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Families First

Our Neighborhood Bible Study

“Visit your neighbors and show an interest in the salvation of their souls Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts and will make upon their minds lasting impressions Tell them how you found Jesus and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service Tell them of the gladness and joy that there is in the Christian life” Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, p. 38.

Friday evening, March 27, 2009, Cheryl and I walked up our driveway to begin visiting everyone in our neighborhood. We've been praying for our neighbors, we've walked and jogged in our neighborhood, we've become acquainted with some of our neighbors, we've waved at our neighbors, but I must admit we had not yet visited all our neighbors. We knocked on every door — about 70 homes. Most people were home, and all were cordial as we introduced ourselves as neighbors up the street. We gave each one a special invitation inviting them to a neighborhood Bible study in our home to begin April 17. Once we got started we gained courage, and we knew the outcome was entirely up to God.

We prayed every day that God would impress some of our neighbors to come. On Friday evening, April 17, the house was ready, the Bible study lesson was ready, and we were ready to open our home to our neighbors. No one came. Not one. What a disappointment! By 7:30 p.m., we had prayer, and then Cheryl and I went through the Bible study by ourselves. But we figured Saturday evening would be different and just left it with the Lord. Not one knock on the door the next night. Unbelievable. Again we studied the Bible together and prayed for our neighbors.

Sunday evening, 7 p.m., we heard steps on the front porch, the doorbell rang, and we welcomed our next door neighbors. Hallelujah! Talk about joy! And we praise the Lord they have opened their hearts to the Word of God, and to the truth found only in Scripture. Patrick and Arlene tell us every night after the study how much they love reading and learning. We've studied about the second coming of Jesus. We've studied about the great love of God and God's provision through Jesus for all of us to be saved and live eternally. After the study on salvation through faith in Jesus, Patrick and Arlene voiced their desire to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

We've studied the origin of evil and the great controversy between Christ and Satan. We've studied how it will all end and that sin will be destroyed forever, and the entire world will be re-created. We've studied the first angel's message of Revelation 14, and will study all the three angels' messages. In other words, we're studying present truth. A couple nights ago they said, “Why don't you come to our home for the next study?” So that's what we did last night. The topic was God's special sign in the last days — the beautiful message of the seventh-day Sabbath. Their son, home from college, and their high-school senior daughter joined us last night.

It's exciting! We don't know where it will lead. But, we're claiming the inspired promise written by God's prophet: “... The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts and will make upon their minds lasting impressions.”



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Families First

BY ALLAN R. WILLIAMSON

Recently, I was connecting to another flight at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. If I have time before my flight leaves, I like to walk between the concourses instead of riding the train.

As I walked between concourses T and A, I found an interesting display of 14 rock sculptures from Africa. Each sculpture has an inscription of the importance and meaning of the design. I was attracted to one of the sculptures which portrayed four generations of a family, with the fourth generation being carried in the arms of the third generation mother. This sculpture was called "The Family Pyramid." The designer learned the art of rock sculpture from his father. He was then sent to a special school to train under a master teacher. The designer developed this sculpture because he wanted to emphasize how important family was to him and how we need to protect, care, and pass on our fam-



Director David Bermejo (back row, center) and the Orlando Spanish Adventurer Club

ily heritage to the next generation. I thought about this family pyramid sculpture and its message as I walked to my gate to catch my flight. As Seventh-day Adventists

we are committed to passing on the heritage of our Bible truths and Christian lifestyle to our families. As a Church we believe that the family unit is so important to passing on

Walking is great exercise and helps me stay "InStep for Life," a new health program developed by the North American Division health ministries department. This fitness program is for all church members. Be sure to visit the website and start walking for your health.

our heritage to our future generations. In the book of Proverbs, it refers to families, children, and grandchildren, as the heritage of the Lord.

God's Plan

David Bermejo is the director of the Orlando Spanish Adventurer Club, which began 13 years ago with a group of five children coloring, singing, and watching videos. The Club has progressed to more than 70 Adventurers who are eager to attend each week. Bermejo shares the following story — it is an inspiring and encouraging story that shows how family ministries can make a difference in the lives of others.

David's pastor, Hermes Taveras, and his wife, Estela, lived in the same neighborhood as another family who were not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Both families had something in common — there were three girls in each of their families. That's when the two mothers bonded and became



Carlos, Julie, Michelle, Mariana, and Valepina Lopez are happy to be a part of the family of God.

friends. Estela told the Lopez family about the Adventurer Club. One Sabbath afternoon, the neighbor's three girls, Valepina, Michelle, and Mariana, came to the church to visit the Adventurer Club. They immediately fell in love with the program. They would come home every week and tell their parents, Carlos and Julie, about the great things they did and learned. Their mother would listen to them and became intrigued by their excitement and energy for the Club. This prompted Julie to start coming to church. After many Sabbaths in church, God moved her heart to be baptized and become a part of the Seventh-day Adventist family. Following in their mother's footsteps, the two eldest daughters started special baptismal classes through the Adventurer Club.

Their father wasn't very excited about this change in lifestyle, and did everything he could to discourage them from attending the Adventurer Club. He soon found out that, no matter what he did to try to discourage them from going to church, they would not give in because the Adventurer Club was where they wanted to be. Their dad's plan had failed. Little did he know what God was about to do in his life. Based in Orlando in the United States Army, he got the word he was to be called for duty in Afghanistan as a medic. Deep down in his heart, the Holy Spirit was quietly working in his life. He noticed the changes that had taken place in his family, and longed for a change in his life as well. He began to ask questions and study the Bible. Just before he was to be deployed, he announced to his wife and daughters that he wanted to be baptized before he left for duty. His girls, who were ready to be baptized, decided they wanted to join



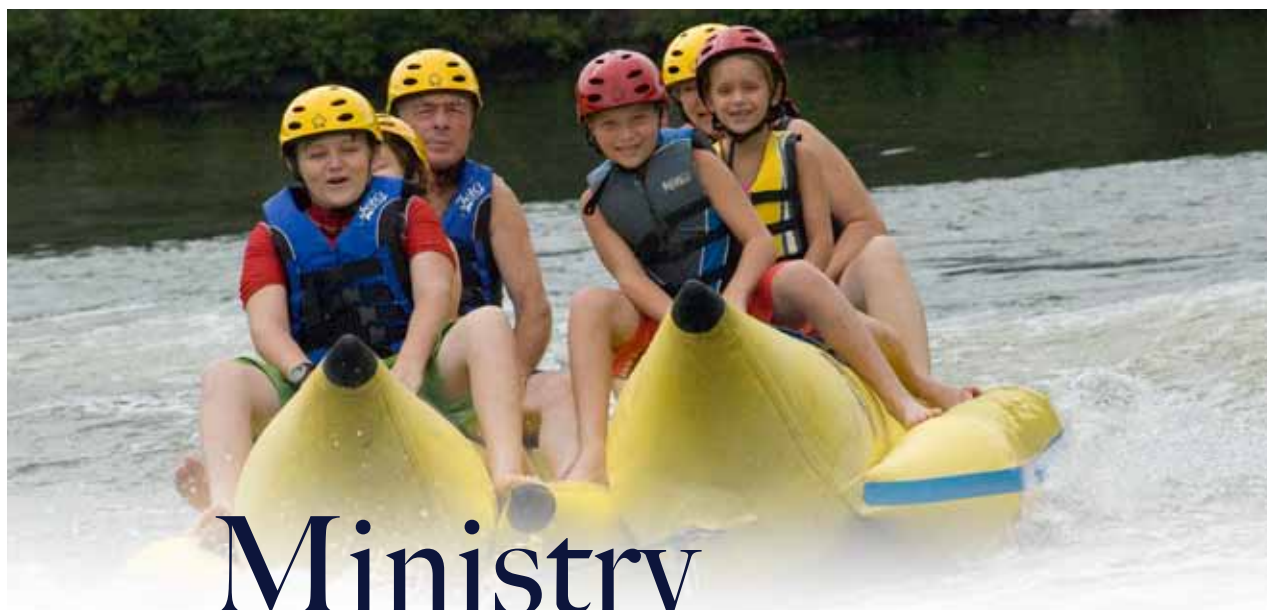
Adventurers Michelle, Mariana, and Valepina Lopez enjoy being members of the Orlando Spanish Adventurer Club.

the family of Christ as a family, and that Sabbath, before leaving, they were baptized in a touching ceremony that moved everyone in attendance. The story doesn't end in the waters of baptism, but continues to the sands of the Middle East. The church received the good news that Carlos is studying the Bible with other Adventist soldiers, and that his captain is also a Seventh-day Adventist.

God truly had a plan for this family. It started with an opportunity to share, and two little girls giving their lives to Christ with the help of the Adventurer Club. It is easy to see how God used the Adventurer Club and family ministries as a witness to guide a family into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. ✨

Allan R. Williamson is youth, family, and church ministries director for the Southern Union Conference.

It is very important for families to have a daily devotional time together where they can sing, read from the scriptures, share their favorite text, and pray. Family devotionals help strengthen our relationship with Jesus and help us to share our faith in the community.



Ministry Resources

HELPING FAMILIES PASS ON ADVENTIST VALUES AND HERITAGE

I am very thankful that I belong to a Church that cares about its future generations, and has developed ministries that will help us pass on our heritage.

Here are some ministry resources that are available from your Church to teach and strengthen your family:

- Little Lambs – a program for preschool children
- Eager Beavers – kindergarten age
- Adventurers – grades 1-4
- Pathfinders – grades 5-12
- Teen Leadership Training (TLT) – a program to develop leadership
- Kids In Discipleship – mentoring kids to be empowered disciples of Jesus now
- Adventist Youth (AY) Meetings
- GODencounters – a movement of young adults wholeheartedly pursuing a 24/7 experience with Jesus Christ
- Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) – a ministry to Adventist public university students
- Campus Ministry – a ministry to involve our academy and Adventist university students in in-reach and outreach ministry
- Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)
- From This Day Forward – a one-day celebration of marriage commitment
- Family Ministries – go to www.adventistfamilyministries.com for further information and resources
- AdventSource – church resource center www.adventsource.org
- InStep For Life – www.instepforlife.com
- National Service Organization (NSO) – a ministry to our Adventist members in the military

For further information and resources, be sure to check the following websites:

- Your local conference website for summer and family camps
- Southern Union Conference www.southernunion.com
- North American Division www.nadadventist.org



Each One Reach One
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Carolina Conference Leaders Answer the Call to “Share Him”

Hands were enthusiastically raised high when the question was asked, “Who would like to participate in preaching a Share Him Homeland Campaign?” The call went out from Jim Davidson, Carolina Conference president, to the Conference directors, associate directors, and members of the executive committee. And it wasn’t just talk; it was action! For three weekends in March, these volunteers spread out over the Carolinas to preach the Gospel. Here are some of their testimonies:

Marlene Morgan, Conference associate treasurer — “If you want to receive



the most wonderful GIFT Try doing a Share Him crusade. My brother-in-law, Leo Smith, and I were

presenters at the York, S.C., Church. When you pray for the Holy Spirit to be with you and ask Him to provide the words, to be only His

words, then the major battle is won. The unique part of this gift is sharing the beautiful story of Christ and seeing eyes fill up with tears, with the love of Christ beaming from listeners’ faces. Nothing, nothing my friend, will ever out-give that gift!”

David Kidder, Carolina Adventist Retirement Systems, Inc., president/CEO — “When asked to participate in the Share Him series at Asheville



Foster Church in Asheville, N.C., my initial response was that my schedule would not allow it. However, when the young adults of our church agreed to assist in presenting this series, their enthusiasm was contagious! I could not say no. And the experience has benefitted me personally, requiring me to study even more, and reaffirming to me how close we are to the second coming of Jesus.”

Sam Bonham, Conference executive committee

member — “As a speaker for this campaign, I was encouraged to witness the commitment

of church members and visitors who were present for each presentation. Several expressed how they were blessed by the clarity of the message. People are truly hungry for, and searching for, Bible truth. The campaigns also served as a time of revival and spiritual reaffirmation for church members. No doubt, God has blessed the campaign, and a harvest is imminent.”

Bob Self, Conference church development and community services director

— “At our first Share Him meeting in the small Asheville



North Church in Asheville, N.C., David, an elderly gentleman who sat alone in the pew was among the five visitors. As he shared his story with me, his voice was barely audible due to surgery that had paralyzed half of his vocal cords. Though raised an Adventist, David left the Church as a youth, joined the military, and lived a life of sin. His eyes filled with tears as he told how God had mercifully provided treatments for lung cancer that kept it from affecting his right lung. The church has embraced and loved him. After the pastor and elders anointed him in prayer, he made his decision for baptism. There is joy in Heaven over every soul who returns to the fold.”

Gary Moyer, Conference executive secretary — “Great meetings at the Charlotte

University City Church in Charlotte, N.C.! Members and visitors were very ap-



preciative of these presentations, and many members learned some new things. On a number of occasions, the subject we presented shared just what members needed for someone they were studying with. We were blessed with six decisions for either baptism or rebaptism. As presenters, Rick Russell and myself were also blessed with revival in our own lives.”

Bonnie Davidson, Conference shepherdess coordinator — “I never thought God could use a timid person like me to preach an evangelistic series. Each time I have had the privilege of sharing His



message of love and hope, it overwhelms my own heart and makes me want to share Him even more. If I can do this, everyone can. I want to do everything I can to hasten His coming. If you want Jesus to come soon, trust Him, surrender to Him, and Share Him!”



Ernie Boughman, Conference executive committee member — “Faith Durkin and I, along with some welcomed support from our spouses, Martin and Sandy, were privileged to present the Share Him meetings at the Columbia First Church in Columbia, S.C. We felt the Holy Spirit present at our meetings, and we praise

God for how He blessed. During our prayer session on the last Sabbath morning, we were thrilled to learn one man had checked his card for baptism. Following the last meeting, we were overjoyed when another gentleman told Sandy and me that he wanted to be baptized. He said this was an answer to his mother’s prayer, which she had been praying for 57 years.”



Robert Crux, Conference associate executive secretary — “We were pleased at how the Thomasville, N.C., Church supported these meetings. The attendance averaged just over 60 percent for the entire series. Some of the

regular attendees were newly baptized members from a previous evangelistic series. They especially appreciated hearing Bible prophecy again, commenting on how clear the Bible is regarding the events leading up to Jesus’ second coming. Perhaps the most special time was after the “Going Home” presentation when the group stood together, joined hands to pray, and made a commitment to meet together in Heaven to join hands again.”

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Michael Brackett Ordained



Rick Russel, Conference treasurer; Dawn and Michael Brackett; Jim Davidson, Conference president; Gary Moyer, Conference executive secretary; Buz Menhardt, former senior pastor; and Haskell Williams, Conference ministerial director.

Michael Brackett was ordained into the Gospel ministry on May 2, 2009, at Mt. Pisgah Church. Conference officials, family, and friends were in attendance to lend their support to this important event.

Brackett was recently voted in as senior pastor of the 450-member congregation located on the campus of Mt. Pisgah Academy. Prior to this promotion, he served as associate pastor for several years.

He and his wife, Dawn, are looking forward to this new chapter in their lives of service to the Lord.

33 Inches of Love Given in Honor of Emma

Emma Boughman was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) on June 18, 2007. This precious girl was only three years old. The doctors and hospitals started the intensive chemotherapy, while her entire family prayed.



Emma lives in Lexington, S.C., with her mom and dad, Ernie and Gale, and her little brother, Alex. They are members of Columbia First Church, and Emma attends Columbia Adventist Academy.

Emma's aunt, Amy, who is also her godmother, knew that "chemo" would

mean Emma would lose her hair. She and Emma's two cousins, Abby (10) and Tori (9), all members of Charlotte University Church, determined they wanted to donate their hair to Locks of Love as a testimony of their love for Emma.

Locks of Love is an organization that provides hairpieces to children. Since the requirement is at least 10 inches each, it took some time to grow their hair to the proper length.

Emma was very brave and went for weekly chemotherapy treatments, and was hospitalized multiple

times. Her immune system was lower because of the treatments and medicines. As part of the treatment, Emma did lose her hair, but never lost her spirit. She is now in remission and looking forward to her last day of treatments on August 23, 2009 — a day of celebration!

Amy, Abby, and Tori were finally able to have their hair cut on March 13, 2009. The total amount cut was 33 inches in honor of Emma. They praise God for His continued watchful care over Emma.

Emma's family



Emma's aunt, Amy (center), and her two cousins, Abby and Tori, had their hair cut for Locks of Love. The total amount cut was 33 inches in honor of Emma.

launched a website to help raise money for toys, games, and crafts for their local children's hospital. You can visit it at www.emmaslight.org.

—BY BRIAN KING

World War II P.O.W. Receives Presidential Honor



What would you do if you received a letter and photograph from the President of the United States? Usually such honors merit heroic acts, strength, and positive influence in perilous times. Charles R. Baskin of Columbia, S.C., received this award for his patriotism and selflessness in the line of duty. Former President George W. Bush said, "Baskin contributed to the advancement of freedom in the 20th century and displayed the character and sense of purpose

that makes our country great." Les Rilea, Southern Union civilian chaplain, presented Baskin with the letter of recognition for his courageous acts as a veteran and P.O.W. during WWII.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER



Elders' Retreat Brings Needed Training



Carlton Robinson (left, standing), Spencer Stump, Mel Cline, Willie Williams, Carl Preciado, Charles Muse, Diane Burishkin (left, seated), Audrey Bodeker, Wayne Bodeker, and James A. Cress, General Conference ministerial secretary

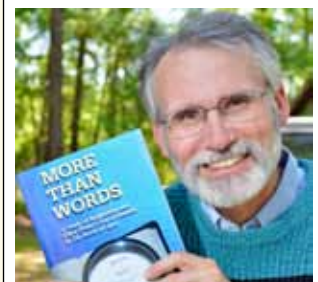
"This has been extremely helpful," stated one of the attendees at the recent elders' retreat held at Nosoca Pines Ranch. This year's presenters were James A. Cress, *General Conference ministerial secretary*, and Jonas Arrias, *General Conference associ-*

ate secretary. Arrias also edits *Elder's Digest* magazine.

The role of elder is not a position to be taken lightly. Simply put, elders should be peacemakers, prayer warriors, teachers, leaders by example, and decision makers. They are the preaching

and teaching leaders of the Church. These thoughts and more were brought out by the presenters, who especially addressed the challenges and opportunities an elder faces as a shepherd in their church.

—BY RON QUICK



More Than Words

Kevin Morgan, pastor of the Warrensville Church, recently published his latest book, *More Than Words*.

It recounts the fascinating story behind the writing of Ellen White's *The Desire of Ages*. *More Than Words* was inspired by a talk by Jim Davidson, Conference president, who expressed concern over the Church's loss of identity as a special Advent people.

144 Baptized at Maranatha Church Crusade

Maranatha Church in Miami Gardens, Fla., ended a four-week Good News Gospel Explosion Crusade with 103 new converts and 41 rebaptisms. The church was filled to capacity as former Calypso king-turned-evangelist, Claudius Morgan, explained the scriptures.

Morgan delivered the nightly sermons with the assistance of his family. Scriptures were read by his wife, his daughter sang, and his son played the drums. Sermon topics included “How Did Sunday Worship Come to America?”, “The Truth of the Spotted Leopard,” “Who Determines Whether You Live or Die?”, and “What Happens When a Lady has Labor Pains?”

Several subsequent baptisms have taken place after following up with individuals who were touched by



DWIGHT WITTER

Evangelist Claudius Morgan (band raised) and the former Maranatha associate pastor, Stephen Stewart (now pastor at Covenant Church, Pembroke Pines), prepare to baptize two of the 144 individuals who made decisions for Christ at Maranatha Church's Gospel Explosion Crusade.

the crusade. Visitors from a local community church were so impressed with the meetings, they invited Morgan to preach there on the following Sunday. He accepted their invitation.

“The meetings brought the entire church and the wider community together,” says Keith Harding, Maranatha senior pastor. “We were inspired and energized by Claudius’

dynamic, Bible-centered preaching. We will remember his enthusiasm, unique style, and spirit-filled ministry for a long time.”

—BY LESONIE WALKER AND LEONARDA MCKENZIE

Grace Rutt Celebrates 103rd Birthday



TOM SEIFERT

Grace Rutt, nicknamed “Amazing Grace” by her friends, turned 103 years old on March 30, 2009. Along with one brother, she was raised on a farm in Bethlehem, Penn.

Married at age 18, Grace raised five children. The family always had a large garden and canned enough food to last them through the winter. After the death of her first husband in 1964,

Grace began working in the local high school cafeteria. Her second husband was killed in a car accident, and her third husband passed away in 1998.

In 2004, Grace moved to Florida with her daughter, Hannah Eppel. At age 98, she started volunteering at Florida Hospital Heartland Division in Sebring, keeping the serving deck clean two days a week. Each year, hospital staff honor her on her birthday.

Grace regularly attends Avon Park Church where she enjoys participating in Sabbath services and prayer meetings. On March 29, the day before her 103rd birthday, more than 100 friends met at the church to congratulate Grace and assure her of their love and best wishes. Several of her friends remarked how much they hoped to be doing as well as Grace if they lived to reach her age.

—BY NAOMI ZALABAK

New Port Richey School Attains Junior Academy Status

New Port Richey, Fla., Adventist Christian School will become a 10-grade facility with the addition of grades 9 and 10 in the fall of 2009. The school currently has four teachers and 50 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. A fifth teacher will be added in the fall.

The existing \$1,000,000 state-of-the-art school plant was built less than six years ago on seven acres across the street from New Port Richey Church. The property has a softball diamond and soccer field, plus recreational activities and playground for all grades. A new basketball/volleyball/tennis court was recently built.

The school is actively involved with Conference-sponsored programs such as Outdoor Education at Camp Kulaqua in High

Springs, Fla., and Festival of the Arts at Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Fla., as well as community service projects such as Adopt-a-Road. Highlights of New Port Richey School's curriculum include strong math, science, and Spanish courses.

All students begin playing instruments and are part of the school band, starting from the third grade. Different classes each month are assigned special music at church, and the upper-grade students plan one Vesper program per month. The marimba band performs concerts at churches and other venues in a 100-mile radius.

New Port Richey Church operates a day care as a feeder to the school. The child enrollment is 125 with 17 employees. Gym-



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Principal Almibar Cruz (second from right), directs the school's traveling marimba band, in addition to teaching math and science.



New Port Richey Adventist Christian School

nastics, Spanish, music, and Christian principles are taught, helping to give the school an excellent reputation and making it one of

the highest-rated facilities in Pasco County.

For addition information, visit www.nprsda.org.

—BY LENNIE SCHIEFER

Family Fellowships Flourish at Pine Hills Church



JOAN DE GANNES

Members of the Clement family pray before studying the Bible.

Pine Hills Church, Orlando, Fla., launched a Family Fellowships program on Sabbath, February 14, 2009, led by Newton King, pastor, and Kevin Lake, volunteer

lay pastor and recent graduate of Oakwood University, Huntsville, Ala.

This model decentralizes the weekly prayer meeting from the local church to multiple prayer and study groups meeting in 20 homes and covering these subjects: sharing and caring, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

Each week's focus is on prayer and intercession for the salvation of neighbors, friends, and family mem-

bers. Prayer lists are submitted by church members with the names of families they wish to see led to Jesus this year. These individuals are prayed for and also nurtured by members' acts of kindness through meeting felt needs.

In April, the families were invited to join Pine Hills Church members in the 20 groups to study a series of 15 Bible lessons. These lessons combine family life education with Bible

doctrine. The group study series will culminate in July with a family life reaping campaign.

The Family Fellowship evangelism model used at Pine Hills was created and monitored by Gordon and Waveney Martinborough, former co-directors of Inter-American Division family ministries and current directors of Happy Family Bible Seminars International, Apopka, Fla.

—BY JOAN DE GANNES

School Music Group Wins Top Honors

The Fire 'n Steel Ensemble from Walker Memorial Academy, Avon Park, Fla., was announced as grand prize winner of the annual Music USA Festival's instrumental category, which included concert bands and other ensembles. The event was held March 27, 2009, at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

Fire 'n Steel consists of 18 talented musicians in grades 7-12 performing on steel pans originating from the island of Trinidad. Participating students must be able to read music, have the ability to memorize, have a keen sense of rhythm, and be a member of the school band.

Music USA Festivals are the most prominent musical events for middle and high school choral and instrumental performing ensembles on the east coast. The Festival competitions are held in Florida, New York, and Washington, D.C. Each performing ensemble receives an on-stage clinic



LIANA KUIJER

Fire 'n Steel members, under the direction of Leonard Cann: Nikki Paradero (left, top row), Gopaul Sankar, Jonathan Tangunan, Stephanie Anglero, Jim Magpayo, Casey Manaban, Rachel Reid, Rexley Demiar, Kyle Asumen, Kristelle Lagabon, Hazel Teope, Roan Asumbrado (left, bottom row), Johnel Lagabon, Karl Asumen, Patrick Atiga, Darren Martin, Aaron Bautista, and Kristen Paradero. Not pictured: David Jolly.

with a professional adjudicator, a performance rating with taped comments by a three-judge panel, and a professional CD recording of their performance.

Competing against other steel drum groups from across the state of Florida, Fire 'n Steel captured the first place trophy with a

superior rating in the competition. This win qualified them for the grand prize in Music USA Festival's instrumental category.

The double icing on the cake came when Gopaul Sankar, a sophomore, was chosen as one of five outstanding soloists in the festival.

Fire 'n Steel members were musically and spiritually motivated as they prepared for this event and sought the Lord's guidance at each rehearsal. They also found this to be a very positive educational reward for the hard work and concentration required of them.

—BY LEONARD CANN

Victory Company Enjoys a Day to Remember



CECILE SENERINE

Shanelia Foster (left) and Tiffany Senerine celebrate together after their baptisms.

Ten baptisms marked April 4, 2009, as a high Sabbath to remember by Victory Company members and visitors in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Earlier in the morning, Theo Roberts, pastor, challenged the baptismal candidates to consider a new start by sacrificing time and energy in an united effort to see individuals come

into the kingdom of God.

After worship services, the congregation moved to the nearby Fort Pierce Church to utilize its baptistry for the special baptismal service. The candidates were prepared for baptism in classes conducted by Earl Campbell, head elder, and Bible studies from Roberts.

Inspiring songs prepared waiting hearts for

the anticipated moment of the day when Roberts and Jerome Ebanks, elder, entered the water to baptize 10 individuals for Jesus Christ.

Returning to their church home in Port St. Lucie, new members celebrated their first Communion among fellowship, singing, and testimonies.

—BY THEO ROBERTS



Preaching Hands “Stream Live”

BY JEFF JORDAN AND REBECCA BROOKS

This year, the Southern Deaf Fellowship (SDF), which meets at the McDonald Road Church, 5440 McDonald Road, McDonald, Tennessee, began sharing sermons on Sabbath morning via live web streaming on the Internet, using American Sign Language (<http://www.deafchurchonline.org>). Sabbath School starts at 10 a.m., and church service at 11:15 a.m., each Saturday morning.

“We can reach people around the world through this method,” says Jeff Jordan, SDF pastor. Jordan also coordinates on SDF annual camp meeting each summer, and says about 30 people attend SDF each week, and about 45 on average log on to the web stream. “I know of families who watch, but there is no way of knowing if from the 45 computers that log on are really 100 people watching. We also have approximately 440 visits each month who are watching the archived sermons at different times.”

“It was a real blessing to watch your live video this morning I will contact some deaf people and tell the news,” shares Neil Davidson of California.

“The live web cast of Sabbath worship service went through successfully. I was able to see and understand your sermon (in American Sign Language),” writes Alan Beer from Florida.

It has been estimated that there are more than two million profoundly deaf people and 25 million hearing impaired in North America, and an estimated 75-100 million deaf worldwide. The needs of deaf people have



Jeff Jordan, Southern Deaf Fellowship pastor, preaches using American Sign Language.

been misunderstood, so the deaf work in the Seventh-day Adventist church has been slow. However, the use of technology is helping it grow.

The Southern Deaf Fellowship was organized as the first and only official deaf Adven-

tist Church in the North American Division in 2005. The work began in 1997, when the Georgia-Cumberland Conference called Jordan to plant a Seventh-day Adventist church for the deaf based in the Atlanta metro area. The church plant started slowly from the ground up. Due to the uniqueness of the ministry, the Conference decided to expand the ministry beyond Atlanta to reach the entire Southern Union through the Internet.

In 2008, SDF made the move to be based out of Collegedale, Tennessee. The church could benefit from the wide exposure in the Southern Adventist University community. Students, especially those taking sign language as a second language, could be involved and supportive, and there were already several deaf Adventist families living in the area.

“We were so surprised as we watched your church service and were so thrilled...” says Joyce Sturm from Michigan. ✎



The Southern Deaf Fellowship shares its sermons online via live web streaming every Sabbath morning.

Community Class Teaches Art of Bread Baking

Several Johnson City, Tenn., Church members were among the many attendees of the community bread-making class held at the Jonesborough Visitors Center in East Tennessee. More than 50 people from

six years old to grandmothers and grandfathers, participated. The class was sponsored by Johnson City Church community services ministries department.

The instructor, Bob East, retired pastor of the

Rogersville, Tenn., Church, and a former baker in the Navy, aimed at teaching about “making three loaves of wholesome, healthy bread for less than the price of a gallon of gas.”

It was extremely practical, especially in these hard economic times when eating healthy is becoming expensive.

True to Baker Bob’s words, “Baking is a lost art, and many people are losing that skill.”

However, for those who attended the cooking class, it was revived. At the end of the session, every participant left with a ready-to-bake loaf, and Bob’s recipe for two loaves of bread.

The community was informed about the class through several sources. The local newspaper ran a news release to announce the event. Flyers were distributed by two health food stores in town, and also by the Johnson City Adventist Church. The local Natural Foods Market co-sponsored the event. The local newspaper also reported on the class.

This class was a springboard for other classes that will be offered by the Johnson City Church, including organic gardening, canning, dehydrating and storing food, wellness and health, and alternative energy and heat sources.

—BY MARTHA MICHIEKA



PHOTO BY E. ONYANGO

Those who participated in the bread-baking class each left with a ready-to-bake loaf of bread.

Youth Festival Draws 1,000

“The Youth Festival is a special day of worship set aside to celebrate the faith and talents of our youth and young adults, and to give them a special opportunity to shine for the Lord and be an encouragement to their peers,” says Rob Lang, Georgia-Cumberland Conference youth ministries director. The Youth Festival was held March 28 at the CrossPointe Christian Center in Dalton, Ga.

On Sabbath morning, featured speaker Sam Leonor, campus pastor at La Sierra University, spoke to an estimated 1,000 attendees at the festival. Along with humorous anecdotes, he shared four marks of

the emergent Adventist generation (“that’s you,” he told the audience). First, they will have a deeper devotion to God. Second, they will love like Jesus loves. Third, they will live in “Jesus communities,” meaning they will think more of community instead of being centered on self. And fourth, they will understand that Heaven is about being with God.

“I have a burden for Jesus becoming central to our faith again,” said Leonor. “There are a lot of things that have taken more prominence than Jesus. We were not given lists, we were not given statements of

beliefs, we were given a Person — a Person to love and follow. That’s the most important thing, first and foremost.”

In the afternoon,

the “Expression Session” highlighted the talents of youth, collegiates, and young adults through music and drama.

The day concluded with a performance by guest musician John Waller, a singer, song writer, and worship leader in the Christian community.

“I’ve learned a lot,” said Tara Thompson, who attends Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga. “I liked the speaker and all the music groups. I think the sermon was my favorite thing today. It was really inspirational.”

—BY REBECCA BROOKS



PHOTO BY REBECCA BROOKS

The youth group from the Atlanta North Hispanic Church performs during the “Expression Session.”

Friday Night Light Involves Youth

What do you get when you combine 30 sixth to eighth graders, light refreshments, open Bibles, and probing questions about God's Word? The answer is Friday Night Light.

The Calhoun, Ga., Church has started a new program targeting middle school youth that challenges them to participate in an in-depth, directed Bible study focused on developing a deeper walk with Jesus. The program is "home grown" and was developed by Albert Handal, Calhoun youth pastor. Handal's vision is to immerse the youth in Bible exploration at members' homes, with parents participating as guides in the studies.

After a few minutes for snacks and getting



PHOTO BY JONATHAN WURL

Albert Handal opens the Friday night Bible study for the Calhoun youth group.

acquainted, the youth are oriented to the relevant passage with a short presentation by Handal. They then divide up into small groups of seven or eight, and begin exploring the passage with the help of a study guide that one of the parents uses to direct the small group. The questions are purposefully written to draw the students into the Bible, and to help them look at the characters, motives, responses, and how

Jesus works in new ways.

The response so far has been awesome. Non-Adventist friends and neighbors invited by the youth have attended every meeting. Parents are encouraged to participate, but mainly as listeners and guides.

After about 45 minutes in the small groups, everyone gathers again, and Handal presents a short summary to help wrap things up.

At the first meeting, one of the youth approached an adult and said, "I just want to know Jesus better!"

Friday Night Light is helping make that wish come true.

—BY JONATHAN WURL

Bullock Celebrates 100th Birthday



Eloise Rice Britton Bullock still plays the piano at 100 years old.

Eloise Rice Britton Bullock celebrated her 100th birthday November 20 with family, and on November 22 with friends and the Standifer Gap Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., by playing the piano for the guests and taking a ride on a motorcycle with her son, Cliff.

Eloise met her first husband, Farris Britton, at Cedar Lake Academy. They had three children, Norma Jean, Jim, and Cliff. She has 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

In 1973, she and Farris moved to Florida. While there, eight weeks later, she lost her son, Jim, and her husband, Farris. In her grief, she turned to music, playing the piano for church events across Michigan.

In 1980, she met Odell Bullock at a wedding. They had known each other before through church-related events. They were married in 1980.

Now, having lost her daughter and her second husband, Eloise keeps busy crocheting. Some items are sold to support the building fund and worthy student fund.

—BY ELSIE DELEON

Savannah Hispanic Evangelism Leads to Baptisms

The Savannah Hispanic Adventist Company in

Georgia began an evangelistic series with an emphasis on family during mid-April, with presentations by Jorge Quintana, pastor, and a pastor from the Florida Conference. The meetings were held at the Savannah First Adventist School gym.

The adver-

tisements were few, and only 10 guests arrived the first night. However, by the second and third nights, there were 80 people attending! By the third night, seven people indicated a desire for baptism, and two were baptized on Sabbath.

The Savannah First Church is also planning to hold a series geared toward the Anglo community in the Spring.

—BY MARK PIOTROWSKI



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JORGE QUINTANA

Jorge Quintana, pastor of the Savannah Hispanic Company, baptizes one of the new members at the end of the series.

Conference Singles Retreat a Crowning Success

The phrase “Contagious Christian Singles,” coined by Jennie Bunton, seemed a perfect description of attendees at the Gulf States Conference Singles Retreat held in Montgomery, Ala., recently. The theme for the weekend was, “Successfully Single: Where is My Place in God’s Plan?”

Mel Eisele, Conference president, welcomed the group during Friday night Vespers. Sabbath morning, network engineer Boyd Stephens shared his experiences, explaining the key element to partnering with



The singles represented a diverse group in age, nationality, and occupation.

God is to stay connected to the power Source.

The singles represented a diverse group. A few examples: born in Brazil, England, Hawaii; nurse practitioner, law student, accountant, diesel mechanic, police officer, former NASA engineer; age 20-something to octogenar-

ian. One identifying characteristic prevailed, and that was a strong connection to Christ.

A large nucleus group formed during this retreat, resulting in individuals who will support a committee designed to grow this ministry. The group plans to hold another retreat next year. Regional activities will be spearheaded by local members. A newsletter is planned to keep everyone in touch.

The aim of the Conference Singles’ Ministries is to have a strong spiritual emphasis, to help heal

broken hearts, and provide fellowship for those who’ve experienced divorce, separation, or death of a spouse, or have never married. Almost everyone fits one of these categories at some time in their lives.

This ministry is led by Anita Pembleton, Ph.D., who serves as Conference family ministries director. Her qualifications include licensed mental health counselor, certified family life educator, a bachelor’s degree in business and psychology, a master in counseling and psychology, and a doctorate in behavioral health.

—BY GLADYS SHARRER

CHIP Participants Lose Weight, Lower Cholesterol

Participants in the 30-day Coronary Health Improvement Program (CHIP), held at the University Parkway Church in Pensacola recently, experienced extraordinary outcomes. On average, each of the 24 participants lowered their cholesterol by eight percent, lowered glucose by 5.5 percent, and lost 3.8 pounds.

Melanie Troxell, a certified CHIP instructor, led the four two-hour evening sessions each week for four weeks. Each participant underwent a health screening, including blood laboratory analysis, before and after the program. DVD’s shown during the sessions

featured CHIP program developer Hans Diehl, Dr.HSc., M.P.H., director of Lifestyle Medicine Institute of Loma Linda, Calif., discussing the relationship of diet to diseases, including heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and other health issues. A nationally recognized author and health authority, Diehl stresses eating a wide variety of food as grown, and regular exercise to prevent, arrest, and reverse many western lifestyle diseases.

Participants sampled vegetarian dishes, and carried home recipes, along with a tote bag full of other materials designed to help them take charge of their

health. As CHIP director, Troxell, who has developed numerous vegan recipes, addressed specific health concerns and shared tips on vegetarian cooking.

Troxell says, “All participants had very positive comments about their experience.

The program was good, and the group dynamic was fun. The cooks (church member volunteers) and the food were amazing. Many said the food and recipes are what convinced them that this lifestyle is re-



Wilf Wixwat, Marshall Ward, Ann Pittman, and Pat Hayes perform the CHIP “cbeer.”

producible and enjoyable. Cholesterol, weight, blood pressure, and blood sugars dropped significantly, and people were saying that they just feel better.”

—BY GLENDA HASS

Conference Membership Surpasses 10,000

When Jamie Pombo, pastor of the Montgomery, Ala., Hispanic Company, baptized Jose Humberto Jimenez Ocana, the Gulf States Conference reached a goal in membership that had been set eight years earlier. On March 26, Karen Peoples, Conference membership clerk, entered Jose's name into the records, and he became the 10,000th member.

During the 29th Constituency Session, April 22, 2001, the Conference set a goal of reaching a membership of 10,000 members in a period of five years. At that time the membership was

7,848. But five years later at the 30th Constituency, the membership was 9,054, missing the goal by nine percent.

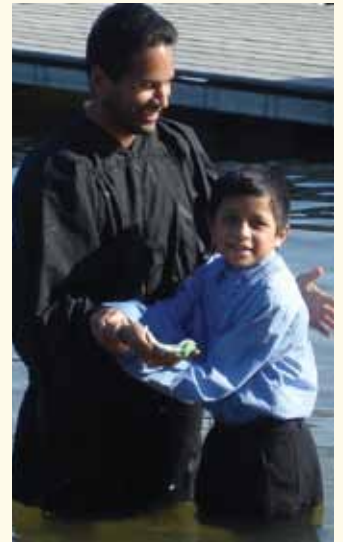
"God has asked us to take the message of Jesus, His love, and soon return, to every person in our territory, and to assist others as they take this message to every person on Earth, urging all to prepare for His return. Those who accept this message are an indicator that we are advancing God's kingdom. Ten thousand members is a mile marker along the road and shows us how close we are to our goal of reaching everyone,"

explains Mel Eisele, Conference president.

"We set goals," says Leslie Louis, Conference executive secretary, "because any organization that functions without a goal is like a ship headed to sea with no destination. An ocean of emptiness is out there for a church to simply float around having endless committee meetings, meaningless discussions, and lukewarm commitments."

On November 14, 2009, a Conference-wide service of thanksgiving and praise is planned to celebrate reaching the goal.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



Ten-year-old Jose became the 10,000th member when he was baptized on March 21, 2009, at Camp Alamisco.

Opelika Church Celebrates Grand Opening



Jeff Westburg, pastor, cuts the ribbon during the grand opening.

9,630-square-foot facility has a seating capacity of 200. Also included are rooms for Sabbath School classes, a large kitchen and dining hall, plus other rooms

with space for an elementary school, an early childhood development center, and an exercise room. The church sits on seven-and-a-half acres, which is being put to good use. A walking trail with exercise stations and a small disc golf course will be available to the community and members soon. Other

outreach plans are to open a language school for the growing Korean community.

The new facility was made possible when the small congregation of members decided to sell their aging church with hopes of finding and building a new church that would better meet their needs. After much prayer,

God, led them to a retailer who offered \$1.3 million for the property. After selling their church, the congregation met with another church in their district until they purchased the current property, which had a house on it. They renovated the house to utilize for worship services until the grand opening.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



The new sanctuary seats 200.

More than 200 members and visitors gathered at the Opelika, Ala., Church on January 31, 2009, to celebrate the grand opening of their new facility. Guests included the mayor of Opelika, former pastors, Conference administrators, departmental leaders, and office staff.

The \$1 million,

Women's Retreat Weekend of Blessings



Women enjoyed beautiful music and inspiring speakers.

More than 240 women gathered in March for the annual Conference Women's Retreat. Many lives were changed as the women experienced Christian fellowship with old and new friends; abundant spiritual refreshing through prayer, inspirational speakers, and beautiful music; and times to be quiet and listen to the Holy Spirit's leading.

"The whole weekend was bathed in prayer," explained Janice Shipbaugh, Conference women's ministries director. Amy Mapp, Conference prayer coordinator, designed a prayer walk

with stations where women could stop and pray. April Hobbs, a member of the women's ministries council, created a prayer room. Prayer request boxes were set up in different areas of the campus, and each evening Mapp and Hobbs prayed for the requests which had been submitted.

Hobbs felt God's leading Sabbath afternoon as she talked to the women about taking time to be still and know God. After her devotional talk, Hobbs played a CD with nature sounds and then came forward to close the meeting. "I didn't plan

to," says Hobbs, "but I felt impressed to make an altar call." When she invited any who wanted to let Jesus into their heart for the first time to come forward, she was amazed as women came forward and joined her. The call was extended to include those who wanted to re-dedicate their lives to God. More than 24 women came forward. "We all felt God's presence as we gathered for prayer," says Hobbs.

Ann Page, a member of the Selma, Ala., Church, also felt God leading her on several different occasions when she had the oppor-

tunity to share her faith and love for God to other women she met at the convention. "Many who attend are not of the Adventist faith, and it's wonderful to have a place to bring friends and family members where we can all grow in Christ together," Page explains. This year the retreat was held at the 4-H convention center in Montavalo, Ala. "Emily Felts-Jones' concert was excellent, and Kay Rizzo was a very real speaker with a powerful message," says Shipbaugh.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Students Conduct Evangelistic Seminar

The first ShareHim evangelistic series conducted by Bass Memorial Academy students was held on the campus, March 30 through April 11. For the Year of Lay and Pastoral Evangelism, Gulf States Conference has set a goal of 1,500 baptisms, and the students decided they wanted to do their part.

A special ShareHim training seminar was held the last weekend of January where students learned the skills they needed to share their faith in an evangelistic format. After completing

this training, they began preparing for the meetings. They took turns preaching to a group of their peers, one of the toughest audiences they will ever face.

It was an enriching experience from both perspectives. The students who presented learned speaking skills and how to organize their thoughts, and gained valuable insight into the process and methods of reaching an audience. Some students were veterans of Seventh-day Adventist truths and doctrines. For others,

this was new material.

The student audience received a blessing by hearing the Words of truth spoken by their fellow students. Their knowledge was expanded and hearts were changed. Several students were convicted of what they heard, and decisions were made to surrender their lives to Christ, and they are now studying for baptism. They are anxious to join the Church and to do their part to share the good news with as many people as possible

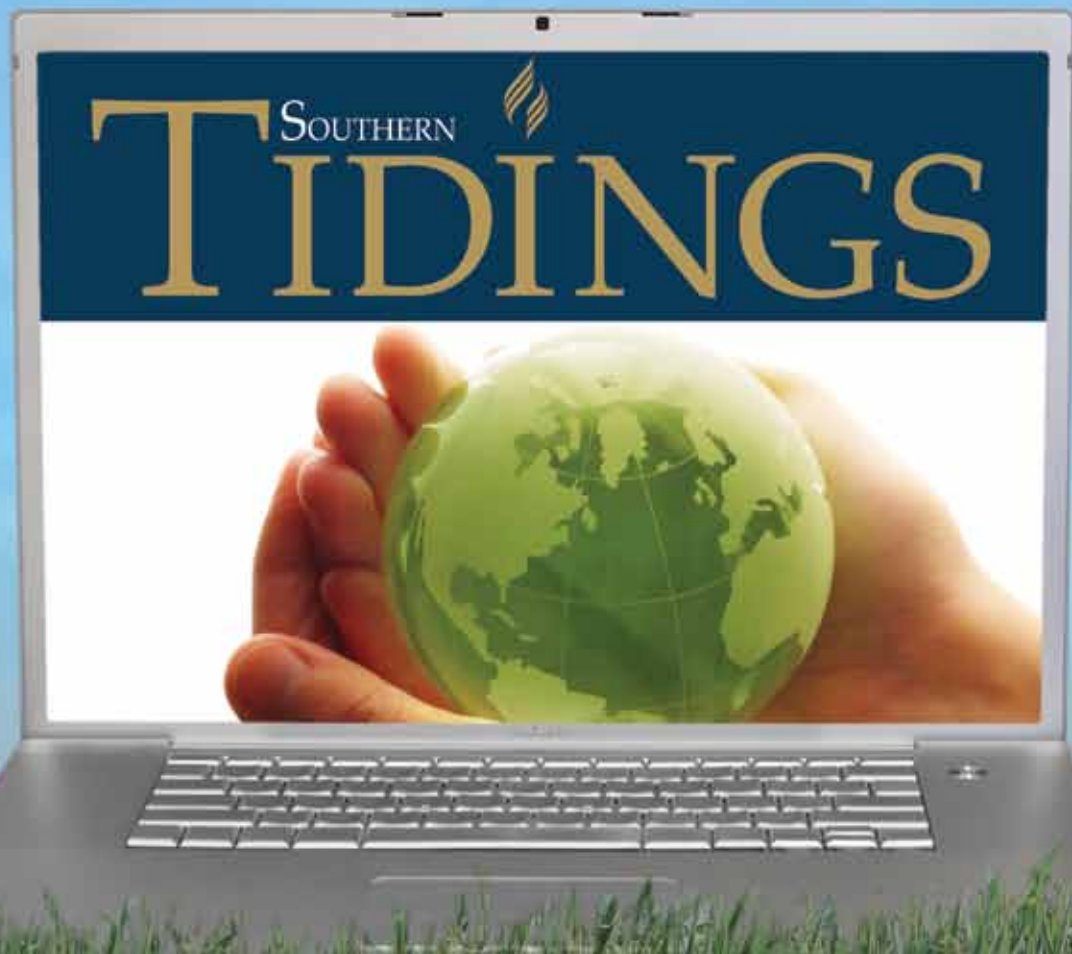
—BY KIM TWOMLEY



Isabel Rodriguez was one of the student preachers.

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In Memory — Dale Hoover

Dale Hoover was born July 23, 1923, in Owensboro, Ky. Even as a child he had a winning personality. When he was only eight years old, he took a job as a paper boy to help support the family during the Great Depression, and continued by working three jobs every day through high school.

Upon graduation, he entered the Army Air Corp and served his country for more than 15 years as a flight panel engineer and pilot serving in World War II. He flew 178 missions on the Berlin Airlift and the Korean Conflict. At the time of his resignation from the Air Force, he had gained more than 8,000 hours of flight time, and many commendations and medals.

While in the Air Force, Hoover was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and, after studying the beliefs and doctrines, made the decision to be

baptized. Not long after his entrance into the Church, he found that he was unable to maintain his military career while still keeping the Sabbath.

With less than five years to retirement, he resigned the only career he had ever known.

Broke and jobless, he felt called by God to go to Houston, Tex. — a city that he had never been to, had no connection with, and knew no one. Once there, he entered the Lord's work as a colporteur, and soon was asked to be an associate director. It was while in this capacity that he discovered what would become his passion and life mission — giving Bible studies and teaching individuals



The Hoovers - Olivene and Dale

and families about God's love.

While in Houston, he met and married Olivene Bailey, a Church school teacher.

The

Texas Conference asked him to pastor a small congregation of 35 members located in Mesquite, Tex. Hoover worked tirelessly giving Bible studies, often four or five a day from morning until late in the evening, and the membership grew to more than 250 members.

Hoover and his family moved to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in 1977. He pastored at Woodbury, Tullahoma, Whitehouse, Lawrenceburg, Pulaski, and Portland, Tenn., and Franklin, Ky.

In each of these places he continued his relentless pursuit of souls by giving Bible studies and, by the grace of God, had hundreds of baptisms through the years. While serving as the personal ministries director for the Conference, he conducted numerous seminars in North America and Scandinavia, teaching the methods he used. He never believed it was anything he did that made him successful. He would always say, "It isn't me, it is God working through me."

Hoover continued to give Bible studies until mid-2006 when his health began to decline. On Sabbath morning, March 7, 2009, Dale Hoover passed away peacefully in his sleep. He awaits the invitation, "Well done my good and faithful servant. Come home to the place I have prepared for you."

—BY RON HOOVER

Adventists Live Longer, Better

Mike Mudd works at Sullivan University, a Catholic university in Louisville, Ky. Recently, he was asked if he knew someone in the Adventist Church who could put up a health fair booth about Seventh-day Adventists and their vegetarian lifestyle. The director for the health fair had heard about Adventists living longer and having better quality lives because of their diet.

Of course, Mudd did

know someone who could handle this assignment. He asked his aunt, Anna Stodghill, if she would be willing to manage a booth at the health fair. She was thrilled to have the opportunity. Lots of young people came through and were very interested in a vegetarian lifestyle. This provided a great opportunity to witness about the Adventist Church.

The booth proved to be a huge success. Since

the health fair is an annual event, chances are good that they will be invited back.

The university has also given Mudd permission to conduct a Revelation Seminar in the theater on campus. He is a member of the



Anna Stodghill and Mike Mudd

South Louisville Church, and has been an Adventist for three-and-a-half years. Phillip Sizemore, pastor, will be helping Mudd during

these seminars. It is very exciting to see how the Lord is opening doors in the last days.

—BY ANNA STODGHILL

God Designs Mission Trip for Students

“You don’t have to travel overseas to make a big impact on people’s lives,” explains Devin McWilliam, a senior at Highland Academy who just returned from the senior mission trip. And, if you were to ask any of the other seniors, they would heartily agree.



Rachel duBois (left) and Laura Cole grout the ceramic tile that the seniors laid for a local church in Holbrook, Ariz.

Obstacles forced the class to change their destination from Peru to Holbrook Indian School in Arizona. Holbrook Indian School is a boarding academy operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for Native American

youth. At first disappointed, they feel that God’s hand was leading them all along.

“I’ve realized how awesome God really is. He knew exactly where He wanted us to be. It was truly one of the best experiences of my life,” shares Katie Pemberton. “Holbrook wasn’t anything like I expected. It was like a third world country right here in America.” Some of the students were surprised at the poverty they witnessed.

Highland seniors, who traveled with a number of skilled sponsors, rolled up their sleeves and did whatever they were asked to do. Some painted the cafeteria, while others landscaped in front of the administration building. Students also worked in the surrounding Navajo Indian reservation. They laid ceramic tile and hung lighting in a local church, repaired an outdoor fireplace for an elderly woman to cook on, and helped older neighbors on the Navajo reservation

prepare their gardens.

“The folks there were so pleased that we helped them. Listening to the Indians tell us stories about their lives meant the whole trip to me,” declared Michael Paynter.

“The night we finished the church, the Navajo Indians invited us to have supper with them. That was a truly unforgettable experience. They were so appreciative of the work we had done for them, and they said they knew God had sent us to them for a reason. Their love for the Lord was truly shown, and it made a huge impression on me,” relates Katie Pemberton.

When the time at Holbrook ended, the seniors enjoyed a few days at Yosemite National Park and San Francisco before they headed home. They experi-

enced dust storms over the desert, blizzard conditions at the Grand Canyon, and breathtaking beauty at Yosemite Falls. But for many, the best part of the trip was the last night spent with their new Navajo friends.



Seniors mix mortar needed to repair an outdoor oven for an elderly Navajo Indian.

Rachel duBois summed it up when she said, “I learned that God always has a plan for us and uses us for His good. Although we didn’t go to Peru, God had a job for us to complete in Holbrook. Sometimes we think we know what God wants us to do, but ultimately He always knows best.”

—BY KAREN SCHIMP

Primary Class Studies Tabernacle

Primary Sabbath School students at the Louisville First Church studied not just a small Tabernacle model, but one that filled their entire classroom. Often during class time, they wore clothing and participated in services using toy animals that made them think of what it must have been like

to make sacrifices. Upon completion of their lessons, students conducted groups of three or four adults through the outer court, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place. They described, with understanding, the meaning of the articles of furniture, the curtains, and the various services.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER



David Voignier looks on as Sydney Stephens explains the Tabernacle model.

Retreat Builds Stronger Families, Couples



Charles and Chris Crosby, family ministries leaders for New Life Church in Rock Hill, S.C., brought 17 couples to the retreat

Although many are facing financial difficulties, it was refreshing to have more than 100 couples come together from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama for a weekend of marriage enrichment, fellowship, and relaxation. The gathering was to participate in South Atlantic Conference's 14th annual Married Lovers' Retreat in February. The retreat took place at the beautiful Savannah Lakes Resort in McCormick, S.C.

Alanzo and June Smith were the keynote facilitators. He is the family ministries director for the Greater New York Conference. She is a

professor at the University of Long Island. The Smiths made sure all retreat participants were actively involved in small group discussions on marriage and communication. One of

the Smiths' presentations, "Virtual Romance: The Internet Affair," dealt with a prevailing issue in churches that is rarely discussed, but is invading homes and damaging marriages, sometimes resulting in separation or divorce.

The Smiths' team ministry has taken them to more than 50 countries where they have conducted more than 1,000 family life seminars/retreats. The Smiths noted that this was the first retreat where the Conference president, executive secretary, and treasurer, along with their wives, were in attendance. Vanard and Ruth

Mendinghall, William and Eula Winston, and Larry and Carol Johnson, respectively, participated and enjoyed group discussions.

Couples married from seven months to 52 years enjoyed the weekend, dispelling the myth that marriage retreats are for troubled marriages. South Atlantic Conference Married Lovers' retreats are more than annual weekend get-aways; they have become an outreach ministry.

Charles and Chris Crosby are the family ministries leaders for New Life Church in Rock Hill, S.C. The Crosbys have been married for 13 years, and have attended the retreats for the past 10 years, consecutively. For the second consecutive year, New Life Church has won the "Married Lovers" trophy for bringing the most couples to the retreat. With the support of their pastor, Eugene J. Hamilton, the Crosby's brought 17 couples to the retreat this year. This was possible because of

financial commitments from 80 members. Three of the 17 couples were not Adventist, and said they are looking forward to attending the retreat next year and bringing other married couples.



Conference officers and their wives enjoyed the retreat. William and Eula Winston (left), Vanard and Ruth Mendinghall, and Larry and Carol Johnson.

It was the goal of Melvin Preston, Conference family ministries director, his wife, Joetta, and his team of committed married volunteers, to host a weekend that would be enriching and relaxing, and would give couples the opportunity to bond with old friends and meet new ones.

—BY REGGIE AND PERSHAWN MATTISON

Berea Junior Academy Conducts Week of Prayer

Week of Prayer for Berea Junior Academy in Sumter, S.C., was held during the third week of March. The featured speaker was Robert Green Jr., pastor.

Green carefully chose relevant topics to be presented to the students such as creation, God's Word, the



Ten Commandments, and Noah.

The students listened with much enthusiasm as each day their imaginations were captivated. Green

articulated the stories in a picturesque form; and during each presentation there were no sleepy eyes, yawning, or displays of boredom.

The students were engaged as hands were raised to participate in the lively discussions. It was apparent that the principal/teacher, Loretta Black, and Rosa McElveen, who also teaches at Berea, are doing a thorough job teaching their students about the Bible.

Not only were the students appreciative of the presentations, but also all

who were in attendance. It was everyone's opinion that the Week of Prayer could have been extended to another week. It is believed that the students, as well as teachers and parents, will remember all that was said, and will use the words spoken as a guide from day to day.

—BY CARLINE SAMUELS

Wesley Knight Installed as Pastor of Decatur

Wesley C. Knight, D.Min., was installed as the new pastor of the Decatur Church in Decatur, Ga., with the Conference president, Vanard Mendinhall, officiating the service.

He is a native of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where he lived until age 13 when his family moved to Huntsville, Ala., where he attended Oakwood Academy.

He is a graduate of Oakwood University (Oakwood College) with a bachelor of arts in theology. After graduating from Oakwood, he attended Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he earned a master of divinity.

Knight has served as the assistant pastor of Mt.

Sinai Church in Orlando, Fla., and pastor of the Southernmost Church in Key West, Fla.

While attending the seminary, he served as assistant pastor of the Strafford Memorial Church in Chicago, Ill., after which

he pastored Maranatha Church in Waycross, Ga., and then Berean Church in Brunswick, Ga.

For the past three years, he has served as the senior pastor of Mt. Rubidoux Church in Riverside, Calif.

Recently, God blessed him to complete a doctor of ministry degree at



McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

He is a pastor who believes his ministry extends beyond the walls of the Church. During his pastorates he developed church-based programs to serve the community with a GED computer lab and a community children's ministry, and hosted Alcohol-

ics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings at his church. He was also instrumental in producing his own radio broadcast as a vehicle to reach the community.

He is married to the former Stephanie Johnson of Or-

lando, Fla., who is employed as an occupational therapist. They have two children, Princess Aja, age 7, who attends Decatur Adventist Junior Academy, and Charles Ajani, age 4.

The South Atlantic Conference welcomes Knight to the pastoral team.

—BY JAMES LAMB

Atlanta Berean Hosts Employment Assistance Fair

Recognizing the need to constructively address the community challenge of unemployment, the Atlanta Berean Church held an Employment Assistance Fair, at its church in February. More than 100 Atlanta residents attended this outreach initiative.

The idea to engage in such a community program was born when it was discovered that a major job fair would be conducted in the metropolitan Atlanta



Attendees were assisted with composing their resu-més and were able to take printed copies with them at the end of the fair.

area in the ensuing week. Given this subsequent employment event, Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., senior pastor of Atlanta Berean, along with church members, felt that it was extremely im-

portant for church members and community residents alike to be properly prepared for the job fair.

At the Employment Assistance Fair, members with laptops assisted attendees in composing and printing resu-més with the assistance

of resu-mé counselors and human resource specialists. Job seekers participated in mock job interviews and received fashion tips. To help them dress the part, appropriate clothing was given

away, and attendees were registered via the Internet for the upcoming job fair. Following the free employment assistance process, church members prayed with each attendee that God's will be done in their quest for employment.

The response of both church members and community residents was overwhelmingly positive. One resident stated, "I have truly been helped today!" For the Atlanta Berean Church that was goal — to engage in relevant outreach ministry that would provide helpful benefits to those in need.

—BY LOIS PITTS

“All Nations ... One Blood”

Alex Horton, pastor of the Ephesus Church in Birmingham, Ala., with area pastors, planned a year-end city-wide holy communion service and ordinance of humility experience. This ministry involved 10 churches and two conferences — Gulf States and South Central. It was held December 5, 2008, which incidentally fell on the exact date of Horton's one year anniversary with the Ephesus Church family.

Horton selected the theme: “All Nations ... One Blood,” taken from Acts 17:24-28.

The combined deacons and deaconesses of participating churches dressed in their usual communion attire, assumed roles, prepared and served during the ordinance of humility service, and served the holy emblems.

Michael Curzon (formerly of the Jewish faith) of Roebuck Church opened the Sabbath service blowing the Shofar three times while wearing the traditional original prayer cloth. His wife lit the Sabbath candles. Why did we sound the Shofar? Because the Holy One, said: Blow me a ram's horn that I may remember to your credit the binding of Isaac, the son of Abraham, and I shall account it to you as a binding of yourselves before Me. The bend in the Shofar is supposed to represent how a human heart, in true repentance, bends before the Lord. The man

who blows the Shofar is required to be of blameless character and conspicuous devotion. The lighting of the candle is customarily done by the woman of the house who is said to bring light into the home. This symbolism was celebrated in the service.

Toussaint Williams, pastor of Hillsview and Pell City churches, led the congregation in beautiful worship music. Jennie Burton, member of the Hoover First Church, the Men of Birmingham Spanish Church, and the Ephesus Young Adult Choir min-



Birmingham area pastors and wives participated in the city-wide communion service.

istered in their musical presentations.

Clifton McMillan, pastor of Fairfield and Adamsville churches, and Michael Curzon, led the congregation of more than 800 into a spiritual season of prayer. The Scripture reading was led by Roy Gaiter, pastor of Norwood Church.

Prior to the foot-washing service and holy communion, a spirit-filled

sermon was presented from the theme text by Karl Doerner, pastor of Hoover First Church. He declared that we are to join the army of God, watch, pray, believe, and uplift the Man of Calvary. We are one, not a group of different churches or different conferences, but we are ONE in the spirit to be used by God to finish His work.

During the communion service, Caesar Monroe, pastor of Bessemer Church, and Roy Gaiter, prayed over the emblems.

Pastors Melo, Birmingham Spanish Church, Doerner, and Horton officiated the service.

The celebration concluded with singing and confirmation that the Holy Spirit was present, and that the worship service was filled with awe and praise to God.

—BY JAMES DEAN



Deacons and deaconesses from participating churches dressed in their usual communion attire, assumed roles, prepared and served more than 800 in the congregation.

Messiah's Mansion Featured at Camp Meeting

It's camp meeting season. The Lord rained down on South Central's encampment last year. This 63rd year will prove, by His grace, to be no different. Benjamin Browne, Conference president, recently announced the 2009 theme, "The Temple of God."

New this year is Messiah's Mansion — a full-scale model of the Mosaic Sanctuary — the same size as the one in the days of Moses. It will be housed on Oakwood University's campus, and be available for free daily tours. This will be a great object lesson to accentuate the daily sanctuary themes: Sabbath, June 6, "The Sanctuary"; Sunday, "The Altar of Sacrifice"; Monday, "The Laver"; Tuesday, "Candlestick"; Wednesday, "The Bread"; Thursday, "Incense"; Friday, "The Ark"; and Sabbath, June 13, "Atonement."

The keynote service will begin Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. (CST), with speaker MyRon Edmonds,



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pastor of the Oakland Park Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn. An early Sabbath inspirational, pre-Sabbath School concert at 8:15 a.m. will feature Brenda Torrence McKenzie of Birmingham, Ala. At 10:45 a.m., Leslie N. Polard, D.Min., Ph.D., vice president for Community Partnerships and Diversity at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif., will speak.

The second Sabbath, June 13, will feature a Parade of Nations during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. The parade will spotlight

the beauty of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people who reside in the South Central Conference territory. A. Keith Morris, pastor of Calvary Church in Bridgeport, Conn., is the speaker for this service. At 4 p.m., "South Central Around the World," will highlight Conference workers, members, and students who participated in overseas service during the past 12 months. At 5 p.m., an ordination service will conclude camp meeting. Charles Bradford, former North American Division president, will

speak during this service.

Camp meeting will be broadcast via the Internet at www.scc-adventist.org. It is scheduled to air three services live — the adult services for both Sabbaths, as well as Wednesday evening's service. Also, visit the website for details regarding the daily workshops.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

Town and Country Opens New Church Building

After several years of praying, fasting, laboring, and sacrificial giving, the members and friends of the Town and Country Church, in Tampa, Fla., celebrated the grand opening of their new church.

The spiritual celebration began on Wednesday evening, March 4, 2009, with the Pathfinders Drum Corp leading the entrance march. Hundreds of people from the church and community were there for the celebration, which ended on March 7. The celebration was a reunion with former pastors presenting messages each evening, and fellowship with the members and guests eating and worshipping together.

The church had been in the planning for more than 20 years. Under the leadership of Dolphy Cross, former pastor, the dream became reality when the first service was held. In his speech, he reminded the congregation of the long journey, and gave all honor and glory to God for the memorable day.

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Gregory Mack (left), Kenneth Abbott, Barry Bonner, Calvin Robinson, James Hicks, and Gwendolyn Parker cut the ribbon to officially open Town and Country Church.

of many special guests, ministered to the congregation in song. His energetic performance was meant as a reminder that Town and Country never could have made it without

God making it all possible.

Present at the inaugural event were Southeastern Conference administrators Hubert Morel Jr., president;

Gregory O. Mack, executive secretary; and Gwendolyn Parker, treasurer.

Morel was the featured speaker. James Hicks, first elder, prayed the prayer of dedication. The church history was shared by Evadney Smiley. Mack congratulated Town and Country on its accomplishment.

Town and Country's focus is seeking lost humanity. Current pastor Barry Bonner is not planning on sitting back and basking in the beauty of the accomplishments. "Evangelize, Evangelize, Evangelize; Reaching, Winning, and Holding," is Bonner's ultimate goal.

—BY PAULETTE BROWN-BLACK

Progress Village Church Burns Mortgage

Progress Village Church in Tampa, Fla., celebrated its mortgage-burning celebration on March 13 and 14, 2009. "The timeliness in which the Lord allowed us to liquidate the debt, and the fact that this is the second mortgage we have burned since our church opened its doors in 1981, made this occasion extra special," stated one member.

Gregory O. Mack, Conference executive secretary, and the church's first full-time pastor, spoke on Friday night and reminded the church that what you do for Christ will last. The Sabbath School services included a skit, "The Way We Were," written by Sandra Jones. It

was performed by some of the senior members.

The worship service was spectacular. The Pathfinder Drum Corp was a dramatic part of this service, which included the posting of the Christian and American flags. The platform guests included officers from the Southeastern Conference: Hubert J. Morel, president; Gregory O. Mack, executive secretary; and Theus Young, publishing director. Also present were Betty Reed, Florida House of Representatives; Kevin White, Hillsborough County Commissioner; and guest speaker Larry Johnson, D.Min.,

South Atlantic Conference treasurer. Johnson's message tied in the theme of the event, "Completing the Task... Continuing the Dream."

An ordination service was included in the weekend services. Passard Dean was ordained as an elder,

and Wayne Mayweather and Roger Whitfield were ordained as deacons.

The weekend culminated with the mortgage-burning ceremony. Awards were given to various individuals who made significant contributions to Progress Village. The highlight of this service was watching the papers being burned and the smoke ascending toward Heaven. Morel encouraged the members to keep giving "mortgage payments" to their church, to propel the ministries and evangelism forward until Jesus' soon return.

—BY ROBERT WATKINS AND MARY ALICE BATTLE



Larry Johnson (left), Theus Young, Gregory Mack, Hubert Morel Jr., Dolphy Cross, and Opal Lattimore burn the mortgage papers.

Wii-Hab Works at Gordon Hospital

Professionals at Gordon Hospital's Rehabilitation Services, Calhoun, Ga., are changing the lives of their patients with Wii-Hab, a unique video game that utilizes the Nintendo Wii Fit video technology.

Emmett Young, a 75-year-old patient at Gordon Hospital, suffered serious complications from heart surgery last year. Due to blood clots in Young's legs, his right leg was amputated below the knee. An avid golfer,



Emmett Young made a record high score on a Nintendo Wii Fit video game during a therapy session.

Young feared that he would never play the sport again.

After recovering from his amputation and being fitted with a prosthetic leg, Young began his journey through Gordon Hospital's Rehabilitation Services.

"He was in a wheelchair and could not walk at all without someone assisting him," said Rob McFarland, a physical therapist at Gordon Hospital.

In addition to traditional rehabilitation methods offered at Gordon Hospital, Young also benefits from Wii-Hab.

"The Wii Fit uses a computerized balance board to measure center of gravity, which can help identify postural misalignment, balance problems, and core muscle strength," explained Tom Peters, director of Gordon Hospital Rehabilitation



With assistance from physical therapist Rob McFarland, Emmett Young works on his balance – and his golf game – thanks to Wii-Hab.

Services. "The balance activities can be adapted to patient populations ranging from the frail elderly to athletes, and are used as part of a comprehensive rehabilitation."

Young said he looks forward to the Wii-Hab portion of his therapy, which he attends twice a week at Gordon Hospital.

Best of all, using the Sports Package of the video game component, Young is

able to work on his golfing skills before he returns to the course.

"Since he was such an avid golfer before all this happened, our goal is to get him back out on the course," said McFarland.

Young said he is very grateful to all the therapists and professionals at Gordon Hospital's Rehabilitation Services. "They did an excellent job taking care of me."

—BY KAREN SHAW

Manchester Memorial Hospital Recognized for Excellence

Manchester Memorial Hospital, Manchester, Ky., has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

Laboratory director Martha Smith was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." Memorial Hospital Laboratory is one of the more than 6,000 CAP

accredited laboratories nationwide. Having this designation is one way Memorial Hospital is ensuring that quality is achieved in all areas of their hospital services. Memorial Hospital's administration believes the further they push themselves towards excellence in every department, the more they will be



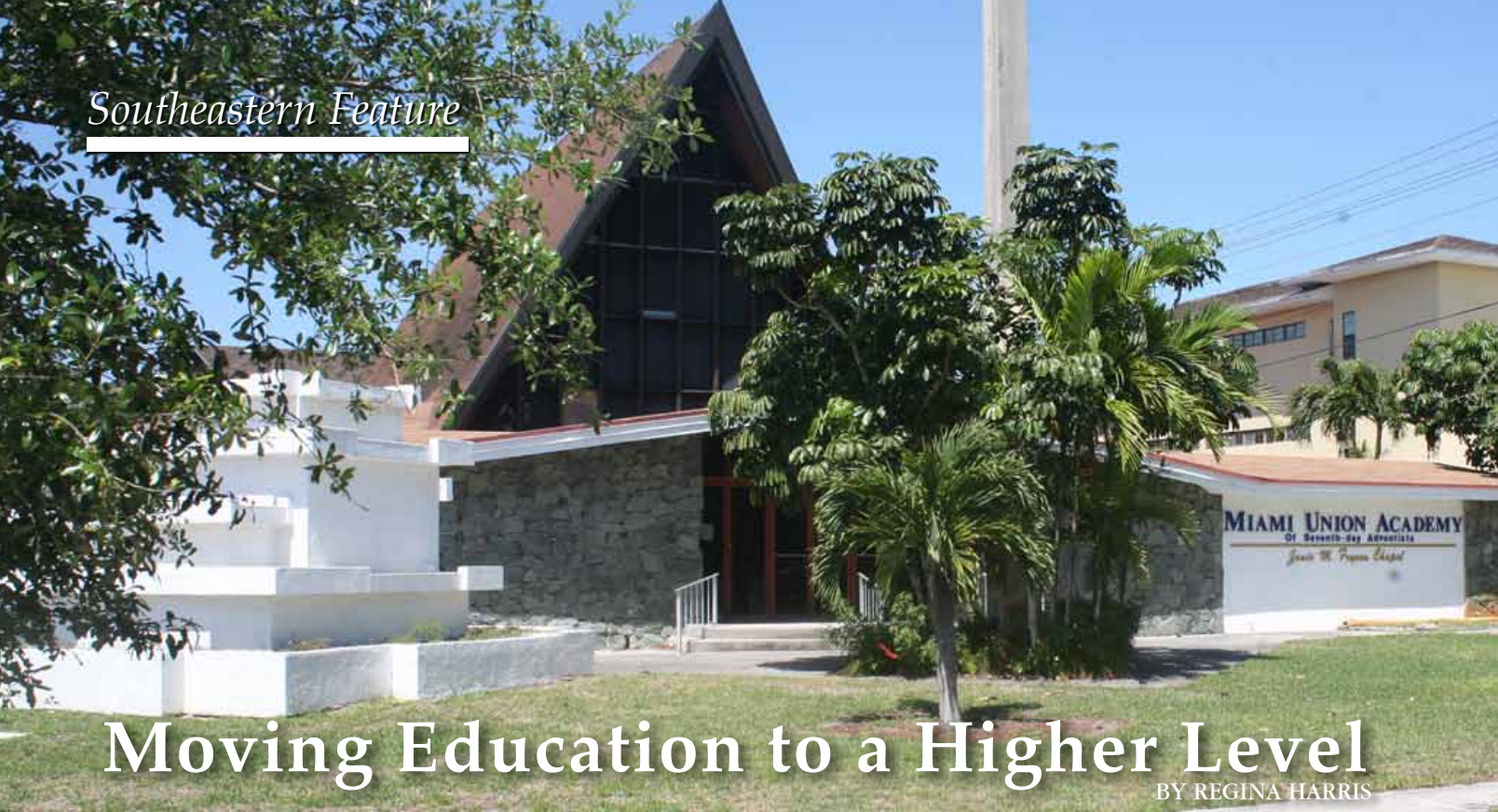
Employees at Manchester Memorial Lab are thrilled to receive accreditation from CAP.

able to excel in meeting the needs of those they serve.

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's

records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the labora-

tory. This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for the laboratory's patients.



Moving Education to a Higher Level

BY REGINA HARRIS

Current MUA chapel

Miami Union Academy (MUA), located in North Miami, Florida, was established in 1917 as a Seventh-day Adventist school, and is currently operated by 12 constituent churches in the Southeastern Conference. It is the only senior academy in the Conference, and enrolls an average of 325 students from Pre-K through 12th grade, from various sociological, economic, and cultural backgrounds within the Dade and Broward counties of south Florida.

MUA continues to be a beacon of light in the community, not only for young people in the Adventist churches, but also to those who are not baptized Seventh-day Adventists. Each school year, through the efforts of all the teachers, the school chaplain, and the influence of other students, lives are changed and students make decisions to follow Christ and to be baptized. This school year, several students are preparing for baptism. They are very excited about the decision they have made to follow Christ, and are looking forward to being baptized. One senior preparing for graduation, says, "I am not perfect,

but I am taking a step to become a better person in my Christian experience."

The Florida Pride Scholarship is accepted at MUA, which is a corporate scholarship that provides parents with a choice of where they would like to educate their children. As a result, more parents who are not Adventist are inquiring about and choosing to send their children to MUA. This is very encouraging, because the MUA staff sees it as a means of evangelism.

MUA wants to meet the needs of all the students who want to



Current MUA administrative wing



Current rear view of MUA

receive an Adventist Christian education, so plans are being finalized to expand and upgrade the facilities to accommodate 900 students. On completion, the new plant will be equipped with a gymnasium and physical education office; two science laboratories; two computer laboratories; sound-proof music and



Regina Saunders, Kathleen Achille, Devaugh Foster, and Darren Medy, have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior, and will be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The students and their families were not members of the Adventist Church.

Statements from students preparing for baptism about Adventist Education

Devaughn Foster, seventh grade, shared, "Pastor K. Mota helped me understand what baptism really means. At Miami Union Academy, my friends as well as my teacher, Ms. Henry, have encouraged my spiritual life."

Darren Medy, eighth grade, says he has learned so much about God

from his teachers and friends since being at Miami Union Academy.

Kathleen Achille, seventh grade, learned that you can benefit by being a Christian: "I use to take it for granted, but Week of Prayer helped me see things differently."

Regina Sanders, 12th grade, "Miami Union Academy has helped me get closer to God. I am not perfect, but I am taking steps to become a better person in my Christian experience." ✨

band rooms; remodeled libraries, restrooms, and classrooms; family consumer service area; print shop; upgraded Pre-K and kindergarten departments with self-contained play areas; contemporary kitchen and dining area; nurses' station; conference room, teachers' offices, lounge, and resource room; and new administration and business offices.

This project is estimated to cost \$6 million, and construction and renovation should commence in 2010. Enthusiasm runs high among the students, parents, faculty, staff, supporters, and constituents of the school as fundraising plans are discussed and launched. The members of the assigned special building committee have been working untiringly, and must be recognized and complimented for their commitment to the development of MUA. Regina Harris, principal, dreams of the day that the faculty, staff, and students at MUA can have the top-notch facility that all deserve; but, more importantly, a facility that will honor God. Hopefully, that day will come very soon.



The proposed elevation of the MUA chapel and administrative wing will house new administrative offices and a lounge. The proposed second floor will house a science lab, computer lab, print shop, fifth to eighth grades, teachers' offices, and lounge.



The proposed elevation of the rear of MUA will house (left), on the first floor, the Herbert and Vivian Long Pre-K and K, with the playground on the second floor. It will also house the band and music room, and a new gymnasium (right).



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT FOSTERS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AMONG STUDENTS

BY GEORGE ASHLEY

Listening to personal life experiences is a great way to acquire insight into the lives of others. A request from Oakwood University's social work students inspired the development of an annual leadership conference, which affords selected community leaders the opportunity to share their personal, life-changing stories with social work students, outlining their transition to community leadership. Oakwood University's Department of Social Work, in collaboration with Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University's Department of Social Work, held their second annual Leadership Conference on February 5, 2009. The students in attendance had the opportunity to learn, firsthand, about the multifaceted topic of leadership

directly from community leaders.

Planning involved seeking out community leaders who could inspire students to become engaged in leadership, and who were willing to share their own personal journey toward

leadership. Ultimately, six individuals representing outstanding, diverse, community leadership within the Huntsville/Madison County region of north Alabama became the chosen speakers for this event. A short synopsis of their presentations follows:



Henry Chaney, senior social work major at Oakwood University, presents his group's plan for an upcoming community project.

Helen McAlpine, Ph.D. – president of Drake State Technical College in Huntsville, Alabama

- Spoke of the importance of “relentless persistent in one’s pursuit for excellence”
- Reminded students that critics will always exist and that to be effective, students must be able to stand up against criticism when doing what is right

Dorothy Huston, Ph.D. – president and CEO of TMT



Keynote speaker Annie D. Hyman shares her inspirational message of service, progress, and hope with the audience.



Leadership speakers were Dick Hyatt (left), B.S.; Dorothy Huston, Ph.D.; Bruce Wayne Jones, B.S.W., and Helen McAlpine, Ph.D.

Group Inc., and former vice president for academic affairs at Alabama A&M University

- Spoke about the need for honest communication when working with others
 - Informed students that planning is critical for success
 - Leadership involves influencing others for that which is good
- Dick Hiatt, B.S. – director of the Food Bank of North Alabama, Madison Alabama

- Spoke about the honor of service and having a passion for improving the lives of others

Bruce Wayne Jones, B.S.W. – director of Decatur Youth Services in Decatur, Alabama

- Reminded students that to think globally in their service to others can have an impact on our global world

The keynote speaker for the conference was Annie D. Hyman, a

retired social work community activist and recipient of more than 30 community, state, and national awards for her work within Philadelphia’s inner city. One of the highlights of Hyman’s career was the development of a program that provided a realistic method by which Temple University (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) could offer programs that would enrich the lives of inner-city residents. This program has been in existence for more than 35 years, and continues to provide residents with programs that help them overcome poverty and deprivation. Hyman, who is originally from Mobile, Alabama, provided listeners with a historical account of the challenges that African-Americans faced during the 1950’s and 1960’s, prior to the Civil Rights Bill being passed into law, and the changes that have taken place since. She also discussed the leadership styles developed during this period that were most effective in

promoting change — specifically servant leadership.

The final speaker at the conference was Jacquie Gates Shipe, B.S., assistant vice president for development at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and president and CEO of SOARing, LLC, a consulting company

that specializes in ethics and compliance development. Shipe challenged students always to keep in mind that God has blessed them with multiple talents, and to develop these skills to enrich the lives of others.

The event was attended by more than 220 social work students from Alabama A & M University, University of Tennessee (UTC) in Chattanooga, Chattanooga State College, and Oakwood University, in addition to local social work practitioners. “This event was truly an inspiring event for me. I am so glad I came,” said Brenda Pillow-Murphy, an Oakwood sophomore.

The conference concluded with the faculty and students from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and Chattanooga State College visiting Oakwood’s campus. For most of these students, it was their first experience on the campus of a historically black university.

“This is really one of the friendlier and most beautiful campuses I have ever seen,” said Donnie Patterson, a junior from UTC. Special thanks to Delbert Baker, Oakwood’s president, for sponsoring lunch for the visiting schools. In addition, appreciation to Valerie Radu, Ph.D., and Kathy Purnell, M.S.W., both from UTC, for their assistance in coordinating the event, and to all the social work faculty and staff at Oakwood who helped make this event possible. ✨

George Asbley, Ph.D., is chair of the Department of Social Work at Oakwood University.



Lilly Nelson (left), an Oakwood graduate and current master of social work student at Alabama A & M University, chats with Annie D. Hyman.

“Code Orange!” Lockdown!

BY JULIE ZAIBACK

“CODE ORANGE!” The shrill alarm blasted through the quiet, early-morning halls of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center. “CODE ORANGE!” The staff immediately knew that something was seriously wrong. Code Orange was the never-before-used signal commanding that no one was allowed to enter the hospital, and no one was allowed to leave. Concerned staff looked at each other, unaware of the drama unfolding just outside. The hospital had just been plunged into full lockdown!



Every precaution was taken to ensure the safety of those inside the hospital, and to work quickly to resolve the potential crisis.

Lockdown

Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, located in the quiet town of Sebring, was caught in the cross-hairs of a crisis that was instantly becoming a national news story.

A hospital employee, finishing her shift at 4 a.m., discovered an envelope on her car's windshield and opened it. To her horror, a plume of white powder puffed into the air, followed by a threatening note — "Beware of Anthrax!"

Shocked and confused, she rushed back into the emergency department searching for help.

Sometime during the night, more than 40 envelopes of the white powder substance had been placed on cars throughout the hospital's parking lot. As events unfolded throughout the day, an additional 30 envelopes would be found placed throughout the community.

Hospital staff quickly notified law enforcement, and the Code Orange alarm was sounded. Immediately, the hospital was sealed off. No one was allowed to enter. No one was allowed to exit.

Outside, hospital staff scrambled to assist the county sheriff, local police, the FBI, Hazmat, and the Department of Health. With loved ones trapped inside, and no way to get to them, the frightened public needed information, and needed it fast. Meanwhile, the limited night shift was faced with the daunting challenge of running the hospital at full speed as nighttime gave way to day.

Real Heroes

Patients, staff, and family members remained inside the hospital, unable to leave. Additionally, the emergency department was quarantined. With a limited number of physicians inside, specialists remained on standby, willing to enter the restricted area if required.

Thomas Olson, food and nutritional director, went into action. He realized that even though the hospital cafeteria

staff was not present, food had to go out. Together with Dawn Hill, administrative assistant, and Michael Kelly, cook, the three employees pulled together to fill the role of a staff normally made up of 20 people.

To ensure that all patients' nutritional and dietary requirements were met, the team of three stocked a mobile unit with food which was sent around the hospital. Together they cooked, cleaned, and served 540 meals.

"They were up there all day long providing treats and extra things," says Cathy Albritton, director of marketing at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center. "They all had smiles on their faces, and if you want a true hero's story, ask the cafeteria staff."

Meanwhile, a woman inside the hospital had gone into labor. Without an obstetrician within the hospital, a physician on standby outside agreed to don a hazmat suit and enter the hospital, aware that she would have to remain inside until the lockdown was suspended. Thanks to her dedication, a healthy baby was born.

"We had no clinical issues of concern. Doctors were able to call in and direct care either through the staff or with the assistance of the emergency department physician," said Tim Cook, CEO of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center. "God was so clearly with us."

Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center remained under lockdown for 16 hours until the dangerous-



A doctor on standby suits up to enter the hospital under lockdown.

appearing white powder was tested negative for anthrax. Thanks to the teamwork of hospital staff and local law enforcement, the potential crisis was controlled, and the perpetrator was found.

The story of Florida Hospital Heartland's Code Orange lockdown is full of heroes who, like the cafeteria workers and OB physician, remained committed to patient care despite the circumstances. The response of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center — from leadership, physicians, caregivers, and support staff — demonstrates the unyielding dedication to the mission of the organization in "Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ." ✨

Julie Zaiback is corporate communications specialist at Adventist Health System in Winter Park, Florida.



Staff members pulled together to cook, clean, and serve 540 meals during the 16-hour lockdown.

Pentecost² Promotes Revival

David Asscherick spoke at Southern Adventist University in late March for Pentecost², a series designed to promote spiritual revival. The meetings were named Pentecost² in reference to the biblical outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the end-time outpouring of the Holy Spirit believed to be greater than the first Pentecost.

"The goal of these

meetings was to cultivate and reap the students who have had their spiritual need awakened during the year," says Jeff Tatarchuk, junior religion major and Pentecost² organizer.

Asscherick spoke 15 times during the nine days he spent at Southern. Most of the meetings were held in a large tent near the main entrance to the campus, but each weekday he also spoke in the dining hall for lunchtime devo-

tionals.

During the last meeting on Sabbath afternoon, two students and two community members were baptized as a result of the messages they heard during the Pentecost² meetings. A total of 40 students decided to be baptized.

If you would like to hear David Asscherick's presentations for yourself, visit www.SEYC.org.

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI



David Asscherick's presentations moved students and community members to commit their lives to Christ.

SIFE Team Wins at Regional Competition

Southern's SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) team placed first in their league at the annual regional competition held in Atlanta, Ga., on March 31, 2009.

SIFE is an international organization that students can join in order to apply business concepts that they learned in the classroom. SIFE students develop outreach projects that improve the quality of life and standard of liv-

ing for people in need.

The culmination of the SIFE program is an annual series of competitions for teams to present the results of their projects, and to be evaluated by business leaders serving as judges.

"SIFE competition motivates



SIFE presenters Philippe Bouzy (left); Carrie Harlin, director; Steven Doucoumes; Eunice Kim; Christopher Vazquez; Melissa Tortal; and Alex Mihai shared with regional judges the projects SIFE has organized this academic year.

the team and puts them in a network of connections," says Carrie Harlin, Southern's SIFE director. "It is also a great place to glean ideas from projects other SIFE teams have accomplished."

—BY MANUELA ASAFTEI

Man Without Arms, Legs Speaks at Southern

World-renowned speaker Nick Vujicic, born without arms or legs, inspired Southern Adventist University students and community members during convocation on March 26, 2009.

Vujicic's message to students was one of hope in the midst of despair. He shared how, at the age of

8, he contemplated suicide. He went on to share his journey of discovering God's love and finally understanding that he is whole whether or not he has arms or legs.

"He is using his disabilities to do things that people with arms and legs could never do," says Doug Baasch, senior music per-

formance major. "It shows that when something seems like it's really bad, God uses it for a lot more good than you could have thought."

Vujicic went into full-time ministry after graduating from college in 2003. His ministry, "Life Without Limbs," has allowed him to travel to 24 countries and reach more than three mil-

lion people worldwide with his story.

"I think that being a servant of the Most High God is the greatest calling in the world," says Vujicic.

For more information about Nick Vujicic's ministry or to find out where he will be speaking next, visit www.lifewithoutlimbs.org.

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI

From Atheist to Evangelist

BY EMILY YOUNG



Ezequiel Vasquez, a senior religious studies major, can often be seen involved in outreach activities at Southern Adventist University. He is the president of the Bible Work Club, the spiritual vice president of Student Ministerial Association, and outreach coordinator at Patten Towers. No one would guess that just a few years ago Ezequiel was an atheist.

As he grew up, Ezequiel never felt convinced God was real. His father was an atheist, so it was easy for Ezequiel to follow in his footsteps.

"It freed me from my conviction of what I ought to do and allowed me to indulge in a self-serving life," he says.

However, he always had the nagging feeling that there was something more important that he didn't have. He sought answers to his doubts about Christianity, but he couldn't find any. When he graduated from high school, he became desperate to find the truth.

SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING MORE

Ezequiel was convinced that something vital was missing in his life.

"It wasn't a minor issue, like I was missing a piece of a jigsaw puzzle, but as if I was missing the picture altogether," he says.

He began to diligently study the Gospels to find the truth. He looked to the Seventh-day Adventist Church because his mother had recently become an Adventist.

"I got to the point that I was willing to do anything to get answers," he says.

At first, his study only made him feel confused and overwhelmed with

theological ideas. Then he had a new insight into what he was reading. He found that the truth he was looking for was not in the minute theological details, but in a person: Christ.

"I realized that I wasn't being dragged towards an ideology, but a person, and then I ran to Him with joy," he says.



Ezequiel Vasquez enjoys sharing his new-found faith with others.

COMING TO SOUTHERN

Ezequiel wanted to learn more about Christ and decided to get a theology degree. However, he was not sure which school he should attend. After talking with several of his spiritual mentors who told him Southern has a good theology program, then praying about it, Ezequiel enrolled at Southern.

"I was looking for a school where I could grow as a leader, academically, and most of all spiritually," he says. "I found I could grow in my Christian walk at Southern in aspects that I couldn't have imagined before."

He says that since coming to Southern he has gotten involved in outreach because he is eager to share his newfound faith with others.

"The greatest thing about Christianity is it changed me and made me want to share with those around me," he says.

CLOSE TO HOME

Since his conversion, Ezequiel has touched many lives through Bible studies and literature evangelism.

Each choice for God shows him how God can use him to change any type of person — from drug dealers to close friends. A few months ago he had an experience with his father that made him realize that Christ can touch anyone.

"He was always very antagonistic toward my faith," Ezequiel says. "We would get in these heated debates over whether God existed."

Ezequiel says his father is a very stubborn man, and he never expected for his own conversion to have an impact on him. However, through seeing the change Christianity has made in Ezequiel, his father's ideas have changed. He has become open to the idea of Christianity, and agreed to come hear Ezequiel preach this summer. Ezequiel was struck by Christ's power to change his life and his father's life. It is this power that inspires Ezequiel to serve others in outreach ministries at Southern.

"I knew finding Christ was something that would really change my life," Ezequiel says. "I had no idea it would change the people around me, too." ✨

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ANDRES, Bryan, 62, born Dec. 28, 1946 in Michigan, died March 5, 2009 in Gatlinburg, TN. He was a member of the Huntsville, AL, Central Church. He is survived by one sister, Beverly Andres.

BEACH, Charles W., 73, born Oct. 5, 1935 in Baltimore, MD, died March 18, 2009 in Oakwood, VA. He was self employed for several years; worked for Dupont for several years; and was a pipe fitter, welder, and plumber by profession. He took pride in his profession. He was a graduate of Baltimore High School and graduated from a two-year program from Delaware State University. He was a former member of the Salvation Army for 36 years, where he worked as an instructor and taught others to teach. He was an accomplished musician who enjoyed playing the piano, organ, and accordion. As a teenager, he played the accordion professionally on a regular basis on television. Bowling was his favorite sport, and he acquired some wonderful friendships. He also enjoyed his talent of art and painting. He was the last surviving member of his family. He was a member of the Belcher, KY, Church. He is survived by his wife of nine years, Ocie Matney Beach of Oakwood, VA; three daughters: Brenda (Jeff) Bowers of Felton, DE, Kelly (Rick) Phillips of South Carolina, Debbie (Teddy) Justice of Geoffrey, SC; one stepdaughter, Liz Justus of Oakwood; one stepson, Randy Matney of Oakwood; 13n grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one stepgrandson; a special sister-in-law, Delphia Davis; and many friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers: Ralph and Raymond Beach, and one sister, Alma.

BIDWELL, Myrtle Irene, 87, born June 6, 1921, died Dec. 25, 2008. She was a member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. She is survived by two children: Shawn Bidwell of Madison, TN, and Jacqueline Krause of Hermitage, TN; two grandchildren: Brent Bidwell and Ivy Campbell; and two great-grandchildren.

BLOW, Lenna (Mimi), 89, born Dec. 14, 1919 in Carboro, NC, died Feb. 15, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Blow, and one daughter, Betty Richards. She is survived by two daughters: Sally (Ron) Wash of Steinhatchee, FL, and Nancy (Rick) Howell of Grantville, GA; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was loved and will be missed by her two church families: Peachtree City, GA, and Cross City, FL. She was faithful to the end.

BROOKS, Raymond E., 83, born July 25, 1924 in Nashville, TN, died March 11, 2008. He retired from Review and Herald Publishing Association. He was a member of the Hagerstown Church where he served as an elder. He is survived by his wife, Irma O'Kain Brooks; two daughters: Karen Hansen of Nashville, and Lutricia Whitlow of Spencer, IN; one sister, Kathleen Leister of Florida; six granddaughters; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Brooks Jr; and one sister, Juanita Harvey.

BURGER, Robert R., 99, born Oct. 31, 1909 in Tampa, FL, died Nov. 17, 2008 in Seffner, FL. He was a member of the Brandon, FL, Church. He is survived by his wife, Iva; one daughter, Joanna Beard of Seffner, FL; and two grandchildren.

BURKE, Annie D., 68, born March 30, 1940, died Oct. 22, 2008. She was a member of Atlanta Metropolitan Church in Atlanta, GA. She served as Master Guide, usher, and deaconess. She and her husband, Tom, were overseers of Ortho Ministries. She loved people— young and old. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Tom Burke; one daughter, Barbara (Marvin) Whatley; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; eight brothers; five sisters; ten god-children; nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives; and friends.

CARTER, Andre Maurice, 55, born Feb. 13, 1954 in Atlanta, GA, died April 29, 2009 in Atlanta. He was a

member of Maranatha Church in Atlanta since 1976. He served as elder, deacon, and director of personal ministries. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Janice; three children: Andreka (Jeffery) Eberhart, Tarron (Tracey) Carter, and Tiffany Carter; four grandchildren: Tavori, Amauri, Kyla, and Maya; his mother, Rosa Carter; mother-in-law, Marietta Turner; four sisters: Debbie (Johnny) Brown, Jutta (Amber) Felton, Kitty (Robert) Wicker, and Sheila (Robert) Veal; two brothers: Roderick and Rodney Carter; one sister-in-law; five brother-in-laws; four aunts; three uncles; two god-children; nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.

CHERRY, Gene F., 88, born Dec. 22, 1921 in Orlando, FL, died March 11, 2009 in Pensacola, FL. He was a member of the Pensacola University Parkway Church. He served the Church for 42 years as pastor and/or departmental secretary in the following conferences: Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia-Cumberland, Florida, Carolina, Missouri, and Chesapeake. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian. He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Jim Buckner of Pensacola; two grandchildren and their spouses, Jimmy and Toni Buckner of Hendersonville, NC, and Cyndi and Bryan Fox of McDonald, TN; and four great-grandchildren: Shelby, McKenzie, and Kaleigh Buckner, and Austin Fox.

COOLIDGE, Walter E., 91, born April 14, 1917 in Elmira, NY, died Jan. 6, 2009 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka, for four years. He served at Takoma Hospital in Greeneville, TN, from 1939-1944, when he was drafted in the service. He resumed his duties at the Hospital from 1946-1968 as the business manager and later the administrator. From 1969-1977, he served as purchasing director at the Madison Hospital in Madison, TN. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Carolyn; three sons: William of Altamonte Springs, FL, Herbert of Collegedale, TN, and Robert of Deland, FL; and two grandchildren. The service was conducted by Dr. James Ray McKinney. Interment was at Greene Lawn Memory Gardens in Greeneville, TN.

DEWEY, Louise E., 89, born March 19, 1919 in Gainesville, FL, died Oct. 26, 2008 in Sun City, FL. She was a member of the Brandon, FL, Church. She is survived by one son-in-law, Bill Johnson of Seffner, FL; one daughter, Brenda Johnston of Seffner, FL; one daughter-in-law, Edith Wiseman of Gainesville, FL; one sister, Lillian Bemis of Fanning Springs, FL; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband and one son.

DOLLY, Ena Francis, 85, born Dec. 31, 1922 in Jamaica, died Oct. 20, 2008. She attended St. Jago School in Manchester. From an early age she was an entrepreneur, and eventually became a successful business woman owning her own shop and fishing fleet. She was introduced to Adventism by her late brother Solomon Francis, and became a member of the St. Toolies Church. In the mid-70's she settled in Decatur, GA, and joined Boulevard Church where she served as a deaconess. In her later years, she joined Atlanta Metropolitan Church. She is survived by her brother, Pastor Robert (Gloria) Williams; nephews; nieces; grand nephews; great-grandnephews; nieces; cousins; and a host of friends.

EDWARDS, Mary Janet (Harvey), 85, born July 23, 1923 in Mobile, AL, died Feb. 18, 2009 in Anniston, AL. She cared for dozens of children in her home by the day, and as foster children. She also taught in Church schools in Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. She is survived by her husband, Fred Edwards; three daughters: Janella Abbey, Frances Barger, and Ginger Kirk; one son, Edwin Brinson; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband, Lloyd Harvey, in 1969.

ENGLAND, James Harland, 86, born June 6, 1922 in Burke County, NC, died March 8, 2009 in Morganton, NC. He was a member of the Morganton Church. He was an avid gardener and beekeeper, loved traveling in his motor home, and being in the outdoors. He was a retired building contractor and had built many homes and churches, including the first Morganton Church and School. He is survived by his wife, Helen Carey England; three children: Lynda (Robert) McCurdy of Waynesboro, PA, Gracie (Skip) Culppeper of Stone Mountain, GA, and Carlyle England of Boone, NC; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mildred Pitrone; one stepson, Jack (Carol) Carey; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Maxine McCall England; two brothers: John England Jr. and Clyde England; one sister, Rosebud England White; and one stepson, Kevin Carey.

FALCONER, Carmen Donald, 91, born May 7, 1917 in Kingston, Jamaica, died Oct. 8, 2008 in St. Petersburg, FL. She was a member of the St. Petersburg Church. She is survived by two daughters: Kathy Thompson and Grace Scott, both from St. Petersburg; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

FALLIN, Henry C., 86, born 1922 in Plant City, FL, died Aug. 9, 2008 in St. Petersburg, FL. He was a member of the St. Petersburg, FL, Church. He is survived by two sons: Henry Hoyt of Englewood, FL, and David Fallin of St. Petersburg; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

FLANIGAN, Dorothy, 93, born Feb. 4, 1916 in Nashville, TN, died Feb. 6, 2009 in Madison, TN. She was a member of the Madison Campus Church. She is survived by one daughter, Patsy Flanigan.

FLYNN, Sylvia Baysden, 42, born May 30, 1966 in New Bern, NC, died Feb. 4, 2009 in Jacksonville, NC. She was a member of the Jacksonville Church. She is survived by her husband, Dan Flynn of Michigan; two sons: Chris Pierce of Richlands, NC, and Mark Marshburn of Jacksonville; her mother, Mary Baker Baysden of Richlands, NC; one brother, David Baysden of Raleigh, NC; two sisters: Rita B. Nelson of Beaulaville, NC, and Betty B. Harris of Georgia; and one grandson. The service was conducted at Jones Funeral Home in Richlands by Will Oosthuizen, pastor of Jacksonville.

FROELICH, Sr., William J., 89, born Dec. 15, 1919 at Optima, OK, died Jan. 29, 2009 at Port Charlotte, FL. He was a member of the Port Charlotte Church for 7.5 years. His denominational employment included: literature evangelist; General Conference Transportation and Mission Bureau in New York City; engineer for Adventist Health Systems in Madison, TN and Hinsdale, IL. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lillian; one son, William Jr. of Port Charlotte; three daughters: Carol Pearson of Hepler, KS, Mary McClay of Vancouver, WA, and Elisabeth Cushman of Omaha, NE; one sister, Emma Brown of Loma Linda, CA; eight grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and three step great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Port Charlotte Church by Pastor Tim Goff.

GENTON, Ila Mae, 97, born Aug. 24, 1909 in Crab Orchard, KY, died April 7, 2007 in Zephyrhills, FL. Ila and her late husband raised nine children, all of whom graduated from Forest Lake Academy and worked for the denomination in some capacity through their careers. All of her children have remained active faithful Seventh-day Adventists. Ila held a number of positions in the Church during her 68 years as a member, including deaconess, treasurer, pianist, and leader in the children's divisions. She and her husband, Montez, bought and gave away thousands of our SDA books during the years. It was their love and joy to share our faith and our literature with friends and strangers alike. Ila was a member of the Wesley

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Chapel, FL, Church. She is survived by six daughters: Lola Genton, Emily Austin, Alice Whitt, Mary Scheibe, Dena Wery, and Marleen Young; and one son, Marc Genton; sons-in-law; daughter-in-law; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two daughters: Juanita Rosier and Jessie Holder.

HAMMOND, Kathryn, 84, born Feb. 24, 1924, died Jan. 24, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Warren G. Hammond; two sons: Bill Hammond and wife Kathy, and Kris Hammond and wife Angie; and one daughter, Karen Hammond. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

HANNA, Elder O.E., 92, born July 5, 1916, died Dec. 9, 2008. Elder Hanna was a graduate of Southern Adventist University and served in the Airforce. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1960 and served for more than 30 years as a pastor/teacher, singing evangelist, and church pastor during his years of denominational service. He worked in the Florida, Carolina, Georgia-Cumberland, and Gulf States conferences. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Johnnie Fay Hanna; one brother, Euel Hanna of Ider, AL; one sister, Ila Livingston of Sumerall, MS; four children: Dale Hanna of Ringgold, GA, Gloria Hanna and Ronald Hanna of Manchester, TN, and Anthony Hanna of Nashville, TN; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces; nephews; and cousins.

HANSEN, Doris Thirlwell, 82, born Feb. 5, 1926 in Silver Spring, MD, died Feb. 1, 2009 in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Brevard Church. She attended Mount Vernon Academy and Columbia Union College. She was preceded in death by her twin sister who died at birth; her sister Nancy Ingersoll; her husband Arthur; and oldest daughter Carol. She is survived by her daughter Deanna (Dale) Stepp; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

HARVEY, Russell A., 91, died Feb. 25, 2009 in Springfield, TN. He was a long-time member of the Bordeaux Church near Nashville, TN. Russell's father, W. A. Harvey, was the first superintendent at Southern Publishing Association. The Harveys were a founding family of the old Fatherland Street Church in Nashville. Russell was baptized in that church and, for all of his life, was a faithful member of the Adventist Church, serving as a Sabbath School teacher, deacon, and elder for many years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Stella Harvey. He is survived by two sons: David and Rhea; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

HASTINGS, George McLendon, 86, died Nov. 23, 2008. He was a member of the Greeneville, TN, Church. He is survived by four children and their spouses: Betty and Fred Coffey of Greeneville; Lonnie and Marilyn Hastings of Lucedale, MS; Marvohn and Sonja Hastings of Greeneville; and Aherbie and Janelle Hastings of Greeneville.

HENRY, Mamie Jo, died Jan. 2, 2009. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

HERRICK, Benjamin, 79, born Dec. 6, 1929, died Dec. 13, 2008. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1950. He served with the 45th Infantry, First Battalion, Company D, during the Korean Conflict. He received the Bronze Star. He also had a tour of duty to Japan. He moved to North Carolina in 1956 and married the former Betty Epley on Feb. 6, 1957. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Betty; their children; grandchildren; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mack and Ruth Epley; nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers: Arthur and Charles; and one sister, Colin Hora. He was a member of the Morganton, NC, Church.

HERSCH, Louis R., 78, born Sept. 3, 1930 in Manhattan, NY, died Feb. 26, 2009. He resided in both Ooltewah, TN, and Naples, FL, and was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. He served in the US armed forces during the Korean War, and was a

Corporate Insurance Executive. During his retirement, Lou enjoyed serving a term as the Collegedale Kiwanis Club president, and was also a member of Southern Adventist University's endowment investment board. He is survived by his wife, Lorabel Peavey Hersch; five daughters: Debra Cloutier, Susan Frey, Nancy Fennell, Vini Robinson, and Viki Little; two sons-in-law: Walt Fennell and Mike Little; one daughter-in-law, Kim Hersch; seven grandsons; and two granddaughters.

HILL, Eleanor M., 80, born June 11, 1928 in New Bedford, MA, died Dec. 22, 2008 in St. Augustine, FL. She was a member of the St. Augustine Church for 24 years, where she produced a weekly newsreel in email form with her husband, produced weekly church bulletins, and for more than 20 years was the editor of the church newsletter. As a nurse by trade, she was asked to set up a Recovery Room at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, MD in 1961. She served at the hospital in many capacities on a full-time and part-time basis until 1984. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Harrie.

HOLMES, Bernice Mae, 99, born Sept. 3, 1909 in Wingo, KY; died March 12, 2009 in Robertson County, TN, with interment in Mayfield, KY. Elder F. H. Hewitt officiated. She was a faithful member of the Ridgetop, TN, Church. She is survived by two sisters: Cloteen Noss and Edith Hodap; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

INGERSOLL, Nancy Thirlwell, 86, born March 29, 1922 in Silver Spring, MD, died Jan. 25, 2009 in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Brevard Church. She attended Mount Vernon Academy, Columbia Union College, and Southern Adventist University. She was married to Paul Ingersoll for 62 years until he preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 2008. She and Paul were instrumental in establishing the Brevard Church from its development in the late 1950's through a branch Sabbath School to its present location. She is survived by two sons; their wives; and five grandchildren.

JACKSON, Charles B., 90, born June 22, 1918 in Ann's Delight, Jamaica, died Jan. 11, 2009. He was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, Church for 26 years. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Beryl; three sons: Aden of San Ramon, CA, Kingsley of Port Charlotte, and Adrian of Punta Gorda, FL; three daughters: Carol Meredith of Port Charlotte, Marcia Brown of Bloomfield, CT, and Cecelia Jackson of Tampa, FL; one sister, Eulalee Miller of Ontario, Canada; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Port Charlotte Church by Arturo Grayman and Anthony Wagener Smith. Interment was in Port Charlotte.

JONES, Robert William, 79, born Feb. 25, 1929 in Fort Benning, GA, died Nov. 6, 2008 in Phenix City, AL. He is survived by his wife, Ann Lloyd Jones; one daughter, Mollis Funderburk; three sons: Joel Jones, Jack Jones, and Jeffery Jones; two sisters: Betty Federinko and Kay Jones; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

KINSMAN, Dr. Calvin Theodore, 90, born April 19, 1918 in Austin, MN, died Feb. 7, 2009 in Lecanto, FL. He attended Madison Academy and College, and Washington Missionary College where he met his wife, Bettie Russell. He served as a technical sergeant at the dental clinic at Fort Hammond, CA, in World War II. He graduated from the University of Miami and Kansas City School of Osteopathy. He loved the Lord, his family, his country, and the practice of osteopathic medicine. He was an elder at Clearwater and New Port Richey churches in Florida. He helped build New Port Richey Church. He is survived by his children: Jackie Kinsman, Shirley and Jack Shaffer, Debbie and Ted Hittle; and two grandchildren: Brittany and Joshua Hittle. He was

preceded in death by his wife, Bettie; three siblings; and one grandson, Ray Pruitt Johnson.

KIRKLAND, Jr., Henry G., 76, born May 25, 1932 in Hilton, GA, died July 25, 2008 in Chiefland, FL. He was a member of the Perry Church. He is survived by his wife, Justine of Steinhatchee, FL; one son, David of Bell, FL; two daughters: Marilyn Perez of Tangerine, FL, and Cathy Weedman of Canby, OR; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Cross City Church by Pastors Ralph Henderson and Bill Schnorbus.

LONGLEY, Laura, 98, born June 1, 1910, died Oct. 20, 2008. She remained constant in her devotion as a second generation Seventh-day Adventist, mother, and homemaker. At age 81, she moved from Collegedale, TN, to Canton, NC, to live with her son, Max, who is owner and operator of the Silver Bluff Village retirement home. She served her Church in Collegedale for many years as a Kindergarten Sabbath School teacher, and brought that same spirit of helping and inspiring others to Silver Bluff. She was very involved in helping the residents there stay active and happy. She is survived by her two sons: Dr. Sam Longley and Max Longley.

LYNCH, Sr., Charles Edward, 81, born May 20, 1927 in Florida, died Dec. 24, 2008 in Loveland, CO. He retired from Florida Hospital in 1992. He was a member of the Winter Haven, Apopka, and Florida Hospital churches. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Myrtle Lynch; three sons: Charles Jr. of Plains, MT, Thomas of El Dorado Hills, CA, and James of Loveland, CO; one daughter, Mary Louise Smith of Davenport, FL; one sister, Barbara Ann Johnson of Apopka; one sister-in-law, Glenadine Haslet of Kennewick, WA; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

MADISON, Sr., John Madison (JM) Weeks, 76, born Oct 17, 1932 in Lamar County, MS, died Dec. 3, 2008 in Columbia, TN. He was a member of the Waynesboro, TN, Church. He helped build Bass Memorial Academy, the Hattiesburg, MS, Church, operated the dairy at Bass, and had a great love for children and Bass Academy. He took struggling academy students into his home and helped them. He is survived by his wife, Mary Katherine Garrard Weeks; two sons: John Madison Weeks Jr. and Joel E. Weeks; one daughter, Judy D. Weeks; one sister, Bernita Goggans; one brother, Ray Weeks; and four grandchildren.

MARSH, Evelyn B. (Irwin), 99, born July 11, 1909, died March 21, 2009 in Van Nuys, CA. She was a member of the Simi Valley, CA, Church for nine years, and a member of the Meister Memorial Church in Deer Lodge, TN, for almost 30 years. She is survived by one son, Donald N. (Marilynn) Marsh of Toledo, OH; two daughters: Carolyn J. (Don) Nelson of Portlow, VA, and Kathleen M. Marsh Sulen of Nothridge, CA; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

MCCOMB, Virginia Mable, 89, born April 5, 1919 in Michigan, died Aug. 26, 2008 in Peachtree City, GA. She was a member of the Pine Mountain Valley, GA, Church. She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Wayne McComb. She is survived by her husband, Wayne L. McComb; two sons: Larry (Essie) McComb of Pine Mountain Valley, and Terry (Jean) McComb of Lumby, British Columbia, Canada; three daughters: Gloria (Bob) Hale of Fayetteville, GA, Faith (Martin) Durkin of Gaston, SC, and Melody (Randy) Seem of Pine Mountain; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She held many offices in the Church, and will be especially remembered for her piano playing and the column she wrote each week for the local Harris County Journal for 25 years as Communications Leader.

MCLARTY, Marcella Whitney, 85, died March 25, 2009 in Calhoun, GA, born June 27, 1923 in Santa Barbara, CA, and grew up in Loma Linda, CA. She graduated from Loma Linda University (RN, MPH)

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and University of Memphis (BPS). She arrived in Memphis with her husband, Barney McLarty, M.D., in 1947. She worked with her husband in his medical practice, served her church as a musician and youth leader, and was active in SDA disaster relief programs. She volunteered countless hours at Memphis Junior Academy. In 1994, she and her husband moved to Calhoun, GA. She is survived by her husband, Barney (Bonnie to his childhood Memphis friends); one sister, Marjorie Whitney; six children; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

NELSON, Grace, 98, born Jan. 28, 1910 in Trenton, NJ, died June 12, 2008 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL. She served for 40 years as an executive secretary for the New Jersey Conference. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Marie Baker; two nephews: Earl Baker and Robert Baker; two nieces: Carole Spruill and Elizabeth Bachik; many grandnephews; and grandnieces. The service was conducted at the Saul Funeral Home in Trenton, by Robert Cominsky and Harry Walker. Interment was at Colonial Cemetery in Trenton.

OSTERHOUT, James Carlton, 69, born Oct. 18, 1939, died Jan. 2, 2009. He was preceded in death by his brother, Rick Osterhout. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Josephine (Pug) Osterhout; two daughters: Donna (Ron) Asbeck and Jean Ann (Wes), Florida; one son, John Paul Leuthausser; two sisters: Wanda (Tom) Bowman and Carol Bowman; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers: Doug (Tonja) Olson of Colorado; Mike (Cher) Olson of Nashville, TN; and Shaun (Linda) Duncan of Hamilton, GA. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

PASCH, Sharon Jaanini, 57, born July 9, 1951 in Chattanooga, TN, died Dec. 28, 2008 in Nashville, TN. She was recently from Cleveland, TN, and formerly from Chattanooga. She attended Georgia-Cumberland Academy and Southern Adventist University. She was preceded in death by her son, Joseph Alex Jaanini. She is survived by her husband, Herb Pasch; her mother, Gail Schrader; her father, Jerry McClellan; stepmother, Wanda; son, Robin Jaanini and daughter-in-law, Cristina; daughter, Jennifer Heaton and son-in-law, Joe; son, Zack Jaanini; her children's father, Michael Jaanini; five granddaughters: Victoria, Michelle, Madeline, Britney, and Emily Jaanini; one grandson, Maddox Heaton; two stepbrothers, David and Randy Searles; one stepsister, Tina Parks; and many family members of the McClellan and Jaanini families.

PASCHAL, Cassandra Lamar Lester, 56, born Jan. 6, 1952, died Dec. 31, 2008 in Nashville, TN. She was a member of the Riverside Chapel Church. She is survived by her husband, Michael Paschal; one son, Lee Paschal; one daughter, Nichol (Victor) Gurley; her father and mother, Isaac and Eileen Lester; three brothers: Michael (Tina) Lester Sr., Isaac Lester Jr. (Valerie Allison), and Charles Sydney (Denise) Lester; three sisters: Audrey Brown, Rebecca Alli, and Lorraine Lester; sisters-in-law: Earlene Walls and Betty Lou Marcanno; two grandchildren; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; other relatives; and friends. The service was conducted at Riverside Chapel by Elder Stephen Richardson and Pastor Furman Fordham II. Interment was at Hills of Calvary Memorial Park in Nashville, TN.

PHELPS, James, died March 11, 2009 in Louisville, KY. He was a member of the Louisville First Church. He is survived by his wife, Velma Phelps.

PIERRE-LOUIS, Joni Mae Robinson, 81, born Dec. 20, 1927, died May 10, 2009. She was a former director of the Oakwood College (now University) Aeolians from 1956-1965. During her tenure at Oakwood, the choir toured across the United States, appeared on national television and at the 1964 New York World's Fair. Her career included teaching music in Cleveland, OH, and

Oakland, CA, public schools; Lynwood Academy in Los Angeles, CA; and Pacific Union College in Angwin, CA. In addition to her teaching career, she was very active in the music departments of her local churches. She served as the minister of music at the Oakwood University Church for a number of years, and directed church choirs. She enjoyed planning programs for the church and the Adventist retirees' organization in Huntsville, AL. Her recent years were spent living with her daughter, Colleen, in southern California, and finally in an assisted living facility in Maryland. She is survived by four children (and their spouses): Philip, Colleen, Desmond, and Janine; grandchildren; two brothers; a host of other extended family members; and loved ones.

RINGER, Robert W., 89, of Chattanooga, died Jan. 1, 2009. He was a dentist serving the Church in Korea for 10 years, and then three years at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. He was an Army veteran, serving during WW2, and an alumnus of Emory University. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Ringer; one brother, Jim Ringer, and a half brother, Reynolds Ringer. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Ringer; one son, Wesley Ringer; two daughters: Linda Ebeling and Janice Grentz; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Chattanooga, TN, First Church. Interment was at the Collegedale, TN, Cemetery.

RYDER, Helen Blakemore Ryder, 96, born Aug. 24, 1921 in Memphis, TN, died Oct. 12, 2008 in Fort Payne, AL. She was a member of the Rainsville, AL, Church. She is survived by her husband, Arthur Ryder; one son, Richard H. Burnett; one daughter, Carol Elmore; one son-in-law, George Elmore; two grandsons; and two great-granddaughters.

SANDS, Carol, 82, born Jan. 16, 1927 in West Palm Beach, FL, died March 11, 2009 in Del Mar, CA. She served the Church for 10 years in the Inter-American Division. In Los Angeles, CA, she worked for more than 10 years for the State of California Board of Registered Nurses as a nursing consultant. Her final years were spent in San Diego, CA, near her daughter. She is survived by one son, Scott Henriksen; one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa & Rushton Backer; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

SCHIFFBAUER, Sr., Daniel William, 88, born Sept. 8, 1920 in Brooklyn, NY, died Oct. 14, 2008 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL, for three years. He served in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, South Dakota, Arkansas-Louisiana, Greater New York, Illinois, and Texico conferences for 41 years as a pastor with seven of those years being the conference evangelist. He is survived by one son, Daniel Schiffbauer Jr. of Port St. Lucie, FL; one daughter, Suzanne Morrison of New Castle, CO; three sisters: Adeline Brooks of Portland, OR, Gloria Stark of Houston, TX, and Dorothy Schlereth of Michigan; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Fort Pierce, FL, Church by his son, Pastor Dan Schiffbauer Jr. Interment was at Grand Junction, CO.

SEELEY, Ronald, 84, died Jan. 24, 2009. He was a member of the Greenville, TN, Church. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruth Eileen Seeley; three daughters: Kathy Seeley of Greenville, Sandy Hawkins of Denver, CO, and Sherril Seeley of Winfield, IL; six grandchildren: Margarette Hughes and Shantha Seeley, both of Greenville, Karen Baker and her husband, Chris, of Seattle, WA, Andrea Hawkins of Austin, TX, John Hawkins of Walla Walla, WA, and Mark Nacker and Chelsea Nacker, both of Winfield; three great-grandchildren: James McMahan and his wife, Leslie, of Midway, and Benjamin McMahan and Sophia Mackey, both of Greenville; one great-great-granddaughter, Kayleann McMahan; two brothers and

sisters-in-law: Lloyd M. and Eileen Seeley of Lakeview, OH, and James I. and Harriett Seeley of Bellefontaine, OH; one sister: Lois V. Miller of Urbana; several nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne P. Seeley.

SOMMERVILLE, Virginia, 82, born Jan. 17, 1927, died Jan. 25, 2009 in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte Church for five years. She is survived by her sons: Henry Hunter of Redlands, CA, Jerry Sommerville of Port Charlotte, and Roger Sommerville of San Fernando Valley, CA; one daughter, Peggy Poor of Kennesaw, GA; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service was held at the Port Charlotte Church with Anthony Wagener Smith. Interment was in Bushnell, FL.

STEVENS, Calvin Arthur, 56, born May 17, 1952 in Palm City, CA, died Jan. 13, 2009 in Fletcher, NC. He was a beloved member of the Mills River Church. His joyful outlook on life and complete love for his Savior was an inspiration to all who were privileged to know him. He is survived by his siblings: Allyn Stevens, John Paul Stevens, Delia Azzarello, and Marcella Hines; nephews; nieces; his step-brother Douglas Green; and step-sisters: Barbara Watkins, Doris Green, and Louise Walker. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Clarence.

SYKES, Forrest K., 86, born Nov. 18, 1922, died Feb. 11, 2009 in Winter Park, FL. He was a member of the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, FL. He spent 25 years teaching primarily in denominational schools, and after retirement worked at the Orlando South Campus of Florida Hospital for 16 years. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; one son, Ken of Dallas, TX; two daughters: Maureen Powell of Stone Mountain, GA, and Toney Ivey of Atlanta, GA; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren, Michelle Sykes and Jason Sykes, were adopted and raised by Forrest and Ruth after the death of their daughter, Joan. The service was conducted at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park by Pastor Eric Doran.

TALLEY, Darlene Cusic, 74, born Oct. 9, 1934 in Eldorado, IL, died March 14, 2009 in Evansville, IN. She was a member of the Henderson, KY, Church. She is survived by two daughters: Terry Garrett of Irvine, KY, and Linda Septer of Henderson; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

TIMOTHY, Donald B., 87, died Jan. 12, 2009 in a local health care facility. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church, and was a retired school teacher with 30 years of service. He was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters. He is survived by his son, Donald (Linda) Timothy of Ooltewah, TN; two daughters: Lynda Timothy of Porterville, CA, and Gayle (John) Yankee of Roseville, CA; five grandchildren: Michelle, Kristen, John, Ethan, and Jordan. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

WALLACE, Lois "Parksie" Watts, 88, born May 1, 1920, died Jan. 9, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harrison P. Wallace, three sisters, and three brothers. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law: Judy and Jerry Bryant, and Gayla and Bradley Carswell; one sister, Helen L. Chapman; and three grandchildren: John W. Johnson, Jane L. Carswell, and Neal Carswell. She was a member of the Morganton, NC, Church.

WHISENANT, Sallie Mae Brittain, 85, born Feb. 10, 1923, died Jan. 16, 2009. She is survived by three sons and their wives; and three daughters and their husbands; 22 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, one grandson, one granddaughter, four brothers, and three sisters. She was a member of the Morganton, NC, Church.

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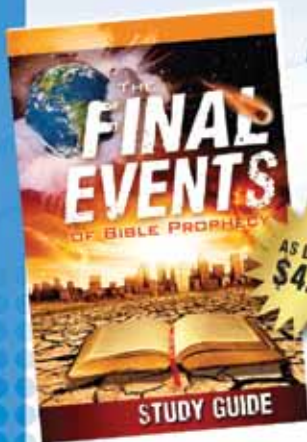
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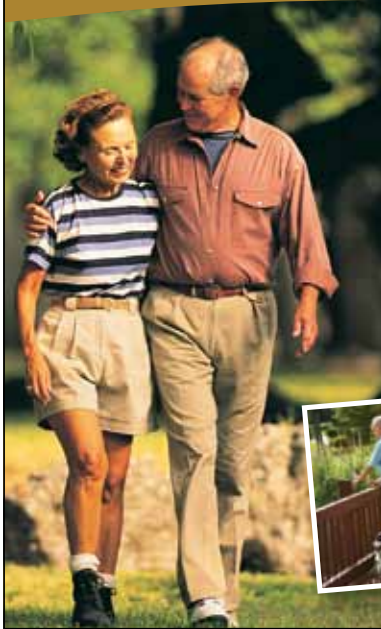
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ADVENTISTS AND ISLAM: What message do SDA's have for Muslims? Find out at a special weekend dedicated to teaching what we have to share with Muslims. September 24 - 26, Loma Linda, CA. For more information email ADAdventistMuslimRelations@gmail.com or call 423-368-2343. [6]

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Events Calendar

Carolina

Spartanburg Pathfinder Campout – July 17-19. Nosoca.
Master Guide Campout – July 24-26. Nosoca.
ShareHim Boot Camp – July 24-26. Nosoca.
Sabbath School Workshop – July 31-Aug. 2. Nosoca.

Florida

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Florida Pathfinder Events – <http://www.floridapathfinders.com/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.
Singles' Ministries Events and mailing list information. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.asamcf.org/>, djmiller4000@gmail.com, or 386-789-3235.

North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter. Membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumninfl.org/>, oakwoodalumninfl@gmail.com, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.

Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups. Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups. Details are available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdland.org/>

Evangelism Series
 July 11-Aug. 15. Miami Springs. Lester and Zula Pratt.
 July 12-Sept. 4. Lakeland. Bill and Sunshine Waters.

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June 27. Tallahassee.
 June 28. Perry, Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Inverness.
 July 11. St. Petersburg.
 July 12. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville,

East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Plant City.
 July 18. West Palm Beach.
 July 19. Midport Road in Port St. Lucie, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)

July 25. Port Charlotte.
 July 26. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First

Aug. 1. Maranatha in Miami.
 Aug. 2. Ft. Lauderdale, Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Jupiter.

Planned Giving Clinics and Seminars

June 27. Coral Springs.
 Aug. 15. Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes.
 Aug. 22. Kendall.
 Aug. 29. Brazilian Chapel in Pompano Beach.

Go Fish For Kids – Aug. 22. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x136.

Georgia-Cumberland

Complete calendar online – www.gccsda.com
Hispanic Camp Meeting – June 12-14. GCA, GA.

God in Shoes Evangelism – June 12-28. TN.

Olde Time Camp Meeting – June 18-20. Deer Lodge, TN.

Steve Darmody Concert – June 27. Atlanta, GA.

Health Rallies
 June 27. Savannah, GA.
 July 11. Harrison, TN.

Level I Women's Leadership Certification – July 17-19. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Family Camp – July 21-26. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, Ga.

Summer Ministers' Retreat – July 26-29. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Lay Evangelism Rally – Aug. 1. Alpharetta, GA.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online <http://www.gscsda.org>

Pathfinder Council Meeting – Camp Alamisco. June 7.

Conference Executive Meeting

– Conference Office. June 9.
Hispanic Camp Meeting – Bass Memorial Academy. July 3-5.
Teen Mission Trip – July 11-27.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board
 July 21. Sept. 22. Dec. 1.

Conference Executive Committee
 July 21. Sept. 22. Dec. 1.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – June 5, 6. Highland Academy.

Pastors-Teachers Retreat – Aug. 2-5. Indian Creek Camp.

LE Summer Rally – Aug. 6-9. Indian Creek Camp.

Hispanic Youth Retreat – Aug. 21-23. Indian Creek Camp.

Women's Retreats at Indian Creek Camp

Sept. 11-13. Hispanic.
 Sept. 18-20. Young Women.
 Sept. 25-27. I.
 Oct. 2-4. II.

Southern Adventist University

Second Summer Session Begins – June 1.
Preview Southern – June 11.
PRAXIS Exams – June 15.

Announcements

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake/Great Lakes Academy Reunion – June 11-14. Alumni and schoolmates of 1959 and earlier from Great Lakes Adventist Academy (formerly CLA). Honor classes: 1929, 1939, 1949, 1959. Details: Contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net

Madison College Alumni Homecoming – June 26-28. Honoring the Class of 1959 and those attending/graduating from 1950-1964, will be honored as well. Friday evening, Sabbath, and Sunday breakfast, all on Madison Academy Campus. Details: Jim Culpepper 615-654-3311.

Wichita Adventist Christian Academy 50th Reunion – Sept. 18-20. Details: 316-267-9472 or waca50th@yahoo.com



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	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	July 3	July 10
Atlanta, GA	8:46	8:49	8:51	8:52	8:52	8:51
Charleston, SC	8:25	8:28	8:31	8:32	8:32	8:30
Charlotte, NC	8:35	8:38	8:41	8:42	8:42	8:40
Collegedale, TN	8:52	8:55	8:57	8:59	8:59	8:57
Huntsville, AL	7:57	8:00	8:02	8:03	8:03	8:02
Jackson, MS	8:05	8:08	8:10	8:12	8:11	8:10
Louisville, KY	9:03	9:07	9:09	9:10	9:10	9:08
Memphis, TN	8:11	8:15	8:17	8:18	8:18	8:16
Miami, FL	8:10	8:13	8:15	8:16	8:16	8:16
Montgomery, AL	7:50	7:53	7:55	7:56	7:56	7:55
Nashville, TN	8:01	8:05	8:07	8:08	8:08	8:06
Orlando, FL	8:21	8:24	8:26	8:27	8:27	8:26
Wilmington, NC	8:21	8:24	8:26	8:27	8:27	8:26

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