Moore, Okla. Tornado relief updates: Watch this video about the Oklahoma Conference Adventist Community Services workers and area volunteers who are beginning their assistance to survivors.

Church bulletin inserts in English, Spanish and French, in color and black and white, about the tornado that devastated Moore, Okla. Monday, and how to donate to help in the aftermath, are available for downloading from the NAD Adventist Community Services website.

Commemoration ceremonies of the 150th Anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were held yesterday, May 21, at the General Conference/North American Division office headquarters. A new exhibit in the atrium of the General Conference depicting people and events of our Church history was opened. See photos of the opening and of the commemoration service. A picture presentation depicting early church history and slideshows that were shown (and others) can be downloaded or viewed online. [Photo: Marvin Robinson, the great-great-great grandson of Ellen G. White, and Barry Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate, sing a hymn as part of the service celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Photo by Daniel Weber]

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June 15, Refugee Awareness Sabbath

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June 6, Prayer Call
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June 14-17, Religious Liberty Summit
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June 24, Math Clinic (NY13)
June 24, Art of Spoken Word Clinic (NY13)
July 11, Prayer Call
Aug. 1, Prayer Call
Aug. 6, PSI Executive Leadership
May 21. It will be broadcast on the Hope Church Channel on Sabbath, May 25, at 12 p.m. and again at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, May 26 at 8 a.m. (all times given in Eastern Time). You can also watch it live online at the Hope Church Channel website. [Photo: Ted N. Wilson, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, cuts the ribbon to open the new exhibit celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Photo by Daniel Weber]

Are you looking for a practical, tangible, and meaningful way to expand your understanding of today's religious liberty challenges? Join the North American Religious Liberty Association (NARLA) for its Religious Liberty Summit, June 14-17 in Silver Spring, Md. NARLA has planned an inspiring weekend filled with religious liberty training and information sessions, spiritual emphasis and testimony, American history tour, Capitol Hill legislative office visits, and a banquet at the Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters. Click HERE or call or (301) 680-6691 for additional details and registration. "Like" NARLA on Facebook.

The North American Division Music Committee for the 2015 General Conference Session (July 2-11 in San Antonio, Texas) is now accepting applications from musicians/ groups desiring to perform at the GC Session. Applications can be downloaded at the Session website. Scroll to “Music Application Packet” tab and follow all instructions carefully. Applications will be processed through December 31, 2013. MORE

Let's Move Day, September 22, is a great day to get as many people as possible involved in physical activity. It's the first day of Let's Move Week. Consider what kind of event your church, school, university or hospital can sponsor and/or promote. It's not too early to start planning for Let's Move Day in your area. Activity suggestions and resources are available. MORE

Full-Vision® books, a fusion of Braille, print and audio, assist blind and sighted people alike. "Blind parents deserve to be able to read to their sighted children, just as sighted parents do. Blind children who are learning Braille need simple books an adult can read along with them," says Larry Pitcher, president of Christian Record Services for the Blind. The 114-year-old organization serving the blind community has just released Grandma Stepped on Fred!, the latest edition in a Full-Vision® book series, A Child's Steps to Jesus. The series develops the themes of each chapter in Steps to Christ so a preschooler can understand them. MORE

The Adventist Chaplaincies Ministries(ACM) Offering bulletin insert and poster is now posted on the ACM website for use on June 8, with the ACM special offering.
"The Lord is calling for you and for me in this world headquarters and around the world to respond to that great call that Joshua made to Israel of old, 'Who will stand on the Lord’s side? ’ Are we willing to make the statement that Joshua did: 'but as for me in my house, we will serve the Lord,' and then never forget the commitment we made? Looking back, let us remember and look forward with great hope and anticipation, for 150 years is long enough. – Jesus is coming soon!” – Pastor Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the World Seventh-day Adventist Church in his closing remarks during a commemorative Sesquicentennial event at the General Conference headquarters building yesterday. [Photo: Elder Ted N.C. Wilson, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, offers the keynote address during a service celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Church. Photo by Daniel Weber]

REACH: Education for discipleship
Every youth and adult learning, growing, and becoming like Christ

Students at Tulsa Adventist Academy (TAA) in Oklahoma had rented two water slides for an end-of-school party on Wednesday, May 22, and decided instead to donate $500 to buy relief supplies to help survivors of the Moore, Okla. EF5 tornado. They started donating classroom funds and collected over $6,000, and then went to SAM's Club to buy blankets, diapers, pet food, non-perishable food items, and more.

"Not everyone can write a check, not everyone has money, but everyone can help their neighbor," said TAA Principal Mark Griffin.

When the water slide company heard what the kids did, they donated the slides for their party.

Griffin shared their goals: "1) That God be glorified; 2) that all of us, young and old, can help serve our Savior through the efforts of helping others; 3) that we find it an honor to be able to be a part of helping those in need; and 4) that we understand that we do not have the resources that the Red Cross has but we can make a difference in the lives of one person at a time. It does make a difference for that person." [Photo: TAA students pose in front of donated water slide.]
On Monday, an F4 tornado touched down in the town of Moore, Oklahoma. The tornado spent 40 minutes on the ground and devastated an estimated 30 square miles that included neighborhoods and two elementary schools. For more than a century, Adventist Community Services (ACS) volunteers across the country have prepared for and responded to disasters of all kinds. Adventist churches and schools in Oklahoma are being utilized to stage relief supplies. The Hope Adventist Fellowship in Moore is serving as a distribution center.

We know that the pictures coming out of Oklahoma compel many individuals to help and we ask you to do the following to make our collaborative efforts as beneficial as possible to those in need.

- Pray for the thousands of individuals who have already been affected as well as those that may still be in harm’s way from a continuation of storms.
- PLEASE do not self-deploy to the disaster area. Individuals who do not deploy with a disaster response agency in coordination with emergency management often create a second disaster. Contact your local conference Disaster Response Coordinator if you would like to volunteer.
- The best way to help is to give a financial donation to Adventist Community Services. After the situation and needs are evaluated there may be a request for donating goods. There are several ways to donate:
  - Visit www.communityservices.org
  - Mail a check to: ACS, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904
  - Call 1-800-381-7171 or
  - Place an offering in your local church offering plate marked “ACS Disaster Response”

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New home A-OK

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On Monday afternoon, Cathy Dunn and her two sons got their first look at their rebuilt home, two weeks after the Acts of Kindness volunteers started tearing it apart.

Dunn is the latest recipient of Extreme Home Repair in Aldergrove, a project organized by the Seventh Day Adventist Church in partnership with a host of volunteers and local business sponsors. A homeowner in need of some serious renovations and upgrades, who has financial or personal difficulties, gets their home gutted and rebuilt from the ground up.

A block party celebration was held May 20 to mark the completion of the project, which included mold removal and a new roof. This is the 10th year of Extreme Home Repair in Aldergrove.

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Local author and university professor Glen Robinson will host a book signing from 1-4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday at the Texas Adventist Book Center in Keene.

The author of 13 books, Robinson specializes in Christian suspense novels. His two latest novels will be available for purchase at the event.

Robinson describes his book "Infinity's Reach," which launched on April 1, as the retelling of the classic allegory "Pilgrim's Progress." In contrast to the original, which was written in the 17th Century and describes the Christian life by telling of Pilgrim's journey to the Celestial City, "Infinity's Reach" tells of a teenager who wakes up in a dystopian America, challenged with the task of crossing a dangerous, war-torn landscape to join her father in Camp Zion.

"Most people today have only heard of Pilgrim's Progress but haven't read it," says Robinson. "Putting the allegory into an exciting, dystopian context is intended to appeal to more young readers while sharing the original Christian message."

This weekend also marks the launch of Robinson's new Christian suspense trilogy. "The series started when I thought about the gods of the Old Testament and asked, why did men worship them and where did those gods go?" Robinson says.

"The Champion" is the first book in the series, and tells the story of a pastor who asks God to be used in a big way. An angel comes to him to tell Pastor Borden that God has agreed to honor his request. The young pastor discovers a war between good and evil that has been going on for thousands of years, a war that becomes very real to him and those around him.

In addition to his two new books, Robinson will be signing some of his other books that are available at Texas Adventist Book Center and other retailers, including his well-known end-time novel "If Tomorrow Comes."

Robinson is professor of communication at Southwestern Adventist University, where he has taught since 1998. He received his PhD from the University of North Texas in Denton in 2004.

Texas Adventist Book Center is located at 201 S. Old Betsy Road in Keene.
Adventist GlenOaks Hospital couple supports the troops in very different ways

By SHEILA GALLORO, Community Contributor

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Glendale Heights – Two large bulletin boards – one covered with photos of veterans done fighting and one covered with soldiers still in the thick of it – hang in a busy hallway of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital. The woman responsible for the boards, Yvonne Losey, is the director of the hospital’s birth center and she knows the military almost as well as she knows babies.

Her husband, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Garry Losey, is stationed at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware. A second-generation Seventh-day Adventist pastor with more than 30 years of ministry experience, he was selected by the Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon as the Chaplain for the Army Liaison Team. Garry Losey provides the needed counseling and spiritual care for family members during the dignified transfer ceremony to departing Fallen Soldiers on the flight line. Before his deployment, he was manager of pastoral care at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital.

While Yvonne Losey sees new life every day, her husband deals with the end of life, supporting the family members of the Fallen through the grieving process.

“It’s the best job I ever hated and the worst job I ever loved,” Garry Losey said.

The Loseys met 36 years ago at a California hospital where Yvonne was a nurse and Garry Losey a hospital chaplain. Today they have two grown children and two grandchildren. Garry Losey joined the Army in 1988 and the Reserves in 1999. During his first year in 2009, he helped 250 Army families based at Joint Base Balad in Northern Iraq, located about 40 miles north of Baghdad.

Meanwhile, back home in Illinois, Yvonne Losey has lost track of the number of people she’s helped. Besides her two military boards, which she hung the day her husband left for Iraq in 2009, she also led an effort to ship homemade cookies to members of the U.S. military serving overseas and sews beautiful quilts decorated with American flags. From time to time Garry Losey asked his wife to make a special quilt for a grieving family he meets, as was the case in January 2012.

“I pray this quilt will give you comfort,” Yvonne wrote in a letter to a woman who lost her husband, a sergeant in the army. “I know the days ahead are not easy.”

She never heard back, but to Yvonne Losey that’s not important. She provided comfort to a woman going through a terrible time. And in a small way, she knows exactly what it’s like to miss someone you love. She hasn’t seen her husband since January and says the military boards, tending to new moms and babies at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital and sewing the quilts are a way to fill the hours while he’s gone.

“I know Garry is doing God’s work and that it’s important,” she said. “He is helping people in a time of horrible loss and grief. They will never forget him.”

So until he returns, Yvonne Losey will continue to update the boards and wait for the big day in August when she can move her husband’s photo from the “active military” group to the “veterans” group. That’s when Garry Losey will retire from the Army and return home.

Adventist Midwest Health includes Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. To find a physician, visit www.keepingyouwell.com.

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Church-based Scouting alternatives attract interest

May 20, 2013
By Adelle M. Banks / Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Their members say pledges. They earn merit badges. They may go camping. But they’re not Boy Scouts.

Across the country, decades-old religious organizations such as Pathfinders for Seventh-day Adventists, Royal Ambassadors for Southern Baptists and Royal Rangers for Assemblies of God offer alternatives to Scouting.

And as the Boy Scouts of America considers whether to change its membership policy to admit gay members but continue its ban on gay leaders, some of these groups are fielding inquiries from people concerned about the action the Scouts may take.

Leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Pathfinders have been asked about their program in light of the pending Boy Scout vote, said James Black, the Adventists’ North American director of youth ministries.

“If individuals saw the Pathfinders as a viable option for their children, we would welcome them with open arms,” he said.

Some denominational leaders with strong ties to the Boy Scouts—including Roman Catholics and United Methodists—have said they still are mulling the Scouts’ proposed change, which will face a vote during the organization’s May 22-24 annual meeting.

Mormons satisfied

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which hosts more Scout troops than any other organization, said it is “satisfied that BSA has made a thoughtful, good-faith effort” with the proposed resolution.

But Frank Page, president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Executive Committee, said the change “would force sponsoring churches to subordinate their convictions to stay involved with the Boy Scouts.”

A recent story in Baptist Press included tips on how a church can start a Royal Ambassadors program. About 3,000 Baptist churches have chapters of the missions-focused program for elementary school boys.

Steve Heartsill, managing editor of the program’s curriculum, said there has been “some uptick in phone calls” as the vote approaches.

Increasing interest

The Assemblies of God offices in Springfield, Mo., have received many calls in the last few months about its Royal Rangers program.

Dick Broene, executive director of the Calvinist Cadet Corps, said his evangelical organization heard from Scout leaders who had considered leaving the BSA when it appeared the group might approve including gay leaders. The Calvinist Cadet Corps includes Bible lessons in weekly meetings and connects merit badges to Scripture.

“We are very similar in many ways, with the merit badges and rank advancement, uniforms and emphasis on camping,” said Broene, whose organization drew 1,200 participants to a 2011 triennial camporee in Michigan. “The difference is we have Christ at the heart of everything we do.”
Like the Calvinist Cadet Corps, the CSB (Christian Service Brigade) Ministries is not connected to a particular denomination. It recently moved from Wheaton, Ill., to Hamburg, N.Y., and has fielded inquiries.

“We are difficult to find,” said Dale Kinkade, CSB Ministries’ Ohio Valley regional director, who is handling Scout-related calls. “Despite that, we have had quite a few inquiries of who and what we are.”

The evangelical group is not as outdoors-oriented as the BSA, Kinkade said, but it has a “Shape N Race Derby” that resembles the Scouts’ Pinewood Derby races. It also features the rank of “Herald of Christ,” which is similar to the Boy Scouts’ Eagle Scout.

“Our goal is to go beyond raising up character, and especially in citizenship, but really focuses in on building up a young man who has awareness of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ,” he said.

Opposing new policy

Supporters of OnMyHonor.net, a new organization spearheading efforts to oppose the BSA policy change, said in a recent simulcast some Scout-affiliated church groups are considering pulling out if the vote doesn’t go their way. Religious groups charter 70 percent of the Scout-sponsoring organizations.

“That relationship is at risk, as is the future of one of the last nonreligious institutions that has not yielded to political correctness,” said a narrator of the simulcast, which was hosted by the Family Research Council.

Some religious Scout leaders said they have not had any inquiries from people wondering about Scouting alternatives.

“We have no plans to offer alternatives,” said Larry Coppock, the United Methodist Church’s national director of Scouting ministries.

Chip Turner, a Baptist who serves as national chairman of the BSA’s Religious Relationships Task Force, said he’s grateful the Scouts delayed the process about a potential policy change. Now, he said, it’s a matter of prayer as the task force gathers at the BSA annual meeting before the vote occurs.

“I have asked several task force members from various faith groups to lead us in a season of prayer for divine guidance in the voting process,” he said.
A brief history of the Bermuda Institute
By Dr Lois Tucker,--Principal
The year 2013 marks the 70th year of continuous Seventh-day Adventist education in Bermuda.
Starting in 1943 as a church school operating under the vision of the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist church at their Jews Bay location, Bermuda Institute boasted a robust enrolment of twenty-six students and one teacher.
Education at this school was to have an eternal purpose, with emphasis on service.
The ensuing decades have seen the enrolment rise to its present 335 students and 40 faculty and staff; a move to its present location on Middle Road, Southampton; an expansion in its physical plant; and a host of distinguished graduates and alumni.
Though Bermuda Institute had humble beginnings, today we own the distinction of being accredited by the North American Division Commission for Accreditation of Seventh-day Adventist Secondary Schools, the American Association for Private School Accreditation, and the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.
During Alumni Weekend this year at BI, which starts tomorrow, May 16 and ends Sunday, we will welcome home our former students, teachers, and principals as we embrace this year’s theme: “Honouring the Past; Soaring towards the Future. Our B.I. family will simulate the move from Jews Bay to “Sandringham,” (the present location) with a road parade including runners, walkers, cyclists, and a train full of present and past supporters.
Music will form a huge part of the weekend activities, with a Friday evening ‘singspiration’ and a Saturday evening concert with local talent and guest artists, Committed and Amber Bulloch.
The weekend will culminate with a black tie awards banquet where we will recognise previous principals, teachers, and alumni, many of whom have returned to Bermuda to celebrate this event with us.
As we honour the past, clearly orchestrated by the sacrifice and commitment of our visionary church community, we press toward the mark of God’s high calling as we endeavour to prepare our young people for service in this world and, more importantly, for service in the world to come.
They left their oldest, Linda, in charge of the boys after school that Tuesday. Joyce and Calvin Kellogg wouldn’t be gone long, and they weren’t going far: around the corner and up 48th Street to College View’s block-long business district.

They were shopping for paint, planning to freshen up the old house they rented.

In 1967, Sullivan Lumber Co. stood at the far end of Prescott, closer to 47th, across from Vern’s Barber Shop, a few doors down from Conroy’s Bakery, next to the firehouse.

Joyce heard the blast from inside the store.

And then she heard the fire truck, wailing the two blocks toward her unpaved street.

She couldn’t hear Linda, on their front porch, screaming.

**COLLEGE VIEW, MAYBERRY**

College View grew up a part of Lincoln, but apart from it, too.

Its homes and shops surrounded and supported the Seventh-day Adventist Union College, which had its own dairy, swimming pool and, at 70th and Pioneers, hilltop cemetery. The rest of Lincoln shut down on Sundays, but College View -- on the city’s southeast edge, annexed in 1929, connected by trolley -- was open, because Adventists celebrated Saturday as their Sabbath.

They used to call it Peanut Hill, and it was a tightly woven community of college students and large families, many drawn by the church, all connected by geography.

“I remember everybody was friendly, whether Seventh-day Adventist or not. It was clean. You could run the streets as a kid,” said Chuck Hermida, who grew up on Bancroft and started raising his own young family on the next street over.

“There aren’t many towns like that. College View and Mayberry.”

He remembers summers, kids pedaling into the countryside that unfolded just beyond. Winters, when they’d close the steepest street, flood it, freeze it, slip and sled down it.

Families knew each other, or knew of each other. Their kids went to the church’s academy, or Calvert Elementary, or Pound Junior High.

Joyce and Calvin Kellogg met at Union College, married in 1952, moved away and returned to raise six kids near 49th and Meredeth. Calvin ran a backhoe; Joyce cooked breakfasts at Alice’s Restaurant.

Earl and Dorothy Brown and their four children moved in across the street. They came from Nebraska City, and they had a color TV set.

A few blocks away, on Bancroft, Betty and Bob Hansen had eight kids.

David was their youngest son, so well behaved, Betty says. The boy who would sell, door-to-door, the scarves and hats and potholders she crocheted for grocery money.

The boy who should have been home by now.

Betty stepped onto her porch and looked down the street.

It was after 4, on Sept. 19, 1967, and David hadn’t returned from school.
“It wasn’t like David to do that. He was my best kid.”

GREAT BIG SHELLS

The Army never let Master Sgt. Lee J. Kenney and his family remain in one place very long, moving him six times in six years.

Including a stay in Lincoln, after his first tour in Vietnam. His family moved to College View, near 46th and Lowell. He was from Minnesota, Lorna from Weeping Water.

He’d found the artillery shells at a base in Kansas.

“I think he had three of them. They were great big shells that looked like regular .22 rifle shells but 10 to 15 times that size,” Lorna says.

They were souvenirs. Some families made them ashtray holders.

Her kids made them toys.

And they’d played with them for more than a year. They had them out in their yard. They carried them into their house.

The shells -- about 10 inches long, 2 inches in diameter -- had been declared safe, she says.

“Many, many of the guys had brought them home. In order to bring them off base, they were checked out. But obviously they weren’t checked by people who knew what they were doing.”

THE MOMENT BEFORE

Linda Kellogg was angry with her two youngest brothers. They were supposed to stay in the yard while their parents picked out paint, but they’d wandered off. That left Joey, 11, and Timmy, 9, playing out front with friends.

Linda, the oldest at 14, and Taryn, 13, were inside, watching TV. A World War II movie.

By all accounts, Dorothy Brown was in her kitchen across the street, telling her 9-year-old Donny to stay inside and watch cartoons.

Chuck Hermida was heading home from his construction job to his pregnant wife, his young daughter and younger son. The 25-year-old turned into the neighborhood at Meredeth, something he had never done before this day.

Randy Liebers was jumping onto his bike. The 12-year-old had been playing in the Kelloggs’ yard after school, but now it was time to go home for dinner.

“We were a little gang. We were from pretty poor families, and it was hard for parents to work and keep track of the kids. We were runabouts.”

David Hansen swung in the tire that hung from the tree in the yard on Meredeth.

What happened next -- and how, and why -- is unknowable. The explosion was heard by hundreds, but it silenced the only four boys who might explain.

THE MOMENT AFTER

Linda was in a chair near the buffet, watching the war movie on their black-and-white.

On screen, a soldier threw a grenade into a cave.

“And then the cave blew up, and so did the front of the house. My ears were ringing. It tore up the curtains. It missed my sister by two feet.”

Outside, Randy was knocked off his bike. He staggered back toward the house. He was in a daze. He saw body parts in the trees, stains on the sidewalk. He heard a girl screaming.

Hermida had just turned off 48th when the force of the concussion shook his little Rambler.

He stopped, climbed out, saw little bodies on the ground. He saw a boot in the tree, a foot still in it. He saw worse. Then he saw one of the boys struggling to sit up.
The National Guard medic’s training kicked in.

“That's the one I went to, he was a little boy and he was trying to get up. Everything just went into slow motion. I was yelling, ‘Someone, call an ambulance.’ I think I was yelling. My mind said I was.”

Linda doesn’t remember screaming. She rushed outside, saw the bodies of her two youngest brothers and started searching for her other brothers. She went back inside. Call the police, she told Taryn.

Hermida stayed with the one boy still breathing, still bleeding, until he sensed someone behind him. A nurse, who had run over from across the street.

“I really thought she was an angel. Because she was there. She said, ‘I got it now.’ Meaning, I could go. She probably saved my sanity.”

Randy stood there, stunned, staring at what remained of where he had been, and who he had been with, moments earlier.

“I remember the trees and the house and the blood. I didn’t focus on anything.”

He would stand there until after the policemen and firefighters and reporters and crowd left, and he was alone.

‘IT'S MY HOUSE’

Joyce Kellogg hurried out of Sullivan Lumber and followed the fire truck. She got to 48th Street just as her sister was driving by. She climbed into Talma’s pickup, but a motorcycle cop was blocking her street.

“And I said, ‘It’s my house,’ so he waved us through.”

She saw a firefighter and she saw the nurse and they were trying to help.

The mother’s memory is clear. She found her Joey dead on the sidewalk in front of their porch. He had landed on the back of his head. He was her serious kid. He was her blondest. He earned money mowing lawns.

Timmy had landed in the dirt next to his brother. He had his grandmother’s strawberry hair and blue eyes, and a mischievous streak.

Investigators would later estimate the brothers were thrown 20 to 30 feet.

Donny Brown was dead near the street. Joyce heard later his mother told him he couldn’t go out to play. But then she turned to the stove, heard the door slam, and saw Donny running across Meredeth at the very moment the shell exploded.

“If he’d minded his mama,” Joyce said, “he’d still be alive.”

David Hansen was still awake. The tire swing had offered a little protection.

“He was not saying much because the nurse was there and she was soothing him.”

On Bancroft, David’s mother was on her porch, waiting for him.

“My neighbor lady said, ‘They had a big accident at the Kelloggs. I think you need to go over there. I think David is there.’”

“I said, ‘He wouldn’t do that. He always comes straight home from school.’”

Betty Hansen walked eight blocks, not hurrying and not really worrying until she saw the crowd surrounding the house on Meredeth. She pushed her way through, only to learn an ambulance had already carried away her son.

“When they told me they had taken him to the hospital, I thought it was going to be all right.”

So she walked home, called her husband at work and waited for him to take her to Bryan.

“He was already in surgery. The nurse came out after and told us they hadn’t been able to save him.”

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

The blast tore up the face of the Kellogg house, sent window-breaking shrapnel in all directions, shattered an aquarium across the street.
It could be heard nearly two miles away. People would say it sounded like a sonic boom, or a high-powered rifle, or a thunderclap, or a filling station blowing up.

Investigators pieced together what happened. They learned the Kellogg boys got the shell from the Kenney kids, the military family over on Lowell. The boys hadn’t kept it secret; they all thought it was safe.

“In fact, we were driving, and Timmy had the shell and had his arm sticking out the window like it was a plane flying. And then he threw it, up on the back shelf by the window,” Joyce remembers.

They played with it for a week. Football, catch and tag. Randy Liebers remembers them dropping it off the roof, like a bomb.

After the explosion, police learned of a twin shell, this one near the Kenney home. They evacuated the area and called in a bomb squad from Fort Riley, Kan.

Army officials identified it as a 2.75-inch air-to-ground warhead. And when they blew it up after midnight at the Lincoln Air Force Base, it had the force of a powerful hand grenade, tearing a 1-by-2-foot crater into the ground.

The next day, Lincoln emptied its homes of souvenir military munitions. So many people showed up at the police station with anti-aircraft shells, heavy machine gun cartridges -- even a live World War II grenade -- that officers stopped taking names and keeping count.

**WHAT IDENTIFY MEANS**

At the hospital, Joyce Kellogg was trying to hold herself together.

“You know how you’re always calm before the storm? In a situation like that, I was real shaky. But I had to keep my senses because of the situation.”

Then she was asked to identify the boys. And she knew what identify meant. That they were dead.

Her knees buckled.

Joey was on a gurney. She knelt, looked into his eyes. They were glazed. The mother touched her son, felt for signs of life. They took her to another room. Timmy was turned from her. She touched this son, too, and when she did she saw the holes in his neck.

Then the doctors needed her. Her daughter Linda was having a hard time. She was blaming herself. But she shouldn’t have, Joyce says: Those boys were in the yard, where they belonged, playing with something they all thought was safe.

She remembers someone asking where she wanted the boys. Joyce had recently buried her mother, so she said Roper’s. They’d handled that service, too.

She still had four kids to care for. And their home was blown up -- windows broken, curtains ribboned, porch pillars askew, all of it a reminder.

“We couldn’t go back because our boys were killed on that sidewalk.”

Her boss, Alice Schroeder from Alice’s Restaurant, opened her home. She had box springs and mattresses hauled in for the Kelloggs. Then their landlord found them a house at 49th and Pioneers, a block south.

Joyce would return to the house on Meredith just once more, to gather clothes for the funeral.

**HE NEVER GOT OVER IT**

Arlene Brown was across town, with friends. She saw an update on the news: Four boys killed in a College View explosion. She doesn’t remember now whether she called home -- or if someone from home called her.

Her younger brother Donny was dead.

“My dad was coming home from work, driving up the alley. He heard it but did not see it. He ran over there. He’d been in the military, and he knew things weren’t good.”

When she got home, she saw the Kelloggs’ porch blown up and blown partially off. She saw gouges in the dirt and concrete. Later, at the house next to hers, she found shrapnel holes in the drain spout.
Donny was the family’s daredevil. His dad would tell him to stay off the motor scooter, but the boy wouldn’t listen.

“My dad told me another time he advised him not to play with the shell. And of course that didn’t work, either.”

They buried him in Nebraska City. They never did talk much about him after that.

“My parents were very strong in putting closure on rough situations. And there wasn’t much to talk about.”

People told her parents they should sue. No, her father would say. That wouldn’t bring Donny back.

Even before the boys were buried, prosecutors decided not to press charges against Master Sgt. Kenney, who brought the shells to Lincoln. He didn’t break any laws, they said.

But he already was punishing himself. The explosion, the deaths of the four boys, broke the sergeant.

“He never got over it,” says his wife, Lorna Kenney, now living in San Bernardino, Calif. “Sometimes, we’d see a news story where someone would get hurt, maybe in a hunting accident or burned in a car or anything that would trigger it, and he would just break down in tears.”

The family left Lincoln within weeks, bound for New Mexico, where Kenney would train for his second tour of Vietnam. He would die in 1971 from exposure to Agent Orange, his wife says.

Before they moved, Lorna Kenney tried to find Joyce Kellogg.

“I wanted to hug her. I just wanted to hug her. I’ve been hugging her for many years now.”

‘ALL I DID’

Chuck Hermida doesn’t remember climbing back into his Rambler and driving home.

But he made it to his front door. And his kids, like they always did, ran to greet him.

“And that's when I fell to pieces. I was taught by my dad you don't show weakness. But I just broke down; I had nightmares for a while.”

That evening, his late wife, Sherry, told him not to go to the hospital. But he needed to. He needed to see if he had done anything, anything to help those boys.

“The doctor said, 'You were there. You did good.'”

He’s 70 now, remarried, living in west Omaha, surrounded by grandchildren and great-grandchildren. After the blast, he stopped hunting. He got rid of his guns. He changed his view on war. If adults want to kill each other, let them. But keep children out of it.

It’s hard for him to talk about it today. He’ll pause, sob, and continue his story, the memories returning.

After the explosion, and after his picture was in the paper, the National Guard planned a ceremony at Camp Ashland to honor his heroics. He asked his colonel: “Do I have to go?”

So the two men met for coffee at a café while the battalion assembled, waiting for him.

Despite what the doctor told him the night the shell exploded, Hermida hadn’t thought of himself as a hero.

“All I did was show up and have little kids look into my eyes. All I did, I tried to plug a hole with my hand.”

45 YEARS LATER

A few months after the blast, Calvin Kellogg was nearly killed when a trench he was digging collapsed.

It took months for his body to heal. But he never fully recovered from losing his sons.

“I think it took the life right out of my dad,” says Linda Bales, his oldest daughter. “From that time, I don’t think he ever truly, truly punished one of my brothers or the rest of us.”

Joyce would give him another daughter, and that would give him a reason to keep living, Linda says.

But Joyce was also making changes, and her marriage was one of them.
“Before, my husband and I used to go to parties and we’d drink and have fun and dance and all that, which meant we were not truly acting like Christians. I knew if I ever wanted to see my boys again, I had to straighten up my act.”

Betty Hansen turned to God, too, to try to explain how this could have happened: How the Kenney kids could safely play with the shell for more than a year, how Donny Brown would still be alive if he’d listened to his mother, why her David didn’t come straight home that day, the way he always did.

She had a hard time at first. “It was probably wrong of me, but when he died, I didn’t pay enough attention to the other kids. I was thinking too much of David. But then I realized there was nothing I could do.”

Her marriage to Bob was already troubled, and it, too, dissolved in the wake of the accident. Betty met a good man, Frank, and had a good 20 years with him. Her last name is Satterthwaite now.

She still lives in College View, just a few blocks from Joyce Hunt’s apartment.

The two mothers share so much in common, their lives tangled by that one moment. They’ve never met.

All around them, their neighborhood changed. Sullivan Lumber is gone, replaced by a tanning salon. The firehouse moved south down 48th Street, to the bottom of Peanut Hill.

Betty’s house became a vacant lot. The city paved Meredeth. And the Kellogg house was leveled, its history -- and its hurt -- swallowed up by an apartment complex.

All signs of what happened 45 years ago wiped clean. Except for the tears that never truly dried, because they return so quickly today, as real and as wet as they were after school that Tuesday.
60th General Conference Session

Welcome to the world church family of Seventh-day Adventists, and especially to our delegates and others who will be attending the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas from July 2-11. We look forward to a highly spiritual meeting as we listen to reports of how God is carrying the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14 to every corner of this globe, and how the Advent movement is penetrating every region, every town, and every home with this life saving message.

And yet there is still more to do. As the world continues to reel from uncertainty, tragedy, and catastrophe, what a message of hope we have to proclaim, as illustrated in our session’s theme: “Arise! Shine! Jesus is Coming!” and in our timeless theme song, “We Have This Hope.” Truly, the only hope for this world is Christ’s soon coming, and the witness of His people to help others prepare for that great event. This special work must involve everyone—women, men, children, youth, adults—all are needed to reach individuals for Christ through the Holy Spirit’s power.

General Information

Date
Thursday, July 2, 2015 through Sabbath July 11, 2015

Place
Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center
200 East Market Street
San Antonio, TX 78203

Alamodome
100 Montana Street
San Antonio, TX 78203

Theme
Arise! Shine! Jesus Is Coming!

Hotels
Large numbers of hotel rooms have been blocked by the General Conference. Housing reservations will open March 2014.

Brochure
The Session brochure will be available January, 2014.

Exhibits
Guidelines, applications, and shipping instructions for exhibitors.
During a General Conference Session, not only do we have the joy of worshipping together as a worldwide family; we have the opportunity to clearly focus on the mission of the church, and how best to accomplish that mission. Elements of our overall mission theme of "Tell the World" will continue until the Lord comes as we reach up to God, reach out to others, and reach across to nurture, retain, and involve everyone in the work of the church.

Let’s continue moving forward together as we focus on God’s Holy Word, on the Holy Spirit’s wonderful work of personal and corporate revival and reformation, on health and community outreach, on integrated evangelism using personal outreach, integrated media approaches, and public evangelism, and on our mission to the cities where millions are longing for the hope that we have to share. Moving forward, let us reaffirm the marvelous foundational truths of the Bible that make us who we are as Seventh-day Adventists—including our understanding of the sanctuary service as God’s work for His people at this time, and the wonderful guiding blessing that God has given the church through the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy.

As we meet together in San Antonio, let us lift up God’s work as central in all that we do. Let Christ’s righteousness be the theme of our personal and public expression of who we are as Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Let’s pray together for God’s leading in a marvelous way during our 60th General Conference Session as we plead with the Lord for the outpouring of the latter rain of the Holy Spirit and the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, President
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Music
Musician Applicant Packet (PDF)
The divisions will accept applications for music performance from June 1, 2013 - Jan 1, 2014 only.

Food Service
A lacto-ovo vegetarian food service will be available in the Convention Center for daily noon meal as well as Friday and Sabbath evening meals. Meal ticket sales will open in 2014 - date to be determined.

Parking
Convention Center Parking is available on Market Street between Bowie and I-37
Marina Garage Parking is available at Bowie and Commerce Streets.
Riverbend Garage Parking is available at Alamo and Market Streets.
Tower Parking is available at Bowie Street between Market and Durango Streets.
Parking is also available at a number of downtown hotels.

Tentative Schedule
All scheduling is subject to change, but present plans call for the following:
- Thursday, July 2 Opening of Session
- Sabbath, July 11 Close of Session

The opening business meeting of the 60th General Conference Session will begin Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 2:00 pm, local time. The closing meeting will end on Saturday night, July 11, 2015.

GC Session meetings and associated events will be held in the 70,000 seat Alamodome. Exhibitors and committee meetings will be held in the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center. This premier convention and meeting facility is one of the world’s finest convention, sports and entertainment sites.

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The North American Division has set aside **Sunday, September 22, 2013** as Let’s Move Day. Our goal is to get as many people possible involved in physical activity on that day. Consider what kind of event your church, school, university or hospital can sponsor and/or promote—a group walk in the park, youth sports event, organized **5K run/walk**, or any other event involving physical activity. Invite other community groups, like the local health department, a university, church, or other agencies, to partner with you. Your event will create community awareness for childhood obesity and can also be used as a fundraiser for other projects, such as a community garden. You can also join an existing community event. Whatever your organization plans, remember to invite your community to join you as we move together and promote a healthier lifestyle.

**Download the Let's Move logo** and create your own advertising or use our **designed bulletin inserts**.

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• Order a pedometer.
• Order shirts and other materials using the order form.
• Remember to report your collective miles (or physical activity equivalent) of members and community friends participating in your event on the website, as they will count towards our 2 million mile goal. In fact, we could easily meet or exceed that goal in one day! Do the math: If 2500 institutions participated, involving 100 members (who also invited 100 community friends), and they averaged 4 miles each... 2500 x (100 + 100) x 4 = 2 million miles

• Order the "Vibrant Life: How to Lose Weight" 48-page special issue. Download order form.
5-15-13 Full-Vision Books - a fusion of Braille, print and audio

Assist blind and sighted people alike

April 2, 2013 … Lincoln, NE/CRN “Blind parents deserve to be able to read to their sighted children, just as sighted parents do. Blind children who are learning Braille need simple books an adult can read along with them,” says Larry Pitcher, president of Christian Record Services for the Blind. The 114-year-old organization serving the blind community has just released Grandma Stepped on Fred! the latest edition in a Full-Vision® book series, A Child’s Steps to Jesus. The series develops the themes of each chapter in Steps to Christ so a preschooler can understand them.

Imagine you are four years old and you can see; however, your mother (or father, older sibling, or grandparent) is blind. You bring over a beautiful little storybook. You can see the pictures. You’d like the blind person to read the story to you . . . Or maybe you’re a six-year-old who has been blind from birth. You’re just starting to learn Braille, and you want somebody to help you with the big words. Where’s an interesting – and true – storybook with both Braille and regular print? And if everyone’s busy, can you listen to it on a CD player?

What is a Full-Vision® Book? Blind Mrs. Benita Grover felt sad that her Braille books didn’t have pictures to share with her sighted children. She expressed her wish to Christian Record. How delighted she was in 1959 to share with three-year-old Kathy and six-year-old Joeleen one of the very first copies of the first Full-Vision® books ever created – The Bible ABCs.

Produced by Christian Record, these innovative books combine full-color illustrations and large print for the sighted family member, and interleaved transparent sheets with brailled text and picture descriptions. The new series now in process includes an audio CD of the text and a helpful parent’s guide both in standard print and in Braille.

The books are supplied free of charge on an “indefinite-loan” basis, with the suggestion that they be returned when no longer in use so that other blind children or parents can enjoy them.

What’s New in Full-Vision® Books? The latest in the Full-Vision® book series, Grandma Stepped on Fred! is a story where Randy learns to appreciate being forgiven and is later offered the opportunity to forgive his grandma, who accidentally broke his plastic fish, Fred. This book is third in a series of 12 books to be produced by Christian Record. The author of the entire series is well-known children’s writer Linda Porter Carlyle.

“Families which include a blind person – adult or child – need the encouragement and inspiration of the book series we are producing,” explains Pitcher. "These tri-media books in Braille, regular print, and audio format will reach hearts and minds, resulting in improved quality of life for the blind."

The publishers say that the approach encompasses more than the positive nature of the story content alone. “In the spirit of leaving no child behind, these books will also encourage a love of books and reading at an early age and demonstrate that Braille is an effective method of reading and writing for those not blessed with sight,” Pitcher adds.

Braille literacy can be the key to a quality life for the blind. According to the National Federation of the Blind, nine of 10 blind adults who have jobs read and write Braille. This makes Braille literacy vital for a segment of the population contending with 74 percent unemployment – and accompanying tight budgets that may not include books of any kind. Evidence shows that reading aloud to children is the single most important activity to promote success in reading.

Christian Record’s production of the Full-Vision® books continues through the gifts of financial supporters. To learn more about these multimedia books and other services for people who are blind or visually impaired, visit http://services.christianrecord.org. [Christian Record News/Doris Burdick and Jeri Lyn Rogge]
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Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Offering June 8, 2013