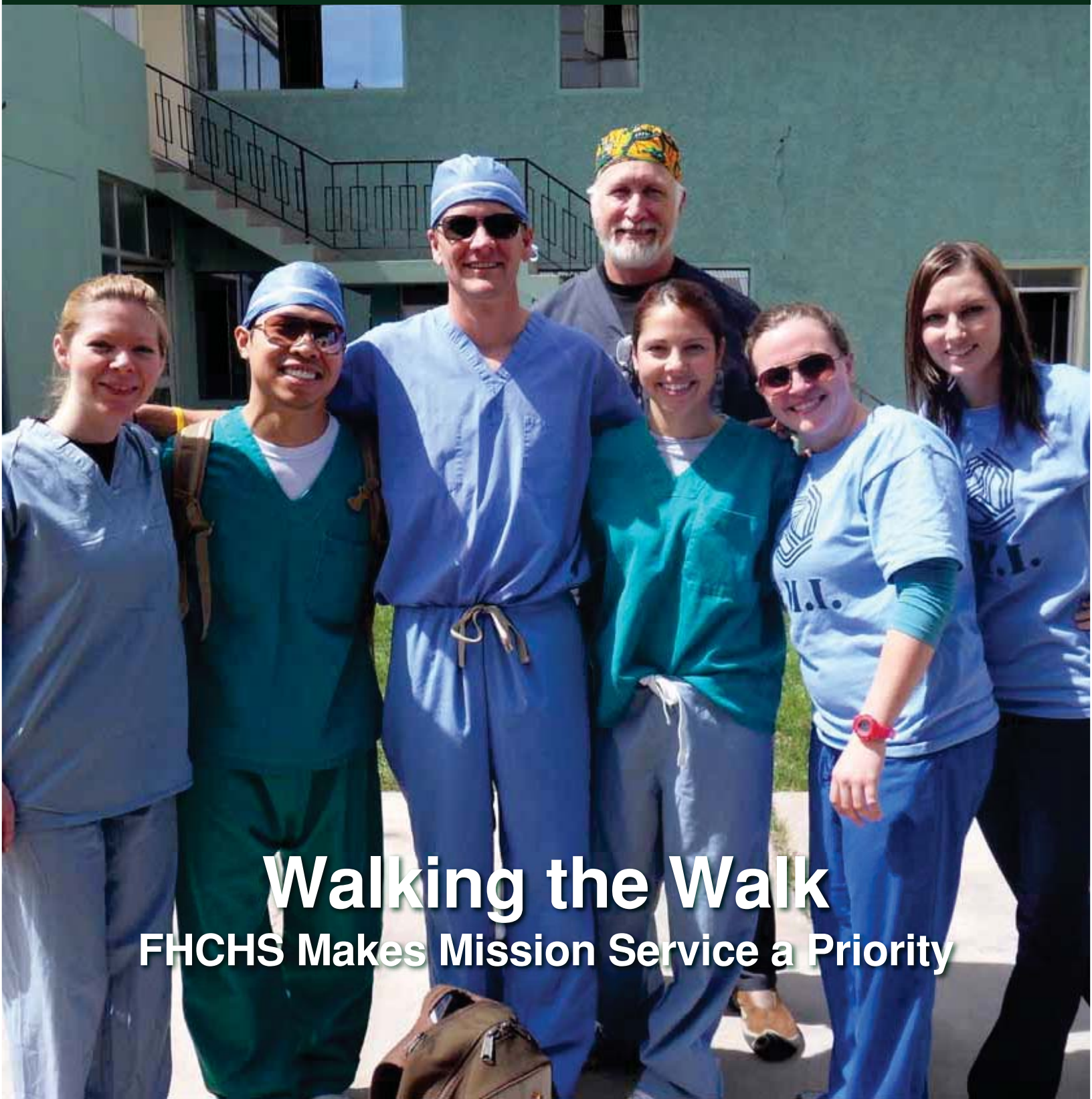


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Getting Beyond Pain

Answers and hope are sometimes found in the strangest places. This past December I was one of 14 journalists who had the privilege of visiting Israel as a guest of the Israeli government. After several deeply spiritual days of eagerly visiting Joppa, Caesarea, Megiddo, Cana, Nazareth, Capernaum, and sites around Jerusalem, our guide led us to a memorial that filled me with a sense of dread — Yad Vashem, the holocaust museum. Movies and previous visits to holocaust memorials always stoked smoldering anger and lingering pain in my heart over man's inhumanity to man. I did not want to lose the inspiration I gained from walking in the steps of Jesus while trudging back through ghastly reminders of the racial hatred that scars our pasts and our persons.

I expressed my reluctance and reasons to our guide, Tsion ben David, who empathized but encouraged me to try it. Then, "If it was too painful, turn around and come out."

With deep apprehension I entered the winding corridor that slowly descended into the heart of the memorial. Each step passed walls that retraced the roots and rise of anti-semitic hatred, a supremacist mindset, open hostility, neutrality, and the indifference that paved the way for the holocaust. One poignant note by a German pastor read, "They came for the Communists and I did not object for I was not communist. They came for the socialists ... the Jews ... and I did not object When they came for me, there was no one left to object" (Martin Niemöller).

The exhibits then chronicled the terror, humiliation, forced labor, deportations, death camps, and exterminations of the holocaust, and end at a huge pile of shoes once worn by those killed in the ovens.

From that low point, the winding corridor began a slow ascent through exhibits that revealed something I had never seen in any other holocaust museum or memorial. These walls, letters, and photos now portrayed how Jews as individuals, families, and a nation have risen from the ashes of Auschwitz to rebirth and renewal, from being victims to victors.

Two things surfaced for me in Yad Vashem: first, a conviction that no one can afford to be neutral or indifferent to injustice. We are our brother's keeper. Second, I began to sense hope and see anew the possibility for a creative response to injustice.

Smoldering anger over the past does not have to burn away the love we need for today. Those of us who have suffered at the hand of hatred and indifference to our plight can move beyond pain to forgiveness and full engagement in love and life again. How? I saw the answer in Yad Vashem. It is possible as we personally learn from the past, educate the world about the past and the possibilities of the present, choose to love all mankind, give of ourselves even in the face of risk, commemorate how God has led us, and connect and hold a firm faith in a promised future. As Christians we find this in Jesus. Then, like Joseph, we can be "fruitful in the land of ... affliction," Genesis 41:52.

When I walked out of the museum, the ceiling swung up and outward to a magnificent view of the Judean valley. At first the sky over the valley was covered by clouds, but then the sun's rays broke through and shown a light over the valley. Pointing to the valley, Tsion ben David exclaimed, "See this valley? See the emerging cities? This is our revenge." The best victory over pain is rebirth, renewal, and a life committed to love.



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sistant; Christina Madill; Ashley Mandeville; and Kayla Colon outside in the courtyard of the
Clinica American De Juliaca in Peru.

Walking the Walk

FHCHS Makes Mission Service a Priority
BY ERIC CADIENTE



The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a rich tradition of organizing mission trips to various parts of the globe. The mission trips are often undertaken for a variety of reasons — medical, educational, or ministerial — but the underlying theme throughout the years has always been one of serving others in a manner similar to how Christ lived his life while on Earth. At Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences (FHCHS), that tradition of mission and service is alive and well.

At FHCHS, students, faculty, and staff are able to participate in multiple mission trips throughout the year. Whether traveling halfway around the globe to Russia or the Ukraine, assisting in a medical mission in Latin America or the Caribbean, or assisting the underprivileged and underserved here within the United States, FHCHS students are able to impact the lives of those they meet while continuing to grow as individuals.

The longest running mission endeavor at FHCHS is one organized by Health and Biomedical Sciences Department chair Ann Vining, Ed.D., and her husband, David. The Russian/Ukrainian trips have been ongoing since 1999, and came about while David Vining was on a mission trip to Siberia where he met representatives from Zaokski University (a sister Adventist University in Russia). They told him of an endeavor in which they were trying to raise money to benefit children's homes in their area. Unlike the United States, Russia does not have a foster system, and in its place the formation of children's homes has arisen. Unlike orphanages, approximately 60 percent of the children at these homes have living family members, but have been taken away by the state because of various reasons such as having a mother in jail, abuse, or abandonment. Due to the scarcity of money and resources, many of the children lack coats, hats, gloves, scarves, toys, and even undergarments.

Upon hearing the plight of these children, Vining and her husband



The group is greeted by clinic staff and folk performers.



Nursing student Loryn Astle smiles for the camera as she makes balloon shapes for the children.



Members of Mission 517 assist the teacher in the classroom.

immediately started planning a mission trip to visit the children's homes in Russia. Their endeavor to reach the children of Russia and the Ukraine has been ongoing for 12 years. Due to recent changes in the political climate, FHCHS has been working with another Adventist college, the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences. The last two mission visits have moved to children's homes in the Ukraine, but funds are still sent to the children's homes in Russia that FHCHS has visited in the past. Oftentimes, the assistance is extended to the children in the local area as well. During the course of the visits, Vining and her husband have shipped or purchased more than 15,000 coats, 30,000 toys, 10,000 track suits, and countless numbers of gloves, hats, and undergarments.

"The purpose of what we are trying to do in Russia and the Ukraine is to tell the children that somebody cares for them," said Ann Vining. "We want to help them understand that they have worth and personal value as a child of God." Each mission trip is undertaken during the College's winter break, and has always been a life-changing event for all involved. A perfect example of this is four teenage girls in Russia whose grandmother had taken them into her home. All four have now been baptized into the Adventist Church and are attending the Adventist high school at Zaokski.

In addition to the Russian/Ukrainian mission trips, FHCHS has participated in the popular "Share-Him" mission trips in past years as well. By the time of this printing, a mission trip to Costa Rica will be underway that is being organized by the campus chaplain, Bill Crofton, and his son, Matt. Their organization, Mission 517, takes its name from 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Chaplain Crofton and his son have organized several trips to Costa Rica during the last nine years, the

underlying purpose of each being education. Working with representatives from the Costa Rican Ministry of Education, the mission reaches out to K-6 children in the public schools in the Tamarindo area. Open to Adventists and non-Adventists alike, Mission 517 has had all kinds of participants ranging from Adventist Academy students, Orlando area high school students, college students from around the country, and entire families.

“During each mission trip we host a Vacation Bible School, teach English, incorporate some science into the curriculum, host an organized physical education program, and often undertake a beautification project such as painting a mural or building,” said Crofton. “But most of all we hug them, play with them, and let them know we love them and value them.”

“These mission trips are relationship-driven,” states Bill Crofton. “Many students stay in contact with their Costa Rican friends for years afterwards.” The experiences and relationships that occur on the trip impact not only the local Costa Ricans, but the missionaries as well. In 2008, two non-Adventist students from Boston University approached Crofton on the last night of their mission trip. After thanking him for including them on the trip, they told him, “We have to go back and evaluate what we are going to do with our lives.” After he had heard their comment, Crofton was reminded of the passage in Ellen G. White’s *Ministry of Healing*, page 43, which states, “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”

As a former missionary himself, FHCHS president David Greenlaw, D.Min., also asked the campus chaplains to arrange domestic mission trips to minister and assist the underserved and uninsured within the United States. “We shouldn’t just



Happy smiles are everywhere on Mission 517 trips.



Members of the local Peruvian village greet the mission team in their native attire.



David (kneeling) and Ann Vining (left) pose with the missionary group from FHCHS.



Boys (ages 4-13) from the Segrado Corazon de Jesus Orphanage show their appreciation of FHCHS nursing alumnus Marshall Moss in Juliaca, Peru.



Ann Vining (center) visits with administrators of a Ukrainian children's home.

focus our efforts overseas when so many need help at home," related Crofton. Along with his fellow chaplain, Reynold Acosta, Crofton arranged for a mission trip to south central Florida to work with the underserved and large migrant worker population in the state. Future domestic mission trips are also being planned for the Appalachia region of the United States.

Florida Hospital College's unique relationship with Florida Hospital also allows for unparalleled mission opportunities for students in the institution's graduate Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP). In February of 2011, NAP student Christina Madill and FHCHS adjunct faculty member Mike Tran, CRNA, participated in Florida Hospital's Global Mission Initiatives mission trip to Peru. In addition to Madill, several FHCHS alumni made the trip as well, including nursing graduate Marshall Moss, and sonography graduates Sara Hueneke and Kayla Colon.

With visits to Lima and Juliaca, Peru, Madill found herself assisting with surgery in conditions far different than the squeaky clean sterile environments she was used to. With Juliaca situated 13,000 feet above sea level, many members of the mission team battled altitude sickness while carrying out their duties. "This trip was a personal achievement for me," said Madill. "Not only was I able to help the underserved, but I grew personally from the experience and now have a new appreciation for the facilities we, as professionals, have, but also as Americans living in a country of comparative prosperity." At times, Christina and Mike found that they had to fashion a surrogate instrument out of the existing supplies to accomplish their goals during surgery. "This experience really made me appreciate all that we have here in America and how fortunate we are to have access to the simplest things," said Madill. "But, it gave me confidence in what I am able to do. I now know I can work under adverse conditions and still be able to do what is needed."

While Christina and her team assisted the surgeons in the operating room, the other missionaries visited orphanages in the region to help with basic care and introduce the local populace to the fundamentals of healthful living. Kayla Colon, 2009 sonography graduate, said, "I think I can say I am addicted to helping others and offering to lend your skills where you can help meet a specific need. I enjoy the feeling of accomplishment knowing my efforts have truly sparked a change."

In 2010, a group of four nurse anesthesia students, led by Susan Crider, accompanied members of the "Hearts in Motion" mission organization in Guatemala that was a blend of medical and ministerial mission. Working with the local hospitals in Zacapa, Crider and her group assisted the anesthesiologist in the operating rooms. In addition, Crider and her classmates felt it was important to represent themselves in a manner consistent with the mission and vision of Florida Hospital College. Thanks to the contribution of many concerned individuals, Susan and her classmates were able to distribute nearly 50 children's beginner Bibles written in Spanish. Each child beamed with happiness as they held their new Bible and promised Susan that they would read it to their siblings and parents.

Not only do FHCHS and Florida Hospital mission trips accomplish several of the College's learning outcome — including caring, communication, service to the community, and professional expertise — but they also embody the College's four vision words: Nurture, Excellence, Spirituality, and Stewardship. At Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, our mission is to blend healthcare and ministry, then see those come alive in the students, faculty, and staff.

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Happy, smiling children welcome the team in Tamarindo, Costa Rica.



Christina Madill (left) and members of Florida Hospital's Global Mission Initiatives team visited a hospital in Peru.



Members of the Mission 517 pose outside by the school sign in Tamarindo, Costa Rica.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

BY DEBRA FRYSON

As a child, did you dread the sight of sale flyers with back-to-school savings? How awful to be reminded that it was time to stock up on pencils, pens, and notebooks. How alarming to realize that all too soon summer vacation would be over and it would be time to head back to school. While that is no longer your worry, perhaps you have children who now find themselves in the same predicament.

Ready or not, it's that time of year again. Here are some tips that may help you and your child have a successful school year.

Before the School Year Starts

Reestablish bedtime routines that may have been relaxed during the summer. According to the National Sleep Foundation, preschoolers need from 11 to 13 hours of sleep each night, school-age children need from 10 to 11 hours, and teens need from 8.5 to 9.25 hours. Students will think more clearly and function better if they have had proper rest.

As summer comes to an end, The Association of School Psychologists recommends that parents turn off the television. They advise that you "encourage your child to play quiet games, do puzzles, flash cards, color, or read as early morning activities instead of watching television. This will help ease your child into the learning process and school routine."

Save money by stocking up on school supplies during annual back-

to-school sales, and by taking advantage of tax-free days. Many states have tax-free weekends that allow you to purchase school supplies, clothing, books, computers, and other back-to-school items without having to pay sales tax. An Internet search for your state's tax-free weekend will reveal scheduled dates and items that qualify for tax-free status.

Once the School Year Has Begun

Time and again, research shows that parental involvement has a major impact on student success in school. "When parents are involved students have:

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation, better self-esteem
- Lower rates of suspension
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
- Fewer instances of violent behavior."

To be involved, communicate frequently with your children about their schoolwork. Ask them about things that are going well or that are not going so well. Discover in what subjects they excel, or in what subjects they struggle. Show an interest in, talk positively about, and encourage your children regarding schoolwork. Provide resources that will help them do their best.

Set high expectations. In most

instances, when parents set realistic high expectations, children strive to reach them. When children know their parents expect them to make good grades, they do. When children know the expectation is that they will go to college, they do. Celebrate small successes, so that a desire to do one's best becomes contagious. When setbacks occur, teach your children to learn from them and to embrace them as opportunities for growth.

Parental involvement at school and regular communication with teachers is also very valuable. Participate in school activities and events, and become an active member of the Home and School Association. Also, establish an open line of communication with your child's teachers, who will appreciate knowing that you are concerned about your child's progress. Phone calls, email, and visits to the classroom are effective ways to stay in touch and to show that school success is important to you.

While your children may be sad to see the care-free days of summer come to an end, help them reflect on friends and activities they've missed while they've been out of school. Encourage them to look forward to a new year with excitement in anticipation of all the things the year has in store. Here's to the start of a successful year!

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Why Join SAC?

BY PAT HUMPHREY

Has anyone ever invited you to join the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC)? If not, consider this your official invitation. Maybe the question on your mind right now is, “Exactly what is SAC?” Unlike other organizations in the world whose names bear the title “society,” SAC is not some elite or exclusive group. On the contrary, SAC is comprised of a variety of committed Adventists who have a passion to share our message through their unique areas of media ministry — whether through the printed page, photography, television, radio, the Internet, social media, music, art, or a host of other creative outlets. In short, if you are involved in — or want to be involved in — communicating to others the message of the Adventist Church, then you should be a part of SAC.

So what is SAC all about? It’s about connecting with other communication professionals and growing from one another’s knowledge, expertise, and passion for ministry. It’s about being enriched and energized

by attending SAC’s annual convention and returning home ready to put your newly-acquired knowledge into action. It’s about networking and making new friends — people who will become a source of spiritual and professional support for years to come. If you’re a communication professional, it’s about using your talents and acquired knowledge to mentor a young person. And if you’re a novice, it’s an opportunity to connect with a specialist in your field whose wise mentoring can help you to grow professionally.

SAC is comprised of people from all facets of the communication field, including television producers, writers, editors, graphic designers, Web designers, photographers, social media experts, public relations specialists — and the list goes on. Membership is open to students and working professionals who are employed by the Church or the secular media, and those who are self-employed.

There’s a lot more I could say about SAC. But the only way to really know what SAC is all about is to join,

attend an annual convention, and see for yourself what a great organization it is. For membership information (or to register for the 2011 convention), please visit www.adventistcommunicator.org and click on the Members Only link. I hope to see you (and your colleagues) at our next convention in Chicago, October 20-22, 2011!

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Mortgage Burning, Induction Held Same Day

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

“It has been amazing,” says Jay Anders, lay pastor of East Ridge Church, who works full-time as an engineer administrator. “It is always when you look over your shoulder that you see God at work. Clearly every time we needed something, it was provided at just the right moment.”

Anders is referring to the East Ridge, Tennessee, mission group of about 120 individuals officially joining the sisterhood of churches on Sabbath, June 25, 2011. That same day they also celebrated paying off their mortgage of \$240,000 that they acquired last November.

“God blesses people for stepping out of their comfort zones. Everyone has full-time jobs. It is very exciting to work with this group,” says Steven Grabiner, an East Ridge elder, who has worked as a pastor and missionary. Grabiner currently works with OCI (Outpost Center International) and when he is not traveling, he teaches classes and preaches.

Anders said the idea for this church came while camping with family and friends at Chilhowee in 2008. The group originally formed from a Sabbath School class at the McDonald Road Church, McDonald, Tennessee, and chose the East Ridge area to plant a church because they saw no Adven-

tist churches in that area.

“In February 2011, we had the first baptism in the new building. The water could have been a hot tub, worse cold,” said Anders. “This spring we offered a gardening seminar. You know what happens when we offer events — storms (snow), we lost electricity, and it was difficult to get to church. The Lord is working. In May we had a DVD mailing, got church members out. June 2011, building now paid off! 160th church GCC — quite a ride. No one person. It’s about Christ working together, lifting up one another. Everybody is receptive and willing to help out.”

Laura Curtain is the first member who was baptized into the East Ridge Church while they were a mission group. Curtain had been searching for a church to join, and saw this group meeting in a location on Spring Creek Road. She thought that there could not be a wedding every week, and went up and asked what was taking place. Interestingly enough, as a “teenager I had a friend who gave me Bible studies and taught me things about Adventists. I wasn’t allowed to go to the Seventh-day Adventist church because my family was going to a Methodist church,” said Curtain. “We were looking and felt a tug and

push. Normally, I don’t ask; normally, I am very shy.”

The East Ridge Church is an active house of worship. Their vision reads, “To become the kind of church described in the Bible, where there is relevant teaching, heart-changing worship, and warm fellowship, earnest prayer, and growth in Jesus.”

Rusty McKee, a member of East Ridge, was recently working with East Ridge Bible worker Thomas Biehl. They went to visit a woman named Betty at an assisted living facility in East Ridge. While there a friend of Betty’s named Gayle walked in. After some conversation Gayle asked Thomas who he was and what he believes. He shared that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, and she said her husband was raised an Adventist but didn’t go to any church. He did say that if there was an Adventist church in East Ridge he would go. “They are here today. The neatest thing about our small church is that it is easier to understand that they want everyone to get involved.”

“It is always a blessing to see the people this church has reached,” said Pam Anders, church secretary and wife of Jay. “It can be challenging here, but our reward is in Heaven.”



On the same day the East Ridge Company became a church, they also burned the mortgage to their church building. Jay Anders (first photo, left), lay pastor; David Rubling, finance chair; Don Gettys, McDonald Road pastor; and Kathy Cobos, treasurer.



A Reluctant Worker, \$12,000 Worth of Literature

BY REBECCA GRICE

How many Bible Story sets and other message books will \$12,000 buy? Ask Robert Dorman, he knows! It is 280 single volumes, or 11 sets of *Bible Story*, *Bible Reference* with user's guide, *God Cares*, and one set of *Bedtime Stories*. Is it likely that one literature evangelist would sell that many books in a single day? Ask Robert Dorman, again, and he will tell you no, but God can.

Robert, a literature evangelist who works in north eastern Alabama, was having a bad day. He had not sold anything all day, not even a MagaBook; in fact the month had not been any different. With no sales, and trying to meet his financial obligations, Robert had been tempted the night before to go back to work at the construction trade. He says, "I had an appointment for the next day, an obligation to fulfill. I went to the Lord and asked HIM to confirm my calling to the literature work. I told Him I wanted a definite sign — before the end of the day I wanted to be qualified for the month (\$4,500) in sales."

Robert kept his appointment, but the woman wasn't there. So now he was 70 miles away from the area he

had intended to work. Robert says, "As I prepared to work back toward my house, I asked the Lord's blessing and guidance. I felt impressed to go 20 miles farther away, and I commenced arguing with the Lord about the gas. He, in His great patience and mercy, persisted in directing me until HE gained the victory."

Arriving at his destination, Robert began calling on some very old leads and knocking on doors, but the people he found at home had no interest. Finally, Robert called on a name he had been to a couple of times before with no one ever home. Knocking on the door, Robert found an elderly widower.

After visiting with the man, Robert asked him if he remembered mailing the card about a year ago. The man began telling Robert that at one time he had a set of the *Bible Story* books in his home. Then the man told Robert, "I don't want you to think I'm a religious fanatic or something. I just want to share the benefit of the books with some other churches." When asked how many churches, the man began counting and answered, "Six, and one for my sister's grand-

children." Robert felt impressed to suggest that if the man bought 10 sets of books, he would get one set free. "I can find 10 churches that need these," he agreed. After including, as a bonus, the two volumes of *God Cares* with each set as another bonus, Robert wrote up the order. "I wrote it as if it were any other order, though my mind was at total awe at the grandeur of God," Robert says.

Robert's work day wasn't over just because God had brought a measure of success, so he continued to visit other homes as he worked his way home. He visited a home where he has just received a lead. The house was so poor that they almost had dirt floors. Robert concludes, "The Spirit of the Living God encouraged them to buy. They got a half set of *Bible Stories* and *The Desire of Ages*. Now, my hand could hardly write up this order. God had tripled my request and had shown me the ministry He had guided me to is for the wealthiest of the wealthy to the poorest of the poor."

SOUTH ATLANTIC *Opens New Camp Villas*

BY JAMES K. LAMB

There was a special, enthusiastic spirit during the South Atlantic Camp Meeting in Orangeburg, S.C. The constituents were greeted with brand new housing units — the River Oaks Villas. The four hotel-style buildings, consisting of 20 rooms each, were constructed in miracle time of just over seven months.

Three of the buildings (60 rooms) are complete with two queen beds, microwave oven, refrigerator, flat-screen television, and an iron and ironing board. Also included in the 270-square-foot unit is a vanity area with a separate restroom and a shower/bathtub combination. Twenty rooms in one building are designed for junior camp use with bunk beds.

An inaugural ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on June 11, 2011. Clarence Kegler, who served as the project coordinator, led out in the ceremony along with the Conference administrators. A special thank you was extended to Jonathan Walker, who served as the



As the ribbon was cut by the Conference officials, and gently floated to the ground, the crowd responded with applause in praise to God.

project manager.

Vanard Mendinghall, Conference president, shared with those in attendance that this was a dream come true. Now the Conference constituents will have a first-class facility to use when they visit the campground. Various retreats and Conference meetings have already been scheduled to utilize the site.

During the final inspection of the facilities, one of

the county building inspectors was overwhelmed with what he saw. He said, "There is nothing like this in all of Orangeburg County. You all should be very proud of what you have done here."

The housing project is the third phase of the campground improvement initiative. The 4,100-seat adult pavilion was completed in 2001, and the youth pavilion with gymnasium was opened in 2006. The debt on both pavilions has been liquidated.



The new housing units were a welcome addition to the River Oaks property in Orangeburg, S.C.

THE LEAP TOWARD MATURITY IN CHRIST

BY ASHLEY ELIZABETH FRAZIER

May 20, 2011, marked a significant day in my life as a Seventh-day Adventist senior in high school. On this day, my beliefs and values were tested and tried, and I had to step up to the task and stand up for what I believed. That Friday was my high school graduation, scheduled for 7:30 that night. The date was made at the beginning of the school year and was not subject to change. I knew that if I attended this momentous occasion, I would be violating God's Sabbath, and it would also weaken my relationship with Christ.

I explained to the school my high value of the Sabbath. The administrators said they understood the situation, but that they were unable to change the date, as it was already on the diplomas, and invitations had been sent. After I discussed the situation with my school's academic advisor, he called my parents, Albert and Claudette Frazier, to try to persuade them to let me attend graduation. My parents explained that, although they wholeheartedly supported my decision and were in agreement, they had given me the liberty to decide for myself whether or not I wanted to participate in the commencement exercises. They further explained that my decision was a reflection of my personal convictions based on what they had taught me and my personal relationship with Jesus. Following this conversation between

my parents and counselor and many subsequent conversations with other faculty, our family decided that the only thing left to do was pray. After much prayer and a staunch determination to stand in the face of adversity, my high school, University Heights Academy (college prep), Hopkinsville, Kentucky, held a special service for me in which all of my classmates, their families, and my family came to support me as I took this giant step in my academic career. This service was held several hours before sunset to ensure that I

received recognition for my achievement through God's grace, as well as received the opportunity to wish my classmates farewell without violating the Sabbath. I was so thankful that I stood up for my beliefs, and I feel like God called me for such a time as this so I could inspire other young people to stand up for Christ no matter what.

Because of my high esteem for the Sabbath and sharing my faith with the academy, the faculty at my school wrote an article about me, testifying to my strong morals and respect for God, my faith, and my religion. Though this decision was difficult, I wouldn't have had it any other way. I knew ahead of time that it would be on this date, and I had to choose for myself whether I wanted to stand up for my beliefs in God or stay with my graduating class of 2011 and march on God's Sabbath, and I chose my Savior without hesitation.

Currently, I am preparing to enter the world of college. I am planning to attend Oakwood University in the fall, where I will be majoring in political science and minoring in theology. Though my path is daunting and full of uncertainty, I have resolved in my mind and heart that no matter what, through God's grace, I will always try to stand for principle and my Savior. Thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph, (2 Corinthians 2:14).



Because of her love for the Lord, Ashley Frazier (left) declined the opportunity to graduate with her class; the ceremony was scheduled on the Sabbath. Her sister, Rachel Frazier, poses with her.

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Sunday, September 25, 2011



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Let's Move Day is an event of Adventists InStep for Life. It is sponsored by the North American Division Health Ministries Department in partnership with Adventist Community Services, Children's Ministries, Education, and Youth Ministries.

A BURDEN LIFTED

John's wife passed away in 2001 and his daughter in 2003.

Despite this terrible loss, John Watson Jr, a member in the Carolina conference, says, "Out of appreciation, I want to give back to God whatever I have left."

Having dedicated his house, life insurance policies, and bank account to the Lord's work, John says, "A burden is lifted off my shoulders because now I feel everything is in God's hands."

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HELPING TO MAKE HEALTH CARE IN HAITI SAFER

BY ASHLEY WHITE

Florida Hospital's environmental service team shared best practices in hospital safety and infection prevention at Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti.

Florida Hospital's support and mission service group, Global Mission Initiatives (GMI), recently led a professional team of Florida Hospital environmental service employees to the outskirts of Haiti's capital, Port-Au-Prince, to share best practices in hospital safety and infection prevention. Every day, this team helps keep Florida Hospital clean and sanitized for the safety of employees, visitors, and patients. The team taught its counterparts at the local hospital how to implement sustainable sanitation management and operations.

For a majority of the team members, the trip was a unique opportunity to serve their home country and make an impact on the health care climate, as many of them are Haitian themselves.

"I want to help my people and my nation by trying to make health care better for my country," said Philemon Genestan, a member of the Florida Hospital environmental services team. "It is an honor to be able to visit Haiti to reorganize the hospitals in order to make them a safer place."

The Florida Hospital environmental services team trained employees at Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti on facility maintenance and proactive

infection prevention. The Haitian hospital also gained access to and knowledge about proper equipment for cleaning to maintain sanitation codes. Many of the cleaning supplies were sent in the beginning of January this year during the cholera outbreaks affecting the country.

In 2008, three-fourths of the Haitian population had no access to health care, and Florida Hospital Global Mission Initiatives has been sending medical missions to Haiti since before the devastating earthquake in 2010. But, the combination of the earthquake's mass destruction and the poor health care climate in Haiti led Florida Hospital to take more action in assisting Haiti in its recovery process. Florida Hospital has designated Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti as a "footprint" location, meaning Global Mission Initiatives has a long-term standing commitment to help Haiti.

"We have sent numerous medical missions to Haiti, especially since the earthquake devastated the area, which included supplies and medical personnel," said Terry Owen, Flor-

ida Hospital senior vice president.

"Now, we are taking our assistance a step further to teach protocols and processes that will make the hospital safer and improve the quality of health care in Haiti. It is crucial that the hospital begins to build a stronger infrastructure and implement best practices to improve the quality of health care in the country long term."

In addition to education and training efforts, Florida Hospital's GMI team is also helping the Haitian hospital remodel their patient areas. The hospital will receive a new pediatric and women's services area, laboratory, pharmacy, and outpatient and inpatient areas, as well as an optometry clinic.

"Implementing sustainable sanitation operations is essential for the success of a health care facility," said Owen. "We want to help improve the state of health care in the country to ensure that good, quality services are provided."

Ashley White is Florida Hospital media relations specialist.



Mark Giuliani, a member of the environmental service team, works at Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti.

Florida Hospital DeLand Offers Patients New Tool to Fight Cancer

Florida Hospital DeLand, DeLand, Fla., now offers cancer patients the latest tool in radiation oncology, Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT).

This new sophisticated equipment enables doctors in Volusia County to choose the most appropriate treatment for treating cancer in the body, head, or neck; and deliver the full-spectrum of treatments, all in one machine. Additionally, this state-of-the-art technology improves the precision and effectiveness of cancer treatments by allowing physicians to target and track tumors more accurately.

“Tissues, organs, and many tumors are not rigidly fixed in one position. They can move several centimeters inside the body due to natural

physiological processes, like breathing,” said Gary Graham, M.D., radiation oncologist. “Since they are not always in the exact same position each time a patient is positioned for treatment, the IGRT Respiratory Gating feature is essential to tracking and targeting tumors with radiation.”

Because the IGRT equipment provides more

precise tumor targeting, the radiation beam dosage levels can be increased, allowing tumors to receive a higher dose of radiation while nearby healthy tissues receive very little. This enables doctors to treat tumors with radiation, even if they are close to vital organs like the spinal column, salivary glands, heart, or lungs, with substantially fewer side effects

and a much better post-treatment quality of life.

“Radiation therapy is very effective at controlling many forms of cancer by destroying cancer cells’ ability to reproduce,” said Graham. “With more than 60 percent of cancer patients requiring some form of radiation therapy as part of their treatment, it is imperative patients have cancer-fighting

technology of this caliber close to home.”

The addition of the IGRT equipment is part of the Florida Hospital DeLand Cancer Institute \$5.2 million expansion project, designed to enhance the services provided and treat a wider range of tumor sites.

—BY ERIN HUNTER



Florida Hospital Medical Mission Team Touches Lives in Dominican Republic

Within three days, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center’s medical mission team, from Sebring, Fla., accomplished 73 surgeries, more than 90 Emergency Room consultations, more than 200 general medical consultations, and other procedures including den-

tal care at a clinic located in Sanchez, Dominican Republic.

“Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center has adopted the Dominican Republic as the official country of its international mission work. The hospital’s mission statement is ‘Extending the

Healing Ministry of Christ,’ and this international mission effort provides a channel for us, as U.S. citizens and health care professionals, to share our resources and personal care with those in need beyond our borders,” said Lake Placid administrator Warren Santander. In

August 2010, a team of 13 physicians, nurses, and others went to Limon, Dominican Republic, and performed 60 surgeries in two and a half days. The experiences that were generated, and the people served, made lasting impressions on each team member.

This year's trip took place in a slightly larger town, Sanchez, close to the clinic visited last year. The Florida Hospital team worked closely with the Dominican Union of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Centro Medico Vista del Jardin (Adventist Hospital in Santo Domingo, DR), Medical Missionaries International (for rental equipment, supplies, transportation and personnel), and Sarah Green, M.D., director of the Sanchez clinic, to organize and prepare for the trip. The medical mission team grew to 24 members on this trip, introducing additional specialties such as obstetrics, urology, neurology, pediatrics, orthopedics, and dentistry.

Florida Hospital Lake Placid's administrator, Warren Santander, and chief medical officer, Jorge Gonzalez, M.D., will be making a follow-up trip to the clinic in August to plan for future support and missions, including possible construction efforts, medical equipment donations, and other improvements that will enhance the quality of care available to those whom the clinic serves.

—BY JULIE CHRISTIAN



Pictured outside of the operating room at a clinic are Teo Beatro, M.D. (left), anesthesiologist for Medical Missionaries International; Melisa Gonzalez, R.N.; Allen Skipper, M.D., surgeon at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center; and Carin Lentz, R.N., nurse manager at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.



Members of the medical mission team gathered at the end of a long day of surgeries at the clinic in Sanchez, Dominican Republic.

Homecoming Held at Charlotte Sharon Church

Thomas Wolfe once wrote, "You can't go home again." No offence to Wolfe, but the Charlotte Sharon Church proved him wrong on June 18, 2011, when they celebrated their 97th anniversary by having a church-wide homecoming. This two-day event was full of happy faces, nostalgic stories, and wonderful fellowship.

Faces lit up as people walked through the front doors of the church and saw old friends and loved ones. There were squeals and hugs as members and past-members mingled together laughing, catching-up, and introducing additions to their families



since last they met. All this took place over a delicious breakfast provided by the members.

"It is so good to see old friends and hear what



Current senior pastor Minner Labrador (left); Noel Shanko (1980-1985); Dwight Herod (1975-1976); Mitchell Tyner (1970-1975); and Thorn Hean, pastor Sharon Church Cambodian/Hmong Group.

they have been up to, and see where God has led them in their lives," commented Marge Brown, a former member of Sharon and retired Carolina Conference office employee.

David Graham, associate pastor at Sharon, led the congregation through a church history timeline, from its organization to future plans. Henry Harrison Stillwell founded the church back in the 1890's. His granddaughter, Dorothy Davis, and her

husband, Jim, were able to join in the homecoming festivities. Interspersed through his presentation, Graham invited former pastors and members to share what they remembered from their time at Sharon. Three of the former pastors were present, Mitchell Tyner, Dwight Herod, and Noel Shanko.

There was one story in particular that Lloyd Johnston, Sharon Church member, shared that was truly memorable. Apparently, Charlotte Sharon experienced something similar to Ray Steven's song "Mississippi Squirrel." One Friday evening during

a candlelight communion service, just as the soloist was finishing her special music, a flying squirrel decided that he needed to "come to Jesus." It sprang from the baptistry, over the heads of the congregation, and landed on the back pew. Quite a few members were "moved and affected" during that service.

Following lunch on the homecoming weekend, a tour was given of the land purchased to build a larger church and school facilities. Later, the schedule allowed former students of the church school, Adventist Christian Academy, to reunite and catch up.

The festivities wrapped up with dinner, entertainment, and more quality time fellowshiping with one another. The weekend was orchestrated by Dottie Johnston and crew.

If you were unable to attend the homecoming, mark your calendar for the 100th anniversary, the third weekend of June 2014.

—BY COURTNEY HEROD



Family First Radio Reaches Millions

Carolina Conference is home to one of the most successful evangelistic tools in the nation. WBAJ radio, covering the Columbia, S.C., metro and beyond, has brought in more than 300 baptisms.

If you examine the reasons that make this method so successful, some very interesting facts emerge as to why WBAJ became the number-one-soul-winning station almost immediately. WBAJ uses a unique, all-talk format. Hands down, this has proven to be the most effective format for radio evangelism. WBAJ has some of the most gifted Adventist speakers in evangelism, health, creation, religious liberty, finances, and more. Because the listeners are



Bob Sitko and Lynn Sherman prepare programming for broadcast at WBAJ in Columbia, S.C.

grounded in the truths they hear, they are two to three times more likely to stay in the Church than converts from other evangelistic endeavors. Most of the listeners already know the Advent message when they first walk in the doors of an Adventist church. Many immediately ask to be baptized.

WBAJ has three additional and unexpected benefits at no extra cost. The church has struggled

to reach men, but amazingly almost 60 percent of WBAJ converts are men. For hundreds of miles on I-20, I-26, I-77, and I-95, non-Adventist interstate motorists are listening for the first time to present truth. Also, there are more than 10,000 inmates in the WBAJ listening area. Since almost all inmates investigate the

local radio stations, many get baptized.

Recently another Family First station, WTCG, has begun broadcasting in the Charlotte, N.C., area. Together these two stations cover more than five million people. That is one third of the entire Carolina Conference population!

WBAJ and WTCG are part of the Family First Radio Network that operates eight Christian talk

radio stations coast to coast. All together, they have a potential audience of 11 million people. This is like having hundreds of evangelists, pastors, Bible workers, and medical doctors working full-time in these areas at a fraction of the cost.

Eric Kerr was an 18-year-old agnostic when he first heard WBAJ. It turned his life upside down. "WBAJ brought me to God." After his conversion he attended Southern Adventist University and studied theology. He is now a minister in the Michigan Conference.

For free family resources, including videos, e-books, audio, and maps of the stations' coverage areas, visit www.FamilyFirstRadio.com. For volunteer opportunities such as listening to sermons for content evaluation or manning prayer phone lines, call 1-800-617-WORD (9673).

—CONTRIBUTED BY FAMILY FIRST RADIO

Simple Invitation Leads to New Life

When the Rockingham, N.C., Cornerstone Church held evangelistic meetings, on opening night a man named Arthur Williams came to the rented church to attend a different meeting. A Cornerstone member invited him to join the Revelation Seminar. He came in just as the meeting was finishing the first night, but he returned the next night. It



has been more than a year and a half since Williams started attending. This January he began studying at Oakwood University, Huntsville, Ala., where he is pursuing a degree in social work. On Feb-

ruary 19, he was baptized at the Oakwood University Church. He is continuing to share what the Lord has been teaching him. The Lord took a simple invitation to make a profound impact that will only truly be revealed in the Kingdom!

—BY ROSEMARIE PARKER

“I Was Found” Finds a Home in Miami Temple



An average of 35-40 young people meet each Friday night at Miami Temple Church to study God's Word.

Roger Da Silva, Bible worker at Miami Temple Church, believes “there is no one beyond the reach of God’s grace.” In fact, these words are part of the I Was Found mission statement, which is the passionate outreach program for youth/young adults (ages 17-30) in the Miami area.

Established in October 2009, I Was Found meets every Friday night at the church, having outgrown its original gathering place at Da Silva’s apartment. The group began

with four Adventist young people desiring a closer walk with God, who had the additional purpose of establishing a stronger youth department at Miami Temple. God has blessed them and “increased their territory” with an average attendance of 35-40 young people meeting each Friday, 80 percent of whom are non-Adventist.

The premise of this ministry is simply to get into the Bible as a means of meeting the needs, concerns, and doubts found so

prevalently in today’s world. There are no programs or gimmicks; just the simple study of God’s Word to find answers for which so many young people are searching, yet, are not finding in the voices of today’s world.

There is an unwritten code of trust that enables all who come to express their feelings and concerns without the fear of being judged. It has become a refuge for the hurting and the searching. Says one member, “I honestly started going because my girlfriend was, but I have grown so much spiritually that I never want to leave.”

Da Silva works during the day with those who want more individual

Bible study. His brother, Paolo is now conducting the Bible studies on Friday night. Because the group is becoming so large, they are planning to divide into smaller groups so people will feel more comfortable participating.



Participants pray that God will “increase their territory” in the Miami area.

God has richly blessed this ministry with 13 baptisms, and it is believed many more will soon be saying, “I was found.”

—BY REINALDO SANCHEZ

Relious and Beverly Walden Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

Relious Walden fulfilled his military duty with the United States Army in 1949, sold his motorcycle for quick cash, and used the G.I. Bill to enroll at Southern Missionary College (Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, Tenn. There, he was attracted to student Beverly Smith as she diligently worked in the school cafeteria. After she transferred to a local business college, their courtship continued to develop, and on June

27, 1951, they married in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Two years later, after Relious graduated with degrees in religion and business, the young couple moved to Nashville, Tenn., to join the workforce at Southern Publishing Association. In the 40 years which followed, treasury-related positions for the Adventist Church took Relious to Georgia; Florida; New Jersey; Ohio; Uruguay, South America; Iowa; California; and then to Orlando, Fla.,

where he retired in 1993 as treasurer of Florida Conference.

Throughout their marriage, when Beverly wasn’t at home caring for their



Beverly and Relious Walden

three children, David, Lisa, and Neal, she served as a secretary in conference offices or as administrative assistant for Glendale, Calif., City Church and Forest Lake Church in Apopka, Fla.

“Long-time friends we made in all the places we lived have enriched our lives,” say the active Forest Lake Church members. Six grandchildren and twin great-grandsons also bring them additional joy.

—BY MARTIN BUTLER

Lay Pastors Minister as Servants of God

A retreat for Florida Conference lay pastors was held at Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland, Fla., May 13-15, 2011, with the objective of aligning their congregations to the purpose, values, and strategies of Conference church growth goals. This retreat explored the role of lay pastors in creating a culture of mission and discipleship in their local congregation, as outlined in the retreat's theme, "The Church Transformational Process."

A lay pastor is a leader chosen by a sponsoring board, and completes Conference certification through training and demonstrations of fitness

for ministry. Statewide, 83 congregations are led by volunteer pastors. They shepherd close to 7,000 members of various cultural backgrounds and language groups such as English, Spanish, French, Romanian, and Korean.

Recertification for lay pastor status is contingent upon attending annual recertification training and an annual review and rec-



Owen Roberts, Ph.D. (standing, right), lay pastor of Zion Advent Company in Plantation, Fla., and associate superintendent for St. Lucie County Public School District, presented a Teaching For Results seminar during the lay pastors' meetings at Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland, Fla.

leadership, spirituality, loyalty to church, theology, and a cooperative spirit need to be demonstrated.

"A lay pastor is a ministering servant of God and, like every Christian, is called to ministry,

ommendation by the local church board, the pastor of the sponsoring church, and by the Florida Conference Ministerial Department. It is a continuing training process. Character,

gifted by the Holy Spirit, and in baptism commissioned for ministry as referred to in Ephesians 4:11, 12," says Allan Machado, lay pastor coordinator.

—BY ALLAN MACHADO

UNVEILED Plays Out Life's Drama

UNVEILED is the student Drama Ministry Team

at Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Fla., directed



Forest Lake Academy students Reschika Jarvis (left) and Arthur Theodore with Sam Paschal, Forest Lake Academy boys' dean, religion teacher, and UNVEILED drama ministries director, build excitement from among delegates arriving for the Black Adventist Youth Directors Association United Youth Congress.

by Sam Paschal, a Bible teacher and boys' dean. Recently, UNVEILED's featured performance kicked off an inaugural event at Black Adventist Youth Directors Association (BAYDA) United Youth Congress in Orlando at Orange County Convention Center, with more than 12,000 in attendance.

"The message of UNVEILED is to show God's love and direction through drama ministry," says Paschal. "Drama ministry is presenting life lessons through the use of acting, poetry, and music. God granted us all with gifts, and we can use those gifts to serve and bring people to the loving message of

Christ's saving grace. So, we chose to use our gifts in acting to share this message."

"I like acting and especially street ministry," says member Philip Houghton, "where we can witness through our drama ministry team just by telling a story in our skits that the people can see themselves in. You don't always have to preach to them, and everyone can relate to a story."

To learn more about UNVEILED's ministry, contact Sam Paschal at paschals@forestlake.org.

—BY DANIEL SMITH

Advent House Students Serve Others

On a fresh and clear June morning, six members of Advent House from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, put on their work gloves and hats and headed out to take part in a community service project in North Knoxville. The project? Beardsley Community Farm.



The Adventist Christian Fellowship group which recently volunteered for community service includes Arthur Ordelbeide (not pictured), a local elementary school teacher working on his master's degree in education; Shbekaina Domingo (left), resident English major; chaplain Michaela Lawrence Jeffery; Sharena, Shbekaina's sister and a high school student; Karl Bernstein, a Ph.D. student in chemistry; and Liesl Grady, a master's student in speech-language pathology.

Advent House volunteered for the morning session of work

from 9:30 to noon. To kick off the morning, they got a full tour of the farm's

where people who want to grow their own food

gardening projects and a taste of their unique history and mission. All of the produce from Beardsley Community Farm is currently donated to local food pantries and charities and is organically grown. They also have community plots

but do not have space can cultivate their own. Beardsley Community Farm's endeavors are not limited to merely plants, however. Homegrown honey and eggs are also an ongoing project.

The Advent House group was assigned to cutting donated pieces of glass to make a mosaic to refurbish the floor of the farm's strawberry shed. This was something new to all and they made the most of their time working with new tools and finding out the most effective — and sometimes merely creative — ways to make intriguing mosaic pieces. The chaplain took on the most daunting task of mowing grass.

—BY LIESL GRADY

Fayette Church Makes Joyful Noise

Without an open seat Sabbath, May 21, 2011, the Fayette Church, Fayetteville, Ga., experienced the JUICE — Joyful “Upliftment” In Christian Expression! — a day geared to enhance the worship experience coordinated by members Teddy and Lydia Lyle.

The day featured musical selections by the JUICE workshop choir and an inspirational sermon entitled “A Sermon in a Song” by Nyasha Dunkley.

After lunch, the program resumed with sessions on Hindrances to Effective Worship (Gary James), Enhancing the Worship Experience (Nyasha Dunkley



The JUICE workshop choir performed during the Sabbath, May 21, 2011, church service.

and Denise Morris), Your Contribution to Enhancing the Worship Experience (Lydia Lyle), and Conducting Techniques and Patterns

(Teddy Lyle and Cass Johnson). Inserted as transitions between the sessions were spirit-filled demonstrations highlighting Fayette's tal-

ented youth, from Déjà Lyle signing praise to the Fayette Youth Orchestra.

In the worship experience, every member has the responsibility of being spiritually prepared, reflecting the Spirit of Christ, ministering to others, and giving God all the praise and glory.

The day ended with a mini concert featuring harpist Tracy Glass; singing groups Rose Of Sharon, Full of Grace, and Gary and Tanya James; as well as a forum/panel discussion about music in the Church.

—BY LYDIA LYLE AND
DAWN JAMES

Ringgold Church Participates in 1890 Days

The City of Ringgold, Ga., proudly hosted its 36th annual 1890's Day Jamboree May 27 and 28. The event attracted more than 15,000 people featuring more than 100 food, arts, and crafts vendors, live music on multiple stages, beauty pageants, a parade, a classic car show, and a fireworks display on Saturday night. Admission was free, and all events were family friendly. No alcoholic beverages were permitted. The town's streets were blocked to car

traffic and all was a lively scene reminiscent of days gone by.

Despite the tragic tornado that had destroyed so much of this small north Georgia community, the celebration went on. What a tribute to the brave human spirit!

For the eighth consecutive year, under the direction of church member Julie Thomas, the Ringgold, Ga.,



The Ringgold, Ga., Church gave away free water, literature, and blood pressure screenings during the 36th annual 1890's Day Jamboree in May.

Church has participated in the celebration, giving free cool water, literature, do-

ing blood pressure screening, and witnessing to the many visitors.

Ronal Graham, D.D.S., who has been in charge of the program since 1990 said, "The Ringgold Adventist Church's participation during the years has made it better known and accepted in this community."

—BY J.W. HENSON

Lighter Scales Equal Brighter Future



Hitting middle age can be a daunting thing. Jason Levoy, a member of the Pla-

inville Church who works with an anesthesia group in Livingston, Tenn., turned 39 last September, and had a wake-up call. While hiking with his family in Alaska he noticed he was out of breath and couldn't keep up with his two children, ages 7 and 8.

"Turning 40 kind of scares me," said Levoy. "I have tried diets over the years, and diets just haven't really worked that well."

Levoy decided it was time to make a health

change. He cut out all soda from his diet and was determined to drink 64 ounces of water per day. All the thin people he knew were joggers so he took up running.

"To be honest I never considered myself a person overweight," said Levoy. "I never considered that I was not active. Yeah, my wife is out there running, but I stay active on the farm cutting down a tree, being on the tractor. I thought everything was good."

Levoy says he con-

sciously set goals, first walking 1.5 miles per day because he knew he needed to exercise 20-30 minutes per day. He then thought if 30 minutes is good, 45 is better.

Cutting down on fatty foods and soda, drinking more water, and exercising daily has made a huge difference for Levoy. He went from a waist of 38 to 30. He lost 55 pounds (222 pounds down to 167), and he attributes this all to exercise.

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Hensons Celebrate 50 Years

Audrey B. Gackenhaimer and John W. (J.W.) Henson III were married on June 3, 1951 in the Lynn Wood Hall Chapel on the campus of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. They are members of the Ringgold, Ga., Church.

J.W. graduated from



Southern in 1954 after attending Collegedale schools for 16 years.

Audrey is a registered nurse who has specialized in administrative, geriatric, and cardiac nursing in Chattanooga and Cleveland, Tenn. J.W. spent his career at Starkey Printing Company in Chattanooga, retiring as

president in 1992.

The Henson's 50th anniversary was celebrated with their children, and many of Audrey's German cousins in Zavelstein, Germany. The Henson's 60th anniversary will be celebrated with their children in Seattle, Wash.

Conference Constituency Gives Report

On June 5, 2011, delegates representing churches from the Gulf States Conference convened in Meridian, Miss., for the 31st Constituency Session. The session was held in Community Church. The delegates reelected Melvin K. Eisele as president; Leslie D. Louis as executive secretary; and Arturo Ledezma as treasurer.



Conference officers and their wives, after being reelected during the 31st Constituency Session: Arturo Ledezma, treasurer (left); Leslie Louis, executive secretary; Carol Louis; Phyllis Eisele; and Melvin Eisele, president.

All departmental directors were reelected with the exception of the Department of Education. The continuants voted the nominating committee's recommendation

to refer the appointment of this position to the Conference Executive Committee.

Delegates representing nine new churches were seated. The Conference

accepted 2,700 new members into church membership through baptism and profession of faith. That is a 40 percent gain over the previous record. The Conference was also blessed to receive an average 3.85 percent increase in tithe per year during this time.

A complete list of elected department directors and new churches seated can be seen at the Conference website: gcsda.com.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Dan and Donna Jackson Visit Piedmont Church

It was Sabbath morning, May 28, 2011. Just four weeks earlier Piedmont Church had been destroyed by an F5 tornado when the eye of the storm slammed through the center of the sanctuary. Now, about half the members were at Bass Memorial Academy in Mississippi enjoying camp



When Sid Argo, an elder at Piedmont, Ala., Church, stood up to preach, he had no idea that the couple who came to worship with them on May 28, 2011, was the North American Division president, Dan Jackson, and his wife, Donna.

meeting for the week. Left behind in Piedmont were the elderly, those who couldn't get off work, and of course, the visitors. Bryan Folsom, owner of Folsom Funeral Home, had graciously

allowed the church members to hold services in

the funeral home chapel until the church rebuilding program was finished. This Sabbath morning, Sid Argo, one of the elders, was the worship hour speaker.

Argo had been a Baptist for more than 70 years, but when he learned the truth of God's Word about five years ago, he quickly embraced it and became an involved member of Piedmont Church. Argo is now 80 years old, and he had only preached one or two sermons before. But, being the dedicated elder that he is, he had agreed to preach while the pas-

tor and other elders were away.

Just before services started, a couple of visitors walked in. Argo shook hands with the man and his wife and introduced himself. The gentleman also introduced himself — Dan Jackson and his wife, Donna. The name meant nothing to Argo, but he welcomed them heartily, as he would any visitor. Then he went up front to preach.

After the service, folks were standing around in the foyer, talking with the Jacksons and preparing to escort them to the



Dan Jackson (wearing white shirt) visited the site where Piedmont Church stood before the tornado destroyed it in May.

site of the destroyed church a few miles away. What Argo overheard made his stomach turn a flip! The Jacksons were none other than the president of the North American Division

(NAD), and his wife. Argo, fairly new to the Adventist faith, not a seasoned preacher, and nervous about speaking up front anyway, had just learned that he had preached to the NAD president! This was something that most tenured pastors would be nervous doing. Argo said later that he kept trying to remember what he had said from the pulpit, and whether he did okay. He was thankful that he didn't know ahead of time who was in his congregation that day.

The Jacksons had been attending a graduation at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., and they took the opportunity to visit Piedmont while they were in the vicinity. Those who were at camp meeting that day regretted missing them, but they look forward to the Jacksons returning to Piedmont when they have the "grand reopening" in the near future.

—BY GINGER BLYTHE

Hispanic Women's Ministries Holds Retreat

More than 300 women gathered at Camp Alamisco on May 6 and 7 for the third Gulf States Conference Hispanic Women's Retreat. Many testified to a spiritual revival as they listened to the messages of guest speaker Esmeralda Guzman. Health topics were shared by Wanda Vasques, and special music was presented by the Voz de Mujer quartet from Georgia. Special seminars addressing the needs for girls from ages 7 to 9, and also for adolescents from 10 to 16, were presented by both speakers and two Hispanic pastors' wives, Judith Andino



Susan Lopez, and her daughter, Aisha, enjoyed attending the retreat together.

and Gabriela Osorio.

One of the seminars by Esmeralda Guzman for the adolescents was "The

Key of Purity." In this seminar, during a special ceremony, each girl signed a Vow of Purity and received a key in a special box they gave to their mother. The mother will give the box to the groom on the day of the daughter's wedding.

Sara Garcia, Hispanic women's ministries coordinator, says, "A day after the retreat, Angeles called and told me that her daughter

had come to her bedside, and told how God had touched her life and how

grateful she was that she attended the retreat." Garcia didn't know this was the last time she would talk with Angeles — she died the next month. "The last words I heard her say were gratitude for the Adventist Church for providing such a spiritual retreat," concludes Garcia.

The event took place as a result of the dedicated work of Sara Garcia; Ruwíe Vazquez, the Conference Hispanic ministries secretary; the collaboration of each of the Hispanic pastors' wives; and the local church women's ministries leaders. Delicious meals were prepared by the men from the Montgomery Hispanic Church.

—BY REBECCA GRICE AND SARA GARCIA

Memphis Junior Academy Celebrates 100 Years

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us...” was the theme for Memphis Junior Academy’s (MJA) celebration of the school’s 100th anniversary.



More than 300 people came to the Sabbath worship service.

Alumni traveled from as far away as Washington, Maryland, Hawaii, and Florida to return home and celebrate during the weekend of April 8-10, 2011. Current students were represented, as well as those from each decade all the way back to six students who attended in the 1930’s. One alumna even brought her copy of the school group photo from 1938.

Alumni browsed the memorabilia hall and visited with one another on Friday evening before a Vespers service at a neighboring church campus. More than 300 people came to the Sabbath morning worship service, presented by John McLarty. That evening, 120 enjoyed a banquet and concert by Gale Jones Murphy. Banquet proceeds

raised money for a new library/media center for the school. Alumni donated more than \$5,000 during the weekend. It was also announced at the banquet that there had been an anonymous donation of \$50,000! A building committee is being formed to

continue planning for the new library building as donations continue to arrive.

This special weekend ended on Sunday with a small Prayer Walk around the neighborhood block that contains the school property. The first annual MJA Golf Tournament, with about 30 golfers, was held at a local country club.

During the course of

the weekend, story after story was shared of God’s incredible leading through the years at MJA — unexpected funds for students to attend school; a denied permit on a room expansion that led to a new gym floor; companies donating furniture and computers (multiple times); an agreement that provides free yard care to the school’s extensive lawns; and utility bills and other regular expenses coming in at thousands of dollars under budget.

To the alumni who met at MJA, it was clear that the Lord has led in the past. For the future, the excitement continues to see how the Lord will continue to lead. Already, the Board of Education has granted approval to offer grades 11 and 12.

—BY SKYE DEWEEZ

Ridgetop Receives School of Excellence Award

Ridgetop Adventist Elementary School in Tennessee is the third school in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference to receive the Adventist EDGE School of Excellence Award from the Southern Union Department of Education. The award was presented at the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Camp Meeting, May 28, 2011.

Representatives from the Southern Union and the Ken-

tucky-Tennessee Conference were there to present the award to Aaron Raines, upper grades teacher/prin-

icipal; Myrna Smith, lower grades teacher; and Caleb Robinson, middle grades teacher.



Pam Williams (left), Diane Ruff, Jim Ingersoll, Myrna Smith, Caleb Robinson, Aaron Raines, Eugene Brewer, Steve Haley, Debra Fryson, and Larry Boughman

The teachers were involved in professional development where they learned about the “Natural Cycle of Learning,” differentiated instruction, and how to use standards to plan instruction, while using a variety of teaching methods to meet students’ individual needs. Technology was improved with the

purchase of Smart Boards for each classroom.

The Adventist EDGE Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a school in the Southern Union. Ridgetop met the criteria to become an EDGE school by its intentional approach to set high expectations for the spiritual and academic achievement of its students, and in turn, has demonstrated that it is an exemplary school.

—BY LARRY BOUGHMAN AND
PAM WILLIAMS

Sandhill Church Updates Sanctuary

As John Estrada, pastor, read through the November 2010 issue of the *Southern Tidings*, one particular article, "Lighthouse Company Receives a Helping Hand," caught his interest. He clipped the article and saved it for future reference.

The article spoke of how members of the White House Church audio-visual team had helped the Lighthouse Company by installing a new sound and video system. Estrada's church, the Sandhill Church in Bowling Green, Ky., was considering some sanctuary renovations and also replacing their sound system.

When Sandhill members settled on a plan for the upgrades and had funding in place, Estrada

contacted Jeremy Leggett to ask if the White House audio-visual team would be willing to help his church by replacing their old inadequate sound system. Leggett agreed to help and quickly went to work determining equipment needs and, subsequently, purchasing new equipment for the church.

Estrada and members of Sandhill Church began their renovations on May 22, 2011. In addition to the sound system, a new platform area, pulpit, platform chairs, and a larger window for the baptistry were included in the changes. White House audio-visual team members Jeremy Leggett and Larry Hamm spent the day installing cables for the new sound

and video system.

Once the platform renovations were complete and a desk was built to house the new equipment, Leggett and Hamm returned to Sandhill on

June 5, 2011, to complete the installation. After a long day of labor and testing of equipment, the job was complete. All equipment was now ready for service.

On Sabbath, June 11, Leggett and Hamm visited Sandhill Church once again to assist and teach church members how to use their



Jeremy Leggett instructs Sandhill member Bill Lloyd on the use of the new sound and video equipment.

new equipment. This was the first Sabbath after Camp Meeting and the first official use of the equipment. Church members were very pleased with the renovations and upgrades to their church, and very pleased with the performance of the new sound and video equipment.

—BY LARRY HAMM

Couples Celebrate 70 Years

In June, two couples at Ridgetop Church celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary — Herb and Vera Hewitt and Joe and Marie Malmede.

The Hewitts were married June 8, 1941, in Nashville, Tenn. They met as students at Madison College, and spent more than 40 years working for the denomination. Herb served as a teacher, principal, youth, and educational director in the States and in Southeast Asia, and as a church pastor. Vera has been a secretary in the denomination's administrative offices, and a registrar and teacher at church-operated

high schools. She is also an accomplished pianist and organist.

Joe and Marie Malmede were married in Birmingham, Ala., on June 9, 1941. Joe served nearly three years in the U.S. Army, then attended college for four years before being



Vera and Herb Hewitt

employed in the art department at Southern Publishing Association in Nashville from 1954 to 1975, and as plant engineering supervisor from 1975 to 1981. He served one more year for the denomination in literature sales, retiring in 1982. In 2005, he was awarded



Marie and Joe Malmede

an honorary degree from Southern Adventist University.

Joe has been an active lay worker in the Church. His skills in architecture, construction, and mechanics were put to good use when he designed and aided in the construction of the Bordeaux Adventist Church in Nashville, and the Ridgetop church, where he and Marie attend.

Marie has been a faithful homemaker and church worker. At various times she was employed at Southern Publishing Association's periodical and production departments.

—BY HELEN KELLY

Revival and Reformation at Camp Meeting

“Revival and Reformation: Lord Revive and Reform Me” was the theme of the South Atlantic Camp Meeting. The constituents convened June 9-18, 2011,



Vanard Mendingball (standing), Conference president, poses with the second Sabbath speaker, Deblenaire Snell, senior pastor of First Church in Huntsville, Ala.

at the River Oaks property in Orangeburg, S.C., for 10 days of spiritual refreshing.

Each day there were three services scheduled where speakers delivered inspirational messages. Also, throughout the day, workshops and seminars were available, and activities planned for the youth. On the first Sabbath, the guest speaker was Frederick Russell, who serves as president of the Allegheny West Conference in Columbus, Ohio. His timely message on revival and reformation was well received.

The events of the second Sabbath of Camp Meet-

ing were plentiful. Just before the worship service began, the Personal Ministries Department held

a graduation service for 461 individuals who completed the Bible Workers' Course. Calvin Watkins Sr., South Atlantic personal ministries director, began the program so that pastors will have a pool of Bible workers to access when they conduct evangelistic meetings.

After the graduation, the congregation was blessed by the message delivered by Deblenaire



Four hundred sixty-one graduates completed the coursework toward becoming certified Bible workers.

Snell, senior pastor of First Church in Huntsville, Ala.

During the afternoon hours, an ordination service was held where one of the largest groups of pastors in recent years were ordained. The guest speaker for the service was Willie Taylor, former president of Southeastern Conference. The pastors ordained were Marquis Jackson, James Lamb, Prince Lewis, Casey Ricks, Jason Scott, Ronnie Williams, and Keith Woodard.

After the ordination service, the Greater Atlanta

Adventist Academy Concert Choir, under the direction of Luther Washington II, was featured. Washington was assisted by student director Chad Lupoe.

There were many highlights during Camp Meeting, but one of the brightest was the completion of the new housing units for the constituents to use. One of the individuals who stayed in the “villas” was heard to say, “I will miss the old cabins, but I am enjoying these new rooms even more.”

—BY LOIS PITTS



Pictured are Lawrence Hamilton (left), Conference ministerial secretary; Vanard Mendingball, Conference president; Monica and Ronnie Williams; Shelly and Jason Scott; Dawn and Prince Lewis; Cynthia and Keith Woodard; Dallacile and James Lamb; Caldron and Casey Ricks; Ivy and Marquis Jackson; Larry Johnson, Conference treasurer; and William Winston, Conference executive secretary.

Students Grow Biggest Cabbage Heads in Georgia

Twelve weeks of weeding, fertilizing, watering, and spraying for pests resulted in “Big Heads” of cabbage for the students of Bethany Christian Academy in Macon, Ga. The students in grades three to six entered into an agriculture adventure of planting oversized cabbages donated by Bonnie Plant Farms.

After a small space of land was tilled with lime and cottonseed meal, the students planted eight cabbage plants.

This is usually a project for the third graders, but was extended to the upper grades as well.



The largest cabbage, grown by Patrick Watson, a fourth grader, weighed approximately 15 pounds. These cabbages are known to grow big enough to weigh from 30 to 50 pounds.

Beatrice Banks, Bethany principal-teacher, believed the project would be beneficial to other students as well. In the past, the students took the seeds home

to grow the plants, but it was decided to grow the cabbages at the school.

A 4-MAT lesson on gardening was planned. First connecting the

students with the taste of coleslaw to studying in the Bible of the first garden attended by Adam and Eve, the minds of the students were opened. After doing research about the different types of cabbages and drawing pictures of cabbage for art class, the students were ready to plant their crop.

Twelve weeks later, the heads of cabbage were harvested. The students celebrated by taking the cabbages home and enjoying them with their families.

Franklinton Women Held 40 Days of Prayer

Many of the women of the Franklinton Church in Franklinton, N.C., recently celebrated the completion

of 40 days of prayer and devotional readings by Dennis Smith. This study guide was designed to pre-

pare the partakers for the second coming of Jesus.

The 40 days of prayer and devotions reminded

the women of the importance of the daily infusion of the Holy Spirit. In addition to daily prayer for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, each participant

was charged with praying for five individuals. These individuals were also the recipients of outreach follow-up. Ann Turner, women ministries director, spearheaded the event by purchasing enough books for each of the women, and assigning each of them a prayer partner.

The 40 days concluded with a special Sabbath service where a challenging message was shared from the pastor, Herbert Anderson. The service included Communion and a fellowship dinner.

—BY LOÑIETA THOMPSON CORNWALL



Pictured are the women who participated in the 40 days of prayer devotion.

Conference Session Report

More than 1,000 delegates travelled to Oakwood University Church for the Third Quinquennial and 24th Regular Constituency Session of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, June 25-26, 2011. This meeting was originally scheduled for April 30-May 1, 2011. However, the severe and deadly tornados prevented this from happening. Delegates at the Constituency Session, held every five years, met to discuss the business of the Conference, vote in the administrative team and directors, and share

their votes and opinions on how the Conference should operate. Report listed below:

Administration

- Dana C. Edmond - President
- Auldwin Humphrey - Secretary
- Zenobia Seward - Treasurer

Departmental Personnel

- Communication - Michael Harpe
- Education Superintendent - Erma Lee (Interim) - Search Committee
- Family Health Education Service -

- Java Mattison
- Latino Ministries - Edgardo Herrera
- Ministerial - Benjamin Jones Jr.
- Prayer and Men's Ministries - Roy Rugless
- Evangelism - Alfred Miller and Donell Morgan
- Sabbath School and Spirit of Prophecy - Craig Newborn
- Evangelism and Personal Ministries - Jeffery Watson
- Youth Ministries - Vandeon Griffin and Wayne Hewlett

All other and part-time

positions were referred to the Executive Committee.

The rest of the report may be viewed at the South Central website, www.scc-adventist.org.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



Dana Edmond (left), Conference president, and Auldwin Humphrey, Conference executive secretary, were re-elected.

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Emergency Response Conference Held on Campus

Southern Adventist University's School of Social Work hosted an emergency response conference, "Psychological First Aid: Community Collaboration," for the community on June 14, 2011.

The day-long conference covered several aspects on psychological and emotional response following disasters. Sherry Campbell, graduate social work student, coordinated the conference as part of her graduate project under Sharon Pittman, Ph.D., mas-

ter of social work professor.

Among the 110 people who attended the conference were police officers, teachers, counselors, and pastors. About 17 of the attendees were graduate social work students, some of which are pursuing an emphasis in trauma and emergency response. The diverse group demonstrates that emotional response isn't only for social workers, but an interdisciplinary effort for anyone who's interested.

"It's not about going

deep into counseling," says David Houtchens, graduate social work student. "It's about providing emotional support."

Two days following the conference, the School of Social Work offered Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) and certification. These training courses were a mix of classroom instruction and hands-on experience.

The School of Social Work faculty and students hope this was the first of



Participants responded to disaster simulations during the emergency response training.

many conferences in the area of emergency response and other related topics.

—BY INGRID HERNANDEZ

Alum Shares Heaven's Bounty

Kimberly Graves, '09, never imagined God's plan for her life would lead her to where she is now. Today, Graves runs Heaven's



Southern alum Kimberly Graves distributes food to needy families through her ministry.

Bounty, a ministry that provides food to those in need.

The start of Heaven's Bounty can be traced back to a time when Graves was trying to provide food to a friend. Having little food herself, she asked grocery store employees to donate what was not being sold. After asking employees at several stores, she finally received a yes.

That day, Graves came back with four cases of produce. She and her

friend couldn't finish all of it, so they shared with others.

Recognizing there were so many in need, Graves and her friends began to help about 30 families. Today, Heaven's Bounty distributes food on a daily basis.

Graves says she enjoys the opportunity she and other volunteers have to touch others. One of the many miracles she's seen occurred when Heaven's Bounty called a mother

who had just finished praying for God to provide her family with food.

Another opportunity came when Graves was able to give a Bible to a woman picking up food — she had wanted one for three months.

"Rather than just feeding the poor," says Donna Ehrlich, Graves' friend of four years, "[Kimberly] is duplicating in others the desire to bless someone else."

—BY INGRID HERNANDEZ

Professors Travel to Sister School in Russia

Professors Doug Tilstra, Ph.D., and Michael Cafferky, D.B.A., traveled to Russia on July 5-18, 2011, to challenge the doctoral work of students in the Zaoksky Theological Seminary. Tilstra and Cafferky were part of a doctoral dissertation committee made up of a scholar from the

General Conference and 11 university professors.

During their visit, committee members asked questions and heard the 23 students defend their work. The students of Zaoksky Theological Seminary are earning their doctor of ministry degrees through Andrews University.

Tilstra and Cafferky are two of the many Southern professors serving on doctoral committees.

"It is good for Southern professors to network with others in academia," says Tilstra.

"Southern is making a contribution because we have people here who

have expertise," says Cafferky. "Why not offer this expertise to the global Church?"

Both Tilstra and Cafferky agree that this visit benefited the relationship between Southern and Zaoksky Adventist University.

—BY INGRID HERNANDEZ

Bethel Baptizes 16 During Evangelistic Effort

Bethel Church in Gainesville, Fla. is the new church home for 16 newly baptized individuals. Their baptism is a result of the three-week "New Lease on Life, Family Survival in the 21st Century" Bible conference that Bethel recently held.

Randy Robinson, Southern Union treasurer, was the guest evangelist. "The series sought to teach attendees how to survive everyday challenges," said Kevin K. Brylan, Bethel pastor.

Preparation for the event began with a Soul Winning Action Team (SWAT) training on prayer, fasting, and tract attack led by John Washington Sr., Bethel personal ministries leader.

Members were divided into groups representing



Randy Robinson, Southern Union treasurer, was the guest evangelist.

the 12 biblical tribes, and set out each Sabbath armed with door hangers, sets of Bible studies, fliers, and an eight-question community survey.

Night after night the Word of God was presented in a simple, practical way through music, scripture, and the preached Word. Intriguing nightly

topics included, "Sleeping Through the Siren," "Strange Man of Mud and Metal," "Your Day in Court," "Mr. One Day Late," and "What's in a Name?" just to name a few.

Each night also featured a segment entitled "Focus on Finances," which highlighted key action texts to assist listeners in coping with hard economic times in which we are now living.

The proven formula for getting out of debt forever was outlined in the four "P's": Put away credit cards, Prioritize your debt, Pick the smallest one, Pay it off.

On the first Sabbath of the crusade, two attendees gave their hearts to the Lord, and three additional ones on the second Sabbath.

The final Sabbath saw an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit, with nine additional baptisms during the divine worship service.

But wait, the Holy Spirit still was not through. At the close of the final service on Saturday night, an appeal was made, and six others took their stand — two of which were baptized that night, bringing the total number baptized to 16. In addition, 10 Bible studies were conducted, and will, by the Grace of God, lead to further baptisms.

The series was made possible and successful due to the teamwork and co-operation of the Southern Union Conference, Southeastern Conference, the pastor, Bible workers, and members of Bethel.

—BY BETTY J. STEWART-FULLWOOD

Christine Carr Turns 90

Christine Carr celebrated her 90th birthday on June 10, 2011. She was born in Chicago, Ill., the fourth child of five born



to the late Marie and W. H. Williams. She was the loving wife of the late Edwin G. Carr for 49 years. To this union was born Emerson and Ellery, two loving, doating sons.

Christine received a bachelor's degree in childhood education from McAlester Senior College in St. Paul, Minn., and went on to receive a master's degree in child psychology from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minn.

After 26 years in the field of education, she

retired and moved with her husband to Orlando, Fla., in 1988.

Christine was invited by a friend to attend a Revelation Seminar that was being conducted at Mt. Sinai Church in Orlando, Fla. Upon completion of the seminar and continued Bible studies, the health message, and the Spirit of Prophecy. She was baptized in 1995, and became a member of Mt. Sinai.

Her dedication to

education led her to sponsor several students to Mt. Sinai Junior Academy. She has also contributed to the needs of the church. Carr is an honorary member of the senior citizens committee, the deaconess board, and Kings Daughters Chapter 2, at Mt. Sinai.

A loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister, she is a treasure to her family and friends alike. "I want to be in that number when Jesus comes again," said Carr.

—BY YVONNE MOYE

Tabernacle Hosts NAD's Reach-Out Symposium

Evangelism comes in many forms. Crusades and tent meetings bring thousands of people to the Seventh-day Adventist Church each year, but they can't reach everyone. That's where alternative methods come in.

"We must reach the people in our communities and let them know how much God cares, and that we're here for them," said Olinto Groce, pastor of Tabernacle Church, Miami, Fla. "This weekend will give all of us tools to witness to them."

The North American Division's (NAD) Reach-Out Symposium, held at Tabernacle from April 15 to 17, 2011, was an opportunity to remind hundreds of attendees

from the United States and the Caribbean, that many sermons take place away from the pulpit.

"We've had a chance to learn, and we've had a chance to put into practice what we've learned," said Joe Watts, disaster response national coordinator.

The seminars were designed to attend the needs of as many people in the surrounding community as possible. In addition to disaster response, workshops focused on senior citizens, and youth.

For seniors, the workshops covered topics such as Medicare and Medicaid, estate planning and financial, and legal issues.

For the youth, the focus was on "Youth Em-

powered to Serve" initiative. In addition to tutoring and mentoring, young people who stay active tend to stay out of trouble.

The ultimate goal is church growth through community development. Each church has a vital stake in the neighborhood it serves.

As churches target and identify the needs of their areas, they are, by extension, targeting and identifying the needs of future members of the congregation.

Programs such as food distribution and tutoring work best where people need assistance making ends meet, and students need after-school help.

"I think this is a phenomenon," said Sung

Kwon, executive director of Adventist Community Services. "I'm thrilled to see older generations working side-by-side with younger generations to get everyone involved, and where they need to go."

Deroy Moncrieffe, head of Tabernacle's community service department, spearheaded the symposium's south Florida stop (the NAD has symposiums throughout the year around the United States, and was very pleased with the results).

"This is what we have long looked forward to," Moncrieffe said to the church members before the symposium. "When it's over, we will have the opportunity to change lives."

—BY JOHN DEVINE

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Obituaries

ADAMS, Willis Elston, 89, born Nov. 15, 1921, died Jan. 18, 2011 in Madison, TN. He was a member of Madison Campus Church. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons: Stanley (Charlotte), and Bruce; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ASHLEY, Claude "Ted," 88, born July 28, 1921 in Wilkes County, NC, died July 15, 2010 in Monroe, NC. He was a member of Monroe Church. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran in the European Theatre, Naples Foggia, Rome Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, where he received the Eamet Campaign Medal with five bronze stars and the good conduct medal. He is survived by his wife, Flora Watson Ashley; two sons: Roy Ashley and Anthony "Tony" Ashley; two daughters: April Ashley and Robin Jasinsky; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his daughter, Glenda Louise Ashley; and 10 siblings.

AUSTIN, Alice Augusta, 76, born March 26, 1935 in Los Angeles, CA, died April 21, 2011 at her home in Collegedale, TN, surrounded by those she loved. She graduated from Ukiah Union High School, Ukiah, CA, in 1953, and was married to Wiley Austin on Sept. 5, 1953, in Ukiah. She pursued her college degree while raising two children and graduated with honors from Southern Adventist University in 1987 with a degree in long-term healthcare administration. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Wiley Austin; her children: Dawn of Denver, CO, and Russell of Evansville, TN; two sisters: Helen Bradley of Coos Bay, OR, and Harriett Kelso of Clearwater, FL; two brothers: George Donaldson of Largo, FL, and Malcolm Donaldson of Dover, FL; one granddaughter, Danielle Davis of Chattanooga, TN; and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held May 14, 2011.

AVILÉS, Gamalier, 68, of Collegedale, TN, died Feb. 3, 2011. A native of Santiago, Chile, he resided in Collegedale for the past 33 years, and was a member of Collegedale Church; and was also one of the founding fathers of the Collegedale Hispanic Church. He is survived by his wife, Ana Avilés; three daughters: Viviana, Anita, and Esther; two sons: Rubén and Gabriel; 14 grandchildren; three sisters: Marta, Sara, and Margarita; five brothers: Daniel, Manuel, Ramón, Eleazar, and Ciro. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Juan and Alejandro. A memorial service was held Feb. 6, 2011 at Collegedale Church with Pastor Jim Herman officiating. Interment followed in Collegedale Memorial Park.

BEARUP, Kenneth Eugene, 70, born Nov. 9, 1936 in Key West, FL, died Aug. 17, 2007 after a one-day illness. He and his wife, Velma, were charter members of the Kenyon Memorial Church in Thomasville, GA, when it organized in 1963. He served both as elder and deacon during his time there. He was a deacon at Collegedale, TN, Church for many years, and helped in whatever capacity was needed. He was a smiling, loving Christian and is greatly

missed by his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife, Velma Holcombe Bearup of Collegedale; one daughter, Melissa Moenkhaus; four granddaughters: Johanna and Katelyn Moenkhaus of Paoli, IN, Heidi Peel of Chattanooga, TN, and Karie Moenkhaus of Collegedale; one sister, Theda Rendón; a host of nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: John Dee Bearup Sr., and Thera McNeal Bearup.

BENNETT, Ernie "Benny" Rufus, 100, born Nov. 8, 1910 in Windyville, MS, died Feb. 19, 2011 in Pikeville, TN. He was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 75 years. He was a charter member of the Pikeville Church. A great gardener, he raised nearly all of his family's food. One can only imagine the changes he saw in his lifetime as our world went from a horse-and-buggy society to astronauts living on a space station. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie Barley Bennett, and son Neal. He is survived by twin daughters: Shirley (Gary) Burks and Charlotte Hollabough; one son, Joe; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Pastors David Wendt and his grandson-in-law, Lee Whitman. Burial was at McDowell Cemetery in Pikeville, TN.

BENSON, Bernice Galimore, died Jan. 27, 2011. She graduated from Phillis Wheatly High School in San Antonio, TX, attended St. Philip's College, and graduated from Oakwood University with a secretarial science degree. After completing her studies at Oakwood, she relocated to Dallas, TX, where she was secretary to the head lawyer of the NAACP. With encouragement from Lowell L. Benson, she accepted the administrative secretary position to the secretary and treasurer of the South Central Conference in Nashville, TN. Lowell and Bernice's relationship grew and they were married on Nov. 29, 1953 at the Oakland Adventist Church in Dallas, TX. In 1991, she retired after 38½ years at South Central, but continued to serve the Church through telephone ministries. She was a member of the Riverside Chapel Church in Nashville. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Lowell L. Benson Sr., two children: Lowell "Ricky" L. (Claire) Benson Jr., and Sandra M. (Reginald) Benson Silas; four grandchildren: Calvin Carter, Esteban Benson, and Lacy and Austin Silas; two sisters: LaVera Galimore Samuels and Hartence Galimore Henderson; one brother, James (Anna) Galimore; nieces; nephews; other family members; and friends.

BISHOP, Rita M., 89, born July 19, 1921 in Lowell, OH, died March 15, 2011 in Zephyrhills, FL. She was a member of East Pasco Church, Zephyrhills, FL, since 2003. She is survived by five sons: David (Ronda) Bishop of Wesley Chapel, FL, Robert (Erin) Bishop of Lutz, FL, Harold (Penny) Bishop of Land O'Lakes, FL, Charles (Lydia) Bishop of Tampa, FL, and Ronald (Carol) Bishop of Tampa; two daughters: Carolyn (Earl) Beck of Bradenton, FL, and Linda Hamilton of Wesley Chapel; one brother,

James Huck; three sisters: Margaret Miller, Gertrude Arnold, and Mildred Schwendman; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by James Johnson at East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills, and interment was at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

BLAKEY, Gloria, 66, born in 1945 in Mobile, AL, died Feb. 12, 2011 in Mobile. She was a member of Cody Road Church in Mobile. She is survived by her husband, Larry Blakey.

BRIAN, Neil, H., 67, born Nov. 3, 1943 in Baton Rouge, LA, died Feb. 19, 2011 in Palm Coast, FL. He was a member of St. Augustine, FL, Church for 14 years. He is survived by his spouse, Mary; one son, Shane Curtis of Flagler Beach, FL; two daughters: Candi Howell, Palm Coast, FL, and Jill Struble of St. Augustine; one sister, Melba Mokry of Brazoria, TX; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Barry Seals at Craig's Flagler Palm, Flagler Beach, and interment was at Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville, FL.

BRODERSEN, Raymond H., 96, born Aug. 8, 1914 in New York Mills, MN, to Danish immigrant parents, died Jan. 22, 2011. He was the youngest of eight children. In 1940, following college, he married Emma Jean and the two began a long life of service together. Following several years of pastoral and evangelistic work in North Dakota, the couple was called to serve as missionaries. With two small sons, they made the long voyage to India, arriving in 1946. A few years later, a daughter completed the family. After 13 years in India, they returned to the United States so their children could continue their education. When the last child graduated from college, they returned to mission service, this time to Taiwan, and later to Okinawa. Between mission service appointments, he served as a pastor in several areas of Virginia, including Roanoke, Hampton, and Appomattox, as well as many years in the Potomac Conference as Sabbath School and lay activities leader. The Brodersens retired to Collegedale, TN, in 1983. They were active members of Collegedale Church, where he served as an assistant pastor for several years. He loved gardening—especially roses. He was known as the "Rose Man of Collegedale," and many were recipients of his beautiful flowers. After 57 years of marriage, Emma Jean passed away. For the last 12 years of his life, Ray was blessed to again find love with his second wife, Marie. She was his joy as they traveled and shared retirement years together. He is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons: Raymond (Darlene) of Calimesa, CA, and Jim (Ellen) of Harrisonburg, VA; one daughter, Judy (David) Winters of Apison, TN; eight grandchildren: Kelly (Les) Mathewson, Marc (Apryl) Brodersen, Ryan Brodersen, Ashley (Bryan) Beagle, Eric Brodersen, Amanda Winters, Jessica (Brad) Clifford, and Lorelei (Darren) Dennis; five great-grandchildren: Justin, Beth, and Jennifer Mathewson, Devin Brodersen, and Sadie Clifford. A memorial service was held Feb. 19, 2011 at Collegedale Church.

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BROOKS, Jack M., 79, born Dec. 27, 1931 in Fort Meade, FL, died Feb. 14, 2011 in Ocala, FL. He was a member of the Dunnellon Company in Dunnellon, FL, for nine years. He was a U. S. Army veteran and a retired anesthetist. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Phyllis; four sons: David (Angie) Brooks of Shelby, NC, Jack Brooks of Seminole, TX, Billy (Debbie) Langford, Frostproof, FL, and Garry (Litha) Langford of Dunnellon; four daughters: Deborah (Roy) Revels of Avon Park, FL, Katherine Moore of Sebring, FL, Melanie (Hugh) Harrison, Highland City, FL, and Betty (Talley) Hall, Bartow, FL; one son-in-law, Steve Summerall; two brothers: Herman Brooks of Lakeland, FL, and Harold Brooks of Winter Haven, FL; three sisters: Faye Garcia of Homeland, FL, Lucy Hartwein of Fort Myers, FL, and Betty Osteen of Bartow, FL; 22 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Dave Swinyar at Roberts Funeral Home in Dunnellon. Interment was at Dunnellon Memorial Gardens.

BROWNING, Sarah Lamanda "Francis," born March 27, 1929 in Clanton, AL, died Jan. 9, 2011 in Huntsville, AL. She was a member of Huntsville Central Church. She is survived by her husband, James Browning; daughters: Patricia Hillard, Matinda McCleary, and Deone Keane; one son, Tim Browning; one sister, Mary Jo Lovelady; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

BRYANT, Arthur (Art) P., 80, born Feb. 23, 1930 in Gainesville, GA, died March 4, 2010 at Park Ridge Hospital. He served 36 years as administrator and physician recruiter in hospitals in the Southern and Southwestern unions. He also opened and started the Winslow Memorial Home in Elizabeth City, NC, where he was administrator for 14 years. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Barbara G. Bryant of Candler, NC; one daughter, Barbara Jean Redden of Hendersonville, NC; two sons: David A. (Sherri) Bryant of Orlando, FL, and Thomas H. Bryant of Candler; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters: Betty Jo Satterfield of Dahlonoga, GA, and Billie Jean Gayken of Eustus, FL; many nieces; and nephews. His brother Homer G. Bryant predeceased him. A memorial service was held at Mount Pisgah Academy Church in Candler.

BUNN, Jr., Frank M., 72, born Aug. 9, 1938 in Queens Village, NY, died April 16, 2011 in North Port, FL. He was a member of Port Charlotte, FL, Church for five years. He was a retired flight engineer with the U. S. Air Force and retired from New York City Transit. He is survived by his wife, Janice; daughter, Lisa Anderson; brother, Ronald Bunn; sister, Betty Ward; and two grandchildren. The service was conducted by Dr. Newton Cleghorne in Port Charlotte, and interment was at Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

BURKS, Everette Lester, 97, born April 13, 1913 in War Eagle, AR, died Aug. 22, 2010 in Lebanon, TN. He was a charter member of Pikeville, TN, Church. He is survived by two sons: Gary L. (Shirley) and Larry (Patty) of Pikeville,

TN; one daughter, Annette (Richard) Poulton, Lebanon, TN; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary (Burks) Washburn of Tulsa, OK. He was laid to rest beside his wife of 64½ years, LaVera, in Brushy Cemetery.

BYRD, Gracie (Cochran), 80, born March 13, 1930 in Wachula, FL, died Sept. 16, 2010 in Asheville, NC. She was a member of Waynesville, NC, Church which she loved, supported, and faithfully attended until her death. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vance Byrd. She is survived by three daughters and two sons: Roger Byrd, Cindy Byrd Collins, Robyn Byrd Pe'sson, Vernon Byrd, and Meloney Byrd Moore.

CAMPBELL, Royel W., 75, born March 2, 1935 in Jamaica, West Indies, died Aug. 17, 2010 in Port Charlotte, FL. He was a member of Port Charlotte Church for 19 years. He is survived by one son, Fitzroy (Annette) of Yonkers, NY; one daughter, Kelly Campbell of New York, NY; one brother, Bryant of Deltona, FL; five sisters: Joyce Bonner of Avon Park, FL, Lurline Williams of St. Catherine, Jamaica, Evelyn Bray, Olga Murray, and Corra Bailey of St. Ann, Jamaica; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. His wife, Doreen, died five months previous. The service was held in Port Charlotte, FL, conducted by Pastor Timothy Goff. Interment was in Port Charlotte.

CAMPBELL, Smith Blanche (Edge), 82, born Nov. 15, 1927 in Moore, SC, died Nov. 9, 2010. She had been a very faithful and active member of Spartanburg, SC, Church, and worked many years as a nursing assistant. She was the loving wife of Marvin "MC" Campbell and was first married to the late Eugene Smith. She is also survived by one son, Leo Smith (Kathleen); one daughter, Brenda Fulbright; two sisters: Arbutus Trail and Grace Elvira Chesney; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three stepchildren: Donna Schafer, Rosanne Thompson, and Glen Campbell. She was predeceased by one sister, Naomi Anderson.

CLARK, Edith, 84, born Jan. 16, 1926, died Dec. 23, 2010 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. She was a teacher for one year at the Walker Memorial Academy in Avon Park. She is survived by two daughters: Carol Clark and Kara Marsh of Avon Park. The service and interment were at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Sebring, FL, conducted by Harry Bennet and Pastor Paul Boling.

COPE, Betty, 79, born March 6, 1932 in Fort Meade, FL, died March 9, 2011 in Tampa, FL. She was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. She was a physical therapy aide for 29 years. She is survived by her husband, Jay; one daughter, Patricia Sullivan of Chattanooga, TN; and two grandchildren. The service and interment were at Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Meade, FL, where the service was conducted by Pastor Earnhardt.

CROSS, Joseph Lee, 76, born Nov. 17, 1934, died March 4, 2011 in Illinois. He received his education from Illinois public school systems. At an early age he joined the military, first the Navy and then the Air Force. He had an excellent affinity in making friends, of whom he counted dearly and loyally. He was an employee of Caterpillar for more than 30 years, and had been running his personal business for many years with great satisfaction and success. His wife of five years, Kaeretha, had a Christ-like influence on him which led him to join the Adventist Church. He is survived by his wife, Kaeretha; his church family; many neighbors; friends; and business associates. The funeral was held at Marianna Chapel Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Westberg officiating.

DEVINE, Harold Aaron, 88, born Sept. 11, 1922 in Central City, KY, died Nov. 11, 2010 in Huntsville, AL. He was a member of Huntsville Central Church. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lois Devine; one son, Harold Aaron Devine Jr.; and one daughter, Shelia A. Evans.

DICKERHOFF, Frederick Irwin, 78, born April 20, 1932, died Jan. 24, 2011 in a local hospital. A resident of Apison, TN, he was retired from McKee Foods and a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Dickerhoff; one son, Michael Alan (Betsy) Dickerhoff of New Market, VA; one daughter, Michelle Marie (Greg) Miles of McDonald, TN; six grandchildren: Kristin Dickerhoff, Natalie Dickerhoff, Emily Dickerhoff, Nathan Dickerhoff, Trevor Miles, and Garrett Miles; one brother, Dallas Dickerhoff of Deland, FL; two sisters: Mariam Slack of Longwood, FL, and Clara Cole of Charlotte, NC. Funeral services were held Jan. 27, 2011 at Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dwight Herod officiating. Interment followed in Collegedale Memorial Park.

DUNN, Pauline Day, 93, born Dec. 10, 1916 in Baldwinsville, MA, died Dec. 7, 2010 in Meridian, MS. She was a member of Community Church. She was a graduate of South Lancaster Academy, attended Atlantic Union College, and later graduated from Pacific Union College. She was mother to six children, and faithfully served in many church offices during the years including working with the Pathfinders. In 1968, she became a nursing home administrator in Jackson, MS, and put her heart and soul into making a special place for those who came to live there. In 1978, the Gulf States Conference built the Adventist Health Center near Bass Memorial Academy in Lumberton, MS. She accepted the invitation to be the administrator of the facility when it was finished, and was very much involved in decisions made during the construction and occupancy stages before it opened in 1981. She retired in 1984 and moved to Meridian to be near family. In May of 1994, she received an honorary degree from Bass Memorial Academy. Since the inception of the school in August of 1961, there had been at least one of her children or grandchildren attending or working at the school. As a single parent with six children to raise, she felt blessed to have the academy to help her educate and

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train them to love and serve the Lord. Her trust in God and determination to face any obstacle that came her way has been an inspiration to all those who knew her. She is survived by five daughters: Donna (Glen) Brock, Ina McFarland, Marilyn (Mike) Nicholson, Peggy (Dave) Hallman, and Judy (Willis) Robertson; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Calvin and Clyde Day; two sisters: Marguerite Farwell and Madeline Jones. She was preceded in death by her only son, Roy Albert Dunn.

FISHER, Ernest Howard, 82, born Jan. 7, 1929 in Nashville, TN; died March 15, 2011 in Madison, TN. He attended Madison College for three years. During denominational employment he worked at the Southern Publishing Association, was assistant manager at the Kentucky-Tennessee Adventist Book Center, and manager of the Adventist Book Center in the Kansas Conference. He was also self-employed in the construction industry and worked as a realtor. His greatest ambition in life was to follow and serve his Lord, which he did by serving in many local church ministries. He is survived by three sons: Gary (Cynthia) Fisher, Stephen Fisher, and Kevin Fisher; one daughter, Alesa (Scott) Fisher Esh; one sister, Betty Jean (Henry) Fisher Craig; and three grandchildren: Jonathan H. Fisher, Shana N. Michalek, and Kaitlyn E. Fisher. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Oveda Lambert Fisher; one brother, Albert Walter Fisher Jr.; and one sister, Geraldine Fisher Hagewood Young. Pastor Ed Sharpe and Tom Day officiated at the funeral service.

FISHER, Linda, 63, born March 13, 1947 in Mt. Holly, NJ, died May 28, 2010 in Winter Park, FL. She was a member of Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, FL, for 30 years. She is survived by her mother, Helen Smith of Winter Park. She was predeceased by her father, Elder Walter H. Smith, and her husband, Charles Edwin Fisher. The service was conducted at Kress Memorial Church by Pastor Eric Doran. Interment was at Glen Haven Memorial Cemetery.

FOGG, Gloria Jean, 68, born Dec. 28, 1941 in Detroit, MI, died Dec. 7, 2010 in Athens, AL. She was a member of Athens Church. She was a former school teacher at Forest Lake Academy in Florida. She is survived by her brother, Sidney Fogg.

FRAILEY, Flossie Jane, 76, born Sept. 29, 1934 in Pembroke, KY, died May 16, 2011 in Nashville, TN. She was a member of Cross Plains Church, where she served as assistant Sabbath School superintendent, special music coordinator, and deaconess. She is survived by her children: James (Judy) Hess, Donald Frailey, Regina Frailey, Tanya (Chuck) Fields; son-in-law, Eugene Rhye; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Glen Elkins and Harlan (Pat) Elkins; three sisters: Lillian Bailey, Nola (Wayne) King, and Barbara Szalmasagi; many aunts; uncles; cousins; nieces; nephews; and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward Joseph Frailey; one daughter, Lolita Jane Rhye; and one great-granddaughter, Allison Jessup. Pastors Bob

Korzyniowski and Jeremiah Smart officiated at the service on May 20.

FROOD, Rose, 69, born Feb. 3, 1942 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, died May 6, 2011 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of Avon Park Church. Her denominational employment included: secretary - PUC-HHES Sept. 1, 1963-1969; CUC-HHES 1972-1976; AUC 1976-1978; LUC 1978-1984; R & H 1984-1992; Family Enrichment Res. 1992-1994; VOP 1994-1997; full time North American Division for 14 years. She is survived by her husband, Reginald; son, Doug Frood of Collegedale, TN; step-father, Don Bretzke of Canada; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Boling at Avon Park Church.

GARCIA, Sr., Robert, 83, born June 4, 1927 in Puerto Rico, died May 5, 2011 in Sebring, FL. He was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. He was an X-ray technician for 25 years in Puerto Rico and Sebring. He is survived by his wife, Ana; son, Robert Jr., of Winter Haven, FL; and five grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Boling at Avon Park Church, and interment was at Lake View Memorial Park in Sebring.

GOODIN, Golda, 94, born in 1917 in Basket Station, KY, died Feb. 2, 2011 in New Albany, IN. She was a member of Louisville, KY, First Church. She is survived by one son, Bobbie R. Goodin; one daughter, Patti Higgs; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

GRAVES, Elder Jim Gorman, 72, died May 24, 2011 from a short battle with cancer. For 35 years (1974-2009) Graves served as district pastor throughout Texas and North Carolina for the North American Division. Graves earned B.S. degrees in math and physics, graduated from the Nuclear Power school in the U.S. Navy, and later earned his third B.S. degree in theology. In 1960 Graves enlisted in the service of the U.S. Navy. After qualifying in submarines and as a nuclear power operator, he served as a machinist mate on the then world's largest twin-reactor nuclear-powered submarine, the U.S.S. Triton SSN586, which was the first vessel to execute a submerged circumnavigation of the Earth. Graves was honorably discharged in 1970 as chief machinist mate. He is survived by his wife, Bette Jean Graves; one son, James Yale (Patricia Francis) Graves of Pennsylvania; one daughter, Kimberly Colleen Graves; one brother, Thomas Alan Graves; one sister, Jane Graves Lerner; and three grandchildren: James Doyle, G. Drew Frances, and Grace Veronica Graves.

GREENE, James I., 57, born Dec. 8, 1952 in Coleman, FL, died Aug. 18, 2010 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, FL. He is survived by his daughter, Jamila Greene, New York City, NY; and two grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Eric Doran at Kress Memorial Church. Interment was at Wildwood Community Cemetery.

GREVE, Doris, 78, born Oct. 24, 1931 in Detroit MI, died July 19, 2010 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL, for two years. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; three sons: James of Miami, FL, Richard of Knoxville, TN, and Kent of Kettle Falls, WA; one sister, Betty Winfield of Apopka; and six grandchildren. The service was conducted at Florida Living Church by Pastor Horace Walsh. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens, Apopka.

GRIFFIS, Charles S., 86, died Sept. 15, 2010, at Baptist Village Retirement Communities following an extended illness. He was a native of Wayne County, GA, but lived most of his life in Ware County, GA. He was a member of the Waycross, GA, Church where he served as an elder and had been active in many areas of church related activities. He had retired as insurance agent with American General Life Insurance & Accident Insurance Company after 34 years of service. He started his insurance career with Interstate Life which became Gulf Life Insurance Company and later became American General Life and Accident Insurance Company. He had also formerly been employed with Brunswick Shipyards during World War II, and with the Harrison Funeral Home of Jessup. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth F. Griffis of Waycross; three sons: Charles S. Griffis Jr. (Carolyn) of Covington, GA; Joe D. Griffis of Macon, GA; and Keith D. Griffis (Angie) of Brantley County, GA; six grandchildren: Shane Elizabeth Griffis of Montgomery, AL, Kyle Caroline Griffis of Oxford, GA, Samantha Morgan and Anna Marie Griffis both of Macon, Jace Aiden Griffis of Brantley County, GA, and Gregory Smith (Ashley) of Blackshear, GA; one great-grandchild, Jayde Smith; two sisters: Ethyl Green of Alma, GA, and Nellie Lee of Jessup, GA; one brother, George Griffis of Jessup, GA; nieces; nephews; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his sister, Ruby Purvis, and his brother, Joe Griffis. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

HAMMOND, Warren G., 89, born July 10, 1921, died Feb. 15, 2011 in Collegedale, TN, at a healthcare facility. He is survived by his son, William (Bill) Hammond of Ooltewah, TN; one daughter, Karen Hammond of Chattanooga, TN; and his son Kris Hammond of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; five granddaughters: Lori Jane Nelson, Katie Hammond, Emily Hammond, Mackenzie Hammond, and Maggie Webb, and several great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn Hammond; and his son, James W. Hammond.

HASSENCAHL, Sr., John, 72, born Oct. 19, 1938, died April 19, 2011 in Madison, TN. He was a member of Madison Campus Church. He is survived by his wife, Bernice; two sons: John Hassencahl Jr., and Donald Hassencahl; one daughter, Janice Lopes; and nine grandchildren.

HILL, Jr., Harrie E., 90, born Sept. 1, 1920 in New Bedford, MA, died Feb. 24, 2011 in St. Augustine, FL. He was a member of St. Augustine Church for 27 years, where for many

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years he and his wife produced weekly church bulletins and a church newsletter. He was a CPA accountant by profession and worked in the Washington, DC, area until his retirement. He is survived by his church members who became his family. He was predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Eleanor, in December 2008. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Barry Seals at St. Augustine Church. The interment was at Craig's Memorial Park in St. Augustine.

HILTON, Judith, 64, born Jan. 21, 1947 in Boston, MA, died April 7, 2011 in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of Port Charlotte Church for three and one half years. She served as an EMT for the Boston ambulance squad for 16 years, and employed by several assisted living facilities and group homes for the mentally challenged in Florida. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Richard; three sons: Don of Englewood, FL, Derek of Boyleston, MA, and Darin of Marlboro, MA; three brothers: Ray of Northboro, MA, Jack of W. Wareham, MA, and Bob of Wichita Falls, TX; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted by C. Lee Huff in Port Charlotte.

HOLCOMBE, Bessie Sudduth, 91, born Aug. 8, 1914 in Campbell County, GA, died April 30, 2006 in Moultrie, GA. She was an active member in every church she attended. She worked with community services while at Lakeland, GA, helped those displaced by the flood at Albany, GA, and made many quilts for the boys at Advent Home in Calhoun, TN. Her friends and family remember her lovingly. She was preceded in death by her husband, George David Holcombe, who died in 1995. She is survived by two daughters: Nina Almand of Moultrie, and Velma Bearup of Collegedale, TN; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Barwick Seventh-day Adventist Church Cemetery.

HORTON, Joseph "Joe," 88, born July 20, 1922 in Arno, VA, died March 8, 2011 in Upland, CA. He was a member of Community Church in Meridian, MS. He is survived by one daughter, Cheryl Bassard; and one son, Johnnie Horton.

HULKER, Lois, 84, died May 13, 2011 at the Masonic Homes of Kentucky in Shelbyville. She was a native of Shelby County and was a member of Shelbyville Church. She is survived by four daughters: Ann (Sherman) Temple, Pat (Wayne) Smallwood, Vickie (Ballard) Page, and Diane (Lawrence) Asay; four sons: John (Debra) Hulker, Danny (Katheryn) Hulker, Sammy (Beulah) Hulker, and Carl (Cynthia) Hulker; 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. Minister Jesse Baxter and Pastor Lin Powell officiated the service on May 16.

JACKSON, Nellie F., 92, born Sept. 2, 1918 in Birmingham, AL, died Dec. 21, 2010 in Decatur, AL. She was a member of Decatur, AL, Church. She is survived by her brother, Farrell Jackson.

JONES, James Reeta, 112, born Oct. 17, 1898

in Knoxville, TN, died Dec. 1, 2010 at her son's home in Knoxville, TN. She was a member of Heritage Academy Church, and was believed to be the oldest person in Tennessee. She had a long history. She was born the same year as the Spanish-American War, and the year that Marie and Pierre Curie announced the discovery of a substance called radium. She was born on a farm that eventually became Bluegrass Road in West Knoxville. She was named James because her parents had all daughters and wanted a son. Her childhood was spent in horse-and-buggy days, and she remembered seeing the first train, car, and plane. She loved baking cherry pies and, despite never learning to drive a car, she enjoyed puttering around her neighborhood in a golf cart, which she did until she was 102. She attributed her longevity to her strong faith in God and a healthy lifestyle based on biblical principals. She adhered to a vegetarian diet as prevention against cancer and heart disease, and even at her death, she had no evidence of either of these diseases or high blood pressure. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Oscar D. Jones, two sons, and one daughter. She is survived by three sons; 14 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held Dec. 4, 2010 at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel in Knoxville, TN.

JONES, Susie B., 78, born Oct. 11, 1931 in Prince George County, VA, died Sept. 19, 2010 in Decatur, GA. She was a member of Silver Springs Shores Church, Ocala, FL, for 19 years. She served as an elder, Sabbath School superintendent, women's ministries assistant leader, and active in outreach ministry. She is survived by her son, Nathan Jones, Ocala; two daughters: Gwendolyn (Oliver) Stretching of Huntsville, AL, and Carol (Russell) Johnson of Decatur; one sister, Martha Washington; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Dr. Alfred R. Jones and Dr. Sherwin P. Jack at Mountainside Church in Decatur. Interment was at the FL National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

KEIZER, Leslie Edmond, 85, born in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) on Nov. 25, 1925, died Feb. 23, 2011 at Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, GA. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Gloria (Empestan) Keizer; his sons and daughters-in-law: Earle (Ann) of Canton, GA, Lester of Las Vegas, NV, Garth (Barbara) of Collegedale, TN, and Laverne (Lishcia) of Calhoun, GA; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many close friends. His exciting journey took him all over the world, but the joy of his journey was in his profound love and commitment to God and his family. A memorial service in celebration of his life was held March 5, 2011 at Calhoun Church. Interment was at Collegedale Memorial Park Cemetery.

KIGHT, Janet G., 67, born May 4, 1943 in Oregon, died July 22, 2010 in Gainesville, FL. She was a member of Gainesville Church for 25 years. She is survived by her husband, George; three sons: Bruce, Clayton, and Scott

James; three daughters: Theresa Martone, Janice Brown, and Darci Jo James; one brother, Daryl Burham; two sisters: Linda Michaels and Karen Dunning; 20 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at Morning Funeral Home in Melrose, FL, by Henry McKinney. Interment was at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

LaROSA, Pastor Salvatore R., 89, of Dayton TN, born June 6, 1921 in Little Ferry, NJ, died Feb. 12, 2011 at the Hospice Care Center in Chattanooga. He earned a bachelor of theology degree from Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA, and was a pastor with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Greater New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and Michigan. He was a member of Brayton Road Church in Dayton. He served his country with the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Laura Natalie Meliti LaRosa of Dayton; one son, Julius D. La Rosa of Camp Hill, PA; two daughters: Carol Anne Buhler of Harpster, OH, and Susan L. Maehre of Calhoun, GA; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

LAWRENCE, Ruth Carolyn Stairs, 88, born Dec. 31, 1922 in Stoneham, MA, died May 8, 2011. She was a chef for 17 years at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN, and enjoyed quilting, knitting, and crocheting. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Linden (Marilyn) Lawrence, Sandra (Dave) Nowacki, David (Paula) Lawrence, Naomi (Harold) Smith, Ramona (Bob) Grant, Thomas Lawrence, and Rebecca Lawrence (Anthony Guadagno); 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, Philip Lawrence preceded her in death; and one brother, Stuart Stairs. A celebration of life service was held May 10, with Pastors Robert Grant and Barry Mahorney officiating. Interment is at Table Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church Cemetery.

LENKER, Otis E., 80, born Nov. 11, 1930 at St. Claire County, MI, died Dec. 27, 2010 at Ocala, FL. He was a member of Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala for six years, where he was the sound room coordinator. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gwendolyn; two sons, Christopher (Jackie), and Otis Lloyd; four daughters: Cheri (Fred) Gray, LuAnna Lenker, Judith (John) Lenker, and Wendy (Johnny) Hardin; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Reynold Maxwell and Elder Leroy Adams at Silver Springs Shores Church. Interment was at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

LINDLEY, Stanley, Olivia, 88, born Nov. 13, 1921 in Spring Grove, VA, died July 22, 2010 in Greensboro, NC. She was a member of Greensboro, NC, Church for more than 69 years, and was involved until her death. She was married to R.L. Stanley for 50 years, and he died in 1988. She then married Bill Lindley, and he died in 2002. She was very involved for many years in managing the office of the electrical contracting business of Mr. Stanley while she took care of their children. She is survived by two

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sons: Joe Stanley Sr., and David Stanley; four daughters: Sara Joyce (Joy) Walsh, Rebecca Anne (Becky) Hodges, Susan Simpson, and Donna Antico; one step-son, David Lindley; one step-daughter, Martha Allegro; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews. Forbis & Dick took care of the funeral and Pastor Gary Moyer officiated.

LITTELL, Dr. Delvin Edmar, 77, born July 15, 1933, died Aug. 3, 2010. He was the youngest of five children born to Lester and Randa Littell. He was always an excellent student, and after completing high school he attended Southern Adventist University where he earned a bachelor of arts degree. After marrying Theresa Lynn von Pohle, they headed out to Loma Linda University Medical School. The United States Army helped to finance his education, and after obtaining his M.D. degree, he received full scholarships to Harvard, Yale, and USC where he graduated with honors from the Schools of Public Health and Aerospace Medicine. He was involved in the early astronaut program. He was so brilliant that subsequently he was put in charge of the Research and Development Unit for pilots at Fort Rucker, AL. In conjunction with Corning, he helped develop a seat for pilots to protect their backs and legs in flight. He received many honors for his research and computer programs for the Army. He could repair any tool or appliance, tile a floor, build cabinets, or paint a house. The family moved 24 times from California to Florida, Kansas to Massachusetts, Alabama to Washington State, and finally settling in Tennessee. He was sent on tours of duty to Vietnam and Cambodia. While there, he went out into the villages to care for the locals' medical needs as well as their spiritual needs. During his duties within the United States, the family was often in areas where the pastors cared for multiple churches. He was always happy to help where ever needed. He was greatly loved by his patients. If needed, he would make house calls, sometimes way out into the hills. In Washington State, he cared for the Indians because no one else would care for them. He was happy to help indigent people whenever they needed it, and often reduced medical fees for those struggling financially. He is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Lynn; one daughter, Pamela; four sons: Joel, Douglas, Bryan, and Marc; 10 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Ned; many nieces; and nephews.

LLOYD, Sr., Richard Alonzo, 58, born April 13, 1952 in Burke County, died March 22, 2011. He was a member of Morganton, NC, Church. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Dianne L. Lloyd; one son, Richard A. (Pat) Lloyd Jr., one grandson, Malikai L. Lloyd; two brothers: Herbert Y. (Shirley) Coffey, and Kenneth K. Lloyd; three sisters: Patricia A. Lloyd, Mary E. Lloyd, and Anita Lloyd-Parks; two uncles: George Coffey and Thomas Coffey; three aunts: Louella C. Kincaid, Joyce C. Yount, and Louise Lloyd; a host of relatives; and friends. The funeral was held at Morganton Church with Pastor Barry Mahorney officiating.

LOWE, James T., 94, born July 23, 1916 in Lakeland, FL, died Dec. 26, 2010 in Panama City, FL. He was a member of Huntsville, AL, Central Church. He is survived by two sons: James T. Lowe Jr. and Jeffrey L. Lowe; one grandson, Daniel T. Lowe; and one granddaughter, Allison L. Buckley.

LOWE, Wade Chambliss, 81, born Aug. 13, 1929 in Atlanta, GA, died May 18, 2011 in Avondale Estates, GA. During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Japan. After returning home he met his future wife, Jeanne McWilliams, and the two were married August 2, 1954. He was an adventurer. His interests included buying/selling exotic cars, driving race cars, flying single-engine airplanes, photography, snowskiing; and traveling throughout the United States, Europe, and South America. Before he and his brother Roy retired, they owned and operated Lowe Glass in Chamblee, Atlanta GlassCrafters, and Bygone Era. He was a member of Atlanta Belvedere Church in Decatur, GA, for 31 years; and served as an elder. He is survived by his loving, devoted wife of 56 years, Jeanne McWilliams Lowe of Avondale Estates; one daughter and son-in-law: Linda and Ron Morris of Conyers, GA; one brother, Roy Lowe of Clarksville, GA; two sisters: Sarah Rogers of St. Simons Island, GA, and Elinor Beavers of Orlando, FL; nieces; and nephews. He was a kind and generous man. Interment was at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA, on May 25, 2011; Pastor Shaun Brooks officiated. Military honors were conducted by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

LYZANCHUK, Iwan "Big John," 79, died Jan. 21, 2011, at his residence in Collegedale, TN. A native of Musidora, Alberta, Canada, he moved to Collegedale in 1973 when he accepted the position as in-store manager of the bakery department at the Village Market. In 1983 he opened the Tri-Sum Bakery in Collegedale and operated it until his retirement. He was a member of Collegedale Church. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Agnes Lyzanchuk; three daughters: Audrienne Andreika (Buddy) Williams of McDonald, TN; Bonnie (James) Hubble of Ooltewah, TN; and Cheryl (Mike) Pacheco of San Diego, CA; three grandchildren: Patrick Andreika, Shane Andreika, and Sierra Pacheco; and one sister, Ann Tchir of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He was preceded in death by his son Rene' Lyzanchuk; and three sisters: Mildred Trynchuk, Dora Trynchuk, and Nancy Verbitsky. Funeral services were held at the Collegedale Church with Dr. Gordon Beitz and Pastor Victor Czerkasij officiating. A private interment was held in Collegedale Memorial Park. Arrangements were provided by the Valley View Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home.

MASSENGILL, Nellie L., 85, born Nov. 1, 1925 in Muncie, IN, died April 18, 2011 in Reliance, TN. She was a member of Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL, for 17 years. She is survived by one son, Pastor Eric Shadle of Richland, WA; one daughter, Sharon Fulford of Reliance, TN; one sister, Roseanna Kelly

of Albuquerque, NM; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Horace Walsh at Florida Living Church. Interment was at Anderson Memorial Gardens, Anderson, IN.

MCCOMB, Wayne Leroy, 98, born Oct. 1, 1911 in Adrian, MI, died Aug. 25, 2010 in LaGrange, GA. He was a member of Pine Mountain Valley, GA, Church, where he served as head elder and treasurer for many years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Virginia. He was a retired farmer, and retired as a gardener from Callaway Gardens at age 90. He is survived by two sons: Larry McComb (Essie) of Pine Mountain Valley, GA, and Terry McComb (Jean) of British Columbia, Canada; three daughters: Gloria McComb Hale (Bob) of Fayetteville, GA; Faith McComb Durkin (Martin) of Gadston, SC; and Melody McComb Seem (Randy) of Pine Mountain, GA; one sister, Betty McComb Middleton of Hudson, MI; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

MCCUTCHEON, Jansen Elliot, 38, born March 15, 1972, died Jan. 5, 2011. He was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. He is survived by his father and step-mother, Brent Sr. and Marichu McCutcheon; mother and step-father, Janis and Don Lands; two sisters: Lisa Robinson and Sherie McCutcheon; two brothers: Brent McCutcheon Jr., and Ethan McCutcheon; other relatives; and friends. A memorial service was held on Jan. 9, with Mike Pettengill officiating.

MEERT, Beverly M., 63, born Dec. 6, 1947 in Orlando, FL, died March 30, 2011 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka. She was employed for many years at Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; son, Jeremy of Apopka; two daughters: Jayme of Loma Linda, CA, and Julee of Apopka; and one grandchild. The service was conducted by Dr. Alan Jones at Bladwin Fairchild, Altamonte Springs, FL.

MILLS, R.C., 94, born Feb. 25, 1916, died Oct. 18, 2010 in Chattanooga, TN. He was active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in mission service as conference, union, and division treasurer; business manager for Southern Adventist University, a musician and singer who loved to lead songs, and a Sabbath School teacher for 25 years. He was founding president of the Ooltewah-Collegedale Kiwanis Club, and was an active member until very recently. He is survived by his sons: Sid, Robert, and Charles Mills; one daughter, Susan Van Cleve; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elrita Mills.

O'DRAIN, George P., 47, born Aug. 23, 1963 in Camden, NJ, died April 9, 2011 in New Port Richey, FL. He was a member of New Port Richey Church. He is survived by two brothers: Ray and Joe of New Port Richey; and one sister, Kathy of New Port Richey. The service was conducted in New Port Richey.

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OVERTON, Clifford L., 61, born June 10, 1949 in Fayetteville, TN, died Feb. 21, 2011. He was in the Army for three years. He worked for Baird Ward Printing Company, Matlock Truck and Body, Avco, and as a self-employed farmer and landscaper. He enjoyed doing lawn care, hunting, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of New Life Church in Nashville, TN. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Betty Louise Dowdy Overton; two sons: Sgt. Clifford Gerard (Kendra) Overton of Ft. Benning, GA, and Dustin Overton of Antioch, TN; one daughter, Brittney Joi Overton of Nashville; two granddaughters: Airelle J. Malone of Chattanooga, TN, and Cierra Overton of Hendersonville, TN; three brothers: John Overton and William (Carol) Overton of Eagleville, TN, Henry (Almeto) Overton of Leicester, NY, and Raleigh Davie Overton of Nashville; two sisters: Mary Twitter of Akron, Ohio, and Mattie Brown of Antioch; two brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; aunts; nieces; nephews; other relatives; friends; and church family.

PADGETT, Christopher Thomas, 35, born Feb. 21, 1975, died July 24, 2010. He graduated from Collegedale Academy and was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. He loved playing golf and was currently active in a local pool league. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his mother, Cindy Raulston of Chattanooga, TN; his father, Lloyd (Anita) Padgett of Apison, TN; Andy (Connie) Anderson of Chattanooga; grandparents: Robert and Pat Whitmill of Apison; Grace Grove of Ooltewah, TN; and Annice Anderson of Chattanooga; siblings: Robert (Sarah) Padgett of Ooltewah; Lindsey Raulston of Chattanooga; Sonya Smith, Amber Padgett, and Haley Padgett, all of Apison.

PHILLIPS Helen Mae, 76, born March 12, 1927 in Gretna, LA, died Feb. 26, 2011 in Mobile, AL. She was a member of Cody Road Church in Mobile.

RASMUSSEN, Alta, 95, born Sept. 10, 1912, died Feb. 12, 2008 in Madison, TN. She was a member of Madison, TN, Campus Church.

RHODEN, Albert Galetton "Pap," 81, born May 25, 1930 in Marion County, MS, died Feb. 19, 2011 in Marion County. He was a member and the first elder of Columbia, MS, Church. He is survived by his wife, Janice Rhoden; son and daughter-in-law, David and Martha Rhoden; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jerry Ward; two sisters, Willie Buchanan and Merle Daily; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

SMITH, Alice E., 96, died Feb. 6, 2011. She is survived by one sister, Dorothy (LB) Smith; one niece, Pam (Terry) Dietrich; one great-niece, Nikki Sutton; one great-nephew, Mark Dietrich; and their children. Memorial services were held at Collegedale, TN, Church.

SMITH, Sadie Gladden, 87, died March 24, 2011. She was a dedicated member of the Adventist Church for more than 60 years. She

loved the Senior Citizen Center in Cleveland, TN—baking, gardening, sewing, and creating beautiful quilts. She is survived by three daughters: Irma Otis, Deanie Smith Madison, and Kathy Chatman; four grandchildren: Kimberly Carroll, Kristina Madison Whitman, Linde Otis Balderas, and Jamie Rohrbaugh; six great-grandchildren: Amber and Jake Carroll, Lucas and Marah Whitman, and Mariana and Soren Balderas; two sisters: Ruth Kadau and Mary Gladden Helms; and two brothers: Joe Gladden and Kemp Gladden. The funeral was held at Heritage Funeral Home in Chattanooga, TN, with Pastor Guinn E. Green officiating. Interment was at Collegedale Cemetery.

SPENCER, Millicent M., 67, born July 16, 1943 in Jamaica, West Indies; died Jan. 24, 2011 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church, Ocala, FL, for seven years. She served in the family life and women's ministries departments. She is survived by one son, Derrick Spencer; one brother, Trevor (Pauline) Tinglin; and two sisters: Cynthia Jackson and Audrey (Salvador) Talbot. The service was conducted by Pastor Reynold Maxwell and Pastor Everett Smith at the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala. Interment was at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Ocala.

STEINMUSS, Henry, 82, born Dec. 6, 1928, died March 17, 2011 in Nashville, TN. He was a member of Madison, TN, Campus Church. He is survived by two daughters: Joy Steinmuss of Asheville, NC, and Judy Steinmuss of Nashville.

THORNE, Virginia, 93, born Jan 11, 1918 at North Plainfield, NJ, died Feb. 15, 2011 at Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Church. She is survived by her husband, Joseph; two sons: Joseph Thorne of Jasper, GA, and Daniel Thorne of Jesup, GA; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The service and interment were at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL; the service was conducted by Pastor Kameron De Vasher.

VEGA, Jr., Santos, 35, born Oct. 9, 1975 in Boston, MA, died March 12, 2011 in New Port Richey, FL. He was a member of the New Port Richey Church. He is survived by his wife, Angelina; two daughters: Lolinda and Lexandra of New Port Richey; four brothers: Fernando, Elias, Ivan, and Christian of New Port Richey; and one sister, Marisol Brewer of Holiday, FL. The service was conducted by Elder Tony Rivera at New Port Richey Church.

WALKER, Thelma W., 83, born July 9, 1927, died Aug. 28, 2010 in Hillsborough, NC. She is survived by her husband Marvin of 62+ yrs of marriage. She spent more than 50 years of her life in Florida working in the medical field, before moving back to North Carolina in 2004. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.


WALLACE, Brion Wayne, 47, of Winston GA; born July 7, 1963 in Austell, GA, died September 18, 2010. He was a resident of Douglas County for 30 years and a 1983

graduate of Douglas County High School. He was a member of the Douglasville Church. He was an avid photographer. He is survived by his parents: Alvin and Charlene Wallace of Winston; one sister, Diana Gunter of Snellville, GA; two nieces: Kelly (Scott) Sanders of Ooltewah, TN, and Renee Gunter of Snellville. The funeral service was conducted by Pastors Hal Peggau and Tom Carter. Interment was at Whitley Garner at Rosehaven Cemetery in Douglasville, GA.

WHEELER, Pastor Ben D., 88, died Feb. 24, 2011. During WWII he served in the Army with the 39th Field Hospital as an X-ray technician in England and Belgium. He arrived in Normandy four days after the invasion and cared for many of the wounded. Following the war, he felt called to serve the Lord as a minister and earned a B.A. in religion from Southern (College) University in Collegedale, TN. On July 2, 1950, he and Carolina "Ann" Morgan were united in marriage in Fletcher, NC. The Wheelers then moved to Washington, DC, where he earned a M.A. from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He began his ministry in Brunswick, GA. In 1953, he accepted a call to Kenya to serve as mission director of the Karura Mission in Nairobi, arriving in the middle of the Mau Mau rebellion. He served in various positions—teaching and ministering during the next 30 years. During furloughs from Africa, he was able to further his education and earned a M.Div. from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, and a M.S. in public health from Loma Linda University in California. He served faithfully in Kenya, Uganda, and Rhodesia until 1983 when he returned to pastor in South Carolina until his retirement in 1993. Although retired, he remained active in the ministry, serving his community in many ways. He is survived by his wife, Ann; two sons: David Wheeler of Salem, and Carroll (Carol Ann) Wheeler of Sheboygan, WI; and three grandchildren: Jonathan, Christopher, and Jennifer Wheeler. He was preceded in death by his sister, Alice May Wheeler, and his brothers: Joseph, Timothy, and Ira Wheeler. A memorial service was held March 12, 2011 at Salem, SC, Church.

WILL, Thelma H., 91, born Nov. 9, 1919, died Feb. 26, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Stan Will; two daughters: Camille Clark and Pat Keller; one son, John (Cherry) Patterson; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Services were held March 26, 2011 at Collegedale, TN, Church.

ZUMSTEIN, Thomas (Tommy) Douglas, 50, born March 1, 1960 in Evansville, IN, died Nov. 24, 2010 in Chattanooga, TN. He was a member of the Pikeville Church. He is survived by his son and daughter, Thomas Douglas Jr., and Lauren Marie; parents: Louis and June Zumstein; one brother, Larry Zumstein; and one sister, Merrie Crawford. Services were conducted by Pastor David Wendt, and burial was in Thanes Memorial Cemetery in Dunlap, TN.



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Announcements

Grand Ledge Academy First Years Reunion – Aug. 5-7. Elysian Fields Hunting Preserve near Bellevue, MI. For all charter students, alumni, and faculty from 1959-1964. Details: registration: claudiabahnmler@gmail.com, call Claudia at 360-793-1883 or Facebook group "Grand Ledge Academy - First Years."

Southern Society of Adventist Attorneys Annual Fall Retreat – Sept. 9, 10. Tradewinds Resort, St. Pete Beach, FL. Details: email ReligiousLiberty@southernunion.com.

Manchester, KY, Church and Memorial Hospital Homecoming Weekend – Sept. 9-11. Details: zerbees@hotmail.com. Association of Adventist Women's Annual Convention – Oct. 13-16. La Sierra University. "Total You - Body, Mind, and Spirit." Keynote speaker is Chris Oberg. Registration fee, \$125. Register online at www.aaw.cc.

Peachtree City, GA, Church 35th Homecoming Anniversary – Oct. 14, 15. Harold Cunningham, Sabbath speaker. Details: Joanne Anderson 770-487-8505.

Andrews Academy Homecoming Weekend – Oct. 14-16. All alumni of Emmanuel Missionary College Academy, Andrews University Academy, and Andrews Academy plan now to join us for special services on Friday evening and all day Sabbath. Honor classes are 1937, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02 and 2007. Details: contact the Academy Alumni office at 269-471-6140 or e-mail acadalum@andrews.edu.

Society of Adventist Communicators Convention – Oct. 20-22. Chicago, IL. Keynote speaker: David Neff, Christianity Today editor-in-chief. Theme: Integrated Communication: The Hub of Excellence. The 23rd annual convention is in Chicago, IL, this year. We hope to see many professional and local church communicators there. Sometimes it is hard for them to attend because of finances. Would you consider sponsoring some of them to come to the convention? Imagine if more of the local church communicators would be able to get training on how to do communication for their local church – how great would that be? Please download the flier and pass on this opportunity to your local church and/or school communication leaders. Visit, adventistcommunicator.org for further details.

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Events Calendar

Carolina

Carolina Constituency Session – Aug. 18-21. Nosoca.
Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Aug. 26-28. Nosoca.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar/>
Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridaconference.com/youth/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.
Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.floridaconference.com/childrenandfamily/>, djmiller4000@gmail.com, or 407-703-3050.
Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups such as attention deficit disorder, bereavement, brain injury, celiac disease, diabetes, sleep disorders, and more. Details are available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdeland.org/>
North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter – membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumniinfl.org/>, oakwoodalumniinfl@gmail.com, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.
Florida Conference Evangelism Series
 Aug. 26-Oct. 1. Bushnell. Lester and Zula Pratt.
 Sept. 10-Oct. 29. La Caravana de la Victoria (Caravan of Victory): eight locations in Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood area. Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios.
 Oct. 1-Nov. 12. Altamonte Springs. Bill and Sunshine Waters.
 Oct. 14-Nov. 19. Clermont. Lester and Zula Pratt
 Nov. 5-19. Northwest Miami Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios.
Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinics
 Aug. 27. Boynton Beach.
 Sept. 10. Umatilla.
 Sept. 17. Brooksville.

Sept. 24. Spring Hill.
Children's Ministries Conventions. GraceLink workshops, family worship, storytelling and outreach ideas, and more.
 Sept. 9-11. English-language. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Theme: Go Fish. Cost: \$125, includes convention, lodging, and five meals. Details/registration: <http://www.floridaconference.com/childrenandfamily/>, rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com, 407-644-5000 x136, or 321-303-7699.
 Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Spanish-language. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Theme: Christ, the Rock of Ages. Cost: \$105-125 depending on accommodation choice (\$65 for tent camping), includes convention, lodging, and meals. Details/registration: 407-644-5000 x138 or 321-439-1321.
Go Fish For Kids. Oct. 22. Fort Myers Church. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Kids are invited to come and learn great ways to witness to friends and neighbors. Puppetry, nature, fitness fun, interactive storytelling, ballooning, music, and more. Cost: free. Bring your own lunch. Details: <http://www.floridaconference.com/childrenandfamily/>, rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com, 407-644-5000 x136, or 321-303-7699.

Georgia-Cumberland

Elementary Teachers' Convention – Aug. 1-2. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
Deaf Camp Meeting – Aug. 4-7. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
Courageous Men – Aug. 6. Fayette Church. Fayetteville, GA.
Personal Ministries Rally – Aug. 6. Nigerian Mission Group. Atlanta, GA.
First Day of School – Aug. 8. Calhoun, GA.
First Day of School – Aug. 10.
Exercise Workshop – Aug. 14. Lenoir City Church. Lenoir City, TN.
CHIP Leadership Training Workshop – Aug. 19, 21. Calhoun, GA.
Pathfinder Leadership

Convention – Aug. 19-21. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.
Health Rally – Aug. 20. Jasper, GA.
Festival of the Family – Aug. 20. Macon, GA.
Prayer Ministries Day – Aug. 20. Murphy, NC.
Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day "End it Now" – Aug. 27.
Hispanic Lay Training – Aug. 27. Dalton, GA.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online <http://www.gscsda.org>
Teachers' Meeting – Aug. 1-3. Bass Memorial Academy.
Literature Evangelist Retreat – Aug. 4-7. Camp Alamisco.
Elementary Schools First Day – Aug. 9.
Bass Memorial Academy Registration Day – Aug. 14.
Conference Executive Committee – Aug. 16.
Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Aug. 19-21. Camp Alamisco.
Singles Retreat – Aug. 26-28.
Hispanic Camp Meeting – Sept. 2-4. Camp Alamisco.
Prayer Summit – Sept. 9-11.
Canoeing Teen Invitational – Sept. 11.

Kentucky-Tennessee

50 Plus Camp – Aug. 9-14. Indian Creek Camp.
Hispanic Youth Retreat – Aug. 18-20. Indian Creek Camp.
Young Women's Retreat – Sept. 9-11. Indian Creek Camp.
Conference Association Board
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 Dec. 6.
Conference Executive

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Sept. 20.
 Dec. 6.
Women's Retreat I – Sept. 23-25. Indian Creek Camp.
Women's Retreat II – Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Indian Creek Camp.
Hispanic Women's Retreat – Oct. 7-9. Indian Creek Camp.

South Atlantic

Conference 24th Quinquennial Session – Sept. 11. Orangeburg, SC.
Local Elders' and Head Deacons' Retreat – Sept. 23-25. Orangeburg, SC.
Health Conditioning Retreat – Oct. 6-9. Orangeburg, SC.

Southeastern

Teachers' Convention – Aug. 1, 2.
South Florida Men's Retreat – Aug. 3-6. Delray Beach, FL.
Family Convention – Sept. 2-4. Boca Raton, FL.
South Florida Adventist Youth Federation – Sept. 16-18. Fort Lauderdale, FL.
Women's Ministries Spanish Retreat – Sept. 30-Oct. 1. South Florida.

Sunset

	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	Sept. 9
Atlanta, GA	8:32	8:25	8:17	8:08	7:59	7:49
Charleston, SC	8:13	8:06	7:58	7:49	7:40	7:31
Charlotte, NC	8:20	8:13	8:04	7:55	7:45	7:36
Collegedale, TN	8:37	8:29	8:21	8:12	8:02	7:52
Huntsville, AL	7:42	7:35	7:27	7:18	7:08	6:58
Jackson, MS	7:53	7:46	7:38	7:30	7:21	7:12
Louisville, KY	8:46	8:37	8:28	8:18	8:08	7:57
Memphis, TN	7:57	7:49	7:41	7:32	7:22	7:12
Miami, FL	8:02	7:57	7:51	7:44	7:37	7:29
Montgomery, AL	7:37	7:30	7:22	7:14	7:05	6:56
Nashville, TN	7:46	7:38	7:29	7:20	7:10	7:00
Orlando, FL	8:11	8:05	7:58	7:51	7:43	7:35
Wilmington, NC	8:07	8:00	7:51	7:42	7:33	7:23

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