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Special opening event with Jennifer LaMountain

The 2011 International ASI Convention will open with a concert featuring Morning Song vocalist Jennifer LaMountain. She will be accompanied by the Fountainview Academy choir.
The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3.

**Convention announcements**

**Registration:** Registration links and information are updated weekly on the ASI website [Convention Registration](#) page.

**Convention Orchestra:** More orchestra members are still needed to join the Fountainview Academy-ASI Convention Orchestra this year. Dust off those instruments and visit [www.fountainofmusic.com](http://www.fountainofmusic.com) to apply.

**Meeting & Event Reservation Contract Deadline:** If you have made a [Meeting & Event Room Reservation](#), you must also fill out a [Meeting & Event A/V and Meal Contract](#) to secure your reservation. Both forms can be accessed from the [Convention Registration](#) page. The deadline is June 30, 2011.

**Business Session:** The biannual ASI Business Session will be held immediately prior to the convention, along with meetings of the ASI Board and ASI Missions Inc. See the official [Meeting Notice](#) on the ASI website.

**ASI membership & information**

Visit the [ASI website](#) for:

- For [Membership Information](#) or to download a [Membership Application](#)
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Contact the ASI office at 301-680-6450 to order copies of ASI's brochure and promotional DVD to share with friends and potential members. Each promotional DVD includes [The ASI Convention Experience](#) video and several episodes of [ASI Video Magazine](#).

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**News & Notes**

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Harbert Hills Academy Nursing Home, near Savannah, Tennessee, received a top ranking from [U.S. News & World Report](#) for nursing homes in Tennessee for 2011.

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Elinor Wilson, mother of GC president Ted N. C. Wilson and wife of past GC president Neal C. Wilson, and Marjorie V. Baldwin, M.D., one of the original "medical missionaries," are both remembered for their personal examples and

**Project Report: Vietnam Mission Bible Worker College**

The Vietnam Mission shares a recent update on the progress of its plans to build a Bible Worker College with 2009 ASI project funds.
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- Wednesday, August 3 — 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 4 — 6:15 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 5 — 6:15 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Sabbath, August 6 — 6:15 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Melody Mason will serve as the prayer room coordinator. All are invited to take advantage of this quiet haven of prayer and to continue participating in the 777 initiative while attending the convention.

Visit the Convention Registration page on the ASI website for more convention information.
Advent Home graduation puts at-risk young men on better path

Posted on Jun 09, 2011

In the auditorium at the Advent Home Learning Center is a beautiful mural painting called "The Awakening." It depicts a young man welcoming the Light that shines from above. The mural was recently painted by nationally renowned artist Emanuel Martinez, with assistance from Advent Home students. It marks the integration of art and therapy into Advent Home's Maturation® Therapy Program.

"It represents a new beginning for [the young man], a turning point that puts him on a better path of life," says Martinez.

Reaching a turning point that leads to a better path is the goal for each student at Advent Home. That turning point will be celebrated at Advent Home's upcoming graduation/homecoming weekend June 24–26, 2011, in Calhoun, Tennessee. International speaker and author Dr. Timothy Jennings will be the featured presenter.

Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, June 24
7:00 a.m. - Consecration Ceremony

Saturday, June 25
9:00 a.m. - Family Worship
10:30 a.m. - Family Counseling
2:00 p.m. - Afternoon Program
4:30 p.m. - Baptism Ceremony

Sunday, June 26
9:00 a.m. - Family Worship
10:30 a.m. - Graduation Ceremony

Visit the Advent Home website.
Harbert Hills Academy Nursing Home received a coveted five-star rating from the *U.S. News & World Report*. The nursing home and academy are located near Savannah, Tennessee. The ranking identifies the nursing home as one of the best in the state of Tennessee for 2011.

The nursing home has been operating since 1969. It recently completed an addition that licenses its staff to provide daycare services for 20 elderly persons. This service will be offered in addition to the in-home care already provided to 49 residents. The home prides itself on its family atmosphere.

The nursing home also provides Harbert Hills Academy students with valuable caretaking experience and gives them the opportunity to become Certified Nursing Assistants.

Visit the [Harbert Hills Academy Nursing Home](http://www.asiministries.org/news_entries/367) website.
Two great women laid to rest

Posted on Jun 09, 2011

Elinor E. Wilson, mother of General Conference president Ted N. C. Wilson, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at a care facility in Dayton, Maryland. Her husband, Neal C. Wilson, served for 11 years as president of the General Conference. He passed away six months ago. They had been married for 68 years.

"[My mother] showed me a personal love for Jesus as a Savior and a friend and instilled in others a simple trust in the teachings of the Word and what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian," shared Elder Ted Wilson in the June 2011 issue of Adventist World.

Cards of condolence for the family can be sent to 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Elinor Wilson to Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Adventist Heritage Ministry, Adventist World Radio, or Christian Record Services for the Blind.

A complete story on Mrs. Wilson has been released by the Adventist Review.

On June 5, 2011, a memorial service was held for Majorie V. (Jacobs) Baldwin, M.D., who died on April 23, 2011. She was one of the original "medical missionaries," enrolling at Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelism in 1947, and taking up her post as the only physician at Wildwood Sanitarium in 1952. In the 1960s she began teaching medicine, and returned to Wildwod in 1977, where she rejoined the medical staff and eventually became editor in chief for Wildwood’s The Journal of Health and Healing. Her contributions in the areas of medicine and natural healing were extensive. She died at the age of 93.

"In whichever role she found herself, she gave it her very best with God’s strength," wrote the contributors to Dr. Baldwin's memorial program life sketch. "She would often wince, however, upon hearing accolades; for she knew all too well from whence and from Whom any heavenly qualities came."

The memorial service for Dr. Marjorie Baldwin can be viewed on the Wildwood Lifestyle Center & Hospital website.
The Vietnam Mission submitted a recent project report on the use of the $50,000 in project funds provided by ASI in 2009. The funds were designated for the purpose of building a Bible College to train Bible workers, literature evangelists, pastors and other staff for the vast needs of this newly opened country in the critical 10/40 window.

The plan has not progressed as rapidly as the Vietnam Mission leaders had hoped, but they report exciting developments that reveal God's hand in the process. Funds donated by ASI to the Vietnam Mission are currently held at the Southeast Asia Union Mission office by union treasurer Jannie Bekker. They will be released for use in the construction project once final approval by the government has been completed, as well as approval by the Vietnam Mission and the union office.

The original plan was to build the school about 60 kilometers north of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) in an area called Long Thanh. The Vietnam Mission owns about 1.73 acres there. An application was submitted last year for the land title, but it has not come yet. The process usually takes a long time. The building permit for the Bible Worker College can only be obtained after the land title is granted.

In the meantime, a related development has raised the possibility of another building site. Prior to 1975, the Seventh-day Adventist Church had a large piece of property in HCMC where the hospital, high school, seminary and church were located. After 1975, the property was taken by the Hanoi government. The government continues to use the hospital and high school, but the old seminary and church are not in use. The amount of land not in use is about 1.24 acres, and it has become an extremely valuable piece of property. It is located near the Vietnam Mission offices. Mission leaders are considering the potential of this property as a possible site for the Bible Worker College. Advantages of the property include the following:

1. If the land is granted back to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is now fully recognized as a legitimate church by the government, no delays from title or building permits would come with the property. The land would be returned by the government as a building site, and the permission would be included in the grant.

2. Support for return of this unused land to the Vietnam Mission has come from the police chief of HCMC and his department. Because the request is for unused land, it is felt that the grant request has a high probability of succeeding.

3. It would be easier for guest lecturers, union officers, and administrative staff of the Vietnam Mission to participate in training students at the college because of its close proximity to Vietnam Mission office.

There is a great sense of urgency among leaders in Vietnam to complete this project. Hundreds of young people are waiting to be trained so they can be sent into areas of Vietnam that lack Adventist presence. Just this year, two new churches were planted in Hanoi, but there is much more work to do. Currently, 21 new literature evangelists and Bible workers are being trained in the cramped facilities at the Vietnam Mission in HCMC.

As of September 9, 2010, church membership in Vietnam stood at 13,150, with 6 churches and 125 home churches operating, all fully recognized by the government. Tithe was up 19 percent, compared with the same period in 2009. There is active radio and media work in cooperation with Adventist World Radio. Adventist World Magazine is now available online in the Vietnamese language at http://vn.adventistworld.org.

Vietnam has one of the youngest literature evangelism directors ever appointed. Her name is Phuong, and she is 22 years old. The school has trained 70 Bible workers, 41 of them this year. Only 16 are employed due to lack of funds
years old. The school has trained 70 Bible workers, 41 of them this year. Only 15 are employed due to lack of funds. Vietnam Mission would like to immediately employ at least 10 more Bible workers. There are 54 provinces in Vietnam, and 29 remain without official church presence.

Contact Stephen Mulder at 805-459-0817 for more information about the work in Vietnam.