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Creation

The School of Religion faculty at Southern Adventist University, more than five years ago, voted unanimously to adopt the following position on the doctrine of creation. As you can see it is fully biblical and consistent with the Spirit of Prophecy. I thought our readers and supporters of Southern would be interested in this detailed statement.

Affirmations

According to Scripture:

1. We affirm the primacy of Scripture in all areas of inquiry, whether science or other disciplines, because it is the inspired Word of God (Isaiah 40:8; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:16).

2. We affirm that Genesis 1-11 is a historical, literal, and reliable account since the description found therein is reaffirmed throughout the Old Testament (Exodus 20:11; Nehemiah 9:6; Job 26:7, 13; Psalms 8:3; 33:6; 96:5; 102:25; 104:24, 30; 115:15; 121:2; 124:8; 134:3; 136:5; 146:6; 148:4, 5; Proverbs 3:19; 8:22-30; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Isaiah 37:16; 40:12, 26-28; 42:7; 43:7; 44:24; 45:11-18; 51:13, 16; Jeremiah 51:15; Zechariah 12:1); also, every New Testament writer, and Jesus Himself, explicitly or implicitly affirms the historicity of Genesis 1-11 (Matthew 19:4, 5; 24:37-39; Mark 10:6; Luke 3:38; 17:26, 27; John 1:3; Romans 5:12;

Acts 17:24-26; 1 Corinthians 6:16; 11:8, 9, 12; 15:45-48; 2 Corinthians 11:3; Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 5:31; 1 Timothy 2:13, 14; Hebrews 11: 3, 7; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5; 3:5, 6; James 3:9; 1 John 3:12; Jude 11, 14; Revelation 14:7).

3. We affirm that by His Word, God created all things out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) (Genesis 1:3; Psalm 33: 6, 9; John 1:3; Hebrews 11:3).

4. We affirm the supernatural creation of a perfect and good world in six, consecutive, contiguous, literal, 24-hour days (Genesis 1; Exodus 20:11), and that creation was complete at the end of creation week (Genesis 2:1, 2).

5. We affirm that the six-day creation of life on Earth took place recently, a few thousand years ago (Genesis 5, 11; 1 Chronicles 1:1-27).

6. We affirm that all things were created by God, both in the heavens and the Earth, visible and invisible (Colossians 1:16).

7. We affirm that death was the result of sin (Romans 6:23), and that therefore there was no death before sin (Genesis 2:16, 17), and there will no longer be death in the new Heaven and the new Earth (Revelation 21:4).

8. We affirm that death came into the world by the first man, Adam (Genesis 3:6; Romans 5:14; 1 Corinthians 15:22), and that after introducing evil into the world there was a tremendous increase of wickedness (Genesis 6:1-4).

9. We affirm that a subsequent catastrophic, global flood was sent by God as a judgment against wickedness (Genesis 6:5-7) "so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered" (Genesis 7:20, 21), and that this flood destroyed all flesh except that which was preserved on the Ark (Genesis 7:1-3; 2 Peter 2:5-7).

10. We affirm the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy as manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White to this remnant movement and her specific reaffirmation of the biblical doctrine of creation as taught by the Scriptures: specifically, a literal six-day creation; God's rest on the seventh day; a universal, global flood; and her reaffirmation of a short chronology of "about 6,000 years."

11. We affirm that, when properly understood, Scripture and nature are harmonious in their witness to the creation and flood.

12. We affirm the interlocking nature of the doctrine of creation with these doctrines: Scripture, nature and character of God, nature of man, Great Controversy, atonement, remnant and mission, unity of the Church, gift of prophecy, law of God, Sabbath, stewardship, Christian behavior, marriage, Second Coming, death and resurrection, and the new Earth.

Denials

1. We deny that the creation story is parable, saga, metaphor, myth, or any other literary category insofar as they are construed as mutually exclusive to a literal and historical account.

2. We deny any other theory of origins involving millions of years for the development of life, and the evolution of humans from non-human primates as taught in natural evolution, theistic evolution, and progressive creation.

3. We deny the view that a literal and historical account of Genesis 1-11 is not essential to the belief system of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

4. We deny that death was part of God's original creation or that it will be part of God's new creation.

5. We deny that the biblical flood was only local or that the covering of the high mountains only involved water in a solid state.

6. We deny that Ellen G. White is to be understood only devotionally in the area of origins.



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Volunteer Youth Leaders: Heroes of the Church

BY ALLAN R. WILLIAMSON

Growing up as a youth, I had the privilege of being a member of a small and caring Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was a church of about 100 members. There were four members of our youth group — three boys and one girl. Yes, that is a very small youth group, but it didn't discourage my church from providing ministries and activities for us. Many times we would share MV (Missionary Volunteer) meetings, (now called AY, Adventist Youth) with other churches in the area. That gave us a larger group of youth, and a greater opportunity for Christian fellowship and to meet other Adventist youth. Our church also had a Pathfinder club, which taught us various outdoor skills and the love of camping. They also encouraged us to attend summer camp, for they knew that ministry is powerful around a campfire setting, singing Christian songs and listening

to Bible stories.

You may be asking, how did your small church sponsor all these activities and ministries for you? The answer is simple. My church had dedicated volunteer youth and Pathfinder leaders.

They are the real heroes of our churches. These volunteer leaders took time from their families and their busy job schedules to make sure that we were ministered to.

I remember one of our volunteer leaders named Helen. She was a school teacher and helped with our MV meetings. Occasionally she would ask me to be the speaker for MV meeting. I prepared diligently for my presentation and did

my best. Sometimes I felt that my sermon was good, and sometimes I just wasn't sure. But, Helen would always compliment me and tell me that the Lord blessed my sermon.

You see, Helen was an "encourager" as a youth volunteer leader. She made us feel that we were an important part of the church. I never forgot that, and it made a tremendous difference in my life.

Recently, I was attending a youth ministry event and came across an enthusiastic youth group from one of our churches. The youth leader was the sister of one of my best friends who has served as a conference youth director. She was overflowing with enthusiasm as she





shared with me how she loved being a volunteer youth leader. It was obvious that the youth appreciated her leadership.

Our churches in the Southern Union Conference have great “encouragers” and enthusiastic volunteer youth, Pathfinder, Adventurer, and Sabbath School leaders who make a wonderful and powerful impact upon the youth in our churches. They are the heroes of youth ministry. They faithfully work with the pastor, youth pastor, and the conference youth director to help guide our youth, young adults, Pathfinders, Adventurers, and Sabbath School children. They love our youth, and you can tell because our youth love them back.

I am glad that

our Church is a caring Church. We have dedicated youth who love their Church and are proud of their Church, and will stand up for their beliefs and standards. They want to share their faith and want to help others to be ready for the second coming of Jesus. As Church members, let us continue to encourage our youth and tell them that we are

proud of their decision to serve Jesus, and that the Church needs their talents, abilities, and commitment.

After all, Ellen G. White wrote this memorable statement in her book, *Messages to Young People*, page 196: “With such an army as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world. How soon might the end come — the end of suffering and sorrow, and sin.”

Encouragers and volunteer youth leaders, thank you for your leadership, and be of good courage — you are making a difference in the lives of our youth.

Allan R. Williamson is director of youth ministries at the Southern Union Conference.



OVEN-BAKED PRAYER

By Mark W. Piotrowski

“And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor . . .” Isaiah 59:16.

Where would you be today had no one prayed for you? What would be different in your life if the people who have interceded for you never had? Surely only in the Kingdom one day will we be able to fully appreciate the role that intercessors played in our lives. Our prayer life is a strong indicator of our spiritual condition. It is through the work of the Holy Spirit that we realize how much we need our Lord Jesus Christ in our personal lives, in our families, and in our church. If ever there was a time for us to rise up to God’s call to intercession, then now is the time.

In Isaiah’s day, the people of God found themselves in a terrible condition. They were being overrun by rogue nations, the moral fabric of society was coming apart, and divine judgments were to come swiftly to God’s people. The only remedy was divine intervention. But even here spiritual degeneracy had reached a new level, because it seemed that no one cared enough to intervene through prayer and supplication. God’s heart was broken. Another version puts the above verse in the following way: “The LORD saw . . . He saw that there was no man, and was *outraged* that no one intervened; so His arm brought Him victory and His own integrity upheld Him.”

Often we think that if we pray short quick prayers we will receive quick and abundant answers from

God. Yes, Elijah on Mt. Carmel prayed a prayer of 40 words and the fire fell from Heaven. But, what about the Lord Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane as He prayed at least one hour and possibly longer in agonizing prayer for the whole world? He even asked Peter, James, and John whether they could watch one hour but, sadly, they fell asleep.

Oh, that we had men and women today like Daniel Nash or John “Praying” Hyde! People who would give themselves in the ministry of intercessory prayer for the Gospel of Christ, for the salvation of souls around us. What we need is not “microwave” praying but “oven-baked” praying. These are the kind of people who go to the “oven” of the prayer closet realizing that it is going to take time alone with God, agonizing for the souls of men.

Ellen White made a call that has resonated ever since its inception throughout our world Church family: “A chain of earnest, praying believers should encircle the world. Let all pray in humility. A few neighbors may meet together to pray for the Holy Spirit,” *Review and Herald, January 3, 1907*. Since this call was made, there have been several attempts to communicate to our world Church the vision of an uninterrupted, coordinated, and unified concert of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit around the globe. At the 1990 General

Conference Session in Indianapolis, Indiana, commitment cards were passed out to all delegates that called upon all of God’s remnant around the globe to unite in prayer at 6:15 a.m. (or 15 past another hour, joining others in time zones around the globe) for the outpouring of God’s Spirit in the latter rain. The call was specific: for the outpouring of God’s Spirit on the individual believer, their family, their church family (including pastors and leaders), and leadership of our Church and across global mission. Can you imagine what the result would be if we all took this call seriously and petitioned Heaven to bathe our Church in the power of His Spirit? Indeed, is this not our greatest need?

As we are witnessing incredible events and movements in our day, as we seek to bring this everlasting Gospel to all in our Union and around the globe, may His Spirit re-energize and invigorate our personal witness and that of our local church, so that this work will come to a glorious climax. I invite you to join the early morning Prayer Watch wherever you are, and as you petition Him with earnestness and sincerity, you will see amazing things happen around you.

Mark W. Piotrowski is pastor of the Savannah First Church, Savannah, Georgia, and prayer ministries coordinator for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Blessed to Serve

BY REBECCA GRICE

When Doris Stewart began the first leg of her flight, which would eventually land in Haiti on February 11, 2010, her heart was already there. A month earlier a devastating earthquake had jolted the country. As media around the world spread the news of the tragic event, Stewart, a retired licensed practical nurse, and a member of the St. Elmo Church near Mobile, Alabama,

Cooper organized a group called “Haiti Helpers” and Stewart has gone back three other times with them.

On this fifth trip, Stewart knew it would be different. The people, who had so little, had now suffered an even bigger loss. The group’s destination was Jacmel, Haiti, which is located on the other side of an 8,000-foot-high mountain from Port-au-Prince. Jacmel had been cutoff from Port-au-Prince when the road leading to the capitol city was destroyed during the quake. The mission group included 13 team members from the United States and six from Haiti. There were four medical doctors, six nurses, two respiratory therapists, a paramedic, and a photographer/interpreter. One of the doctors spoke French and another Creole.

The group set up a free medical clinic in several different areas and gave health talks followed by evangelistic meetings in the evenings. They gave away vegetable seeds, dried beans, and rice. Stewart’s main responsibility was to conduct a Vacation Bible School for the children. “I have always worked with the children,” she says. As many as 80 to 85 children came each day. Using Bible felts, she presented the story of creation, how sin entered the world, Jesus as a child, His crucifixion, resurrection, and Heaven. “I definitely wanted to do the lesson on Heaven. I wanted the children to have something better to look forward to than what they have,” she adds. The children eagerly listened to the stories. The bright colored felts illustrating each story kept them spellbound.

After the stories, the children enjoyed craft and snack time. Stewart knew that for some of the children the snacks they received would be all the food they would get for that day.

Voodoo is still practiced on the island. Although the Adventist members do not practice it, they are much aware of it. Stewart says, “We have heard many stories of the works of the devil, but praise God, He is stronger.”

When asked how these trips have impacted her life, she quickly replies, “I notice when people ask me how I am, I tell them ‘I’m blessed, I’ve been to Haiti!’ We are all so blessed to live here.” She continues, “The people of Haiti are having their rainy season now which is bad anytime, but especially while living in tents. The water is running through the tents. The children are sleeping on the ground. We have heard that when the water starts to get into the children’s ears, they get up. Mothers are sleeping sitting up, holding their infants to keep them out of the water. Please pray for Haiti and our members there. They love the Lord. He is all they have.”



A crown is placed on a child's head. "I wanted them to know that there was something better," says Doris Stewart.

had more than a causal interest. She explains, “As I heard the reports, my heart ached. Those people had become my family — both my brothers and sisters in the Church, and those I wanted to reach.”

Until 2001, Stewart had never been outside of the country. Then her niece, Brenda Cooper, who lives in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, asked her to go on an outreach trip with her and her husband, Michael, to Haiti, Stewart decided to try it. She says, “I thought I could see what it’s like, and I would be going with someone I knew.” She adds, “Once you go, you become hooked. The people needed so much, and yet they were so loving and kind.” After that initial trip,

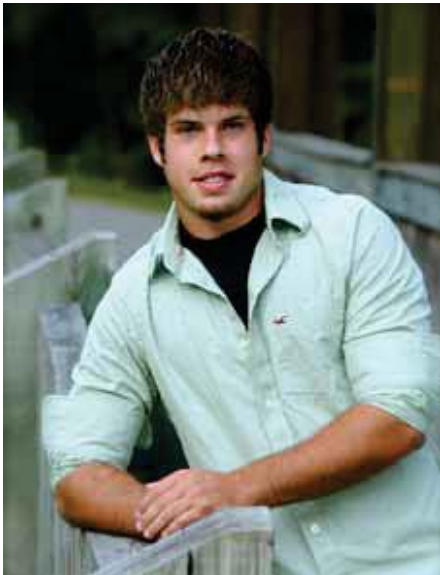


Doris Stewart sits with the children in the evening during one of the evangelistic meetings.

NOT ASHAMED

BY LLOYD SCHOMBURG

Baseball player refused to play on Sabbath.



SHELLY KROEGER

Brandon Kroeger is known by his classmates at Summertown High as "the kid who can't play ball on Friday nights."

Seventeen-year-old Brandon Kroeger is not ashamed to share his convictions about the seventh-day Sabbath.

The assistant coach from Martin Methodist College heard about Brandon's pitching ability and offered him a scholarship. Brandon explained about his Sabbath convictions, and the assistant coach responded, "I know about that; just come and we'll see where it goes from there."

While visiting the college campus in Pulaski, Tennessee, the coach asked, "Tell me what's the deal?" Brandon responded, "From sundown

Friday to sundown Saturday, I give that time to God. The rest of the time I can be there." The Coach was so impressed that he said, "We play a lot of games during the week and it could work out for you to pitch for us then."

"I know it is a very slim possibility to one day make the Major League," Brandon says, "but I am prepared to give it up or to go as far as God wants me to go with baseball."

At 14, Brandon's Babe Ruth League won the State Championship and went on to the regionals in South Carolina. "I had to miss one game that was on Sabbath," he says, "but last year I never had to miss any of the finals when the Summertown Eagles won at the Class A State Championship." The score was tied in the bottom of the eighth inning. His team had two outs as Brandon came to bat. The bases were loaded and with two strikes, he hit a single to right field giving the Eagles a 3-2 victory at Middle Tennessee State on May 21,



SHELLY KROEGER



SHELLY KROEGER

2009.

"Because I know everyone watches me," Brandon says, "I don't go to any games or school functions on Sabbath. Sometimes it's hard to be teased, but it's worth it. No matter where the game is, when it comes close to sundown, everyone knows I will leave. One time I left when there were two outs and I was up to bat. But God comes first."

Brandon attends the Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Church with his parents, Matt and Shelly Kroeger. He credits his love of Jesus and the Sabbath to his parents and church family. "We have family worship every day," he says, "but the most special is Friday night worship. Sabbath for me is when God helps me refocus. It re-energizes me for the whole week. Both of my parents help keep that spiritual base strong for me."

Takoma Regional Hospital Honors Employees for Exemplifying Mission

Takoma Regional Hospital, Greenville, Tenn., honored employees with the first-ever “Crystal Dove Award,” recognizing them for personifying the hospital’s mission to be “an extension of the healing ministry of Christ.”

During the annual “Services Awards Banquet,”



Mary Ann Monk’s colleagues praise her for her tireless enthusiasm and encouragement for others. She receives the Crystal Dove Award from Daniel Wolcott, Takoma Regional Hospital president.

Daniel Wolcott, Takoma Regional’s president and CEO, announced that Mary Ann Monk, a licensed practical nurse in the endoscopy lab, and Garth Eddy, a cardiac sonographer in imaging services, were both winners of this new award.

“I asked Mary Ann how she integrates her faith into her work,” says Wolcott, “and she said, ‘This is my mission field. God put me here for a reason — to encourage people, patients, and co-workers.’”

Monk’s co-workers praised her for her tireless enthusiasm and encouragement for others, noting that she throws special parties each month for their birthdays or other holidays.

Monk, who also was honored for 15 years of service at Takoma, simply explained, “Everyone

should have a special day — everyone deserves something special.”

Garth Eddy was recognized for his deep compassion for his patients.

“Garth’s compassion comes from his own difficult experiences,” Wolcott said. “He shares some of his own story with his patients and tells them that he knows what they’re going through.”

He was noted for taking the time recently to fix a patient’s crutches, even though he had to search around the hospital for a screw driver. And, Eddy even recently took time off from work to accompany a frightened patient to a



Garth Eddy (right), cardiac sonographer at Takoma Regional Hospital, receives from hospital president Daniel Wolcott, the Crystal Dove Award, for exemplifying the hospital’s mission.

cancer center.

Wolcott noted that both Monk and Eddy “reflect our mission, live out our vision, and embody our values.”

“Our mission, our vision, our values are lived out one associate and one patient at a time,” explains Wolcott. “Because our mission states that we exist to extend the healing ministry of Christ, our work is sacred.”

—BY TINA CHUDINA

Florida Hospital Awarded Governor’s Sterling Award

The Florida Sterling Council awarded Florida Hospital Orlando, Orlando, Fla., the Governor’s Sterling Award for 2010. Florida Hospital Orlando is one of three organizations in the state to receive this honor.

“I am honored to recognize this year’s

Sterling Award recipients,” said Governor Crist. “This year’s winners have demonstrated their commitment to improving health care in Florida. The process of competing for



the award alone encourages organizations to pursue excellence and improve service.”

For 18 years, the Governor’s Sterling Award has recognized organizations and

businesses in Florida that have successfully achieved performance excellence within their management and operations.

—BY ROBYN EDGERTON

Artists Focus on Creation and the Creator

The beauty of God and His creation were the inspiration for a recent joint gallery show for senior art education majors Julie Hambridge and Rebecca Wong in the John C. Williams Gallery of Art.

While taking Painting III, both students began to develop pieces for the exhibit, and their separate themes were born. Hambridge, choosing the theme of "Creation," produced a series

highlighting each day of the creation week. Wong, choosing the theme "One Thing I Seek," inspired by Psalm 27:4, painted pieces based on favorite scripture passages.

"When I first read Psalm 27:4, it struck me like lightning," says Wong. "Here I was seeking beautiful things to draw and paint and inspire my art, and there God was — the most beautiful expression to the



Students view art by Julie Hambridge depicting the first four days of creation.

existence of humanity — just waiting for me to seek Him."

Wong showcased her new realization of

God's beauty through portraits of children and nature. Together with Hambridge's pieces, the joint spiritual emphasis impacted those who attended the opening.

"For an artist in this day and age to take a stand in biblical teachings and let it

direct their art to bring out the deeper meaning of scripture," says Alan Parker, professor of religion, "I think that's powerful."

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI

Graduate Student Donates Kidney to Daughter

Zoila Leon walked down the aisle to receive her diploma with one less kidney than she had when she first came to Southern more than 30 years ago.

In 2008, while attending Southern, Leon gave her kidney to her daughter, 26-year-old Cristina, who has struggled with chronic kidney issues since she was a teenager.

Cristina had been on dialysis for three years after losing function in both kidneys. She also suffered many complications, including a stroke. It was during this time that Leon turned to her classmates and professors for support through prayer and kind words.

"The prayers and support of the students and staff really helped us get

through our trials," says Leon. "I've developed some wonderful friendships along the way."

The transplant was scheduled during the same week that Leon was required to take her final exams at Southern. But she had faith that God would provide a way so that she wouldn't have to choose between her daughter's

health and an important step in her career. Her faith in God was returned with a blessing; her professors allowed her to take her finals early.

"I think God helped us get well," Leon told reporters at her graduation, "and got us through this because there are things He wants us to do."

—BY JAROD KEITH

Class Gift Reflects Graduates' Passion for Service

During graduation commencement on May 2, world-renowned artist Nathan Greene surprised the audience when he took the stage to help announce and sign the contract for the senior class gift.

The gift is to commission Greene to paint a picture that will be a visual representation of Southern's mission of preparing students for service in every profession



Ed Guthro (left), associate professor, will be helping Nathan Greene with the commissioned artwork, a class gift that was Elise Harboldt's idea.

throughout their lives. The painting will show Jesus

sending students, in different professional outfits, into the world to serve others.

"My hope for our class is that we will be inspired to give our lives and careers in service for God," says Elise Harboldt, class campaign manager. "I want each graduate to realize that with God on their side, they can accomplish the impossible."

The 334 undergraduate and 26 graduate students who walked down the aisle and received their diplomas will soon enter the work force with the service-minded knowledge they received at Southern. Twelve of these graduates will even be taking their talents to other countries, where they will serve as missionaries.

—BY BRITTANY RUSSELL

Former Drug Dealer Delivers a New High



RON QUICK

Who would have known that the 11-year-old drug dealer selling his stash by the stop sign would, 13 years later, hold a tent revival in the very same location? Scotty Deal, co-leader and Bible worker of the Lumber River Adventist Church, held tent revival meetings, May 7-14, 2010, in Pembroke, N.C. From drug dealer to evangelist, Deal has an amazing story. He says, "Now God has driven me back here to deliver something else, and that is the good news of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Deal grew up in a religious family. However, the path he chose

for himself was definitely unreligious. Very early in life, Deal was introduced to marijuana, and by age 11 he was both taking and selling drugs. Eventually his poor decisions could not be tolerated any longer, and Deal's father asked him to leave home. Roaming the streets, Deal spent his days gambling, using and selling drugs, and playing pool.

One night when he was 20 years old and high on drugs, God spoke to him. Recalling this night, he said, "He [God] said to me, 'Tonight: it's now or never.'" So right then he made his decision: He would choose Christ. From then on, his life began to change. He

started going to a Baptist church and eventually began preaching. A Seventh-day Adventist co-worker noticed him studying the Bible and introduced him to the Adventist Church. In 2000, Deal began taking Bible studies and was baptized in August of 2002.

Years later, he had the inspiration to host a tent revival — not just anywhere, but in his hometown, and at the very spot where he used to sell drugs. "Since He delivered me from this place, I felt strongly that this was the place where God would have me to do my first evangelistic tent effort," said Deal. The Lord greatly blessed this endeavor. Each night there was an average of 80 people — not including church members — coming to the meetings. Even some of Deal's former drug dealing "buddies" have attended and turned their lives over to Christ.

Also amazing is the fact that many local non-



Adventist churches closed and even canceled their Wednesday night meetings to come to the tent revival. Some churches even used their own busses to transport their members to the meetings! What a work God is doing in this small town out in the country where much drug and gang action still takes place.

There are currently 25 people attending the follow-up Bible studies who are making their decisions for the Lord. Not only have the visitors been blessed listening to the drug-dealer-turned-evangelist, but the members are also "fired up" seeing the power of God working, giving them a desire to witness to others as well.

—BY ALYSSA BRANTLEY



RON QUICK

Members Reconnect with Church Works



The Carolina Conference is continuing the excitement of evangelism. Recently, churches sent delegates to the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, N.C., for Church Works.

What is Church Works? It is an intense, Spirit-filled workshop intended to foster a climate of evangelism within churches. The concept of “Every Member is a Minister” was the pervading idea. Each presentation and workshop throughout the weekend was designed to inspire, equip, and train members with innovative ways to draw people to Christ.

This program was first implemented by the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI), which is based at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. The Carolina Conference partnered with NADEI to sponsor the Church Works program for its members. It was a life-changing event for many of the delegates.

“To be honest, I wasn’t sure I even wanted to go,” said one attendee. “But, after hearing the new thoughts and ideas, I am recharged and re-inspired to share my faith.”

One man, a recently

reclaimed Adventist, said, “Church Works restored my faith in the Adventist Church as an innovative and forward-thinking organization, ready to do what it takes to win souls.”

Don Schneider, NAD president, joined Church Works by teleconference to encourage every one to continue reflecting God’s love in different ways to every person they meet. Guest speakers Ron Clouzet, NADEI director, and Eduard Schmidt, NADEI associate director, presented messages to motivate and inspire strategic planning techniques.



The pastors, along with six to eight members from each district, were given specific geographical assignments for their churches to minister to during the next 10 years. Delegates will meet again in various regions of the Conference this fall to review what has been accomplished.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER

Couple Side by Side for 50 Years

Mack and Virginia Caswell were married in Clearwater, Fla., on April 1, 1960.



They moved to Freeport, Grand Bahamas, in 1965 because Mack had an offer for work. While there, two Seventh-day Adventist gentlemen invited them home for Bible studies. Both were convinced that this was what

they were meant to find and became Christians.

In 1971, they moved to Uchee Pines Institute in

Seale, Ala., to become part of the staff.

In 1980, they received a call from Living Springs Retreat in Putnam Valley, N.Y., to help spread the Gospel to New York City. On December 12, 1981,

tragedy struck their family. Mack II and Christopher were skating on the local pond and fell through the ice. Both drowned before they could be rescued. Some would have lost their faith, but Mack and Virginia found renewed strength in the promise of a reunion with their sons one day.

Mack and Virginia moved again in 1983 when they received a call from Ken Coonley, then pastor of the Winter Springs Church in

Longwood, Fla. Mack was asked to oversee the building of a fellowship hall.

Today, the couple resides in Salem, S.C., near two of their daughters, Lisa and Tammy. They continue to spread the Gospel and God’s love to those around them and wherever they go. Fifty years together — 45 of them spent in the service of God: They are faithfully waiting for that day when the Lord returns.

—BY TAMMY CASWELL SHAFER

Media Reports Activities of Church Young People



THOMAS ROTHSALU

Jacksonville Southpoint Church Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs participated in the 2010 Martin Luther King Parade, where their sharp uniforms were noted among spectators along the route.

Participating in parades and other community events is part of an ongoing goal for the Jacksonville Southpoint Church Path-

finder and Adventurer clubs in order to raise awareness of the Adventist Church and its mission. As a result, their clubs were featured twice

on local media in less than a year.

The first coverage occurred after the Adventurers visited ActionNews-Fox 30/CBS47 studios where Mike Buresh, chief meteorologist, conducted two weather awards for them. As a way to express their thanks, a certificate of appreciation was presented to Buresh. The following day on the evening news, he spoke of the Adventurers' visit and showed, on air, the certificate he received.

The second awareness opportunity came when the clubs participated in the 2010 Martin Luther King Parade, an event broadcast live on FirstCoastNews digital channel 25.2 and

also online at www.first-coastnews.com.

Parents and members lined the streets and wore shirts promoting various church activities such as Walk for Health, a program offered by the health ministries department. In addition, Pathfinders and Adventurers distributed candy to the children on the parade route, and handed out more than 2,000 flyers introducing the community to various ministries offered by Jacksonville Southpoint.

Members believe if people see them involved in community events, they will be more receptive when evangelistic outreach programs are offered.

—BY GENIVIEVE TAYLOR

Miami Springs Church Health Fair Attracts Children



PHOTOS: ISABEL ANDERSON

Thirty children were among the 150 individuals who benefited from the Miami Springs Church's Health Fair.

Miami Springs Church members gave full support to their first Health Fair which drew more than 150 individuals, including 30 children. News of the event was highlighted in

the *Miami Springs Gazette*. Special mention was given to an entire section of the fair dedicated to children's health, such as germ and injury prevention, as well as children's exercises.

The Miami Springs Church was intentional about making the fair an outreach to benefit the community. They also saw it as a way to let others learn about the Adventist health message. Outdoor exhibits surrounding the church included a dental booth, short aerobic exercise sessions, healthful food, blood pressure tests, and free literature on such topics as unexpected pregnancy and keeping an injury-free body.

The church members anticipate that with their help and God's blessing, their city will be on its way to better health.

—BY MELISSA ANDERSON



Melissa Anderson, 14, attends the Miami Springs Church with her parents, David and Isabel, who mentor their Greater Miami Adventist Academy sophomore in her passion for writing. Recently, Melissa entered a writing competition and won a \$2,000 scholarship for the coming school year. Her dream is to work for an Adventist publishing house.

Florida Education Team Earns Three Top Awards

Enthusiasm is building in Florida Conference as two schools received the Southern Union Adventist EDGE (Educators Delivering GREAT Education) School of Excellence award. Beryl Wisdom Adventist School (BWAS) in Orlando and Forest Lake Education Center (FLEC) in Longwood are now among the 10 schools in the Southern Union that have earned the right to fly the official EDGE flag.

In February, an evaluation team from Southern Union Conference visited the schools. After reviewing activities and speaking with students, parents, teachers, and board members, they confirmed both schools aligned with the acronym, GREAT: **G**od-centered, **R**esults-oriented, **E**nvironment that nurtures, **A**ligned with Adventist and national standards, **T**eam effort.

"I'm thrilled that others recognize the exceptional program and team that we have at FLEC," remarked Janet Ledesma, principal, after hearing the good news that her school had received EDGE status. "While the journey is arduous, the fruits of our labors directly benefit our students."

Across town at BWAS, Val Dixon, principal, jumped up and down with excitement as the announcement came that BWAS had exceeded the 90 percent score needed to receive EDGE status. The evaluation team commended both schools for their thorough work in all areas



PHOTOS: LEE BENNETT

The Beryl Wisdom Adventist School (BWAS) award presentation, from left: Conrad Gill, Southern Union Conference education director; Sandra Doran, Florida Conference associate superintendent of education; Gene Brewer, Southern Union Conference development specialist; Arne Nielsen, Florida Conference superintendent of education; Newton King, Pine Hills Church pastor; Val Dixon, BWAS principal; Tony Shaw, BWAS board chair. Inset: Dixon holding a trophy given to all EDGE Award schools.



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Forest Lake Education Center (FLEC) Principal Janet Ledesma and Longwood Mayor John Maingot (holding plaque) celebrated FLEC's award with representatives from Southern Union Conference, Florida Conference, FLEC, and constituent churches.

of GREAT, noting their spiritual atmosphere; data-driven planning; child-friendly practices; high academic standards; and strong collaboration between home, school, and church.

BWAS received its award during a high-spirited, student-led worship service at Pine Hills Church. An official proclamation from Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer established April 24 as "Beryl Wisdom Adventist School Day in the City of Orlando."

"It is such an incredible

blessing to see our school receiving public recognition in our community, along with this Union-wide honor," said Dixon. "God has truly led us all the way."

At their school-wide Adventist EDGE awards assembly on May 14, FLEC received recognition from various government representatives, including Florida Governor Charlie Crist and City of Longwood Mayor John Maingot. He told the audience, "I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit on this campus."

Along with the high honors given to these two schools, one teacher received nationwide recognition. During the May 4 Florida Conference principals' meeting, Tammy Overstreet was presented the Teacher of Excellence Award from the Alumni Awards Foundation, joining the prestigious ranks of only eight teachers per year in the country who receive the medal and cash award.

"I am humbled to receive such an honor," said Tammy, who has taught in Jacksonville and Kissimmee and recently accepted a position at Forest Lake Education Center. "I give credit and thanks to the Florida Conference education team for providing me with so many opportunities to grow and learn."

Tammy is the third Florida Conference teacher in as many years to receive the award, with Rusty Litten (retired from Orlando Junior Academy) and Chip Davis (Avon Park) preceding her. To qualify for the Teacher of Excellence Award, one must meet 10 standards, including high quality spiritual and academic standards; consistent love for Jesus Christ and students; innovative, creative and effective teaching methods; in-depth knowledge of subject matter and teaching methods; and collaboration with colleagues.

—BY SANDRA DORAN AND
LYNNET REINER

Baptists to Build Adventist Church in Tennessee



JO ABBOTT

Participants break ground for the new church in McMinnville, Tenn. These involved include Fred Turner, Richard Parmele, Jeannine McCullough, Cody Parmele, Glenda Holland, Mitch Hazekamp, Darrel Starkey, Fred Reeve, Baptist pastor DeWayne Howard, and McMinnville pastor Harley P. Roth.

Representatives from the Conference joined the McMinnville, Tenn., Church leadership along with Baptist pastor DeWayne Howard, from the Bridges of Hope Fellowship, April 26, 2010, for a church ground-breaking ceremony.

Carolyn Williams, a

church elder, shared that the McMinnville Church has attempted to build a new church since the early 1960's. God led the church to a near unanimous vote to build a new church next to the 1-12 grade church school. In the spirit of unity, the building committee and

decorating committee have purposed to look to the interests of others (Philippians 2:4). The lowest building cost the church had entertained in the past totaled \$800,000, Williams reflected. Now with the worst economy in recent history, the new church

building project has become the most affordable, with a gift valued at \$200,000 in volunteer labor.

The Mid-GA Builders for Christ Baptist volunteers will help build within eight days the new McMinnville facility, as well as help finish the Baptist Church, Bridges of Hope Fellowship. With only a cement slab poured in advance, the 60 Baptist volunteers will start building on June 11, and nearly finish the new stick-built church by June 18.

The McMinnville Church expresses gratitude to God for leading in unity, and to the Baptist volunteers for bringing what would have been impossible — a new church.

—BY HARLEY P. ROTH

Duluth School Earns Kroger Grand Prize

During the past few years, the Home and School Association of Duluth Adventist Christian School (DACS) has participated in the Kroger Earning for Learning program. The school receives a percent of money from groceries purchased by people who sign up and earmark DACS as the recipient.

This year, Kroger changed their system and came up with something different. The new program requires the school to enter a contest. Kroger advertised that they would be giving away several \$1,000 prizes, and one grand prize of \$2,500.

For this year's contest,

the school had to show how it was active in "Mind, Body, and Community." There were no guidelines about the entry format; the advice was just "be creative." The school decided to make a scrapbook, hoping that Kroger planned to give all entrants something for just entering. Using photographs taken during the school year by David Forsey, principal, the scrapbook highlighted ways the school was active in "Mind, Body, and Community."

God blessed and DACS was awarded the grand prize of \$2,500! The money will go towards new carpeting for the school.

—BY DAVID FORSEY



DAVID FORSEY

Lisa Beck, Kroger regional director (center), presented the Kroger \$2,500 award to Marina Falls, co-leader for Duluth Adventist Christian School Home, and David Forsey, Duluth Adventist Christian School principal.

Thirteen-year-old is Musical Winner



Darby Jones, 13-year-old freshman at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, was the recent winner of the Berry College Concerto Competition held in Rome, Ga.

Darby Jones, daughter of Steven Jones and Cheryl Reinhardt-Jones, M.D., makes beautiful music. In fact, her musical talents had her performing recently with the Oak Hill Symphony Orchestra as the high school winner of the Berry College Concerto Competition. Jones' April 20, 2010, performance was a brilliant rendition of the Allegro aperto with cadenza from W. A. Mozart's *Violin Concerto in A Major*.

Since the age of four, when Jones began violin lessons, her parents have sensed that she has special musical gifts. Her innate musical talent, her incredible gift of memory, plus her inner drive and motivation, make her a natural performer.

A violin student of Mirna Ogrizovic-Ciric at Berry College, Jones also studies voice and piano,

and has taken up percussion and guitar. She loves to compete and remembers her first talent show at about the age of five or six. This year Jones also competed for and earned a spot in the Allstate Performing Symphony, which performed this spring in Savannah, Ga.

To be a member of this group involves two rounds of auditions with competitions and rehearsals lasting almost an entire year.

This year approximately 700 young people auditioned for 30 places in the orchestra. Jones recently explained how it happened that she ended up in the orchestra. "I got involved two years ago when I first tried out for it, but didn't make it past the second round of auditions. This year, however, I practiced harder and went all the way. It was an amazing

experience!"

Jones has a few years to go, but her sights are ultimately set on being a music performance major at Southern Adventist University, and then perhaps going on to The Julliard School. In the short term, Jones would like to pick up a recording contract in Nashville and pursue her first love — vocal performance. Cheryl, Darby's mom, is hopeful that her daughter "will have

a strong enough G.P.A. and enough hours of musical practice that any life work will be an option for her. Whatever she chooses to do, I hope that she loves God and devotes her work completely to Him."

When Jones isn't practicing music or doing homework, she loves hanging out with her Georgia-Cumberland Academy friends and playing basketball. After all, when you're 13 and just finishing your ninth grade year of high school, there are more things to life than work!

Jones has already come a long way in the pursuit of her musical goals, and her parents, teachers, and friends are proud of her achievements and happy for her successes.

—BY NANCY GERARD



Kossicks Celebrate 60th Anniversary

John Kossick married Betty Kasper on April 23, 1950, at First Church in Akron, Ohio. In 1976, John started a career with Adventist Hospital System as an electrician/foreman, working at Kettering Medical Center (KMC), White Memorial Medical Center, Shawnee Mission Medical Center, then returning to KMC and retiring from there. Betty continues as a freelance writer/journalist.

After John's retirement, the couple lived in Cadillac and Battle Creek, Mich., Zephyrhills and Ocala, Fla., and recently settled in Canton, Ga. They are members of the Cherokee Church in Woodstock, Ga., where John is an adult Sabbath School teacher, and Betty serves in a communication capacity.

The Kossicks are the parents of a daughter and son; they have five grown grandchildren, and four great-grandsons. Their motto is "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," Joshua 24:15.

Stateline Church Holds Health Expo, Training

On the first weekend of May, 75 people from nine different churches attended a two-day training and health expo program at the Stateline Church in Ardmore, Ala. The event was coordinated by Todd Lawson, lay pastor; Robert Johnson, Amazing Wellness Health team leader; and team members. The invited guest was Charles H. Cleveland, M.Div., M.P.H., Health Education Resources (HER).

During Sabbath School a health mission report was given. Cleveland's message for the Sabbath worship service was "Using Both Hands."

Afternoon training included instructions on how

to attract the community with a health expo, the keys to follow-up programs, and tools for soul-winning through expos.

On Sunday, the training moved to the Ardmore, Tenn., Community Center where the attendees received hands-on training as they learned about the equipment, and how to set up a health expo. This workshop also taught participants how to use the health expo as a natural bridge to spiritual meetings, and the simple steps of how to organize an expo in their community. Participants were given opportunity to practice using the various screening equipment that makes an expo



Twenty-five people from the community came to the health expo, where they were provided with health screening and information to help them live healthier lives.

appealing to the public.

After the training, 25 visitors from the community attended the expo.

The first health expo was held in November 2009. Now, the Amazing Wellness Health team has started follow-up cook-

ing classes led by Marvella Burton. They plan a food canning and drying class in June. Stepfast classes will start in July. A depression recovery seminar and other classes will follow.

—BY EARLINE PHILLIPS

Big Cove Christian Academy Students Visit Space Shuttle Crew

Big Cove Christian Academy (BCCA) grades four through nine attended the Space Shuttle STS-130 mission review at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., on March 31, 2010. Other attendees included public school students, Space Camp students, and Marshall Space Flight Center employees. The STS-130 mission carried the Cupola, the last major piece to the International Space Station, now orbiting the Earth. The Cupola is the windowed segment that allows the astronauts to view the space station exterior, the Earth, and outer space with



These Big Cove students enjoyed attending the Space Shuttle STS-130 mission review where they met four of the crew members.

greater ease. Four of the six crew members present were Commander George Zamka, Colonel USMC; Pilot Terry

Virts, Colonel USAF; and two mission specialists. After introductions, the crew showed a movie de-

picting their lift off, orbit activities, and landing. The crew then took questions from the audience. One BCCA student asked the crew some particulars on living in outer space. After the program, each student received an autographed picture of the crew. The trip was more significant since the Space Shuttle is being retired by NASA 3 missions after STS-130. The Big Cove teachers attending were Rachel Wiegand, principal, and Castwell Fider. The trip was arranged by Jim Bishop, a retired NASA engineer.

—BY JIM BISHOP

Community Turns Out to Dedicate Ball Field

Singing the tuneful “Take Me Out to the Ball Game,” Pensacola Junior Academy students, parents, and community guests set the tone for the outdoor dedication of Rickles Field on April 30, 2010. In the 12 years since it was first constructed, the ball field has seen much use by the students and several community ball teams, but had not been officially dedicated. After brief remarks by special guests, including Gulf States President Mel Eisele, and Escambia County (Florida) Commission Chairman Grover Robinson IV, the students were ready to “play ball!”

The field is named in honor of Julius Thomas (Tommy) Rickles, who died in a car accident in 1997. Tommy, an alumnus of Bass Memorial Academy and a decorated Viet Nam War veteran, was the brother of



Mel Eisele (left), Conference president, stands with Bert Rickles and Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson.

University Parkway Church member Bert Rickles, who oversaw the field construction. “In his will Tommy had requested that I donate a portion of his estate to a charity of my choice,” Bert noted. When visiting his wife, Mary, a teacher at the school, Bert saw the students playing in the parking lot. He felt a burden to help provide them with an alternative outdoor play site. Using his brother’s bequest

as seed money, he started raising funds and getting volunteers to work on it. In addition to donations from Gulf States Conference, the school, church, and Kiddie Korral Child Care Center, numerous individuals donated funds to make the dream of a place to play a reality. After countless hours of site preparation and about \$37,000 in costs, the field was ready for the children, who delight in playing

baseball, softball, kickball, soccer, and other sports.

Eisele praised the efforts of those who helped make the ball field a place for the spiritual and physical nurture of the young people. “The church and school involvement with the community is a big plus.” Commissioner Grover Robinson expressed his appreciation and admiration of the “can do” attitude and community spirit exemplified by the shared use of this recreational asset. A collection of All Star teams from the community regularly use the field for practice.

After remarks by the guest speakers, center field became a beehive of activity, with older children playing softball, and the younger ones taking part in T-Ball. Everyone enjoyed traditional baseball fare of vegetarian hot dogs, Gatorade, and peanuts.

Mother’s Day Gift Given to Hattiesburg, Miss.



People take advantage of the health fair given by Bass students and local Adventist medical personnel.

For Mother’s Day, May 9, 2010, 14 students, along with local Adventist

medical personnel and Bass Memorial Academy faculty, gifted Hattiesburg,

Miss., with a six-hour health fair on Wal-Mart’s parking lot. To accomplish this, Lidia Seda and Amy Willumson visited Bass for three days to train students to give massages, operate a computerized health appraisal program, conduct stress tests, and other activities to make contacts.

The students are now able to assist local churches as

they conduct health fairs.

Funding for the Hattiesburg health fair was sponsored by Bass Memorial Academy Church and the Gulf States Conference. Additional support from the Huntsville Central Church and Florida Hospital made the event possible to remind the community, “Good Health is a Way of Life.”

—BY CLIFF KELLER

Centenarian Laid to Rest

Edith Landaas Henderson, long-time member of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Church, died April 26, 2010, at the age of 102. Her husband Carl died in April of 2006, also at the age of 102.

Edith was born June 25, 1907, in Bergen, Norway, where she lived until the age of nine when her family immigrated to America. Edith was raised a Lutheran, but was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church

at the age of 20. She met Carl Henderson in Seattle, where they were married in December of 1929.

While living in Walla Walla, Wash., Edith showed her natural gift of hospitality as her sons brought classmates and

friends to their home on a regular basis. She loved her family, young people, flowers, her church, and her



Norman (standing, left), Clyde, and Gordon, with Edith and Carl sitting.

best friend, Jesus. She will be remembered for her infectious smile, which some have defined as a sparkle with a hint of mischievousness. Hard working is an understatement for this Norwegian mother.

Because of their

parents' commitment and sacrifice, all three sons, Norman, Gordon, and Clyde, received a Seventh-day Adventist Christian education, and have positively influenced the lives of thousands across the country and around the world.

At the request of Norman, Carl and Edith moved from Walla Walla to Lawrenceburg — they were surprised to discover that many years before he had a family, Carl had taken a year off from attending school in Madison, Tenn., to become the first teacher in Lawrenceburg's fledgling church school, held in a house.

Norman was wondering how and when to tell his mother, who loved her

independence, she was too old to drive. When Edith turned 95, Norman disconnected her car's battery cables. "It was easier," he says, "than asking her to give up her keys."

Edith, a lover of flowers, was still cultivating, planting, and weeding while in her 90's. She was also aware of her own youthful looks and remarkably wrinkle-free skin. As a result, she found amusement in frequently asking, "How old do you think I am?" Even at 102 some commented that she looked 65.

On May 1, a very stormy, rainy Sabbath afternoon, but bright with hope, Edith was laid to rest at Lawrenceburg County Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceburg beside her dear husband of 76 years.

—BY LLOYD SCHOMBURG

Decherd Members Witness at Dogwood Festival

Members of the Decherd, Tenn., Church participated in the sixth annual Winchester Dogwood Festival. Church members rented booth space near the city square where they could share God's love in a practical way.

While there, they offered free family and friends photographs



Auna George holds a sign to attract crowds, while Amanda Horton takes a photo of participants.

for the festival attendees. Throughout each day, groups of smiling faces

came through the booth to have their picture taken. While they waited the few seconds for their photo to print, it provided an opportune time for questions to be asked and answered. The biggest question participants had was, "Is it really

free? What's the catch?" Church members were

happy to respond, "Yes, it really is free! Just like God's love." Once people found it really was free, they lined up to have their picture taken. Some commented that it was the only family picture they had. Nearly 800 photos were taken and printed. Each group was able to take their photo home as a memento of the festival, and a reminder that God's love truly is free.

—BY JON WEIGLEY

Madison Academy is About Mission

Twenty-nine Madison Academy's students, staff, and parents spent their spring break in Albania working with ADRA. Albania is a small country on the Adriatic Sea just north of Greece.

The primary objective was to renovate four medical clinics.

These medical clinics are satellite clinics to the main ADRA clinic in the capital city of Tirana. These clinics serve the farmers, shepherds, and others living in the rural areas that would otherwise not have access to medical treatment. Most of the time and energy was spent painting these clinics (inside and out), performing minor repairs and digging a ditch around the outside of each clinic in order to build a wall to enclose each clinic.

The second objective



Students interact with children at the orphanage.

was to share the love of Christ with the people of Albania. On Sabbath morning for the worship service, the students led out in a few songs, and Kurtis Kenerson, a senior, gave the sermon with help from a translator. On Sabbath afternoon the students visited one of the orphanages in the city.

One evening, the group went to a park in the middle of Tirana to sing songs of praise and share the love of God with anyone who would listen.

The students were taunted

and mocked — even spat at by some. This country is so secular that the idea of living out your beliefs is thought of as weak, and is a foreign concept to most people. In spite of all the resentment that the students experienced, they conducted themselves

admirably.

Albania is one of the poorest countries in Europe, and within the last 20 years broke from the communist regime. It is 90 percent Muslim and has less than 100 Seventh-day Adventists in a country with approximately four million

citizens. Although most of the people align themselves with one religion, this country is extremely secular. Less than 10 percent of the population actually attends a religious service on a regular basis.

After leaving Albania, the group traveled to Athens, Greece, and experienced some of the history, culture, and food that it has to offer. This was an amazing trip filled with hard work, challenges, but most importantly blessings that will be remembered for life.

—BY ANDREW JAMIESON



Shelby Mills (left), Michael Santos, and Kristen Schwindt work hard digging a two-foot-deep trench in preparation for a cement wall.

School Recognized for Green Initiative

For the past three years, Lawrence County, Tenn., has awarded the Bill Egly Seventh-day Adventist Church School in Lawrenceburg \$50 for participating in and promoting recycling. All three teachers encouraged students and church members to bring items for recycling to the school where the county picks them up each week. Pictured left to right are Diane Joy, Jonathon Nicholaides, and Tim Joy.

—BY LLOYD SCHOMBURG



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Harold D. Singleton, First South Atlantic President, Dies

Elder Harold Douglas Singleton was born in Brunswick, Ga., on December 10, 1908. At an early age, the Lord guided his family to a home located diagonally across the street from a Seventh-day Adventist church in Jacksonville, Fla.

Singleton's mother, Annie Mae Singleton, was impressed with what she saw and heard during the crusade the church held in 1917. She was baptized that same year by G. E. Peters. Harold's father, Joseph, was baptized at a later time. Thus began the rich Seventh-day Adventist legacy of the Singleton family.

The untimely death of Harold's mother in 1924 was difficult for this 15-year-old youngster. Without adequate funds for a Christian education, he nevertheless enrolled in the high school division of Oakwood Junior College. Guided by the Lord, Isaac Palmer, the local elder of Ephesus Church, Jacksonville, and patriarch of the Palmer family, organized the church members to help sponsor Harold. Upon his arrival on campus, he was assigned to the carpentry shop and worked there throughout his stay at Oakwood.

In 1925, while young Harold was a student at Oakwood, W. L. H. Baker, a faculty member, baptized him in Indian Creek. Harold graduated from Oakwood in the spring of

1928 with an interest in history. After much prayer and under the influence of J. A. Tucker, president of Oakwood, Harold decided to ac-

cept a call to the Gospel ministry. He and Harvey Kibble were the first two African-American young men accepted into the new General Conference internship program for ministers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Harold began his denominational career in what was then the Cumberland Conference, and for the next two years he pastored the Eighth Street Church in Chattanooga, Tenn. With the assistance of Anna Knight, he was able to attend Union College for one year to work on his bachelor's degree. He then accepted a call to the Florida Conference where he labored for seven years. He fulfilled his Gospel mission by raising up congregations through pastoring and building churches debt free.

While laboring in Florida, during the summer of 1935, Singleton was ordained into the Gospel ministry by F. L. Peterson at the camp meeting in Orlando, Fla. While pastoring



in Miami, Fla., Singleton met and married the love of his life, Mary Louise Miller of Atlanta, Ga. They were married June 6, 1938, in Orlando.

In 1940,

Singleton answered a call to the Carolina Conference where he pastored several churches, and was the "state man" for three years. As the state man, Singleton was the black pastor who promoted the Carolina Conference president's program among the black churches in the state. His next call was to the Southern Union Conference, Decatur, Ga., where he served for three years as secretary of the Negro department.

When the South Atlantic Conference was organized in 1945, in Atlanta, he was elected as its first president. At the time this Conference was organized, it had a membership of 3,523. There were 32 churches and companies. The Conference immediately began growing in membership and prominence. In fact, the Conference grew so that by 1981 it was split into two conferences: South Atlantic and Southeastern. During his administration the Hawthorne, Fla., campground was secured.

In 1954, he succeeded the late L. H. Bland as president of the Northeastern Conference, St. Albans, N.Y. Singleton remained there until 1962. The Victory Lake campground was secured in Hyde Park, N.Y., during his administration.

During the 1962 General Conference session held in San Francisco, Calif., Singleton was elected secretary of the North American Regional Department of the General Conference. There he succeeded F. L. Peterson who was elected as vice-president of the General Conference. In addition to his duties as secretary of the department, in 1966, Singleton, at the Detroit General Conference Session, was elected as an associate secretary of the General Conference. He served faithfully and well until his retirement in 1975.

Singleton devoted more than 46 years of service to the denomination, and left an enriching experience that is still being felt by the Church many years after his retirement.

After retirement from the General Conference, Singleton pastored several Washington-area churches in the Allegheny East Conference.

Singleton died February 6, 2010, at a care facility in Maryland. He was 101 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mary Louise Miller Singleton of Atlanta; their six children; and many other relatives.

Carlton Byrd Selected as Breath of Life Speaker



South Atlantic President Vanard Mendingball (right) congratulates Carlton Byrd, D.Min., on his new assignment. Mendingball believes it is a positive move to have the Breath of Life Ministries in South Atlantic.

Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., has been selected by the Adventist Media Center Board of the General Conference to serve as the associate speaker/director for the Breath of Life Television Ministries. He joins a great line of speakers for Breath

of Life, including Charles D. Brooks and current speaker/director Walter L. Pearson Jr. In addition to this new assignment, Byrd will continue to serve as the senior pastor of the 4,000-member Atlanta-Berean Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Byrd holds a bachelor of arts degree in theology and a bachelor of science degree in business management. He has earned two graduate degrees, a master of business administration, and a master of divinity, along with earn-

ing the doctor of ministry degree. Presently, he serves as an adjunct professor at Oakwood University in the Religion and Theology Department for the master of arts degree in pastoral studies.

In his 16 years of pastoral leadership, Byrd has served as a pastor in the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, and Georgia. A pastoral evangelist by nature, Byrd believes that spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the hub of every ministry in the Church. As an internationally renowned speaker and evangelist, he has baptized more than 2,500 individuals — 1,300 of which have been baptized into Atlanta-Berean

Church, since his installation as senior pastor in August 2006.

Byrd has been instrumental in launching a television ministry at Atlanta-Berean Church that currently airs weekly on two Atlanta television stations, and has served as a guest minister on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). He was also selected by the North American Division to be the featured speaker for its Net 2009 evangelistic series that was aired on the Hope Church Channel.

Byrd is married to the former Danielle Mounter, and they are the parents of two girls, Christyn and Cailleigh.

—BY JAMES K. LAMB

Zion Temple Members Clean Up Community



Kimerion Coleman (left), A.J. Davis, and Tyri Gilliam pick up discarded trash in the community near their church.

Not even a little rain could stop some local church members, youth, and adults from cleaning up around the neighborhood — their selflessness was contagious.

About 20 members from the Zion Temple

Church in Greenwood, S.C., spent the morning scouring Oakwood Condominiums and other places near their church for discarded trash.

“We’re doing this because we want to let the kids know how important it is to serve the community,” said Adventist Youth Society leader Ella Brown, a 20-year member of Zion Temple Church.

It felt pretty good, according to six-year-old Kimerion Coleman, assigned to seek out and pick up bottles with a 30-inch arm-and-claw. “I’m just trying to pick up as much trash as I can,” he said, “I like to help people.”

So does nine-year-old

A.J. Davis, who was not with the church but lived nearby. Between swipes at leaves with a rake, he said a family member told him about the clean-up and he wanted to do his part. “I’m going to keep raking until I get every leaf up,” he said, panting a bit. Even the rain — starting and stopping several times throughout the morning — couldn’t slow him down.

Taurus Gilliam, 15, noted some of the trash gathered in about a dozen white kitchen garbage bags would be recycled. “It’s a good activity, and it gives me something to do over spring break.”

Pamela Anderson, Zion

Temple community service leader for the 75-member church, said the clean-up spoke to the overall mission to “make a difference” in the community. “We’re providing a service to people,” she said. “Not only that, we’re also trying to beautify the area. It’s good to be part of anything that helps make a difference.”

An Oakwood resident, Ronnie Davis, said he didn’t know why more of his neighbors weren’t joining the effort like he was. “These are God-fearing people. This isn’t something they have to do; this is something they want to do,” he said of the church members.

Historic Presidents' Reception

Dana C. Edmond, South Central Conference president, launched a historical first. Presidents and their wives, past and present, who reside within the South Central territory, were invited to a special presidents' reception on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. This event was held at the president's dining room, Business and Technology Building, Oakwood University, Huntsville, Ala. There were a total of 23 participants.

Edmond stated that more than 500 years of ministerial experience was represented in the room. It was turned into a didactic right of passage experience when Edmond consulted with so many years of wisdom. These men shared useful and helpful tips from a

presidential pool of knowledge and their personal experiences as Church leaders.

There was a sense of awe and respect when viewing the scene. Gathered there were people, ordinary men and women, who had been called to greatness. Present were individuals who shaped this Church significantly. They serve God, and still serve, His people, and the Church, locally and from areas around the world.

Pictured are Dana C. Edmond, South Central president, and his wife, Jill; Benjamin Browne, former South Central president, and his wife, Janice; Joseph Mc-



MICHAEL HARPE

Coy, Regional Conference Retirement Plan executive director and former South Central president, and his wife, Judith; Charles Bradford, former North American Division president, and his wife, Ethel; Delbert Baker, Oakwood University president, and his wife, Susan; Willie Lewis, former Allegheny West president, and his wife, Barbara; Harold Lee, Bradford Cleveland Brooks Institute director and

former Columbia Union president, and his wife, Barbara; James Lewis, Regional Conference Ministries director and former Allegheny West president, and his wife, Sharon; Luther R. Palmer, former Lake Region and Allegheny East president, and his wife, Katherine; William C. Jones, former Southwest Region president; George Earle, former Northeastern Conference president, and his wife, Vera; Albert and Nancy Dudley, representing the late Charles Dudley, former South Central president, and his wife, Etta.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

Mississippi FOCUS Recognized During Oakwood University Commencement

During the 2010 Oakwood University commencement exercises held in Huntsville, Ala., Danny Chandler received the Philanthropic Award recommended by the University administration, and presented by Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D., Oakwood University president.

Since 2007, Oakwood University has given this award to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to supporting the institution through gifts, fundraising, and other intangible ways.

Chandler, a 1984 graduate of Oakwood University, and his wife, Reta, founded Mississippi Friends of Oakwood College United Supporters (Mississippi FOCUS) in 1996. Mississippi FOCUS is a \$50,000 program designed to provide scholarships for students from Mississippi who attend Oakwood University.

Chandler stated, "This is a tremendous honor. For us, it is a ministry. I wish I had a forum to thank each and every donor who believe and support us. We did not earn this recognition alone. Our

commitment is to do what we can to assist our future leaders. Education remains a good investment. We believe Oakwood is still God's school for training our youth for service to man, and preparation for eternity. We appreciate this recognition by the Oakwood University administration."

A former member of the South Central Conference executive committee, Chan-



ROLAND SCOTT

Danny (left) and Reta Chandler, with their son Daniel Chandler, Susan Baker, Ph.D., and Delbert Baker, Ph.D., Oakwood University president.

dler currently serves on the SCC Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Chandlers are members of Salem Church in Columbus, Miss.

Silver Creek Adventist School is First Carolina Conference Adventist EDGE “School of Excellence”

Please accept my sincere apology for the omission of Silver Creek Adventist School from the list of Southern Union Adventist EDGE “Schools of Excellence” published in the May 2010 *Southern Tidings* feature article. Seven Schools of Excellence were mentioned, but only six listed. The Southern Union Conference Office of Education commends Silver Creek Adventist School, its stakeholders, and the Carolina Conference for your commitment to EXCELLENCE!

—BY CONRAD L. GILL



Silver Creek orchestra



Gordon Retzer (left), Southern Union president; Wanda Beck, Silver Creek principal; Kim Nicholson, Silver Creek grades 1-4 teacher; James R. Davidson, Carolina Conference president; Pam Forbes, Carolina Conference associate superintendent; and Conrad L. Gill, superintendent of education for the Southern Union Conference.

The thought of Summer Vacation...

From family picnics to family reunions, summer is a wonderful time to spend with family.

Reminiscing with parents and grandparents about fond family moments and silly childhood escapades is sure to bring a smile to your face.

But have you thought about using this time to ask your parents and grandparents about updating their estate plan?

Trust services representatives from your local conference and Adventist Universities are ready to help ensure your summer get-togethers are filled with fond memories for years to come.



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Against All Odds

This year the Daughter of Zion Church, Delray Beach, Fla., not only had one, two, or three college graduates, it had a total of eight, with four of them receiving degrees from Oakwood University, Huntsville, Ala.

Many times in the African-American community, it becomes a rarity to have young black men graduate from college.

The odds of becoming a high school or even a college graduate are slim. Only 43 percent of African-Americans who enter college graduate.

For black men that number is 36 percent. The eight graduates beat the odds.

One of the graduates, Denzel M. Gent, almost didn't beat the odds. After he lost his mother to breast cancer during his junior year at Miami Union Academy (MUA), North Miami Beach, Fla., he wanted to give up on his education.

"When I thought back on the many sacrifices that my mother made, and of God's grace and mercy my mother so often spoke of, I



Denzel M. Gent graduated Oakwood University on May 7, with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems. He will pursue a graduate degree from Carnegie Mellon University this fall.

decided to persevere," Gent said.

Four years ago Gent graduated from MUA as the valedictorian, and received a full scholarship to Oakwood University.

While preparing to gradu-

ate from Oakwood this year, Gent was awarded a full scholarship to the prestigious Carnegie Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa.

God has truly blessed Denzel and the young men

and women of Daughter of Zion who graduated this year.

Ja'Neil Carrington, Terry Caesar, Marlon Boucard, and Denzel Gent all received their bachelor's during the commencement ceremonies held at Oakwood University on May 7, 2010.

Theodore Ceaser, Jean Alexandre, Esther Noel, and Oriana Riley graduated and received their degrees from other institutions this year as well.

Daughter of Zion Church has a group of remarkable young men and women, who against all odds have achieved great academic accomplishments.

—BY EDNA FRANCOIS

Mt. Zion Ordains 13 for Ministry

The Mt. Zion Church, Kissimmee, Fla., held the largest ordination service in its history on March 20, 2010.

A total of 13 individuals were dedicated to God's service — four elders and six deacons.

The elders ordained were Edna Francois, Brenda Hunt, Wayne Morgan, and Pierre Hunt.

Among the deacons ordained, two of whom were 18-year-old young men, were Ean Watson, Carol

Walter Bryan, Larry Louis, Hicksford Francis, Clinton Henry, Adrien Francois, and Deland James.

Emil Peeler, D.Min., director of church growth and discipleship for Southeastern California Conference, delivered the ordina-

tion message.

Peeler admonished the ordainees to use their gifts in ways that would please God, and would be of help to humanity. He shared with them the experience of Uzziah, king of Judah. Uzziah, at the age of 16,

did that which "was right" in the sight of the Lord.

Assisting Maxwell Berkel, Mt. Zion pastor, to officiate the ordination service, were Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union Conference executive secretary;

Kevin Bryant, pastor of the Bethel Church, Gainesville, Fla.; and associate pastors Harold Cameron, George Greaves, and Mahatahis Patrick.

—BY EDNA FRANCOIS



The Mt. Zion Church ordained 13 individuals on March 20, 2010. They are pictured above with their families: Edna Francois (seated, left), Brenda Hunt, Wayne Morgan, Pierre Hunt, Ean Watson, Larry Lois, Carol, Walter Bryan, Clinton Henry, Japheth Mokuia, Asplid Percinthe, Hicksford Francis, Deland James; Maxwell Berkel (standing, left), Mt. Zion pastor; Adrien Francois; Emil Peeler, D.Min., Southeastern California Conference church growth director (second from right); Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union Conference executive secretary.

Conference Superintendent of Education Dies

Elisa Siofele Young, 64, superintendent of education for the Southeastern Conference, succumbed to breast cancer on May 30, 2010, in Los Angeles, Calif., while undergoing treatment.

Elisa was born in Pago Pago, American Samoa, on June 22, 1945, to Papu and Fa'auiulitoaletuimanu'a Siofele. The third of nine children and the oldest daughter, she attended elementary and high school in American Samoa and Suva, Fiji.

She received a bachelor's in mathematics from Union College, Lincoln, Neb., and a master's in educational administration from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif.

Young served as the fifth superintendent of education for Southeastern from 2004 to 2010.

"Southeastern education thrived under her able leadership," said Hubert Morel Jr., Southeastern Conference president. "She took it to a higher level."

During her tenure as superintendent, Southeastern attained a 100 percent teacher certification status for the first time in its 31-year history.

For four consecutive years Southeastern was the only conference of the eight conferences that comprise the Southern Union Conference, to hold this distinction.

Young achieved this by implementing the SEC Teacher Institute, a partnership between Southeastern

and the Oakwood University School of Education, Huntsville, Ala., which was held at Southeastern.

Prior to the implementation of the institute, in-service teachers seeking to maintain certification would spend the summer at Oakwood University or Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn.

The process was an inefficient one. Many courses needed for certification were offered on a two- to four-year rotation.

By evaluating the teachers transcripts, Young was able to design a course schedule based on the certification needs of the teachers.

Under her leadership, Southeastern was the only conference in the Southern Union that did not experience a decline in student enrollment during the recession. In fact, student enrollment increased, and she increased the number of schools in Southeastern by three.

In 2005, she created a resource instructor position to develop innovative educational programs, provide educational support, and enhance science and math education in Southeastern.

One such program was the annual Southeastern Conference-wide Science Fair Competition.

Young understood the importance of providing opportunities for students to experience and embrace science and math, and not



Elisa Young served as superintendent of education for Southeastern Conference from 2004 to 2010.

shy away from pursuing careers in these areas.

Believing that all children should be taught of the Lord, she instituted the Southern Union early childhood program. Prior to this time, education in Southeastern focused on K-12 education.

While many churches within Southeastern had early childhood education programs in place, her move to implement early childhood education in Southeastern meant that these programs would have to follow the guidelines of the Southern Union, which included the use of a Christian-based curriculum.

"During the past four-year period, Elisa has been the most consistent and one of the best superintendents in the Southern Union," said Conrad Gill, superintendent of education for the Southern Union.

Prior to serving as superintendent of education, Young served as a missionary in Africa; a teacher

and principal at the Mt. Calvary SDA School, Tampa, Fla.; a principal at Miami Union Academy, North Miami, Fla., a principal and early childhood center director at Elim SDA School, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and associate superintendent for the Southeastern Conference.

She was an advocate for Adventist education. One could often hear her say, "Adventist education does not cost, it pays."

She not only promoted Adventist education, she lived it. Each of her four daughters are products of Adventist education. Tonya is a medical doctor, Trina is an educator, Teresa is a physical therapist, and Dora is an attorney.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Theus Young, pastor; four daughters: Tonya Young-Henley, M.D., and her husband, Robert Jr.; Trina Bowden and her husband Remelus; Teresa Young, and Elisa "Dora" Young, J.D.; five grandchildren: Samara Bowden, Robert Henley III, Taimane' Henley, Brenden Henley, Remelus Bowden II; two sisters: Chief Leilali Lockhart and Dorcas Togafau; six brothers: Filupu Siofele, Chief Faumina Siofele, Pastor Willie Siofele, Pastor Joe Siofele, Pastor Freddie Afereti, and Pastor Sato Siofele; scores of aunts; uncles; cousins; nieces; and nephews who will miss her greatly.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Cruzadas de Evangelismo en el Distrito de Greenville

Como plan evangélico para este año, el distrito comprendido por las iglesias de Greenville, Mt.Olive, Dudley y Wilson, llevará a cabo esfuerzos de 30 días a cargo del pastor Sandoval, que culminarán con una campaña general a cargo del pastor Alejandro Bullón en noviembre.

La iglesia de

Greenville ya comenzó esta serie de eventos, y todos los departamentos están altamente comprometidos en el esfuerzo. En la foto se aprecian sólo las visitas que asistieron a diario, y ya están estudiando el curso “La Fe de Jesús” con Nehemías Herrera, primer



anciano. Cada miembro de iglesia llevó volantes,

y 5 Cds titulados “El Poder de la Oración” para distribuir entre vecinos, amigos, compañeros de trabajo y familiares.

El blanco de bautismo del distrito para este año es de 150.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Florida Noticias

Iglesia Celular en Ruskin

El sábado 15 de mayo, la iglesia celular de Ruskin, al sur de Tampa, se incorporó al distrito de New Port Richey pasando a ser la quinta congregación del mismo. En la



primera reunión se contó con la presencia de tres visitas. Aproximadamente el cincuenta por ciento de los 31 miembros son líderes.

En la actualidad el grupo se reúne en la

casa de la familia Morales, y se está buscando un lugar en donde congregarse en forma permanente.

—AZAEL PITTI, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Georgia-Cumberland Noticias

Semana de la Pasión

La campaña distrital de Knoxville, TN, titulada



“Prueba a Jesús” tuvo lugar durante la semana del 27 de marzo al tres de abril. Un promedio de 60 visitas se dieron cita cada noche para recibir el mensaje de amor y gracia. Los grupos pequeños

llevaron sus contactos misioneros, y salieron en parejas a entregar volantes en distintos sectores de la ciudad.

Como resultado del trabajo y esfuerzo de laicos y pastores, catorce personas entregaron sus corazones a Cristo. Los grupos pequeños continúan funcionando

todo el año para preparar la semilla que se cosecha en el evangelismo público de las iglesias. Dios siempre corona los esfuerzos de estos hermanos dispuestos a consagrar su tiempo y dones en la tarea de ganar almas para su reino.

—RICHARD URDANETA, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Semana de Evangelismo en Grupos Pequeños.

Con un total de 20 centros de predicación, el distrito de Knoxville, TN, lanzó la semana de evangelismo laico, "Tu eres la pasión de Cristo". Los miembros de las iglesias se reunieron para compartir la Palabra en sus hogares, y un buen número de



visitas participaron de los beneficios de estos programas.

Esta actividad, además de llevar luz a otras personas, confirmó a los hermanos en su fe y misión, y trajo como consecuencia un importante reavivamiento.

"La presentación de Cristo en la familia, en el hogar, o en pequeñas reuniones en casas

particulares, gana más almas para Jesús que los sermones predicados al aire libre, a la muchedumbre agitada, o en salones y capillas." (O. E. Pág. 201).

—RICHARD URDANETA, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

North Gwinnett

En la iglesia de North Gwinnett, GA, se llevó a cabo una semana de evangelismo a cargo del pastor David Penno, coordinador de evangelismo de la asociación. La misma culminó con una ceremonia bautismal oficiada por el pastor Julio De la Rosa.



—NANCY ORTIZ, SECRETARIA DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

Prueba con Jesús

Durante la semana del 27 de marzo al 2 de abril, las asociaciones Georgia Cumberland y South Atlantic participaron de una campaña a cargo del pastor Jorge Rojas de la división norteamericana, titulada "Prueba con Jesús."



El evento se llevó a cabo en dos turnos debido a la alta concurrencia. Se tuvieron reuniones

paralelas destinadas para los niños, y 60 personas fueron bautizadas.

—NANCY ORTIZ, SECRETARIA DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN.

Concurso Bíblico

La Federación de Jóvenes organizó un concurso que culminó en el campestre que se llevó a



cabo en la academia GCA. En la foto podemos verlos mientras competían en la iglesia de Dunwoody.

—NANCY ORTIZ, SECRETARIA DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

Conquistadores

La iglesia de Memphis celebró con alegría la inauguración del club de conquistadores. Además de enseñar a los pequeños destrezas e integración

social, el objetivo se concentra en encaminar sus pasos hacia el reino de los cielos.

—ARMANDO DE LEÓN, COORDINADOR DEL DEPAR-

TAMENTO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN



Jesús es Todo

Armando de León, coordinador del departamento hispano de la asociación

La iglesia de Louisville, KY, organizó la campaña “Jesús es Todo” que se llevó a cabo los durante la semana de Pascua. El predicador fue el pastor Alberto



Lache, secretario de la delegación del oeste de Cuba. Motivada por el

Espíritu Santo, la iglesia hizo un hermoso trabajo y el resultado se tradujo en muchas personas que tomaron decisiones de salvación. Siete ya han sido bautizadas.

En la foto el pastor Sergio Monterroso está dando la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros de la

iglesia. La congregación, compuesta mayormente por hermanos mexicanos y cubanos, cuenta ahora con una variedad importante de nacionalidades, todas unidas bajo la bandera celestial.

South Atlantic Noticias

Evangelismo en Carrolton

La iglesia de Carrolton llevó a cabo una campaña evangélica del 6 al 13 de marzo, en la que 8 personas fueron

bautizadas. Entre ellas había una pareja que se unió en matrimonio previo a la ceremonia bautismal.

El orador invitado fue

el pastor Joel Armenta quien combinó el don del canto con su predicación, y fue utilizado por el Espíritu para tocar

los corazones de los asistentes.

—Efraín Poloche, COORDINADOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

Campaña en East Bend



Del 17 al 24 de abril, la naciente congregación de East Bend, NC, organizó su primera semana de evangelismo, la cual fue dirigida por Hernán A. Zuñiga.

Como resultado de este esfuerzo, 11 jovencitos sellaron su pacto de fe y entrega al Señor por medio del bautismo. La ceremonia fue oficiada por el pastor Juan Reyes

y seis almas aceptaron la invitación de estudiar la Biblia y prepararse para un futuro bautismo.

—HERNAN ZUÑIGA, MIEMBRO DE LA CONGREGACIÓN DE EAST BEND

Una luz de esperanza en Wilson

La iglesia de Wilson, NC, llevó a cabo su primera campaña evangélica titulada “Jesús, Una Luz de Esperanza”, del 3 al 10 de Abril. El orador fue el pastor Ismael Uribe. Dos parejas se unieron en matrimonio al finalizar la semana, y entregaron sus

vidas a Cristo. En total, 5 personas descendieron a las aguas bautismales.

Fue inspirador ver la dedicación y el trabajo de los diáconos y diaconisas durante la semana.

Otra de las bendiciones con que se contó fue la presencia del grupo Oasis

que vino desde Nueva York para alabar a Dios con su música.

—ISMAEL URIBE, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Certificación de Maestros en Carolina

Con la participación y asistencia de casi 80 maestros, se dio inicio al programa de certificación para maestros en el distrito este del estado de Carolina del Norte.

Este primer encuentro se realizó en la iglesia de Smithfield, NC, con

el lema “Inversión para el futuro”. Las clases estuvieron a cargo de los esposos Uribe.

Durante el evento se invitó a los presentes a comprometerse con este programa puesto en marcha por la División Norteamericana y que

tiene el apoyo de la asociación South Atlantic.

Se contó con participación del cuarteto musical de la iglesia de Raleigh, NC.

—ISMAEL URIBE,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Club de Laicos Portadores de Luz

El 17 de abril comenzó el primer encuentro de los laicos del distrito este de Carolina del Norte, en la iglesia de Durham. El teólogo y profesor David Ubiera, dictó clases de homilética, y el pastor Efraín Poloche tuvo a cargo un mensaje de invitación a formar parte del grupo de rescate de aquellas personas que aún no han conocido el mensaje de salvación.

El sábado de tarde

se formaron grupos que salieron a repartir la revista “El Centinela” en los diferentes lugares de la ciudad en los en que están ubicadas las comunidades hispanas. Se llevó a cabo la ordenación de 2 ancianos y 5 diáconos. Estas actividades fueron amenizadas por la música presentada por el grupo Alfa y Omega.

El Club de Laicos Portadores de Luz fue



organizado por el pastor Ismael Uribe, Eduardo Saavedra y Mauricio Velázquez con el propósito de preparar a los feligreses en la tarea de evangelismo. Esto se

hace por medio de tres talleres intensivos en las áreas de predicación, métodos para dar estudios bíblicos, y campañas evangélicas. Al finalizar la primera actividad, los participantes reciben un maletín provisto por el departamento hispano de la asociación, que cuenta con el material necesario para el trabajo de ganar almas para Cristo.

—ISMAEL URIBE, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

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Obituaries

ALBERT, Wilbert F., 77, born April 12, 1932 in Guyana, South America, died Nov. 4, 2009 in Ocala, FL. He was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church, Ocala, FL, for 20 years. He started an elementary church school, provided transportation for many community members, and served as church elder and treasurer. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; two sons: Neil and Nigel of Washington, DC; one daughter, Gilliam Albert of Ocala; son-in-law, Mark Monize; two daughter-in-laws: Lilian Shepherd and Stella Albert; one sister, Mayulah Gibson; 10 grandchildren; and cousins: the Moores, Nelsons, and Richards. The service was conducted in the Silver Springs Shores Church, Ocala, by Pastors Maxwell, Francis, Lewis, and Hamidan. Interment was in the Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Ocala.

ANTONETTI, Mabyline H., 81, born April 5, 1928 in Avery, TX, died March 28, 2010 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL, for 30 years. Her denominational service included: church school teacher 1947, Florida Hospital South 1958-1975, Takoma Adventist Hospital 1975-1977, and Florida Hospital Altamonte 1981-1988. She is survived by her husband, Michael Antonetti. The service was conducted at Forest Lake Church by Pastor Floyd Powell.

ARAUJO, Dr. Antonio Alejandro Ceballos, died May 25, 2010 after a long illness. He served the Church for more than 40 years as a pastor, teacher, and school/college administrator and president. He was born in the city of Santa Marta Colombia, and worked in the Inter-American Division in his home country as a missionary in the countries of Venezuela and Dominican Republic. His education included a doctorate degree in Jurisprudence, and other degrees in Physics and Mathematics. He was also a musician; he played the violin, piano, and enjoyed singing. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Teresa (Barreto); three sons: Dr. Mario E. (Gloria Gonzalez) Ceballos, associate director, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist World Church, Dr. Jose Luis Ceballos, a physician of Houston TX, Ruben Ceballos, RN, MBA, of Miami, FL; six grandchildren; one brother, Dr. Jose Alberto Ceballos of Cali Colombia; and many nephews. One of his sons, Samuel A. Ceballos, preceded him in death.

BENFIELD, Wilma Gilliam, 92, born May 13, 1917, died March 2010. She lived most of her life in Missouri and moved to North Carolina in 1979 after the death of her husband to be close to her eldest son. She settled into a retirement home in Greensboro and volunteered her nursing skills. At the retirement home she met and married Cliff Benfield and was baptized into the Greensboro Church in 1981. She was active in the community service program and volunteered for phone duties such as fruit orders or the phone tree. She was generous to a fault, always willing to help others and loved being with people. She enjoyed learning about the Bible, which made her blossom spiritually. Wilma outlived her husbands and children. She has numerous grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

BENTON, Marjorie R., 62, born July 21, 1947 in New Bedford, MA, died March 23, 2010 in Zephyrhills, FL. She was a member of the East Pasco Church, Zephyrhills, FL, for 17 years. She is survived by three daughters: Cheryl Gage, Anne-Marie Allen, and Diane Kosnik; two brothers: Gerald MacCauley and James Ramsberger; one sister, Patricia Keller; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Hodges Funeral Home, Dade City, FL, by Pastor Art Staggs.

BERTOLO, Hulda, 69, born Sept. 3, 1940 in Parana, Argentina, died March 6, 2010 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL. She taught at River Plate University, Argentina from 1960-1976.

BONNEAU, Patricia B., 67, born Oct. 3, 1942 in Winchester, VA, died March 11, 2010 in St. Petersburg, VA. She was a member of the St. Petersburg, FL, Church. She is survived by her son, Donald; three brothers: Roy (Blanche), Donald (Lois), Brenton (Bobby); many nieces; and nephews. The service was conducted at the St. Petersburg, FL, Church.

CAMPBELL, DOREEN M., 88, born Feb. 27, 1922 in Kingston, Jamaica, died March 25, 2010 in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte Church for nine years. She is survived by her husband, Royal Campbell; stepson, Fitzroy (Annette) Campbell, Yonkers, NY; brother, Kenneth James, London, England; two sisters: Daphne James Beason of Ontario, Canada, and Theresa James Walker of Springfield Gardens, NY; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Her daughter Pamela Dixon was predeceased.

CAMPBELL, Geneva Bale, 96, born May 29, 1913 in Lobb (Green County), KY, died Jan. 21, 2010 in Pewee Valley, KY. She was a member of the Pewee Valley Church, and was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Leon Campbell, and their son Charles. In the early days of their marriage, Geneva and Leon attended the Powder Mill (Hart County) Church, the first Adventist church built in Kentucky (the building is still standing). Geneva was a nurse and worked at Pleasant Grove Hospital and Pewee Valley Hospital. For several years, she and her husband owned and operated a nursing home in Louisville. She is survived by two sons: Ray (June) of Altamonte, FL, and Donald (Frances) of Pewee Valley; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

CROWTHER, Gilbert M., 80, born Jan. 26, 1930 in Kilmarnock, VA, died Feb. 5, 2010 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL, for 43 years. He is survived by his wife Jeanne; son, Gilbert, Longwood, FL; daughter, Sandee Combs, College Park, FL; brother, Richard, Riverside, CA; and four grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, by Bob Turner. Interment was at the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

DICKSON, Lucille "Lu" Rogers, 89, born June 12, 1920 in McRae, GA, died Sept. 6, 2009 at Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC. She was a member of the Adventist Church since the age of 16 in Miami, FL. She and her husband were married in the Miami Temple Church Nov. 29, 1939. They were always leaders in their church at North Miami, then Waynesville when they moved to North Carolina in 1960. She was one of the first delegates in Miami sent to the Youth Congress in San Francisco in 1953, then traveled throughout the state of Florida giving presentations at the Congress. She was youth leader, clerk, Sabbath School leader, board member, deaconess, and also held many other offices in the Church. She was the business manager for their dental business for many years, and after she became a grandmother she became a nurse and a real estate broker. She owned her own real estate business, Dogwood Realty (later Lu Dickson Realty) in Maggie Valley, NC. She retired in the mid 80's and enjoyed traveling in their motor home. After her husband died, she lived with her daughter in Maggie Valley, NC, until she needed 24-hour care and went to Silver Bluff Nursing Home in Canton. She later went to Pisgah Manor in Candler after being in Florida for a year. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles D. "Chuck" Dickson in 2000, her daughter Carol Dickson Dudley in 1987, and her granddaughter Jackie Combs Garrett in 2008. She is survived by one daughter, Sandie Spriggle; and five grandchildren: Michelle Combs Hubbard, Ashley Arrwood, Cregg Arrwood, Shannon Hubbard, and Brady Garrett.

DURICHEK, Goldie Lucille, 97, born July 8, 1913, died March 1, 2010. She is survived by three sons: Peter Durichek of Cleburne, TX, John Durichek and James Durichek of Collegedale, TN; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Dayton, TN, Church.

ELSENHEIMER, Charles E., 84, born Aug. 21, 1925 in Kalamazoo, MI, died March 13, 2010 in Bradenton, FL. He was a member of the Palmetto, FL, Church. He is survived by his wife, Leona; son, Gerald (Deborah) of Oneco, FL; two brothers: Gerald of Ellenton, FL, and Lloyd of Bradenton; and many grandchildren. His son Steven was deceased in 2006, and his daughter Judith was deceased in 2005. The service was conducted at the Mansion Memorial Park and Funeral Home by Pastor

Norman Bassett. Interment was in Palmetto, FL.

ERSKINE, James David "Jim", Sr., 83, of Hendersonville, NC, born in Muskegon, MI, died April 3, 2010, at Park Ridge Hospital. He served as principal and as a teacher at Asheville Pisgah Church School for 10 years, and later worked as a realtor with Arden Century 21 Real Estate. He was an active member of the Arden Church. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dolly Erskine; two children: Jim Erskine Jr. of Weaverville, NC, and Pam (Raymond) Livingston of Hendersonville; three grandchildren: Kristopher Erskine, Tony Livingston, and Holly Clark; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Everette Erskine of California.

HAMPTON, Elaine, 58, born Feb. 4, 1948, died March 25, 2006 in Louis Smith Memorial Hospital. She is survived by her two children: Thomas Hampton and Kit Hampton; and one grandson, Ethan Hampton. She was an active member of the Lakeland, GA, Church. She loved children and would be found working either in Sabbath School, VBS, or the Lakeland Adventist School. She is greatly missed by her friends and family. She was a member of the Lakeland/Valdosta, GA, Church.

HUMPHREY, Margaret (Margo) J., 87, born Chicago, IL, died Feb. 1, 2010 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka for eight years. She was a secretary at the General Conference for 10 years. She is survived by one brother, Max DeCamp, Camden, OH; and one sister, Martha Doan of Apopka. The memorial service was held at the Errol Estates Country Club in Apopka, by Chaplain Bob Wilson.

HUNTER, William Louis IV, 86 born Sept. 11, 1923, died Sept. 17, 2009 in Greeneville, TN. He was a member of the Greeneville Church. He is survived by one daughter, Peggy Hunter Hastings; one granddaughter, Suzie Shell; and one great-granddaughter, Ashley Shell. He was preceded in death by his son, William Louis Hunter V. He enjoyed playing his harmonica, his musical saw. He loved His Father in Heaven.

JACOME, Helen C., 83, born May 13, 1926 in Cincinnati, OH, died Feb. 13, 2010 in Port Orange, FL. She was a member of the Daytona Beach, FL, Church. She used her musical talent as an organist, in choirs, and in singing groups. Her husband, Gabriel, predeceased her.

JAMIESON, Margaret (Madge), 99, born April 4, 1910 in Armagh, Ireland, died Nov. 6, 2009 in Collegedale, TN. She was a member of the Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL. She is survived by one son, John Donnelly of Sun City Center, FL; two step-sons, Lee Jamieson of Walpole, NH, and Judson Jamieson of Cleveland, TN; one step-daughter, Mildred Swanson of Berrien Springs, MI; one sister, Joan Irwin of Newry, North Ireland; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great grandchildren. The memorial service and interment were in Camden, ME.

JEMSON, Willard D. (Dean), 100, born April 4, 1910 in Nanaimo, British Columbia, died April 15, 2010 in Port Charlotte, FL. He was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, Church for 27 years. He served the denomination for 53 years in printing, graphic arts, and publishing: manager of Atlantic Union College Press, manager of Andrews University Press (Emmanuel Missionary College at the time), president of Philippine Publishing House in Manila, president of Indonesia Publishing House, and assistant to the general manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. He gave nearly 6,000 hours of volunteer time during 26 years at the Port Charlotte Library in addition to volunteering at the Adventist Community Services, and being a deacon in the Church. He celebrated his 100th birthday on March 31 by flying a Cessna 172. He is survived by his sister, Ramona Anderson of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; former daughter-in-law, Luise Sandhom of Westford, MA; three granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. His wife, Ruby, and son, Cyril, predeceased him. The service was conducted at the Port Charlotte Church by Pastor Timothy Goff.

JIMENEZ, Angel, 78, born in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, died July 1, 2009 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Walker Memorial Church and the Avon Park Spanish Church, Avon Park, FL. He was a certified registered

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nurse anesthetist (CRNA) at the Walker Memorial Hospital, Avon Park, and the Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL. He is survived by his wife, Emma Palenzuela; four sons: A. David, Dr. Edgar, Dr. Ronald, and Robert; one brother, Julio; three sisters: Leonides Vicente, Carmin Jimenez, and Luz Jimenez; and nine grandchildren

JOHNSON, Dan Sr., 63, of Chapmansboro, TN, born Nov. 13, 1945, died Nov. 8, 2009 in Nashville, TN. He was a member of the Madison, TN, Campus Church. He is survived by his wife, Shirley.

JOHNSON, Joyce L., 75, born Jan. 26, 1935 in Jacksonville, FL, died March 11, 2010 in Port Richey, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey Church for 28 years. She is survived by two sons: Frederick and Ronald of Palm Harbor, FL; one brother, Jack Hansen of Littleton, CO; two sisters: Julie Humbert of Port Richey, and Jean Hanson, Old Town, FL; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, John.

KEARNS, Sara Fern, 102, of Hendersonville, NC, died March 26, 2010. She was a native of Lancaster County, VA, and moved to Henderson County in 1986. She was the wife of the late William J. Kearns Sr. whom she married in 1938 and who died in 1964. She graduated from New England Memorial Sanitarium in 1931 with a degree in nursing. She was employed by Wellesley College as a registered nurse until she retired in 1972. She was a member of the Arden Church. She enjoyed playing golf, boating, and walking. Survivors include her two sons: William J. (Monica) Kearns Jr. of Odenton, MD, and Richard D. Kearns of Salisbury, MA; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

KEIFFER, Lucille, 91, born Dec. 29, 1918, died April 28, 2010 in New Port Richey, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey Church for 25 years.

KISTLER, Jean Ethelyn Fuller, 81, born Nov. 12, 1928, died Nov. 27, 2009 in Valencia, CA. She was a Fletcher Nursing School graduate and worked as a nurse for 50 years. She served with her husband in pastoral ministry in the Carolina Conference, and later at Andrews University where he taught for many years. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Robert Charles Kistler; one daughter, Cherie Lynn (Norman "Skip" B.) Kistler Province; two grandsons: Robert and Steven Province; two great grandsons, Robert Rice Province and William Christopher Province; one sister-in-law, Joan (Brian K.) Kistler Jones of Ringgold, GA; many nieces; nephews; and friends. Interment was at the Collegedale Cemetery in Collegedale, TN.

KNUDSEN, Martha J., died Aug. 31, 2009 in Ellenton, FL. She was a member of the Palmetto, FL, Church. Interment was in Ellenton.

LLOYD, Elder Rufus H., 87, born April 15, 1923 in London, KY, died April 19, 2010 at Portland, TN, Nursing Home. He began in denominational employment as a literature evangelist in Florida and Georgia-Cumberland conferences. He was also an evangelist in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. He is survived by his wife, Linda Porter Lloyd; two sons: Ronald (Arlene) Lloyd of Alaska, and Daniel (Shenna) Lloyd of Mobile, AL; one stepson, Bill (Roisin) Leyva of Tucson, AZ; three daughters: Claudia Ann (Kenneth) Pace of Cocoa, FL, Glenda E. Shearer of Orlando, FL, Krista (Jerry) Jones of Orlando; one brother, Eugene (Jackie) Floyd of Orlando; one half-sister, Meretta Knittle of Vairico, FL; and 17 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Steve Lloyd, one brother, Harold Lloyd, and one sister, Joyce Johnson.

LOPEZ-PEREZ, Dorys Carol, 51, born Feb. 4, 1958 in Bucaramanga, Columbia,

died June 6, 2009 in Plantation, FL. She was a member of the Plantation Church for 15 years. She is survived by her husband, Alfredo; one son, Jon-Erik, Sunrise, FL; one daughter, Ashley of Sunrise; and one sister, Ruby Valdez, M.D., Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. The service was conducted at the Plantation Church by Pastor Jorge Rojas. Interment was at Lauderdale Memorial Park, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

LUTZ-BARTELSON, Vera (Lucy), 85, born June 15, 1924 in Wells County, IN, died Feb. 10, 2010 in Tavares,

FL. She was a member of the Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL, for more than four years. She spent more than 20 years working as an elementary school teacher in Columbus, IN. She also worked part-time at the Jacksonville, FL, Church school. She is survived by her son, Phillip Lutz Jr., Bryant, IN; two daughters: Phyllis Lutz Harding of Sanford, FL, and Sherry Bartelson Workman of Battle Creek, MI; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband Phil Lutz Sr.; her second husband, Willis Bartelson; and two sisters: Alice Krieg and Pauline Ruble. The service was conducted in Columbus by Pastor Larry Pumford. Interment was in Columbus.

MACKENZIE, Robert W., 90, born Oct. 17, 1919 in Ann Arbor, MI, died May 20, 2010 in Winter Haven, FL. He was a member of the Hillsdale, MI, Church, and then the Winter Haven Church for a total of 70 years. He is survived by one daughter, Fae Brown (Stephen), Winter Haven; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His wife Verta was predeceased. The service was held at the Crisp-Coon Funeral Home, Winter Haven, by Pastor Walter Maier. Interment was in the Rolling Hills Cemetery in Winter Haven.

MAITLAND, Henson B., 57, born May 29, 1952 in St. Georges, Granada, died Feb. 2, 2010 at Winter Park, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL, for three years. He is survived by his wife, Lydia; two sons: Ernest and Hubert of Maitland, FL; and four brothers: Fitzroy of Toronto, Canada, Conrad of Detroit, MI, Irvid of St. Georges, Grenada, and Richie of St. Georges, Grenada. The service was held at the Mt. Sinai Church, Orlando, FL, by Dr. Fitzroy Maitland. Interment was at the Veterans Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

MANN, Guy, M.D., died May 7, 2008. Adventist Health Systems brought him to Lakeland, GA, in November 1975 where he practiced medicine until his retirement in January 2000. He was chief of staff at Louis Smith Memorial Hospital in Lakeland for many years. He also served as the director of Lakeland Villa Nursing Home. He was a Captain in the United States Air Force, and a member of the Lakeland Church. He is survived by his wife, Lucile Kay Mann; three daughters: Elizabeth (John) Hoey of Lakeland, Laura (John) McKeon of Monterey, TN, and Mandy Mann of Lakeland; one son, Edward (Robin) Mann of Springboro, OH; five grandchildren: Jonathan Hoey, Hannah Hoey, John McKeon, Ivanna McKeon, and Davis Gyr.

MANN, Lucile, 67, born Nov. 1, 1941 in Atlantic, IA, died May 22, 2009. In 1963 she married the late Dr. Guy Mann and raised three children. In 1980, Lucile began work at Louis Smith Memorial Hospital; she retired as chief accountant in 2009. A lifelong music enthusiast, she taught piano and music, sang in the community choir, and was the organist and pianist for the Lakeland Church. She was involved in the church Pathfinders program for 30 years, and served as the Lakeland Adventist School board chair. She is survived by her three daughters: Elizabeth (John) Hoey of Lakeland, Laura (John) McKeon of Monterey, TN, and Mandy Mann of Lakeland; one son, Edward (Robin) Mann of Springboro, OH; five grandchildren: Jonathan Hoey, Hannah Hoey, John McKeon, Ivanna McKeon, and Davis Gyr.

MARTIN, Pearl, 84, born Aug. 18, 1924, died June 13, 2009 in Punta Gorda, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, Church for 10 years. She was a registered nurse and her denominational service included employment at Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD; Division Office in Singapore for nine years; and General Conference Health Department. She is survived by her husband, Charles; one son, Larry, Walpole, NH; two daughters: Cindy Hanson, Arcadia, FL, and Lynette Spangenberg, Nashville, TN; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted in Port Charlotte by Pastor Timothy Goff.

MCBROOM, Myra Ann, 86, of Collegedale, TN, died Nov. 11, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dan D. McBroom; and two children: Dr. David Bryan McBroom and Beverly Ruane. She was a member of Collegedale Church and retired from the College Press. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Dianne

and Richard Rey of Okemos, MI; two granddaughters: Stephanie Rey Worboys and Pamela Alcorn; and two great-grandchildren.

MCPHERSON, Donnie, 65, born Oct. 1, 1944 in Macclenny, FL, died Dec. 6, 2009 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of the Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, FL, for 40 years. She was employed by Florida Hospital for 10 years. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Walter; one daughter, Stephanie Groho, Rome, PA; three brothers: David Hodges, Stark, FL, and Warren Hodges, Macclenny, and Idus Hodges; and three sisters: Linnie Mann and Louise Griffith of Macclenny, and Janie Wiggins of Sanderson, FL. The service was conducted at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park by Pastor Eric Doran. Interment was at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

MCWILLIAMS, Vera, of Nashville, TN, died Nov. 17, 2009. She was a member of the Madison, TN, Campus Church. She is survived by one son, Darrell, and his wife, Linda, of Goodlettsville, TN.

MELENDEZ, Demetrio, 83, born Aug. 30, 1925 in Jayuya, Puerto Rico, died Aug. 3, 2009 in St. Petersburg, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Spanish Church for 19 years. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Nieves-Melendez; two sons: Edwin of Norton Shores, MI, and Lester of Anchorage, AL; one daughter, Nilsa Lebron, Avon Park; one brother, Samuel Melendez, Mayaquez, Puerto Rico; two sisters: Elizabeth Martinez of Avon Park, and Doris Robles, Alma MI; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted in Avon Park by Dennis Martinez. Interment was at the VA Cemetery in Tampa, FL.

MEYER, Donald Edward, born March 25, 1937 in Bronx, NY, died Dec. 28, 2009 in Duncan, SC. He was a member of the Woodruff, SC, Church. Retired from Mount Pisgah Academy, where he was head of the maintenance department in 2003, Meyer spent 25 years of service working for Union Springs Academy and Mount Pisgah Academy. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Harriet Porter Meyer, four daughters: Terry Ford of Newport, NY, Tammy Thompson of Alamosa, CO, Tay Meyer of Duncan, SC, and Tracy Meyer of Boston, MA; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and four brothers: Warren of Merrick, NY, Walter of Lindenhurst, NY, Richard and Douglas both of Uniondale, Long Island, NY. He is predeceased by his brothers Robert and Bert.

MILLER, Enid, 80, born March 14, 1929 in Ingham County, MI, died July 2009 in Eustis, FL. She was a member of the Umatilla, FL, Church. She is survived by her son, Fred of Eustis; two daughters: Kathleen Greenfield of Umatilla, and Judy Ayers of Jacksonville, FL; one sister, Marjorie Hepburn of Chelsea, MI; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Hamlin and Hilbish Funeral Home in Eustis by Pastor Jim Appel.

MILLS, Donald C., 77, born March 6, 1933 in New York, NY, died May 16, 2010 in Kissimmee, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church. He taught music and Spanish at the junior high level for the New York City public school system for 25 years. His first music recital at Alice Tully Hall in Carnegie Hall at the age of six marked the beginning of his love of music. During the years he served as organist and/or choir director for different churches. He is survived by his wife, Marion; two sons: Adam and Rodney; one daughter, Donette; and 10 grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL, by Pastor Derek Morris.

MONTEITH, Michael G., 96, born April 11, 1913 in Kingston, Jamaica, W.I., died Dec. 17, 2009 in Ocala, FL. He was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Jasmine; one daughter, Tatlin Hollett, Silver Springs Shores; stepson, Lloyd Webster of CA; two brothers: George Aaron, Queens, NY, and Lloyd Aaron, Jamaica, West Indies; one sister, Evelyn Lindsay, Bronx, NY; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted at the Silver Springs Shores Church, Ocala, by Pastor Reynold Maxwell. Interment was at the Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

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MOORE, Kenneth, 85, born April 13, 1924 in Parrish of St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, died Jan. 31, 2010. He was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, Church for six years. He is survived by his wife, Mavis; one son, Glen White; one sister, Carmen Townsend; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was held in Port Charlotte by Pastor Timothy Goff. Interment was in Port Charlotte.

MORGAN, Mary Elizabeth, 86, born Nov. 22, 1923 in Everett, MA, died Jan. 18, 2010 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of Avon Park Church. She served for 11 years as a physical therapist assistant at Parkview Hospital, Brunswick, ME. She is survived by two sons: Herbert of New Auburn, ME, and Christopher of Gaffney, SC; one daughter, Jean Elizabeth Vlna of Columbia, NC; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. A grave side service was held in New Auburn, ME.

MORROW, Franklyn Ames Sr., 74, born Oct. 8, 1936 in Jones County, MS, died Jan. 27, 2010 in Forrest County, MS. He was a member of the Hattiesburg, MS, Church. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Morrow; one daughter, Renee Morrow; one sister, Rose Michna; one brother, Archie "Bob" Clark; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

NELSON, Sr., Dale Everet, 70, born Dec. 14, 1938 in Miami Beach, FL, died Nov. 27, 2009 in Great Falls, MT. He graduated from Laurelbrook Academy and attended Madison College. He lived in Burlington, WA, for the past 30 years, and was involved with the local Adventist Church. He is survived by three children: Charlene Nelson of St. Lucia, Dale Nelson Jr. of Great Falls, and Andrea Esuk of Portland, OR; four grandchildren: Hayley Nelson, Torand Esuk, Alexander Esuk, and Anthony Esuk; two brothers: David Nelson of Great Falls and Clifford Nelson of Gainesville, FL; and one sister, Rachel Thompson Wiegand of Huntsville, AL.

NUNGESSER, Mildred, 92, born Nov. 4, 1917, died Dec. 13, 2009 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Sebring, FL, Church for 22 years. She is survived by her son, James Nungesser of Avon Park, FL; one brother, William Farver of Arizona; and three grandchildren.

OTTO, Arnold C., 90, born July 21, 1919 in Detroit, MI, died July 16, 2009 in Shelbyville, TN. He was a member of the First Church in Shelbyville for 13 years. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Grace Otto of Shelbyville; one son, Timothy Otto of Shelbyville; one sister, Janet Kline of Orlando, FL; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four nieces; and three nephews. He graduated from Andrews University in 1951, and was a teacher and principle for more than 30 years in the Southern Union. At the time of his retirement in 1981, he was principal of Forest Lake Elementary School in Seminole County, FL. He was preceded in death by his sister, Arla Perry; and brother, Hazen Otto.

PANCOAST, Doratha (Dottie) Sue, 68, born Oct. 31, 1941 in Tuscaloosa, AL, died Aug. 28, 2009 in Mobile, AL. She was a member of the Cody Road Church in Mobile. She is survived by two sons: Scott Pancoast and Michael Pancoast.

PASCUAL, Felix H., 85, born Dec. 16, 1924 in the Philippine Islands, died March 2, 2010 in Port Charlotte, FL. He was a member of the Port Charlotte Church for 10 years. In addition to his family medical practice, he served as a company physician for General Motors for many years, and later served as a state prison physician. He is survived by his wife, Rosina; three daughters: Laura (Ed) Dancek, Port Charlotte, Holly Pascual, Tampa, FL, and Melinda (David) Monos, Cleveland, OH; and two grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Port Charlotte Church by Pastor Timothy Goff, and assisted by Lee Huff.

PENNER, Alice Ella, 89, born June 29, 1920 in Fremont, NB, died April 4, 2010 in Collegedale, TN. She grew up in Iowa and Texas, and later attended colleges in Madison, TN, and Washington, DC. She married Bernard Penner in 1947. The couple spent seven years in church-related mission service at Montevideo, Uruguay. Alice worked as an elementary school teacher in Iowa, Maryland, and

Georgia. She was an active church member and also enjoyed bird watching, acrylic painting, and RV travel. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Bernard Penner of Collegedale; three children: Robert Penner of Portland, OR, Kenneth Penner of Seattle, WA, and Jeanie Penner Meyer of Ooltewah, TN; and four grandchildren: Kristen Meyer Harmon of Winter Springs, FL, Kimberly Penner Jones of Chattahoochee, WA, Charles Meyer of Loma Linda, CA, and Heidi Penner of Denver, CO. Memorial services were held April 16 at Collegedale Church.

POLLARD, Claudia, 62, died May 20, 2010 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Wayne Pollard of Valdosta, GA; two sisters: Carla Pollard and Marti Bailey of Cleburne, TX; three brothers: Cary (Linda) Hill III, Little Rock, AR, Roger (Beverly) Hill, and Johnnie (Jackie) Ellis Jr. all of Ft. Worth, TX. She was a member of the Lakeland/Valdosta, GA, Church.

PRITCHETT, Edgar, 95, born April 22, 1914, died Dec. 18, 2009. He was a member of the South Columbia Church. He served in the U.S. Army. He helped organize the Clifton Fire Department, and was the treasurer and volunteer fireman for five years. He is survived by his wife, Neelma Craft Pritchett; one sister, Alberta Bonner of Camden, AL; two brothers: Danny (Betty) Pritchett of Birmingham, AL, and McArthur Pritchett of Norwalk, CT; a host of relatives; and friends.

REISWIG, Ella Lucille (Kelly), 91, born Aug. 8, 1918 in Boone County, east of Lebnon, IN, died Nov. 1 2009 in Yakima, WA. She is survived by one sister, Edith Kelly Rogers of Kentucky; five children: Kay Reiswig Prunty of Montague, CA, Richard V. Reiswig Jr. of Fairfield, CA, Rita Reiswig Holton of Callahan, FL, Brian K. Reiswig of Yakima, WA, and Ron Reiswig of Fairfield, CA; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Jacksonville, FL, Church from 1954-1962, and served as deaconess and children's Sabbath School teacher; she strongly believed in Christian education.

RHODES, Alvin Henry, 87, born Jan. 23, 1922, died Dec. 21, 2009 in Flat Rock, NC. Alvin was a World War II Navy veteran and served on the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid in the Pacific Theater, and also took part in the Philippine Liberation. He was a faithful member of the Mills River, NC, Church. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary; one son, Brian; one daughter, Deborah Barto; two granddaughters: Taylor Barto and Tiffany Matthews; and two great-grandchildren: Ethan and Mackenzie Matthews.

ROADMAN, John W., 97, born April 21, 1913 in Church Hill, TN, died May 6, 2010 in Winter Park, FL. He was a charter member of the Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, FL. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra Schneider, Winter Park; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The service was held at the Wood Lawn Cemetery Chapel, Gotha, FL, by Pastor Eric Doran. Interment was at the Wood Lawn Cemetery, Gotha, FL.

ROUSE, Merle H., 81, died Jan. 18, 2010. He graduated from Union College in Lincoln, NE, and has served the church for 40 years in the roles of education and pastoring. Before retiring in 1993 he was the pastor of Franklin Church for eight years. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Thomas Rouse; three children: Stan M. Rouse of Syracuse, NY, Byron D. Rouse of Langdon, NH, and Gary Rouse of Wingate, NC; three siblings: Wilma Gromer of Ft. Bragg, CA, Dorothy Huenergardt of Apopka, FL, and Raymond Rouse of Avon Park, FL; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews.

SALES, Karoly, 73, born Nov. 20, 1936 in Oriente, Cuba, died March 17, 2010 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; one daughter, Suzette (Doug) Gondera; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Forest Lake Church by Pastor Barbara McCoy. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

SAUNDERS, Arlie R., 96, born March 2, 1913 in Montgomery County, NC, died November 25, 2009. He was a long-standing and active member of Morganton,

NC, Church. He was exceedingly kind, and was always ready to volunteer. He loved to work in his garden and took care of his health. He is survived by two sons: Harry Saunders of Woodstock, GA, and Hoyt Saunders of Morganton; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Geneva Saunders.

SAWTELL, Opal Irene Kobiela, 83, born July 13, 1926 in Valentine, NE, died March 26, 2010 in Severn, MD. She became a member of the Arden, NC, Church in 1992 after spending 31 years in denominational employment. She began working for the Church in 1961 at the Christian Record Foundation in Lincoln, NE, and later moved to the Carolina Conference in 1965, where she served as secretary to Elder Skinner and Elder Wayne Martin. In 1971, she transferred to KY-TN to work with Elder Con Arnold in children and youth ministries. Her last 15 years of service were in the Southern Union Office serving as secretary in the auditing department, and later religious liberty. She loved her retirement years working in the garden and spending time with family. She spent the last four years of her life living with her son and daughter-in-law in Maryland.

SCHMIDT, Beverly (Fisher), 65, born Oct. 17, 1944 in Benton Township, MI, died Jan. 20, 2010 in Chattanooga, TN. She graduated in 1962 from Maplewood Academy in Minnesota. She married Marvin Schmidt in St. Paul, MN, on Aug. 14, 1966. They moved to Tennessee in 1973 and were active in the Ogden Road and Graysville churches. Bev received her LPN license in 1981 and worked for years as a nurse. Marvin and Bev moved to Polk County, TN, in 1990, to help establish a Seventh-day Adventist presence. First, they helped build the Ladd Springs Church, which is near Polk County. Later, they became charter members of the Benton, TN, Church, the first one in Polk County. They used to take care of foster children, including the medically needy. She also participated in evangelism in El Salvador, Central America, and in outreach to Tellico Plains, TN. She witnessed for her faith, even in the hospital during her final illness, both in counsel she gave and in her demeanor of thankfulness and trust in God. She is survived by her husband, Marvin; three sons: Clinton, Byron, and Vance; 10 grandchildren; her mother, Eldora Hatcher; four brothers: Teo, Deryl, Earl, and Alvin; two sisters: Elizabeth and Marie; and numerous nephews, nieces; and other relatives.

SCHWARTZ, Micah Jared, 27, born March 27, 1982 in Henderson County, NC, died Dec. 21, 2009 in Morganton, NC. He was a member of the Morganton Church. He enjoyed biking, gardening, and helping other people. He is survived by his parents: Dennis Wayne Schwartz and Kim Eileen Kephart Schwartz of Morganton; one brother, Josiah D. Schwartz of Morganton; two sisters: Kerah R. (Ryan) Higgins of Hendersonville, NC, and Rebekah Schwartz of Morganton; maternal grandparents: Rose and Denver Kephart of Winburne, PA; paternal grandparents: Barbara Romenesco and Robert Schwartz of Appleton, WI; one uncle, Bill (Denise) Hudson of Morganton; four cousins: Lily, Samuel, Martha, and Grace Hudson; several other relatives; and friends.

SEWARD, Frances, 92, born July 29, 1917, died Oct. 1, 2009 in Madison, TN. She was a member of the Madison, TN, Campus Church. She is survived by three sons: Jonathan, James, and Nathan.

SIMMONS, Robert, 70, born Feb. 29, 1940, died March 27, 2010. He was a member of the Brayton Church in Graysville, TN. He is survived by his wife, Ardith; one son, Andrew; two daughters: Angelia Stewart and Regina Beauregard of Graysville; one brother, Lawton Simmons of Pikeville, TN; and five grandchildren.

SIMS, Herschel Boville, 96, died Dec. 30, 2009. He had been a resident of Collegedale since 1960. Herschel was a devoted Christian and member of McDonald Road Church. He was a very loving and caring person to his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Eloise (Stephens) Sims, to whom he was married for more than 50 years; and their son, Herschel Ray Sims. He

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Aug. 14. Maranatha in Miami Gardens.
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Health Rally – July 10. Madison, GA.
Teen II Camp (ages 13-17) – July 11-18. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
Family Camp – July 20-25. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
Health Rally – July 24. McMinnville, TN.
Roy & Amy Pauley, Gospel Recording Artists – July 24. Stone Mtn Church at 11 am; Atlanta North Church at 7 pm.
Training Women for Leadership – July 30-Aug. 1. Georgia-Cumberland Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.
Health Rally – July 31. Dalton, GA.
Deaf Camp Meeting – Aug. 5-8.

Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
NASCAR Day with John Earnhardt – Aug. 8. Vidalia, GA.
Vidalia Evangelism with John Earnhardt – Aug. 9-11. Vidalia, GA.
First Day of School – Aug. 16. Conference-wide.
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Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Aug. 20-22. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

Gulf States

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Workers' Meeting for Pastors/Educators – Aug. 1-4. Bass Memorial Academy.
Literature Evangelists Retreat – Aug. 5-8. Camp Alamisco.
Bass Memorial Academy Registration – Aug. 8.
Executive Committee – Aug. 17.
Youth Leadership Convention – Aug. 20-22. Camp Alamisco.

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Charleston, SC	8:32	8:30	8:28	8:24	8:19	8:13
Charlotte, NC	8:42	8:40	8:37	8:33	8:27	8:20
Collegedale, TN	8:59	8:57	8:54	8:50	8:45	8:37
Huntsville, AL	8:03	8:02	7:59	7:55	7:49	7:42
Jackson, MS	8:11	8:10	8:08	8:04	7:59	7:53
Louisville, KY	9:10	9:08	9:04	8:59	8:53	8:46
Memphis, TN	8:18	8:16	8:13	8:09	8:03	7:57
Miami, FL	8:16	8:16	8:14	8:11	8:07	8:02
Montgomery, AL	7:56	7:55	7:52	7:48	7:43	7:37
Nashville, TN	8:08	8:06	8:03	7:59	7:53	7:46
Orlando, FL	8:27	8:26	8:24	8:21	8:17	8:11
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