" responded Dr. West. He believed the surgery would cause more damage than it could fix. But Dr. West wasn't prepared to stop there. He offered to donate his time to perform the surgery and got approval for Grandview to donate the operating room, the support staff, and the recovery stay. Normally, charges for the spinal fusion procedure exceed \$70,000.

"International mission work has long been a passion for our doctors at Grandview, and we have always tried to support these efforts in any way possible," said Roy G. Chew, then Grandview president. "It is rewarding to be able to help someone in this way, and we feel very fortunate to have caring physicians like Dr. West."

Each year several different groups organize overseas trips, at their own expense, to perform much-needed surgeries and other medical services, free of charge. Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC) donates the supplies and logistical support. In this

case, KAHC was delighted with the opportunity to donate its facility and staff to support Dr. West.

"I got into medicine to help people," explains Dr. West. "This procedure should allow Jedinko to get back to work and support his family. I am very pleased to play a part in that, and I am so happy that Grandview has stepped up and supported this in a very significant way."

Kevin Lavoie is public relations and media specialist for Kettering Adventist HealthCare.



The patient gets a post-surgery visit from his cousin Snow Mendelsohn and surgeon Scott West, DO.



Three New Hospital Executives Named

Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC) recently made some internal shifts with its top hospital management. Michael R. Stephens (left) was appointed president of Sycamore Medical Center. Stephens succeeds Richard Haas who is now serving as president of Grandview Medical Center. Stephens was recently serving as president and CEO of Greene Health Partners—which joined KAHC last year—and Greene Memorial Hospital (GMH) since 1996. Stephens is currently chairman of the Ohio Hospital Association Board.



Gregory C. Henderson (below) succeeds Stephens as GMH president. Since 2002 Henderson served as senior executive officer and vice president for Plant Engineering and Construction for the Southview Medical Center campus, managing 542 employees. Henderson serves on many community organization boards and is president of the Diabetes Association of the Dayton Area. Henderson and his wife, Rose, are members of the Kettering church.



Timothy A. Ols (below) succeeds Henderson as Southview Medical Center president. Ols served as GMH executive vice president and chief operating officer since 2002, leading hospital operations such as nursing, ancillary services, and surgery, and the Beaver Creek Health Park. Ols has made key contributions on most hospital committees including Senior Management Group, Board Finance Committee, Board Strategic Planning, and the Board Quality Committee.



All three leaders, in addition to their advanced degrees and impressive accomplishments, have attained Fellow status, the highest level in the American College of Healthcare Executives. These changes are cost neutral and support the network goals of strong integration between facilities.

Kettering Adventist HealthCare Named Best Workplace—Again

Once again, Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC) has been named one of Dayton's Best Places to Work as part of the *Dayton Business Journal's* annual competition. No other Dayton area hospital or health system has been able to accomplish this for three consecutive years.

Network employees had a direct hand in achieving this distinction. Based on confidential employee surveys, KAHC was determined to be an Employer of

Choice in the Dayton region. The results indicate that, in general, KAHC employees have a positive outlook about their workplace.

"In fact, employee referrals have increased at every network facility over the past year," added Joan Swenson, chief human resources officer for Corporate Human Resources, and a member of the Kettering (Ohio) church. "That makes us very happy, to know that people want to bring others to our team."

Kettering Goes e-Green

Kettering Adventist HealthCare's Computers and Electronics team has been collaborating with the Information Systems Department to develop a process for recycling network computers and reduce e-waste. Since October 2008, more than 300 old computers and 250 other IT-related items have been recycled through Regency Technologies, a local e-waste company.

Regency Technologies works to refurbish and redeploy equipment back into the product stream. If an item is deemed beyond repair, they consolidate, dismantle, and recycle the raw reusable materials (steel, plastic, glass, etc.) at their local facility.

Employees across all network facilities have volunteered to be part of seven committees that make up the Green Team: Environmentally Preferred Purchasing (EPP), Recycle and Reuse, Solid Waste Reduction, Regulated Medical Waste Reduction, Mercury Elimination, Hazardous Waste Reduction, Computers and Electronics, and Facilities and Environment.



Kettering Adventist HealthCare's Green Team—Mike Snow, Barry Takas, Bill Engel, and Bob Burritt—gets up to their elbows in valuable recyclable electronics.

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ALLEGHENY EAST *Exposé*

Welcome

Ellen White, writing about her day, insisted that the greatest want of the world was the want of men who could not be bought or sold; men who would be true to duty as the needle is to the pole; men who would stand for the right though the heavens fall. Looking at the plight of society and the church, there is a desperate need for the same kind of men, and women.

After studying the dilemma we find ourselves in, and realizing that we are running out of time, the camp meeting committee suggested that we must connect with Jesus in every walk of life. So, we have chosen as our 2009 camp meeting theme "The Totally Focused Church: Connecting With Jesus Mentally, Physically, and Spiritually."

On Sabbath, June 27, Pastor Alvin M. Kibble will address the hearts of those who need to have a spiritual revival in order to connect with Jesus. We are also bringing in the brightest and the best of the health, academic, and parenting world to help us connect physically and mentally.



We are eagerly awaiting your arrival. Drive safely!
 —Charles L. Cheatham, President

The Totally Focused Church: Connecting With Jesus Mentally, Physically, and Spiritually Pine Forge Academy ■ June 25-July 5

Speakers

Alvin M. Kibble is a third-generation Seventh-day Adventist minister. He is a product of Adventist education, from elementary through seminary schools. His 40 years of service to the Adventist Church includes pastoral ministry at eight churches in the Mid-Atlantic region, corporate church leadership in the Allegheny East Conference, and conducting international evangelistic revivals. He is currently a vice president for the North American Division.



Kibble has been honored with many awards, including the Newark (N.J.) Human Brotherhood Award, and the Atlantic Union College (Mass.) Alumnus of the Year Award. In 1999 he was inducted into the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Preachers, Ministers, and Scholars. Kibble is married to the former Jewel Peck, and they have two adult sons, Santo and Jason.

Seminar ■ D. Robert, EdD, PhD, and S. June Kennedy, EdD, will present "Parental Legacy: Understanding Value-based Parenting," a seminar focusing on legacies for those who

have parented, are parenting, or will parent. It provides tools to identify, acknowledge, and manage the various legacies that are received in positive and negative ways. Based on *Parental Legacy: Understanding Value-based Parenting*, a book written by the Kennedys, the seminar gives guidance on how to deal with legacies, whether biological, social, intellectual, or spiritual. The seminar is not just for young parents, but also for all persons who wish to build healthy lives in their generation and the next.

Robert has served as a university professor and pastor and has done departmental work in three conferences and one union. He currently pastors the Church of the Oranges

in Orange, N.J. June is a former high school and university professor and researcher. She currently

teaches special education at a middle school. They have written two books together. The Kennedys are passionate about family and, together, present workshops about parental legacy and parental advocacy and workshops for youth. They are parents to three adult sons.



Speakers

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Beverly Gordon, PhD, is an adjunct professor of psychology at Chestnut Hill College and Temple University in Philadelphia. She is also a research fellow at Drexel University in Philadelphia in the Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology. Gordon has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica, a master's degree in counseling, and a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Immaculata University in Pennsylvania. Gordon also serves as Family Ministries coordinator for the West Philadelphia church.



Melanie L. Libebe has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland and a master's of social work from Howard University in Washington, D.C. Libebe's experience includes working with domestic violence victims and their children in Washington, D.C.; investigating and assessing allegations of child abuse and neglect as a social worker for Child Protection Services; and conducting seminars related to domestic violence and/or family abuse for churches and other organizations.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Vernee' Stoddart is the founder and director of Worth Integrity Nurture Growth Spirituality (WINGS), a Christian etiquette organization for young girls to nurture and help prepare them spiritually, socially, and physically into victorious Christ-centered lives, and to convey the biblical values of beauty, purity, a strong sense of purpose, compassion, confidence, and humility as well as distinguish them as respectful young individuals



in society. During camp meeting, girls will enjoy an abbreviated, fun-filled instruction on kindness, courtesies, and caring skills that can last a lifetime.

Drs. D. Robert and S. June Kennedy will present the **Parental Legacy: Understanding Value-based Parenting** seminar that focuses on legacies for those who have parented, are parenting, or will parent. It provides tools to identify, acknowledge and manage the various legacies that are received in positive and negative ways. It gives guidance on how to deal with legacies, whether biological, social, intellectual, or spiritual.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Sherine Brown Jennels is the first African-American of Panamanian heritage to obtain a PhD from Harvard University in Biological Sciences in Public Health. Her doctoral research focused on Biochemistry of Nutrition in the area of cholesterol metabolism, genetic epidemiology, and coronary heart disease risk. Jennels did her postdoctoral training at the Brigham and



Women's Hospital in Boston. In 2004 she was accepted as a science fellow to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Emerging Leaders program. She has also served as an interdisciplinary scientist at the Federal Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Jennels' mission is to advance health promotion and disease prevention by advocating comprehensive healthy lifestyle changes while eliminating racial health disparities.

Jackson Michael Doggette Jr., Esq., has prepared to effectively serve God and man by obtaining a bachelor's in theology from

Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., and a juris doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich. He has also earned a designation as a Certified Life Coach from the Life Coach Institute. He currently



serves as director of philanthropy for the Allegheny East Conference where he is diligently working to attract, keep, develop, and place people in God's service using their spiritual gifts.

Jude Boyer-Patrick, MD, MPH, is the medical director at the Good Shepherd Center in Baltimore. Dr. Boyer-Patrick is certified in addictions by the American Society of Addiction Medicine and is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry. She received her medical degree from Michigan State University. Dr. Boyer-Patrick's areas of special interest include adolescent addictions, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, anxiety, and mood disorders.



Nutritionist **Johnetta Frazier** has over 15 years of experience in the areas of weight management, diabetes reversal, hypertension management, and vegetarianism. She has worked collaboratively on many health initiatives with organizations such as the American Heart Association, Philadelphia's Department of Health and Fitness, Jefferson Hospital, and the University of Pennsylvania. She also conducts cooking classes at organizations, churches, and food markets throughout the city.



Seminars

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Unless indicated, seminars will take place in classroom 2 at the Jesse R. Wagner Elementary School.

Domestic Violence
June 30-July 1
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Presenter, Melanie Libebe

Sexual Abuse
June 30-July 1
1:30-3:15 p.m.
Presenter, Jacci Davis

Parenting Teenagers
July 1
3:30-5 p.m.
Presenter, Renee Saunders Jones



Single Parenting
June 30
3:30-5 p.m.
Presenter, Peggy Trusty

Married Couples
July 4-5
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Grief—From Mourning to Morning
July 4-5
3:30-5 p.m.
Presenter, Helen I. Peace

Brother-to-Brother Rally
June 28
4-6 p.m.
AEC Workers Meeting Tent
Speaker, Pastor Melvin Hayden



July 5
6-7 p.m., *Speaker, TBA*
7-7:30 p.m., Fellowship Time

Healthy Relationships
July 4-5
1:30-3:15 p.m.
Presenter, Beverly Gordon, PhD



SOUL Ministries Potluck
July 4
2-4 p.m.
PFA Gymnasium

Community Services

Beyond the X-Box: Low-Income Communities and High Tech Skills ■ *June 29, 10:45 a.m.-3 p.m.*

Computer skills are often the determining factor between employment and unemployment. Your church can help community members gain computer skills for job advancement. **Stanley Lewis** of the Truth Tabernacle in York, Pa., will guide you through the basics of starting a computer literacy class in your community. You will learn how to recruit volunteers, the components of a computer literacy curriculum, how to secure computers for your classes, and how to help participants use their new computer skills for job advancement. Uplift your congregation and community with a ministry that's relevant in the 21st century!



Food For the Soul ■ *June 30, 10:45 a.m.-3 p.m.*
Did you know that one out of every 10 Americans gets help buying food? But many of the 32.2 million Americans who receive help still have to choose between paying bills and buying groceries. Learn how your church can model the ministry of Christ by pro-

viding food for the most vulnerable. **Keith Charles** of the Capernaum church in Suffolk, Va., will share an innovative model for feeding the hungry and sharing the Adventist health message. You'll learn how to secure food items, how to identify community partners, and how promote your ministry in the community. Connect with your community and share the gospel with a ministry that provides food for the stomach and for the soul!

Yes, We Can! ■ *July 1, 10:45 a.m.-3 p.m.*
In this time of economic crisis, many schools are cutting back on programs. Communities are in desperate need of programs that will assist in the healthy formation of their youth. Your church can help fill this need by offering a Life Skills Academy. Pastor **Paula Olivier** of First church in Montclair, N.J., will share how to establish an evidence-based, field-tested ministry that will help youth learn self-management, job readiness, and real-world skills. Energize your congregation and your community with a program that works!



2009 CAMP MEETING

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THURSDAY June 27	FRIDAY June 28	SATURDAY June 29	SUNDAY June 30	MONDAY July 1	TUESDAY July 2	WEDNESDAY July 3	THURSDAY July 4	FRIDAY July 5	SATURDAY July 6	SUNDAY July 7
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Welcome

The praying and planning is in full gear as we ready ourselves for camp meeting 2009. Our theme, "Pentecost II: Spirit Filled, Spirit Led, Spirit Anointed," has been birthed and bathed in prayer. It also represents the direction of our conference. We all recognize that now, more than ever, we need not only a visitation of the Holy Spirit, but we also need to allow Him to dwell within us.

With that thought in mind, we have prepared a camp meeting steeped in practical lessons and in opportunities to strengthen our understanding of the Holy Spirit. I also want to introduce something new this year. We know that our members have been hit hard by this slowing economy, and it is for that reason that we are hosting our very first job fair. So if you are looking for work, bring your résumés!

Finally, I'm calling on God daily, along with 100 other prayer warriors around our conference, that this camp meeting will help our members deepen their walk with Christ. Join me in believing in God for the movement of the Holy Spirit over our lives as we prepare

to impact our cities and towns with the gospel!
—Fredrick Russell,
President



Pentecost II: Spirit Filled, Spirit Led, Spirit Anointed

Allegheny West Campgrounds
June 19-21, 24-28

Speakers

John S. Nixon ■ June 20

Nixon is the senior pastor of the Collegedale (Tenn.) church. Since 1976 he has been serving diverse people in a variety of cities including New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C.

He has served as the senior pastor of the Oakwood University church in Huntsville, Ala., and Atlantic Union College church in South Lancaster, Mass.; a vice president of the Southern California Conference; and as associate director of the Ministerial Association of the North American Division.

Nixon and his wife, Januwoina, have three adult children: John II, a minister; Paul, a teacher; and Clarise, a recent Oakwood graduate.

Wintley A. Phipps ■ June 27

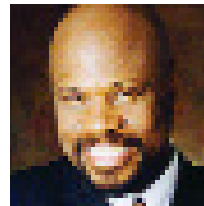
Phipps is a pastor, world-renowned vocal artist, motivational speaker, and educational activist. He is the founder, president, and chief executive officer of the U.S. Dream Academy, Inc., a national after-school program that aims to break

the cycle of incarceration by giving children the skills and vision necessary to lead productive and fulfilling lives. A humanitarian and visionary, Phipps inspires others to excellence and the realization of their life goals.

Phipps served as the assistant to the president of Oakwood University, and assistant to the president of Bowie State

University in Bowie, Md. For his work at the U.S. Dream Academy, he has received numerous service awards, among them the Excellence in Mentoring for Program Leadership Award from MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, the Oprah Winfrey Angel Network Use Your Life Award, and Philanthropist of the Year from The National Center for Black Philanthropy, Inc.

Phipps has been the featured speaker and performer for many notable occasions around the world and has served as senior pastor to several churches in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He currently serves as the senior pastor of the Palm Bay church in Florida. Phipps and his wife, Linda, have three sons.



Adult Programs

Sabbath Afternoon Alive ■ Sabbath, June 20, 4 p.m.

Members may participate in a variety of seminars that will teach ways to integrate the Holy Spirit into everyday life. The seminars will include Church On Fire: When the Holy Spirit Takes Control, Receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Praying in the Spirit: Lessons From Romans 8, How to Grow Your Prayer Life—Spirit-filled Witnessing, and Spirit-directed Living.

Holy Spirit Service ■ Sabbath, June 20, 6 p.m. This is a special service of seeking and receiving anew the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said we must be born

of the water and of the Spirit. This is a time of worship, Word, and prayer that will change every life through a biblical encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Praying for the Vision ■ Sabbath, June 27, 5:30 p.m. During this special time, members will gather in groups to pray for the vision of the conference.

Employment Fair ■ June 21 Bring your résumés and your friends who are also seeking jobs. This year for the first time, the conference will host a job fair that will connect employers with job seekers. For more information, contact

Women's Ministries director **Shirley Benton** at (614) 252-5271, ext. 30.



Praise Concert ■ Sabbath, June 27, 7 p.m. This concert will feature world-renowned vocal artist **Wintley Phipps**. He has sung for presidents and at distinguished celebrations featuring national and international dignitaries. Early this year his celebrated rendition of "Amazing Grace" was performed for the 56th Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service at the Washington National Cathedral.

Multicultural Camp Meeting

Pentecôte II, Pentecostés II

Allegheny West Campgrounds ■ June 26-28

Presentadores



Pastor Juan Gilberto Canas
Greater New York Conference



Panayoti Coutsoumpos, PhD
Profesor de teología



Pastor Fredrick Russell,
Conference President



Ricardo Norton, DMin
Instituto Hispano/Andrews University



Pastor Luther M. Charles
Franco-Haitian Camp Meeting Orateur



Pastor Libney Dubreuze Sr.
Conference Leadership Institute graduation

Allegheny West Campgrounds, 6470 Oakthorpe Rd., Thornville, OH 43076
Para adicional información, call (614) 252-5271, ext. 11 y 27

Young Adult, Youth, and Children's Programs

Speakers

Paul Graham ■ Sabbath, June 27

Graham is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was raised by God-fearing parents. He attended Oakwood University in Alabama, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology and subsequently attended Andrews University in Michigan, where he received his Master of Divinity. He then spent 13 years doing ministry in the New York area, where he has been engaged in Youth and Young Adult ministries.

In 2002 he developed Full Circle Ministries to empower youth and young adults to participate in evangelism and wholesome activities that reach the church and unchurched. This ministry has stretched across the country and abroad with God's leading.

Through much prayer, he and his family were led to pastor a church plant in Lanham, Md. He believes he can do all things



through Christ. He and his wife, Windy, have two children. He will speak for the young adult service.

Rashad Burden ■ Sabbath, June 20 Burden will be the divine hour speaker for the young adult service.

Richard Martin ■ Sabbath, June 27 Martin will be the divine hour speaker for the youth service.

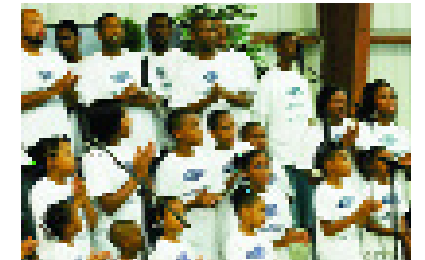
YOUTH

No Excuses Ministry ■ June 20, 11 a.m. No Excuses Ministry performs inspirational skits and plays for youth. They will bring a powerful message to the youth pavilion.



Impacting Your Campus for Christ ■ June 20, 4 p.m. ■ Fred Middleton, who leads a very active campus ministry program at the New Life church in Dayton, Ohio, will be sharing insights on how your church can create a campus ministry.

Pathfinder Parade ■ June 27, 4 p.m. The parade will take place on the second Sabbath, and will feature clubs from all around the conference.



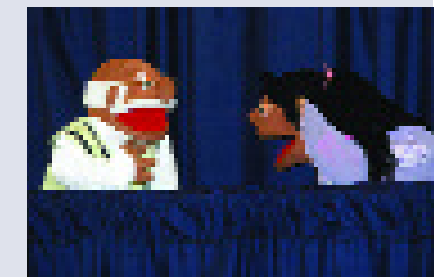
Choir Concert ■ June 27, 7 p.m. Come listen to heavenly music as several choirs from around the conference sing in a soul-stirring concert.

Children

Children who stop by Noah's Ark can get involved in activities that will help reinforce valuable Bible lessons. Some of the activities include:

- Responding to God's Love
- Puppet Ministry
- Parents Sign-Up Activity Book
- Windmills
- Movie Night (*Veggie Tales*)
- Crafts
- Mission Spotlight
- Surf's Up
- Pancake Breakfast
- Children's Kitchen
- Trinidad Visit
- Splash Party
- Bug Safari
- Olympics
- Guiana Visit
- T-shirt Art
- My Own Puppet
- Balloon Prayer Passion for Christ Through Prayer

For more information, contact Children's Ministries director Kenneth Washington, PhD, at (614) 252-5271, ext. 14.



THE CHALLENGE

chesapeake conference newsletter

June 19-21 & 24-28

PENTECOST II

Spirit Filled • Spirit Led • Spirit Anointed



Look at the Possibilities

One day as Jesus was walking around Jerusalem, He passed a place called the pool of Bethesda (John 5). There He encountered a man who had been crippled for 38 years and asked if the man wanted to be healed. Instead of saying, "Yes, I do," the man immediately began to complain about his sad situation. He was judging the present by the past, and little did he realize that the One who could change his situation was standing at his side.

Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We often need to remind ourselves that God can change things. He can forgive and transform lives. He can send revival to a church that everyone thinks is dead. He can move into a difficult situation and turn failure into success. God makes the difference! And for us to judge the present by the past is to limit God.

The crippled man needed to look beyond his problems to the possibilities. Jesus didn't ask him what his problems were; He asked him what his desires were. He asked him, "Do you want to be made whole?" Some of us see the possibilities, while others see the obstacles. The apostle Paul was a spiritual optimist. He wrote to his friends at Corinth from the city of Ephesus, "But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Cor. 16:8-9, RSV). When God enters the picture, even the greatest problems become great potentials for blessings. What challenges in your life, your home, or your church need to change? Whether we like it or not, our outlook determines our outcome. We need to look at the possibilities!



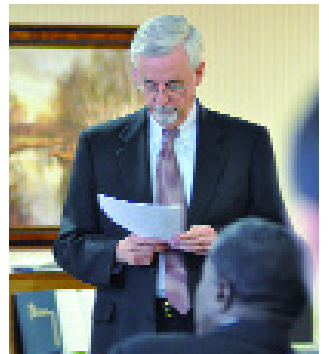
Rob Vandeman
President

Pastors, Elders Partner in Leadership

A series of pastor and elder advisory meetings were conducted throughout the conference during the first quarter of the year. John Appel, conference ministerial director, notes, "In the world field, local church elders preach more sermons, visit more members, and give more counsel than pastors. It is doubtful the church could function without the elders. They are an important part of

our church leadership, and we want them to know it."

With this in mind, the Chesapeake Conference brought together pastors and elders for practical training and team-building experiences. The meetings, led by Appel and conference president Rob Vandeman, aimed to increase understanding of the role and function of the elder according to biblical principals of organization and leadership. "It is our desire to have the work of the church elder and that of the pastor be closely connected, both in their understanding of Scripture and in the Adventist Church practice," says Appel. "We encourage them to work together and provide a united and consistent example to their congregations."



Edward Motschieder, special assistant to the Columbia Union Conference president, shares practical tips for being an effective church elder.

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Church elders Robin Oldfather (left) of the Bell Branch church in Gambrills, Md., and Lowell Cooper (right) of the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Md., were among the 50 pastors and elders who attended an advisory for the southern region of the conference.

CONFERENCIA DE CHESAPEAKE "Mostremos su Gloria"

Campamento para Jóvenes, Mt. Aetna – Junio 5-7

Inscribanse con sus respectivos pastores hasta el 21 de Mayo. Su pastor le dará información sobre aloja miento y comida.

Presentadores

Dr. Humberto Treiyer,
profesor retirado de teología y
autor de libros.

**Dr. Miguel DiFrancisco
and Dr. Nethy DiFrancisco,**
psicólogos de la familia.

Pastor Emerik Angela,
evangelista y director de jóvenes
de la Asociación de las Antillas
Holandesas.

Pastor Anibal Hansell, pastor
de la Conferencia de New Jersey.

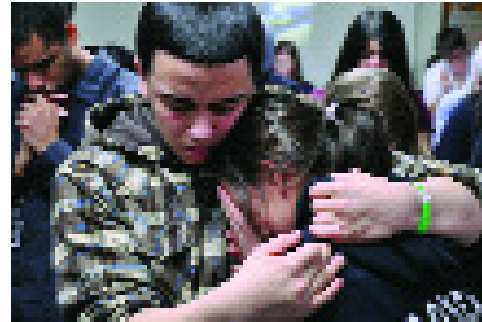


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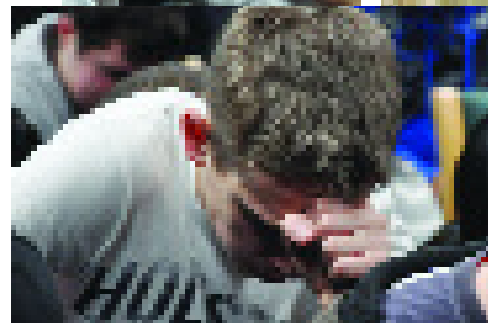
Spiritual Retreat Inspires Teens

What happens when the Holy Spirit "rains"? Seventeen young people get baptized. More than 170 teens attended the recent Generation Rain retreat for high school youth at Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md.

Keynote speaker, Willie Ramos, an ordained lay pastor from Florida, reminded students that the time is now for their generation to be open to the Holy Spirit and to share Jesus with others. During the weekend, many young people renewed their personal commitments to follow Jesus. "I had an amazing time," says Sarah Quimby, a senior at Spencerville Adventist Academy in Silver Spring, Md.



"I felt really connected to God."—Josue Sanchez



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MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

Welcome

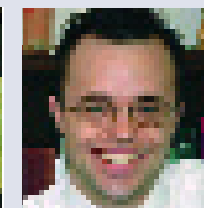
The challenges of the enemy and the power of the cross require a trained gospel army to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). That is why our theme for this year's camp meeting is "Go Ye ...". This year we will be focusing on you as an individual, going to share the good news. You will hear first-hand reports of how church members in Mountain View have responded to Jesus' words "go ye" and have preached the message of salvation.

We have a wonderful team of speakers for camp meeting this year who will guide and teach us how we can go and spread God's wonderful message of salvation to those who are lost.

We look forward to seeing you at beautiful Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, W.Va., where you can come away from the busyness of life and focus for a week, or even just a day, on what Christ has called us to do.



Larry Boggess,
President



Victor Zill,
Secretary-Treasurer

Go Ye ...

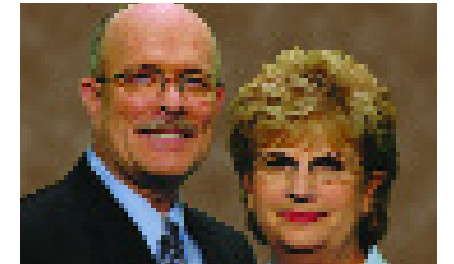
Valley Vista Adventist Center • June 19-27

Speakers

Steve Wohlberg is the speaker/director for White Horse Media and hosts the *Sword of the Spirit* television program. He has been a guest on more than 500 radio and TV shows, and has spoken by special invitation inside the Pentagon and U.S. Senate. He is the author of 21 books, including *The Character of God*

Controversy: A Close Look at the Intense Love and Justice of God Almighty. His message for the opening weekend will delve into the *Character of God* and discuss the attributes of God's character.

William "Bill" Tucker is president and speaker of The Quiet Hour, an international evangelism and broadcast media ministry founded in 1937. Tucker and his wife, Jackie, have ministered to churches in Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, California, and British Columbia. They minister at churches, conventions, camp meetings, and retreats; hold weekend Quiet Hour rallies; and at least twice a year conduct major evangelism campaigns in Asia, Europe, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and



Africa. Pastor Tucker will be focusing his topics on Jesus, and how the Master Evangelist ministered and related to people in personal evangelism, showing the commitment and sacrifice that is needed.

Bradley Galambos is the ministerial secretary for Mountain View Conference. He also pastors the Valley View, Beckley, and Hinton churches in West Virginia. He and his wife, Janice, recently moved from the New Jersey Conference where he also served as the ministerial secretary. Pastor Galambos has been in the ministry for more than 37 years, serving in pastoral, evangelistic, and departmental work. His early morning meetings this year are themed "Reviving the Hope."



Seminars

Saturday–Saturday, 6:30 a.m. ■ **Bradley Galambos** will be greeting the new day by “Reviving the Hope.” Come start your day off right by hearing the Word of God. You won’t want to miss it.

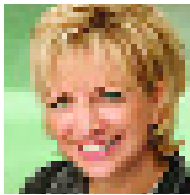
Monday–Friday, 9:45 a.m. ■ Jeffrey Wilson, director of Planned Giving and Trust Services for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church and the North American Division, will be making five presentations on topics pertaining to stewardship. He will talk about money management, the importance of a Christian will, endowments, and leaving a legacy. Wilson has traveled extensively promoting planned giving and trust services throughout the world. He is also deeply involved in evangelism and travels to India each year to conduct evangelistic campaigns.

Monday–Friday, 11:15 a.m. ■ Ronald Goss was once a police chief in suburban Maryland. He now

leads Project Restore, Inc., a literature publishing and distribution ministry that has sponsored the printing of over 35 million missionary magazines. His messages will challenge you to see the “signs of the times” and to prepare for the soon return of Jesus.



Sunday–Friday, 2:30 p.m. ■ Kelly Mowrer’s seminar is geared toward reaching out to former church members. Based on her own personal testimony, as well as some compelling and heart-touching stories from former members, this seminar should be viewed as a lifestyle change that will impact the way you act. It is not a how-to program to be implemented and completed. She wants those attending to be thinking not only about ways to reach out and invite people back to church, but also about the environment and experience to which they are inviting



people. Mowrer, who is also a vocalist, has worked with Pastor Mark Finley, former speaker/director of It Is Written and Pastor Doug Batchelor, speaker/director of Amazing Facts. She has appeared on the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and the Hope Channel. She will also be doing mini-musical concerts during the week.

Sunday–Thursday, 4 p.m. ■ Bernell Baldwin, PhD, will be discussing a variety of health topics. The topics include: The Good News About Cancer, Building the Brain, Preventing Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia, Ways to Keep the Heart Healthy, and Health and Character Building. Baldwin, a recognized expert on the brain and health, has taught at Loma Linda University Medical School and at the School of Public Health in California, lectured on 3ABN television, and at Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital in Wildwood, Ga.



Musicians

Don Schroeder ■ Saturday June 20, 4 p.m. Don Schroeder grew up in a home filled with music. His father sang in a quartet, and his mother played the piano and organ. His family was richly blessed with the sound of music. At the age of 28, he received a new song in his heart when he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. Since then he has shared his passion for Christ in composition, voice, and song.



Vonda Beerman ■ Saturday June 27, 2:30 p.m. Ever since she was in the fifth grade, Vonda Beerman has been serving God with her voice. She now travels the nation sharing the message of God’s love. She is a vocalist for the The Quiet Hour and is frequently heard throughout the world. Beerman’s prayer is “to God be the glory.” Her concerts consist of inspirational-styled, sacred, Christian music combined with heart-touching testimonies, which has bound her to the hearts of congregations throughout the country. Join her on Sabbath afternoon to lift God up through music.



Special Features

Prayer Convocation ■ Friday, June 19, 6:30 p.m. Gather at the flagpole to pray together and ask for the Lord’s blessing as camp meeting is officially opened.

ShareHim Graduation ■ Saturday, June 20, 2:30 p.m. Jeremiah Weeks, assistant director of ShareHim Ministries, will be leading out in this recognition of participants from the ShareHim boot camp, and those who have and will be holding evangelism meetings across the conference.

Lay Advisory ■ Sunday, June 21, 8:30 a.m. The lay advisory will be held in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to join in this meeting and brainstorming session.

ABC Book Sale ■ Sunday, June 21, 10:30 a.m. Come to the auditorium and stock up on reduced priced items like music, books, and resources.

Shepherdess Dinner and Meeting ■ Monday June 22, 5:15–6:45 p.m. All Mountain View pastors’ wives

are welcome to join in this dinner and meeting located in the Youth Chapel breakout room. Come for an inspirational time.

Education Hour ■ Saturday, June 27, 4 p.m. Cheryl Jacko, associate superintendent of schools, will lead in this report about Mountain View education. Find out what our conference schools have been up to and what they are planning for the year to come. Come support Adventist education. All are welcome.

Opening & Closing Sabbath

OPENING SABBATH Devotional ■ 6:30 a.m. Bradley Galambos will begin the morning series with “Reviving the Hope.”

Sabbath School ■ 9:15 a.m. Randall Murphy will be the Sabbath School superintendent. Murphy retired in 2002 after serving as conference president for more than 13 years. He currently serves as camp manager for the Valley Vista Adventist Center.



Pastor **Stewart Pepper** will lead the Sabbath School discussion and the mission emphasis will be on the ministry of Francis Tamara Jordan.

Divine Service ■ 11 a.m. Steve Wohlberg will be presenting “Heaven’s Sword on Heaven’s Shepherd,” delving into the attributes of God.

CLOSING SABBATH Devotional ■ 6:30 a.m. Bradley Galambos will be concluding his weeklong study. Don’t miss it!

Sabbath School ■ 9:15 a.m. Cheryl Jacko will be the Sabbath School superintendent. Jacko also serves as principal of Highland Adventist School in Elkins, W.Va. Education will be the mission emphasis.



Divine Service ■ 11 a.m. Bill Tucker will be presenting “The Message to End all Things,” which will explain the message that brings everything to a final end upon the Earth.

Youth

The theme for the youth this year is “Give it up! Give it all! Give it Now!” Leclaire “Litch” Litchfield, chaplain of Collegedale Academy in Collegedale, Tenn., will be presenting the morning and evening meetings from Friday–Tuesday.



Matthew Gamble (left), full-time speaker and senior consultant for the Center for Creative Ministry, will be speaking for the second half of the week. Meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Youth Chapel. Other fun activities have also been planned.



Mountain View Conference Camp Meeting Schedule

"Go Ye..."

Valley View Adventure Center		Friday June 19	Saturday June 20	Sunday June 21	Monday June 22	Tuesday June 23	Wednesday June 24	Thursday June 25	Friday June 26	Saturday June 27	Sunday June 28
8:00 AM	Registration	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
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NEWS

NEW JERSEY

Welcome

Coming to worship God during camp meeting is a blessing we all need and deserve, especially during such difficult times. New Jersey Conference leaders, including Tranquil Valley Retreat Center personnel, are working earnestly toward camp meeting 2009 with the theme "Families Shining for Christ."

Personally, I think there is no entity, no amount of wealth, nor anything else that could compare to my family's worth. The greatest gift God has given me is personified in my wife, my children, my grandkids, my parents, my siblings, and other family members. This was God's intention. He created the family as the center of society and the heart of the church. A church with strong and happy families is a strong and happy church. The world needs more families who shine for Christ, and families who show hope and security to those around us.

We will close this camp meeting with a wedding vows renewal ceremony. So don't forget to bring your wedding dress or formal attire and seal this event with an incredible ending—your marriage and your family shining bright for Christ.—José H. Cortés, President



José H. Cortés, President

Families Shining for Christ

Tranquil Valley Retreat Center • June 19-20

Speakers

Elaine and Willie Oliver are founders and directors of the Journey Toward Intimacy marriage retreat and From This Day Forward marriage conferences. They also

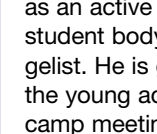


author the "From This Day Forward" column in Message magazine. Their down-to-earth

presentation style keeps them in high demand conducting marriage conferences, retreats, and relationship workshops nationally and internationally.

Willie is director of Family Ministries for the North American Division. Elaine is vice president for enrollment management at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md. The couple will speak for the adult services.

Kevin Solomon is an enthusiastic young minister with a passion for Christ and a love for people. He is a member of the Genesis church in Plainfield, N.J. Solomon graduates from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., this month. He has served



as an active spiritual leader within the student body and as a literature evangelist. He is grateful and excited to be the young adult speaker for this year's camp meeting.



Willie Ramos is capturing the hearts of youth everywhere. He confidently reveals an accurate depiction of the gospel to everyone and anyone. Ramos, a former gang member, says, "I was ultimately rescued by a Jewish carpenter named Jesus."



Ramos shares his life's testimony, conviction, and knowledge about the one true God through ghetto style poetry, sermons, and a touch of humor. He will be speaking for the teen program.

Campestre Hispano

Familias brillando para Cristo

Tranquil Valley Retreat Center ■ Junio 26-27

Bienvenido

Venir a adorar a Dios durante el campestre es una bendición que todos necesitamos y merecemos durante tiempos tan difíciles. Los líderes de la conferencia de Nueva Jersey y el personal de Tranquil Valley Retreat Center están trabajando duro para el campestre 2009 con el tema "Familias brillando para Cristo" ¿Por qué este tema? Porque pienso que no hay entidad ni cantidad de riqueza que se pueda comparar con el valor de mi familia. El regalo más grande que Dios me pudo dar está personificado en mi esposa, mis hijos, mis nietos, mis padres, mis hermanos y otros familiares. Esa fue la intención de Dios. Una iglesia con familias fuertes y felices es una iglesia fuerte y feliz. El mundo necesita más familias que brillen para Cristo y familias que muestren esperanza y seguridad a los que les rodean.

Para enfatizar nuestro tema, cerraremos el campestre con una ceremonia de renovación de votos matrimoniales. Así que por favor traigan sus trajes de bodas para cerrar este evento con

broche de oro, su matrimonio y si familia brillando para Cristo.—José H. Cortés, Presidente



Presentadores



Adultos:
César y Carolann De León

Los esposos De León tienen maestrías en Terapia

Marital y Familiar y son los fundadores y directores del ministerio "Tu Familia Primero".



Jóvenes:
Oscar Rodríguez

Oscar Rodríguez es uno de los nuestros.

Este joven de padres salvadoreños ha participado en nuestra conferencia por varios años y actualmente estudia teología.



El amor está en el aire ... de Nueva Jersey



Mission Ohio

OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

"We are Family" is Hometown Camp Meetings Theme

Seventh-day Adventists in Ohio will enjoy an array of camp meeting experiences in 2009 with hometown camp meetings planned for locations across the state. These special events—planned by local congregations—will incorporate traditional camp meeting features such as preaching, teaching, music, food, and fellowship. One of these features will be a "We are Family" emphasis, celebrating the global network of Adventist churches, schools, institutions, and ministries. Listed in this issue are a few of the camp meeting locations. For a full listing, visit ohioadventist.org.

Invite your friends and family to enjoy one or more of the hometown camp meetings in your area!

Akron

Date: July 24-25

Location: Akron church

Speaker: Homer Trecartin, associate secretary of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church

Topic: Global Mission

Blooming Grove/Bucyrus/Galion/Fredericktown

Date: June 19-21

Location: Clear Fork High School, Belleville

Speaker: Walter Wright, PsyD
Musician: David Pitt

Cincinnati-Clifton

Date: June 8-13, 6-9 p.m., week nights and all day Sabbath

Location: Clifton church

Topic: More of Jesus
Speaker: Mike Stevenson

Cleveland Spanish

Date: June 4-6

Location: TBA

Speaker: Alejandro Bullón

Columbus East

Date: June 11-14

Location: Eastwood church
Speaker: Stanley Cottrell, retired director of Historical Adventist Village; Mark Howard, Michigan Arise School of Evangelism

Columbus Haitian

(French/Creole language)

Date: June 19-21

Location: Eben-Ezer French church, Columbus

Dayton Area Youth Service Week

Date: June 9-13

Location: Kettering College of Medical Arts

Topic: Service Week—a multifaceted outreach event featuring a home makeover, health screenings, Vacation Bible School, and musical concert/block party.

Elyria

Date: June 13

Location: Elyria church

Ghanaian (Twi language)

Date: August 28-30

Location: Camp Mohaven, Danville

Newark/Zanesville

Date: June 12-14

Location: Newark church
Topic: Righteousness by Faith

Northwest Ohio – Bowling Green/Northwood/Swanton/Toledo

Date: August 28-29

Location: Swanton church

Speakers: Clarence and Dianna Schilt

Portsmouth/Manchester

Date: June 6

Location: Shawnee Lake State Park, Portsmouth

Topic: The Light Still Shines—A Journey of Hope

Ravenna

Date: August 8

Location: Ravenna church
Topic: Are You Ready?

Speaker: Raj Attiken, conference president

Reynoldsburg/Westerville

Date: June 13

Location: TBA

Wooster

Date: June 5-6

Location: OARCD Amphitheater, Wooster

Speaker: S. Joseph Kidder, DMin, professor of Christian Ministry, Andrews University

Worthington

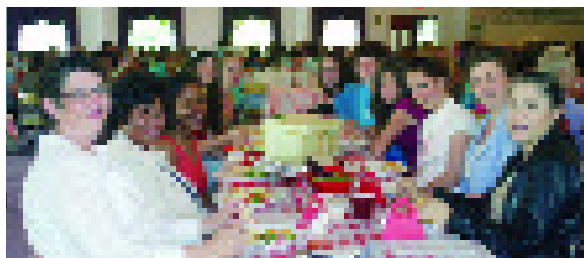
Date: July 25

Location: Worthington church

Speaker: Fred Kinsey, speaker/director of Voice of Prophecy

Women's Annual Camp Meeting Tea Planned

The annual Women's Ministries Camp Meeting Tea will be held at Camp Mohaven on Sunday, June 7, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The theme is "Island Brunch" and will feature delicious food, an inspiring devotional by Cindy Ferguson, gifts, and door prizes. Tickets are \$2, payable at the event, and *must be reserved in advance* by calling Ruth Ann at (740) 397-4665, ext. 111, or by emailing ruthann@ecr.net. The reservation deadline is May 25. Camp Mohaven is located at 18744 Turkey Ridge Road in Danville.



Eastwood School Collects Coins for Cancer Treatment



The students (left) at Eastwood Junior Academy in Westerville recently participated in the Pennies for Patients program. The program raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. On Mondays pennies were brought in, Tuesdays were nickel days, Wednesdays were for dimes, Thursdays were quarter days, and Fridays were dollar days. Even though certain days were reserved for particular denominations, students could bring in any coin on any day. The four classrooms had a goal of \$100 with a school-wide goal of \$400. The Lord blessed, and they exceeded their goal with a grand total of \$575.—*Vickie Nicolaus*

Historical Notes: Adventism in Ohio

William W. Miller was a pastor and city mission worker in Cleveland who went as a missionary to India in 1904 and organized the first Seventh-day Adventist Church there. His wife, Lovina Merritt, was a physician. They returned to the Ohio Conference in 1911, and he pastored churches until 1920 when he joined the religion faculty at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Michigan.

An Ohio pastor was the first Adventist missionary to Burma and then the first Adventist minister to serve as a department head in the federal government. Heber Votaw and his wife, Carolyn, left the Ohio Conference for Burma in 1904 and came back from overseas in 1914. From 1921 to 1925, Votaw was Superintendent of Prisons for the U.S. government. Carolyn was the sister of U.S. President Warren G. Harding.

Famed missionaries to South America—Fernando and Ana Stahl (right)—went into mission service from the Ohio Conference in 1909. Both were nurses and had run the clinic for the Cleveland City Mission and started a sanitarium in Akron.

In 1916 George Harding, MD—brother of the U.S. senator from Ohio, Warren G. Harding, who would be elected president in four years—started a sanitarium outside Columbus near the rural town of Worthington. A dedicated Adventist with a sense of missionary service, Dr. Harding was one of the few physicians at the



time willing to provide medical care to patients locked up in the state insane asylum. This led to his being one of the first Adventist physicians to complete a residency in psychiatry and the shaping of Harding Hospital as one of the finest psychiatric hospitals in the country.

—*Monte Sahlin*

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Welcome

Mortgage foreclosures. Job losses. Huge government interventions. This all adds up to a shaky financial world. The world we live in today can leave us feeling fearful and insecure. Will our jobs last? What will we do next? How will we pay our bills?

While the world around us is increasingly crumbling, we as Christians can stand secure on the Solid Rock. We know that God will never leave us or forsake us. We know that He will take care of us, provide for us, protect us, and lead us in His will.

This year's camp meeting theme, "Secure in Jesus," is not only a reminder of this, but also a challenge for us to live secure—finding peace and comfort despite the evening news—then sharing that peace and security with those around us.

I invite you to join me, and our conference staff, for a week—or weekend, or even just a day—of inspiring worship, practical seminars, and great fellowship. This year more than ever, is the time to come away and be encouraged, equipped,



and challenged to live "Secure in Jesus."
—*Ray Hartwell, President*

Secure in Jesus

Blue Mountain Academy ■ June 12-20

Speakers

G. Edward Reid ■ June 12-13

Reid, the stewardship director of the North American Division, has served the church in teaching, pastoral ministry, evangelism, and other departmental positions. He is certified as a teacher and counselor by Crown Financial Ministries.



He also teaches Homiletics and Church Administration at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md.

Hispanic Camp Meeting Speakers

Sabbath, June 20

El Pastor **Rubén Ramos** es el director del Ministerio Multilingue de la Columbia Union Conference. El vive en Maryland con su esposa, Nora, y tiene tres hijos. La pasión del Pastor Ramos



es ayudar y motivar a los pastores y creyentes a desarrollar sus talentos y cumplir su misión de llevar otros a Cristo. El tendrá un presentación especial, "Soldados de Oracion."

El Pastor **Raúl Rodríguez** ha trabajado en El Salvador, Venezuela, las Islas Holandesas, y el Caribe, en diferentes obligaciones ministeriales. Actualmente pastorea tres iglesias en la Conferencia de Potomac.



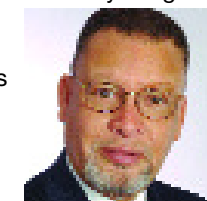
Mike Tucker ■ June 19-20

Tucker will present "Blessed Assurance" in a three-part series as camp meeting draws to an end. Tucker is speaker/director for Faith for Today ministry, associate speaker for The Voice of Prophecy ministry, and senior pastor of the 2,000-member Arlington (Texas) church.



Henry Wright ■ June 14-18

Pastor and evangelist Henry Wright will present the evening worship services. Wright is the pastor of the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va.



Sabbath and Sunday

Sabbath School Calls us to Mission ■ Jesus said, “Go there-fore and make disciples.” This commission will be the focus of our Sabbath School time during camp meeting. On Sabbath, June 13, at 9:15 a.m.,



Michael Cauley Jr., will challenge us to let go of the fears and distractions that keep us from living the great commission. He will call us to have lives of primitive godliness in the 21st century. Cauley Jr. is the church planter of Come and See, a congregation that is located in Keller, Texas.

Then during Sabbath School at 9:15 a.m. on June 20, hear stories of how ordinary people across Pennsylvania are living this great commission, as they share how God is working through them in their local communities and neighborhoods.

New This Year

Seminars will be offered not only during the week, but for the first time, will be available throughout the weekend as well. Attendees can choose from two seminars, which will be held both Sabbath and Sunday afternoons.

■ Hospice chaplain **Linda McCabe** will look at ways we can sharpen our ability to receive God’s messages in the two-part presentation “Can You Hear Me Now?” at 2 p.m., June 12-13.



■ Pastor **James Wibberding**, MDiv, will share his passion for equip- ping others to serve God as he intro- duces the next lay pastor and mission training course in two parts June 12 and 13 at 2 p.m.

Training Available

■ **George Spanier**, manager of Emergency Services for the Berks County Red Cross, will share what it takes to “Become Red Cross Ready.” He will also discuss the Adventist Community Services-sponsored “Pandemic Flu” at 1:30 p.m., June 13.

■ Learn a new total wellness approach for Health Ministries with **John and Millie Youngberg** as they



present *Win! Wellness*, their user-friendly, total wellness program focusing on biological, spiritual, and family wellness, Sabbath, June 13, at 2 p.m., and Sunday, June 14, at 10 a.m. This health training focuses not only on natural remedies, but also on the effects of family relations and spirituality on one’s health. This two-part training program will prepare participants to hold *Win! Wellness* seminars in their communities.

■ Health professionals can earn continuing education credit at the “Spirituality in the Work Place” seminar presented by **Barbara L. Rutt, MDiv, BCC, RN**, June 14, 2-6 p.m. in the Hamburg church fellowship hall. Learn the art of stepping into the spiritual space of another, walking alongside, and presenting Jesus with those we contact at work.

Trust Services Presents Elder Law

■ With the current economy trends, information on elder law has become a “must” to provide a future for yourself, your parents, as

well as other loved ones in their senior years. This seminar will be presented in an easy-to-understand format and include a question and answer time in the chapel on Sunday, June 14, 1-5 p.m.

Musicians

Kelly Mowrer
Sabbath, June 13, 3 p.m.

The Sample Family
Sabbath, June 20, 2 p.m.

Blue Mountain Junction
Sunday, June 14, 7 p.m.



2nd Annual 5K Run/1-Mile Fun Walk

Come enjoy a leisurely walk with your family or take on the challenge of a 5K run. Help us raise awareness about the problem of childhood obesity and improve your health as well. Runners must register in advance at awhn.org. The race begins at 8 a.m. at the picnic pavilion.

Seminars

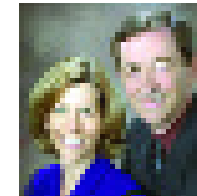
Practical Seminars Offered

While camp meeting features many opportunities for worship, music, prayer, and fellowship, it also offers 10 practical, life-impacting seminars on weekday afternoons.

■ The health education team from Adventist WholeHealth will offer ideas for women to keep fit, not only physically, but also spiritually and mental-ly. Registered dieti- cian **Clara Iuliano** will share some of her secrets about eat- ing healthy foods that are tasty but not too time consuming to make.



■ **Art Randall, CPA** and financial counselor, will cover family budget- ing, getting and staying out of debt, credit reports, mort- gages, family tax issues, and God’s plan for stewardship.



Mike and Gayle Tucker will present. The couple serves at Faith for Today and at the Arlington (Texas) church.

■ **Shirley Grear** will teach attendees to apply biblical princi- ples that help us to not just survive, but thrive in difficult times. Author and speaker **Tamyra**



Horst will share prac- tical ways we can pray like crazy for those we love and for ourselves.



■ Join speaker and musician **Kelly Mowrer** as she speaks at why people leave the church and what we can do about it.



Zdravko Plantak, PhD, a professor at Columbia Union College, will discuss the important virtues that must guide a Christian leader to uphold moral val- ues in different spheres of influence.

■ Discover how to “Fire Your Pastor.” Pastor **Lonnie Wibberding** shares how to become intentional about reaching the lost. Andrews University professor



Merlin Burt, PhD, will share how to correctly read and understand Ellen White’s writings.



Camp meeting attendees will have an opportunity to choose two of these inspiring and challenging seminars. For more detailed information on each one, go to paconference.org and download our camp meeting brochure.

Youth



Children Enjoy Camp Meeting

■ The meetings and activities planned for all ages (from birth to youth) will be an experience they will enjoy and remember: from the water slide on Sunday afternoon, to playing in the pool at Camp Keystone during the week; from trekking through the woods on a Wilderness Survival hike, to learning about animals in Zoo in Bible Prophecy; from community service projects, to making crafts, singing songs, hearing stories, and watching skits. Camp meeting is designed to be a fun family place where kids can choose activities and attend meetings planned just for them. Pick up a schedule at Locating, or download more information at paconference.org.

Youth Continue Journey ■ Camp meeting will contin- ue the journey begun at “Outcast,” this winter’s youth

spiritual retreat. At Outcast they studied how Jesus became the victim for our sins. As an intentional step to take this theme deeper, the youth will spend the week discovering the heart of God. Speakers for the week will include **Mike Cauley Jr., Tara VinCross, Brian Cassell, James Wibberding, Dave Sanner, and Kris Eckenroth**. Pick up a schedule at Locating.

Young Adults Invited to Encounter God ■ Young adults are invited to GODencounters, a worship service that attempts to create an environment where young adults can personally encounter God. This year’s theme, “Living Grace,” is based on the idea of personally experiencing grace. Using Psalm 34:8, young adults will be challenged to taste and see for themselves that the Lord is good. The service will be June 19-20 at Blue Mountain Elementary School.



Bible Study

Join a Small Group Bible Study

For those who enjoy discussion, exchanging thoughts and ideas with a small group of people, delving into God's Word for answers, and praying together with fellow believers, camp meeting offers an opportunity to join a small group Bible study weekday mornings.

Rediscover the peace, joy, and assurance we have in the "love letters" of 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John with professional trainer, consultant, and coach **Judy Butler**. Bible student and systems analyst **Shirley Grear** will teach how God transformed lives in Isaiah 5 and continues to transform lives today. Learn how to live with joy in an interactive Bible study with **Leila Hershey**, an elder, teacher, wife, mother, and grandmother from Lebanon, Pa.

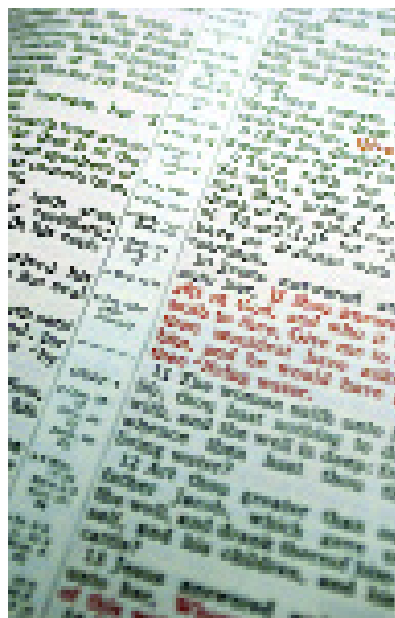
Join **Fred Morgan** and open your Bibles to learn the definition of belief and faith, what God did, what man did, how God responded, and the incredible good news of salvation for each of us.

Explore the many different ways that the gospel of Mark uses the word "bread" to teach lessons about the divinity and mission of Jesus, led by **Edward Motschieder**, special assistant to the president of the Columbia Union Conference.

Discover what the Bible says about being a man, with musician and songwriter **Derek Sandstrom**.

All small group Bible studies meet at 8:20 a.m., Monday-Friday. For more information and for locations, pick up a

brochure at Locating or download one at paconference.org.



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Worship

Worship From Sunrise to Sunset at Camp Meeting

During the week, early morning worship begins at 6:30 a.m. in the chapel as **Zdravko Plantak, PhD**, explores the book of Genesis, learning the character and heart of God from the stories of the patriarchs. Plantak served in pastoral ministry for 10 years and has been chair of the Department of Religion at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., for the last 10 years.

After breakfast, during the very popular Family Worship, take a walk



with men and women of the Bible to learn how God works in the dark. Learn lessons through music, skits, special features, and living parables with speaker **Denise Reinwald**, a certified massage therapist and health

educator at Adventist WholeHealth. Before lunch **Merlin Burt** will draw spiritual lessons from the stories of Seventh-day Adventist pioneers and early Adventist experiences during the midmorning worship at 10:35 a.m. each weekday. Be personally inspired, challenged, and blessed, as we look together at how God has worked for others in the past. Burt is director of the Center for Adventist Research and White Estate Branch Office of the Ellen G. White Estate at Andrews University (Mich.), and is also an associate professor of church history for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

After lunch join **Mike Tucker** and discover Jesus in the book of Revelation. Learn how the last book of the Bible is all about Jesus. Tucker is speaker/director for Faith for Today ministry, associate speaker for The Voice of

Prophecy ministry, and senior pastor of the 2,000-member Arlington (Texas) church.

Sunday-Thursday, pastor and evangelist **Henry Wright** will present the evening worship series. Wright is senior pastor of the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va.

Give the Gift of Life!

Register now to donate blood.

Sunday, June 14,
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
at the Miller-Keystone
Blood Mobile.

Call Jeanne Franke
at (610) 374-8331
to reserve your time!

Welcome

At a time when so many aspects of our lives are in question, and doubts and fears arise with every passing day, it's wonderful to look forward to a week when we can worship together as brothers and sisters and reflect on what is truly important in our lives—Christ. His ever-present love for each one of us, and the privilege to serve Him, is always reassuring.

Our theme this year, "When My People Pray," touches on a topic that resonates throughout the Bible.

When my people pray ... fears melt away.

When my people pray ... enemies are defeated.

When my people pray ... lives are forever changed.

My prayer is that each one of us will come away from this week with a renewed hope for His soon return, empowered by His grace to make a kingdom difference, and a deeper yearning to pray in spirit and in truth with the One who longs to spend eternity with each one of us. We

look forward to seeing you at camp meeting!

—Bill Miller,
President



Potomac People

When My People Pray

Shenandoah Valley Academy • June 16-20

Speakers

Ruthie Jacobsen, a nurse and teacher by training, is coordinator of Prayer Ministries for the North American Division. She previously served in the Oregon Conference as director of Women's Ministries. She also hosted a weekly talk show for seven years on the



Three Angels Broadcasting Network titled *When God's People Pray*. She has conducted prayer conferences across North America and in scores of other countries. She has also written and contributed to scientific and other journals, and has authored 11 books.

Lonnie Melashenko is vice president of Spiritual Services and Missions for Kettering Adventist HealthCare in Kettering, Ohio. In this role, he works with leadership to foster and grow relationships within the organization and throughout the community. Melashenko is probably best known



for his previous ministry where he served as speaker/director for the Voice of Prophecy ministry for 17 years. He began working with the ministry in January 1989 and served through 2008. Pastor Melashenko is passionate about ministry in all forms. He is a prolific writer and, along with

his family, has recorded several music CDs and videos.

Bill Miller is the president of the Potomac Conference. In his more than 20 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a youth pastor, Bible teacher, senior pastor, and administrator, Miller has worked to implement vision-oriented and innovative ministry



in every position. Before assuming the helm at the Potomac Conference in 2007, he served six years as president of the Minnesota Conference, and was vice president of administration for the Washington Conference for four years. Miller and his wife, Sally, are the parents of three young adults: Dwight, Calvin, and Brianna.

Willie Oliver serves as director of Family Ministries for the North American Division. He holds a PhD in sociology, and master's degrees in pastoral counseling and family sociology. Oliver and his wife, Elaine, are founders and directors of the Journey Toward Intimacy marriage



retreat, From This Day Forward marriage conferences, and authors of the "From This Day Forward" column in *Message* magazine.

Seminars

Perspectives in End Time Bible Prophecy ■ **Bob Banks, DMin**, ministerial director for the southern portion of the Potomac



Conference, will help clarify the Seventh-day Adventist Church's message and sharpen attendees' witness in this critical time in Earth's history. Come learn how important it is for Adventists to lift up Christ to the world.

Soul Saving Cycle ■ **Mauri Bascom, PhD**, wants to help your church develop a cycle for reaching the lost, and integrating them into the life of the church. The steps include: training members, finding



the lost, presenting Jesus, getting people to accept Jesus, teaching what Jesus wants us to do, baptism, fellowship, further teaching of doctrines, and training new members.

10 Great Dates to Energize Your Marriage ■ **James Brown**, the nurturing and discipling pastor for the Seabrook church in Lanham, Md., presents a seminar based on a book by David and Claudia Arp. He will briefly focus on your marriage relationship; seeing your marriage, yourself, and your mate more clearly; getting to know yourselves better; and learning to laugh and affirm one another. Each date will help attendees concentrate on a specific marital skill.



Everyone will go home with a copy of "Dating Ground Rules" and "Your Marriage Alive Dating Plan." Brown has been married to Nedra for 44 years.

Solutions to the Financial Crisis ■ **Hugo Chinchay** is director of Planned Giving and Trust Services for the Potomac Conference. He will answer questions such as: Is my home an asset or a liability? Is it safe to invest anymore? Who are my financial enemies? These issues and many more, when not properly understood, can break your marriage, your relationship with God, and pass on the wrong legacy to your children. This seminar is a must for everyone.



Sabbath Concert

Jennifer LaMountain's voice has touched thousands in her 10 years of professional music ministry. Beginning at age 3, she sang with her sisters for their hometown church in Tennessee. Now this former opera performer sings regularly on religious television and international satellite programming. The five inspirational CDs featuring LaMountain's natural soprano voice remain favorites of Christian radio stations across the nation. While still appearing in small-town churches, she has performed at major venues such as the Crystal Cathedral, Manhattan Center, and St. Louis Busch Stadium.



Those who see **Rudy Micelli** in concert never forget him. This vocal powerhouse has been compared to the likes of Josh Groban and Steve Green, but the resonance of Micelli's voice and that of his ministry is his alone. He was born the youngest of eight in Brazil and began his singing career at the age of 5. By 18, his professional vocal training landed him a spot in the highly awarded secular music group Vocal Mandrialis, taking him on a tour of every premiere stage in Brazil. Finally Micelli felt the tug of God in his life leading him back to the gospel music of his childhood. Today Micelli tours internationally, records, and appears on television programming in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.



Preaching 101 ■ **Don Jacobsen, DMin**, a former professor of Homiletics at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary (Mich.), presents a five-part series that will take you through the key ingredients for crafting effective sermons that will reach the hearts of the congregation. If you are ever asked by your church to speak, and would like to sharpen those skills, this seminar is for you!



Five Secrets for Peace in a Storm ■ **Ruthie Jacobsen**, coordinator of Prayer Ministries for the North American Division, reminds us all that we are "saved by hope." In this seminar, Jacobsen will explore how God pumps courage and trust into us even in uncertain times, how to be contagious hope-spreaders for our neighbors and families, how to sing even when walking through dark valleys, and learn how trust can be so genuine that it's contagious.



Personal Evangelism ■ **Marion Kidder**, retired pastor and former director of Atlantic Union College's unique professional training program for personal evangelists, will teach this Christ-centered, spiritual gift-oriented approach to witnessing and soul winning. This approach transforms the fear and pain often associated with this work into an exciting and rewarding experience! Learn the motivating factors that produce a powerful witness without conscious effort.



Secrets to Managing Stress ■ **Marilyn Thorpe** is the founder and president of NexPhase Transitions, LLC, a company that provides

Adult Schedule

Day	Wed. 10:00am	Wed. 10:00am	Wed. 10:00am	Wed. 10:00am	Wed. 10:00am
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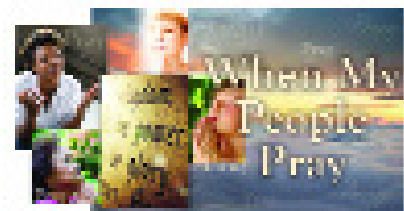
coaching services for businesses and individuals. In this seminar, she will examine the impact stress has on the body, mind, and soul, and look at the application of biblical principles and other practical techniques to reduce stress.



Issues in Personal and Family Finance ■ **Jeffrey Wilson**, director of Planned Giving and Trust Services for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church and the North American Division, understands that managing



money, evaluating purchases, buying a home, and planning for your children's education and your retirement has never been easy. In this seminar, Wilson will use real-life stories to teach important biblical principles of stretching resources to meet family needs, as well as investing in God's kingdom.



2008 Camp Meeting Young Adult, Youth, and Children's Schedule

Meeting/Location	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Registration I (10-12 yrs.) (Mentoring School) Leader: Deborah D'Amico</p> <p>ADRENALINE 000001 Location: Charlotte Harbor</p> <p>Registration II (13-17 yrs.) Leader: M. L. Hines</p>	<p>Camp Arrival</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-11:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>
<p>Registration III (18 yrs.) (Mentoring School) Leader: M. L. Hines</p>		<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-11:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>
<p>Registration IV (19-21 yrs.) (Mentoring School) Leader: M. L. Hines</p>		<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-11:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>
<p>Registration V (22-24 yrs.) (Mentoring School) Leader: M. L. Hines</p>		<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>9:00-11:00 am 10:00-10:30 am</p>
<p>Admission (15-17 yrs.) (Mentoring School) Leader: M. L. Hines</p>	7:00-8:00 pm	<p>6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm</p>
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<p>Trials (High School Age) (Trials) Leader: Gabe Pender</p> <p>ADRENALINE 000001</p>	<p>7:00-8:00 pm 8:00-9:00 pm</p>	<p>6:00-7:00 am 7:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>6:00-7:00 am 7:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>6:00-7:00 am 7:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>6:00-7:00 am 7:00-8:00 pm</p>
<p>Collegiate (18-22 yrs.) (Mentoring School) Leader: Gabe Pender</p> <p>ADRENALINE 000001</p>	<p>No Scheduled Activity</p>				<p>7:00-8:00 pm 8:00-9:00 pm</p>
<p>Developmental Activities (Mentoring School) Leader: M. L. Hines</p>		11:00 am-1:00 pm	11:00 am-1:00 pm	11:00 am-1:00 pm	

More to Remember

- Registration fees will be waived for all members and will be waived for all non-members who are currently attending school and living in a dormitory.
- Children's meetings will begin at 9:00 am for 9-11 year olds and 10:00 am for 12-17 year olds. Please arrive on time for each meeting. To make camp meetings more enjoyable, please respect the ages for each activity and the meeting times. Before and after programs, you are responsible for the safe return of your children to the parents who will be with you at the end of each day. Please have your children's information ready at all times.

Leaving a Legacy

Have you ever wondered why Jesus charged Christians with sharing the gospel with all nations, making disciples, and baptizing people in His name? Is it because He needs our help? Are we better at some forms of communication or ministry than He is? God needing our help—that's a perplexing thought, isn't it? The extent of a leader's success is often measured by the longevity of the organization, business, or group after he or she is gone. By these standards, Jesus would be classified as a tremendous leader. He took ordinary people and transformed them into extraordinary gospel workers by combining instruction with experiential learning.

Have we followed His model? Are we seeking the potential leadership in others in order to leave our church and world in a better condition for eternity? For most of their lives, our young people have heard a lot about the great commission. Isn't it time for them to experience it? If the Creator knows that the best way to reach a fallen world is by employing fallen ministers, then who are we to tell our young people they are too young to minister. Someone who is old enough to drive, vote, and join the military is old enough to minister. Here at Blue Mountain Academy (BMA), we give our students the tools to go out and be fearless witnesses for Christ.



Rob Gettys
Principal

NEWS

Students Pledge to Lead

During BMA's leadership weekend, 48 students gathered at Laurel Lake Camp in Rossiter, Pa., for a spiritual retreat and were challenged to positively influence their classmates. At the end of the weekend, each student, including senior Tauana Santos (right), signed a commitment to rise above mediocrity and pursue excellence and Christ-like leadership.



Students Help With Annual Fund Drive

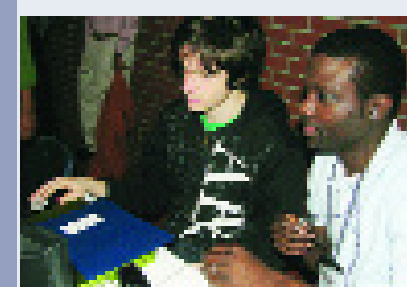
Cory Burnette ('12) was one of 19 students who volunteered his Sunday to call alumni and friends for support of BMA's Annual Fund. As always, alumni showed their support by contributing to the \$60,000 goal.



Aerial Aires Bring Energy to Basketball



Under the direction of coach Carlyle Ingersoll, the Aerial Aires gymnastics team brought energy and support to a recent basketball game.



Ricky Morgan ('09) and Julius Daniels (right), computer technology instructor, facilitate the streaming audio.

School Broadcasts Events Over Internet

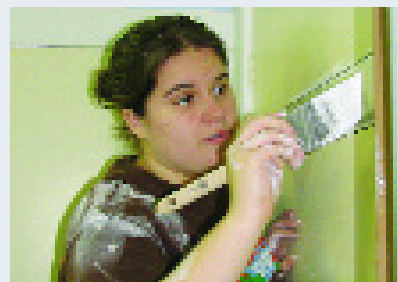
BMA has added live streaming videos to its website for parents and friends who are unable to attend school events. Recent broadcasts include the *Canticle of Christmas* and the La Sonnette Ensemble and Concert Band programs. To view these programs and more, visit bma.us and click on the BMA TV link. The site is updated regularly!

Students Take Mission Trip to York Springs Church

Senior Abby Hartwell's dream of going on a BMA-sponsored mission trip in Pennsylvania recently came true when she was among 16 students who volunteered at the York Springs church. Under the leadership of BMA chaplain David Ferguson, volunteers painted the kitchen/fellowship hall, and cleaned the sanctuary, classrooms, and bathrooms. In just two days, they provided more than 192 volunteer hours.

On Sabbath the students led the worship service at York Springs church through preaching, singing, and telling the children's story. The group also sang at a local nursing home.

It is not uncommon for BMA students to find opportunities to develop their passion for helping others. Many groups serve the community on scheduled service days, as well as on out-of-country mission trips. To suggest a local project for consideration, contact Ferguson at davidf@bma.us.



Abby Hartwell ('09) fulfills a dream of being a missionary in Pennsylvania as she paints the York Springs church.

Physics Students Experiment With Balloons and Cameras

Senior physics and photography students recently embarked on a mission to discover what physics and photography have in common. The plan was to photograph a bursting balloon using a couple of cameras, a high-speed flash, a sound-activated relay, masking tape, duct tape, a bunch of balloons, projectile launchers, four physics students, and five photography students.

Nothing happens instantly, but it doesn't take long for a balloon to burst (left) when it is hit with a fast-moving projectile. Balloons were taped to a board to hold them in place. Physics professor Cary Corbin lined up the projectile launcher to hit the spot on the target balloon. Esther Peter killed the room lights, Jake Benson activated the sound relay, the camera shutters were opened (in the dark), and the projectile was launched. The sound of the launcher tripped the relay, the flash fired, and (most of the time) students were able to get a picture! The short

duration of the flash "froze" the action, and they could see events that happened in milliseconds.

Chuck Castle and Dan Wagner provided the digital cameras. Castle hooked up his camera to a laptop computer, so all could see the results immediately, and adjust the position of the flash trigger for the next shot.

Masking tape was used to control how the balloons burst. Jessica Cardenas even put tape *inside* one

balloon, preventing the back of the balloon from bursting.

Jaron Senecal and Ioana Danci placed tape in a spiral and captured the balloon tearing along the path of the tape. Students also placed tape completely around a balloon and fired to one side of the tape. This provided a picture of half a balloon exploding while the other half maintained its inflated shape.

Visit bma.us to see more physics projects.
—Cary Corbin

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Coming EVENTS

May

3-4 Academy Days
22-24 Graduation Weekend

For a more detailed schedule, see the online calendar at bma.us.

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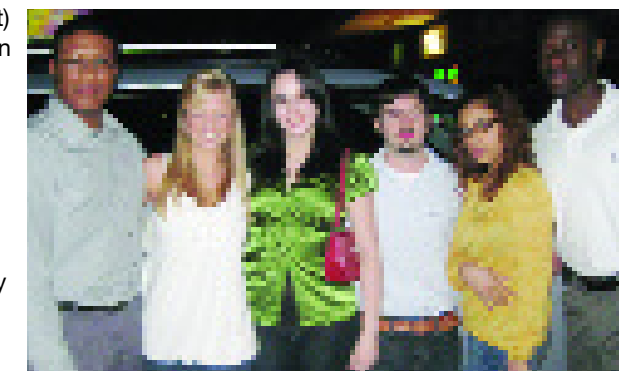
The Verdict is in: Mock Trial Team Wins!

Columbia Union College's (CUC) Mock Trial Team (right) recently returned victorious from their first competition of the semester against the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, Fla.

This year's victory was especially celebrated because UCF had assembled their "A" team to compete against CUC. UCF has six different mock trial teams, whereas CUC has one. Even against these intimidating odds, prayer and hard work paid off. Team captain Natalie Hynum, a senior political science/pre-law major, was very ecstatic about the win. "The time and effort we all put into the case really paid off," said Hynum.

After reviewing score sheets and commentary, the competition judges named Michael Martell, a senior communication major, as "Best Witness," and Hynum was named second runner up for "Best Attorney."

"Although we did well, this is an ongoing learning experience," said Hynum. "We have a lot of work to do as we step up our level of preparation even further for our next competition." While in Orlando, team members also visited two area Adventist churches, taking participatory roles in Sabbath School and worship services.



WGTS Hires First Full-Time Chaplain

Terry Johnsson, former associate senior pastor for Sligo church—CUC's campus church—recently joined the team at WGTS 91.9 FM, CUC's "Gateway to Service" radio station. Johnsson will minister to the station's listeners as their chaplain and through community relations.



Terry Johnsson, former pastor at Sligo church, has joined the WGTS team as its first full-time chaplain.

Based on recent Arbitron ratings, more than 40 percent of the station's 500,000 weekly listeners are not affiliated with local churches. As a result, the station's management decided to implement a position to help carry out the ministry of Jesus in the lives of each listener. Johnsson, already well-known among listeners, has been working with the station on a voluntary basis for the past seven years. He has undergraduate

degrees in both theology and communication-broadcast radio as well as master's degrees in both religion and counseling.

"Because of his personality and sincere desire for ministry, Terry Johnsson was the man we saw properly fit for the job," says John Konrad, WGTS vice president and general manager.

For listeners searching for a church home, Johnsson wants to send them to "radio friendly" Adventist churches in the Washington, D.C., area.

"We want to develop church environments where everyone feels loved when they walk in the door and where people will go out of their way to help them belong," Johnsson explains.

He will head programs that include online Bible studies, multiple annual evangelistic campaigns, as well as weekly prayer ministries, all aimed at helping unchurched listeners become a part of a local church family. Johnsson will also help form radio ministries through media evangelism courses at CUC.

WGTS is a fully listener-supported radio station serving the Washington metropolitan area and the global community at wgts919.com.

Former Public Relations Director Returns in a New Role

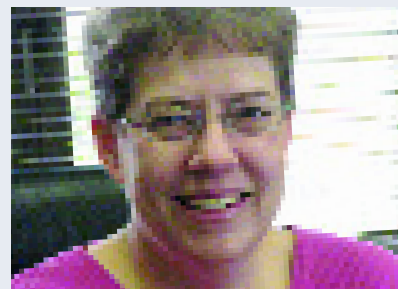
CUC president Weymouth Spence recently recruited Angela Abraham (right), a former director of the college's Public Relations department, to be the new assistant to the president for communication and quality improvement.

Abraham brings 20 years of experience in communication and higher education administration, including two as public relations director at CUC. She is also a CUC graduate with a bachelor's degree in communication and a master's degree in healthcare administration from Andrews University in Michigan.

Abraham will direct the outsourcing of key communication efforts and products as the college transforms into a university of excellence, and is responsible for ongoing internal and external communication.

With a strong emphasis on customer service iterated in the college values statement, Abraham will chart a new path for efficiency and effectiveness on campus. She will field customer service issues, study processes, and craft new policies and procedures for implementation campus-wide.

"I see CUC as a newly minted diamond," says Abraham. "The rough-cut work has already been done, making the gem's value readily apparent. It's my job—in both roles—to hone the rough edges bringing forth the inner beauty, color, and sparkle of this jewel."—*Michael Martell*



Summer Programs to Ensure Student Success

For many years, Columbia Union College has been offering the Capital Summer Session to incoming freshmen. This three-week intensive program, offered just before the start of the fall semester, allows new students the opportunity to earn college credits while immersing themselves in the cultural richness of the Washington metropolitan area. Capital Summer Session 2009 will take place July 27 to August 13.

The college is now launching a second program for freshmen—a college summer bridge program for students who wish to strengthen academic skills, build confidence,

form friendships, and enhance their potential for college success.

This six-week academic program, offered July 6 to August 13, has two tracks. Track 1 will cover a variety of subjects, including college writing, reading, study skills, mathematics, and computing. Track 2 is a music bridge program for students who want to major in music but who need to enhance their knowledge of music theory.

The cost of the summer bridge program is \$1,600, excluding food. Priority will be given to students who have been accepted to CUC by the application deadline. These students are eligible to apply for scholarships to cover the cost of the program. Other students will be accepted if space is available.

As summer bridge program participants, students will benefit from a number of services designed to improve the transition from high school to college, including admissions counseling, financial aid education, student mentoring, social and recreational activities, campus and regional tours, and ongoing academic advising following completion.

June 15 is the deadline to apply for the bridge program. For more information about either program, contact the Office of Admissions at (301) 891-4502 or admissions@cuc.edu.

CALENDAR

May

- 1-3 Graduation
- 11 Summer Session I Begins
- 17 CUC Constituency Meeting

June

- 15-July 23 Summer Teaching Institute I

July

- 6-Aug. 13 Bridge Program
- 27-Aug. 13 Capital Summer Session

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Summer program participants connect with new friends in a new city.

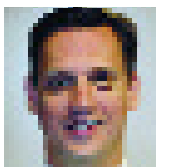
Spotlight on Spencerville

MAY 2009

Knowing Him Makes the Difference

In our busy lives, we are constantly being pulled away from the core mission to which Christ has called us. Because of the unique gifts that God has given each of us, that mission is different for each person. During seasons of my life when I begin to feel "off-center," I re-read sections of the book *Education* by Ellen G. White. This powerful book has never failed to bring me back to center and back to the very reason I was called into the ministry of education. I am sure that many educators experience the same thing when reading this book.

Recently, during one of my reading sessions, it became crystal clear why students in our schools out-perform the rest of the nation academically. The *CognitiveGenesis* study has provided the "proof" about our academic results, but the testing companies are asking us what we are doing to get these results. It really is quite simple and is captured in the following quote: "To love Him, the infinite, the omniscient One, with the whole strength, and mind, and heart, means the highest development of every power. It means that in the whole being—the body, the mind, as well as the soul—the image of God is restored" (*Education*, p. 16). Here at Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA), we integrate faith and learning and, as the poet Robert Frost wrote many years ago, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."



Brian Kittleson
Principal

Students Present Spring Week of Prayer

SAA students recently took over the school's spring week of prayer. Working under the theme "Lessons from Daniel," a different academy class was responsible for each day's program, including the song service, Scripture reading and prayer, special music, and the message for the day. The speakers were Ashley

Breetzke ('12), Ryan Comeau ('11), Meagan Thompson ('10), and Evan Knott ('09). Students were challenged to make decisions for Christ before temptation strikes, encouraged to fully trust in Jesus, and to have the courage to stand against worldly influences as a witness for the Lord.

As Sabbath approached, students were also invited to attend a set of programs on Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon at the Spencerville church to further their study of God's Word and to consider ways in which they can help finish the Lord's work. They heard from Spencerville Bible teacher Kameron DeVasher, Spencerville youth pastor Shawn Paris, worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church vice president Ted Wilson, and *Adventist Review* editor Bill Knott. They were to examine and embrace Paul's instruction to Timothy, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12, NIV).

Please keep the young people of SAA in your prayers, as the Lord continues to work on their hearts, to make them the generation of Seventh-day Adventists He is calling to finish the work and hasten His soon coming.—*Kameron DeVasher*



Meagan Thompson, Class of 2010, was one of four student speakers to lead out in Spencerville Adventist Academy's spring week of prayer.

Prospective Students Welcomed at Academy Day

Spencerville Adventist Academy students recently welcomed 40 visiting students interested in learning more about what SAA has to offer them during Academy Day. The day started with students quickly making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. Visiting students were involved in a chapel service, a scavenger hunt, music and drama department performances, lunch, basketball games, and a gymnastics show.

Additionally, students were introduced to staff and were able to take tests to qualify for departmental scholarships. The day ended with an awards ceremony and a slide show of the day's events accompanied by background music from SAA's jazz band. Teachers look forward to welcoming new students for the coming school year.—Rod Kerbs



Spencerville students Kaiya Kretchmar ('10) and Emily Mastrapa ('10) get ready to welcome visitors to Academy Day and introduce them to the benefits of the school.

Reflecting Jesus in our Teachings

In the Adventist system, members understand the connection between education and salvation. But sometimes the connection between the two is more than the implications and influences that one has on the other. Sometimes, instruction can be a metaphor of salvation, as is the case with Differentiated Instruction (DI).

doing this automatically for many years by varying their instruction to fit the needs of the children in their classes, by not letting their students settle for failure, and by creating communities and relationships that foster learning.

The basic tenets of DI are that instruction must be intentional, instruction must hold students to high standards, and instruction must be modified to fit the needs of the students in the classroom. Approaching instruction this way changes the way teachers assess students' performances, evaluate their performances, and report the achievement levels of their mastery.

So how is DI a metaphor of salvation? Consider the standard that God has for us in order to receive salvation: believe in Christ (Mark 16:16). Everyone must follow that high standard. We won't be saved if we believe only a little bit; we must believe whole-heartedly. But how do we come to the point of belief? Are we all "saved" in the same way? Of course not. Jesus takes us where we are and works with us according to our individual needs. We don't all need to be

met at the water fountain at noon. We don't all need to be struck blind on our way to work. Jesus knows what He must do in the classroom of life in order to call us to the point of mastering a life walking with Him forever.

Jesus, the Master Teacher, practiced Differentiated Instruction on a daily basis, and He still does. Spencerville Adventist Academy teachers are following His lead. Those interested in learning more about DI can pick up *Fair Isn't Always Equal* by Rick Wormeli, or any number of books by Carol Ann Tomlinson or Robert Marzano. Be prepared to have your conventional knowledge about education challenged, but also be prepared to be enlightened and excited about education.—Carrie Hess



Technology teacher Darlene Rackley works with eighth-grader Lara Richli in the SAA computer lab.

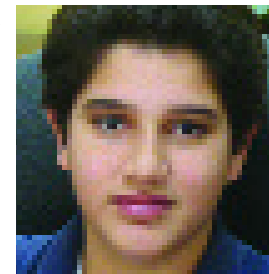
DI is a mindset in the classroom where the teacher does everything in his or her power to help students learn. Good teachers have been

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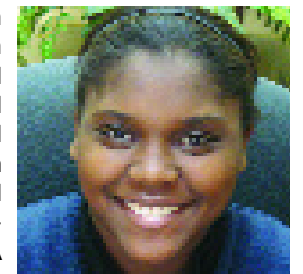
Why I Chose to Attend Shenandoah Valley Academy

Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) is home to 217 students who have all discovered that SVA is filled with warm, caring, Christian teachers; a challenging academic curriculum; a variety of fulfilling extracurricular activities; and boundless opportunities to grow spiritually. Below, students share what they love about SVA:

I like the fact that SVA is in the country, and I can feel close to God in nature. I also like leading out in religious activities and holding weekly Bible study groups with my friends.
—Nicolas Lapido ('12).



I had tried two years in a row to attend SVA, then I met the recruiter, and she told me that if God wanted me here it would happen. There were a ton of obstacles, but I raised the money through donations, working hard; SVA student aid; church help; and of course, my parents. God wanted me here and He made it happen.—Pamela Jones ('10)



SVA has a great sports program, and Josh Jetter, the coach, encouraged me to play on the soccer team.
—Cristian Perez ('10)



I had a friend who was at SVA, and he talked me into attending. I like the friends and the academics.
—Michael Sumbillo ('10)

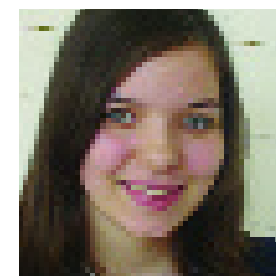
Music is an important part of my life, and I like the fact that there are so many different music groups that I can join at SVA.
—Matthew White ('10)



I really like SVA and the many ways that I can be a witness for Jesus. The trips to feed the homeless are a great opportunity to help others and share my love for Jesus.
—Danae Lawson ('10)



Dorm life is an experience that you can't get at a public school. Living together helps you make friends with people that you wouldn't normally get a chance to know. In public school, I didn't form close relationships with the students or teachers like I have at SVA.—Ashley Edwards ('11)



I had heard about SVA and knew that it was a good school, so my family and I went there to take a tour and really liked what we saw, so I decided to attend.
—Sam Shingleton ('12)

News you can use from Takoma Academy

Knowing God's Voice

How connected to God are you? Would you be able to do what He asks even when it appears to go against God's own laws? In Genesis 22, God asks Abraham to sacrifice his own son, and though his heart was breaking at the thought, Abraham readied himself to follow God's command. That Abraham heard God's voice, and knew it was His voice—and not the deceiver's—is amazing to me. I want to be so connected to God that even when the request goes against everything I know Him to stand for, I will know it is Him and will follow His request.

God says in Jeremiah, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:11-13, NIV). Knowing the voice of God comes through an intimate connection to Him. It comes when I search for Him with *all* my heart. Let's covenant together to spend whatever time is necessary with our Father so when *He* calls we will *know* His voice and answer.



Dunbar Henri
Principal

NEWS

New Principal Announced

David Daniels (below), principal of Mount Vernon Academy (MVA) in Mount Vernon, Ohio, will be Takoma Academy's (TA) next principal. Since 2005 he has served as principal at MVA, after serving as vice principal for one year. He also served at Liberty Christian Academy in Columbus, Ohio, where he was a teacher and college counselor, eventually becoming vice principal in 1999 and then serving as elementary principal for four years. Daniels began his educational ministry as a math teacher at Griswold Christian Academy in Columbus. He also served on Ohio Conference's Educational Technology Committee. Daniels holds a Bachelor of Psychology from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., and a Master of Business Administration from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio.



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Graduation Speakers Announced

DeWayne Boyer (left), religion teacher at Takoma Academy from 1992-2008, will be the Baccalaureate speaker for this year's graduation. He is currently teaching at Spencerville Adventist



Academy in Silver Spring, Md. He is also a contributor to the North American Division's religion curriculum.

The Commencement speaker will be TA alumna and nationally recognized presenter and consultant Robyn Jackson, PhD (right). Jackson is the author of three books, including her most recent *Never Work Harder Than Your Students and Other Principles of Great Teaching*.



Calendar

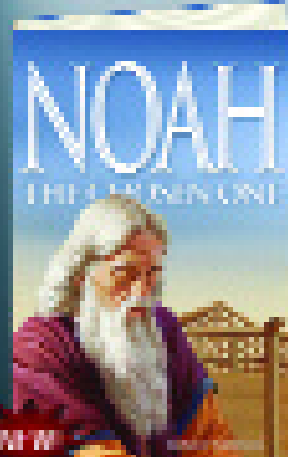
May

- 4 AP Government Exam
- 6 Asian-Pacific Heritage Assembly
- 7 AP English Literature Exam
- 14 *Twelve Angry Women* Production, 7 p.m.
- 17 *Twelve Angry Women* Production, 4 p.m.
- 18 Board and Staff Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m.
- 21 Junior/Senior Banquet
- 25 No School—*Memorial Day*
- 28 Spring Concert
- 29 Spring Picnic

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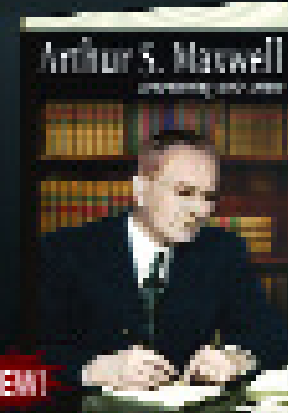
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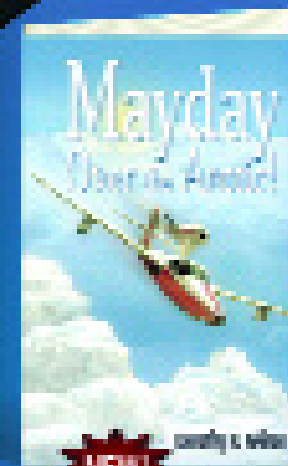
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cousins. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

OSBORNE, Mary Pauline,

born September 16, 1921, in Roane, W.Va.; died Dec. 21, 2008, in Charleston, W.Va. She was a member of the Summersville (W.Va.) church. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Kellis and Linda Osborne; her daughter and son-in-law, Ramonda and Kelley Stanard; grandchildren, Kelli (Todd) Samples, John B. (Kari) Osborne; stepgranddaughter, Valarie Stanard; great-grandchildren, Gracen Samples, Ely Osborne, Justin Samples, and Ganon Osborne; brother-in-law Lennis Osborne; and sisters-in-law, Grace Brown, Carolyn Gray, and Ruby Pritt.

SPENCER, E. Leona,

born July 5, 1918, in Wood, W.Va., daughter of the late Daniel N. and Ada Belle Scott Gilchrist; died December 22, 2008, in Parkersburg, W.Va. She was a member of the Parkersburg church. She retired a librarian at West Virginia University-Parkersburg. She is survived by one stepson, Ronald Spencer of Inman, S.C.; two stepdaughters, Linda Meile of New York and Sandra Anthony of Virginia; three stepgrandchildren; and one sister, Emma Hively of Parkersburg. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond D. Spencer; four sisters, Catherine Weaver, Virginia Gorrell, and Mary Cochran, all of the Parkersburg area, and Florence Webber who resided in New Martinsville, W.Va.; and one brother, Jack Gilchrist, who resided in Akron, Ohio.

STAUFFER, Fred I.,

born July 20, 1933, in Hazleton, Pa.; died July 1, 2008, at his residence in Springfield, Ohio. He was a member of the New Carlisle (Ohio) church. He was a graduate of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md. (president of his class), and Potomac University in Washington, D.C., with a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology. He interned at the Wooster (Ohio) State Mental Hospital, Harding Psychiatric Hospital in Worthington, Ohio, and the Kettering Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. He also served as a pastor at several Adventist churches in Ohio. In 1972 he became a probation officer. He graduated from the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy and has been a commissioned Clark County Sheriff's Deputy since 1972. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, June A. Stauffer; a son, Brad Stauffer, of Dayton; and his sister, Jane Krieger (Arthur) of Sugarloaf, Pa.

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Reflections on the State of our Union

As I reflect on the "state of our union," I see three areas that I believe affect the core life of the church—some for good, and some that challenge us:



First, evangelism. "Evangelism," said Stanley Jones, a missionary to India, "is the life blood of the church." In the past few years, the Columbia Union's leadership, both administrative and pastoral, has renewed our focus on evangelism—globally and locally. The global content has taken several evangelistic teams and special projects to far away places like India, Africa, and elsewhere, proclaiming the last-day message and enlarging the kingdom of God. Local initiatives have brought revival within churches and witness to unreached neighborhoods. This is encouraging.

Second, healing ministry. Hospitals in the Columbia Union have done a commendable job taking the healing ministry of Jesus to new dimensions of care and compassion. Just listening to the reports that our medical work has progressed to becoming the center of medical ministry to the community gives me great joy and happiness. Through its ministry of mercy, our medical institutions have projected a positive image of our Father's business.

Third, education. Something drastic has to be done about this wing of our ministry as we face a lot of challenges. Decades ago missionaries from North America, to whom I am deeply grateful, came to India—my country of origin—and established church schools. Today these schools are self-supporting and financially help the local conference to be about the Father's business. On the other hand, most schools here still need church and conference subsidies. How we are going to make our schools self-sustaining? The union, conference, and church members must pump enough resources and strive to once again make our educational institutions the premier ones in the community. Administration and constituencies must encourage school management to strive toward financial stability. To continue to depend on subsidy is a threat to the survival of our educational system and does not contribute to good stewardship.

As we continue to work in this vineyard, my prayer is that all our institutions—churches, hospitals, and schools—would boldly, fearlessly, and positively display our identity to the world. Wherever we are, the Seventh-day Adventist flag must fly high. Keeping the Adventist identity is our passion; spreading it everywhere is our mission. With such a passion and mission, we cannot but succeed in fulfilling the commission with which we are charged.

Franklin G. David has served for 21 years as senior pastor of the Southern Asian church in Silver Spring, Md.

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