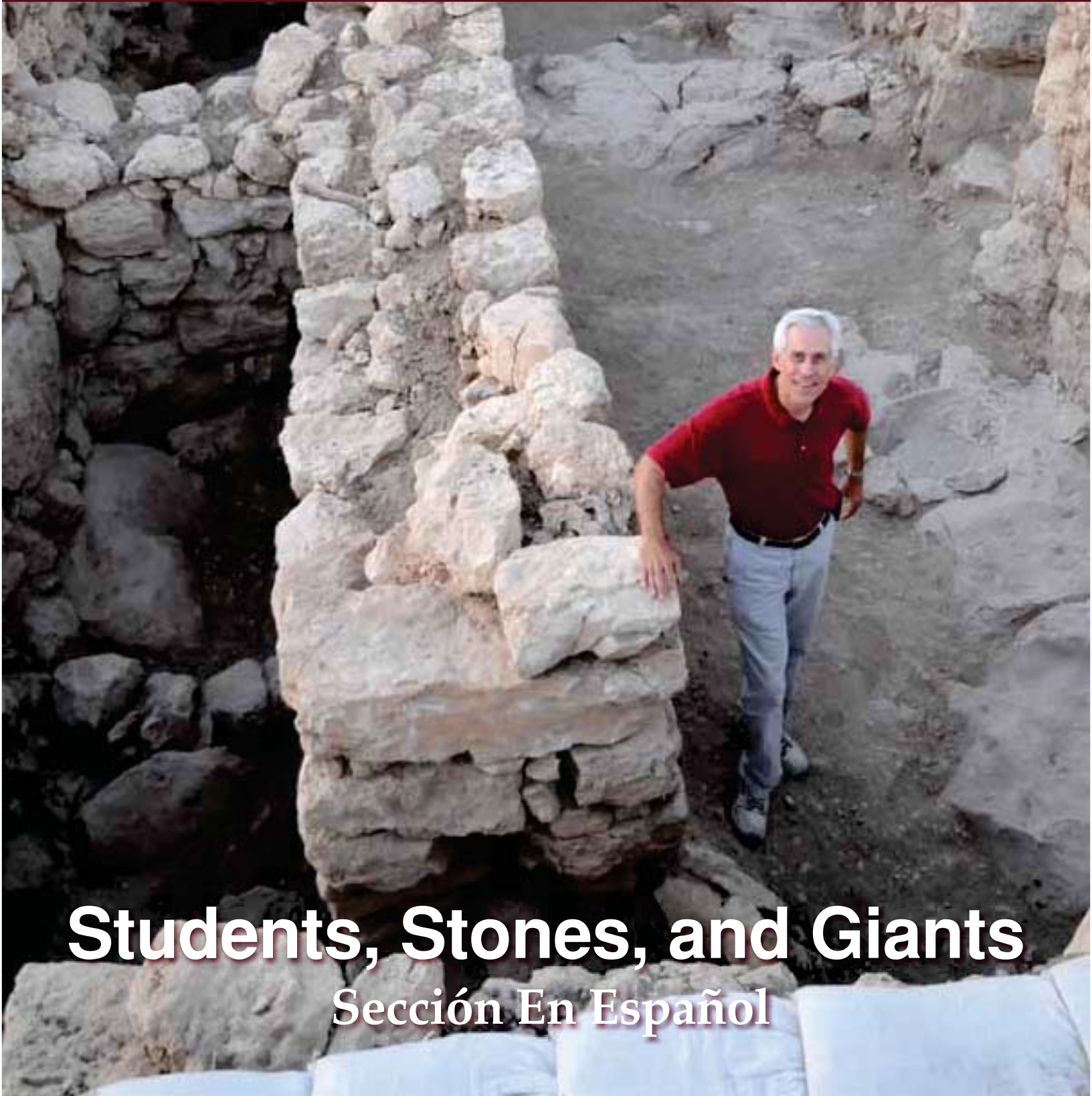


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His Tour

I had an idea recently to spend a week in a section of our Conference. The idea was to visit as many pastors, churches, teachers, and schools as I could in a week.

Usually, when I visit a church, it is on Sabbath. I'll come into a church, speak for the worship service, eat Sabbath dinner, spend a little time with the pastor, maybe have a town hall meeting, and then head for home or for my next appointment.

While that particular method is better than not visiting our churches at all, it does not allow for me to have a whole lot of interaction with our pastors and constituents, and it does not allow me to spend any time at all at our church schools and with our teachers.

I chose to tour Mississippi. I started in the northern part and worked my way south, spending much of my time in what is called "the Mississippi Delta." I had a wonderful time, visiting with the pastors, talking with their families, and visiting the schools.

When I left Mississippi to return home, I had visited with 12 pastors in nine cities; had spoken in four churches; visited two schools — including a school in Memphis, which borders Mississippi; and had stayed in six different hotels. Packing and unpacking, and moving in and out of six different hotels was my *least* favorite part of the tour — other than being separated from my wife.

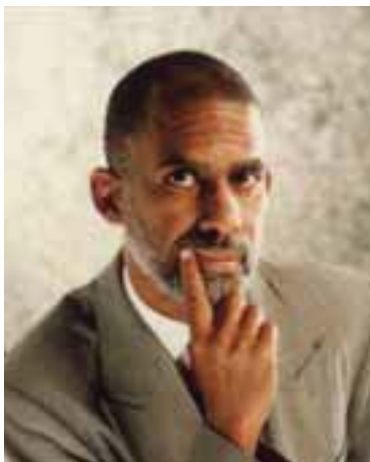
What I enjoyed most was visiting the pastors in their homes. In one home, I ate lunch with the pastor and his wife; in another, the pastor's wife packed a lunch for me that was big enough to "feed the 5,000." In another location, the pastor's two young children drew pictures, welcoming me, which I shall frame in my office. After I prayed to end my visit in another ministerial home, the pastor's four-year-old son asked if he could pray, and while I did not understand much of what he said (my children are grown; I'm rusty), I did hear "Pastor Edmond," so I knew he was praying for me.

What a wonderful experience! I plan to do this again, in different areas of the Conference.

I thought about how differently Jesus' "tour" was from mine. Just like me, He left His home and came to "tour" this Earth. I stayed in nice hotels (nice, *mid-range* hotels, Brother Treasurer!). He had "no place to lay His head." On my tour, I was received warmly. On His, "He came unto His own, but His own received Him not." At the end of my tour, I went home. At the end of His, He went to the cross.

But, praise the Lord, He arose, went back to Heaven to prepare a place for us, so that one day soon, we can go on the greatest tour of all — not, this time, to Mississippi, but to "a city which hath foundations, Whose Builder and Maker is God."

I am going to spend the next several weeks telling people about my tour. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if we all committed ourselves to telling somebody, *today*, about "His tour?"



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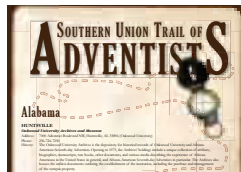
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Cover Caption: Michael G. Hasel, archaeology professor at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee, stands in an area of Khirbet Qeiyafa uncovered by his students this summer.

Cover Feature

A photograph of four students sitting on the ground at an archaeological dig site. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The student on the far left is a young man wearing a tan t-shirt and a colorful bandana. The student next to him is a young woman wearing a blue and white striped sleeveless shirt and a purple bandana. The student next to her is a young woman wearing a white tank top and a red bandana. The student on the far right is a young woman wearing a white t-shirt with a logo and a white bandana. They are surrounded by dirt, rocks, and various pieces of equipment like shovels and buckets. In the background, other people and structures are visible, suggesting a busy work site.

STUDENTS, STONES, AND GIANTS

A MODERN DAVID AND GOLIATH STORY

BY LORI FUTCHER



It's a story – nearly – as old as time itself: A giant taunts God's people but is brought down by a young man and some stones.

Today, that very story is playing out on a hillside overlooking the original scene. The giants are post-modern scholars attempting to take God out of the picture. Asserting that David is a mythological figure who never existed, they chip away at foundations of Christianity and the fabric of Western civilization. (It was through David's seed, after all, that our savior was born.)

These scholars have built their theory of a mythological David on lack of evidence. They say there is no evidence of an organized kingdom, no evidence of major building, and no evidence of extensive literacy.

"This has become one of the most debated issues of biblical history in recent scholarship," says Michael G. Hasel, Ph.D., professor of Near Eastern studies and archaeology at Southern Adventist University.

But just as a young person stepped forward to save the day some 3,000 years ago, Southern Adventist University students are fighting these giants using — you guessed it — stones. These aren't small smooth stones like in the story of old — but gigantic building stones weighing 2 to 4 tons each, stones that are being unearthed by students participating in Southern's archaeological dig at Khirbet Qeiyafa.

These stones alone, forming the remains of buildings and a fortress, are enough to crush the theories of those who use the lack of major buildings or an organized kingdom to support the idea of a mythological David. But within these walls, young people are finding even more clues to our ancient heritage.

KHIRBET QEYAFYA

Southern Adventist University, in partnership with the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, has organized archaeological expeditions to Khirbet Qeiyafa over the past two summers.

Southern students Steven Arauz (left), Allie Westermeyer, Heather Holloway, Brianna Brockman, and Luke Simmonds uncovered one of many restorable vessels found at the site this summer.

Khirbet Qeiyafa may be the very city mentioned at the conclusion of the David and Goliath story:

“And when the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaarayim road to Gath and Ekron” 1 Samuel 17:51-52.

In Hebrew, *shaarayim* means “two gates,” and no other city in Israel from this time period has been found to have two gates.

Khirbet Qeiyafa was probably one of the first fortified cities from the time of David. It was occupied for less than 50 years when it was suddenly vacated, perhaps due to enemies or an earthquake. Because of the sudden evacuation, large quantities of restorable pottery vessels are found on the floors of each excavated room, providing more archaeological evidence to the lifestyle of this period than any other site has revealed.

“We were out on the site digging when [Southern students] Ruth Urdaneta and Sara Bowers uncovered a huge restorable vessel,” recalls Southern student Krista Turner. “When we saw how big it was, it hit me that this could end up in a museum somewhere as having been uncovered at Khirbet Qeiyafa, the very site I was at. We all thought about how someday Khirbet Qeiyafa might be a famous site that we could say we had helped excavate.”

Khirbet Qeiyafa started gaining fame when a discovery at the site two years ago made headlines around the world. This discovery, uncovered by

a 17-year-old volunteer working with the Hebrew University, appeared at first to only be a broken piece of pottery, but upon closer inspection, writing was discovered on it.

Eight hundred years older than the Dead Sea Scrolls, this is the oldest example of Hebrew writing ever discovered. Not only does this writing show that literacy was more widespread than scholars originally thought, but with words like “king” and “judge,” it shows evidence for an organized system of government.

As excitement for the discoveries at Khirbet Qeiyafa has grown, so has the amount of media exposure. This summer, the BBC was filming a special on site, and soon National Geographic will be airing a documentary about Khirbet Qeiyafa.

“It’s neat and kind of scary,” says Hasel. “It’s challenging because you know that the data has to be carefully documented and carefully evaluated because it will be under great scrutiny, not only in the current generation but also in future generations.”



Using small laptops and a database program created by a Southern professor, dig participants Heather Holloway and Michael Hasel were able to document information immediately.

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY DIG

To ensure that this careful documentation happens, Southern has reached out beyond the walls of the School of Religion (where the Institute of Archaeology is housed) to include the expertise of professors in the School of Computing and the School of Visual Art and Design.

Scot Anderson, Ph.D., associate professor in Southern’s School of Computing, spent more than 1,000 hours over the last year creating a database program so that information could be entered directly from the field using small laptops.

“It gives them a little bit more freedom to actually type something about what they’re doing at that point,” say Anderson, “because the tendency if you have to write it down is to shorthand it, thinking they’ll fill in the details later.”

Having the information entered directly into a program also helps speed up the process of getting information into a publishable form. The field of archaeology historically has very slow progress in the publi-

cation of excavation reports. There are even some excavations from the 1950's and early 1970's that haven't been published to a large extent yet. But the organizers of the Khirbet Qeiyafa expedition have made the commitment to publish final excavation reports after every two excavation seasons. This database program is helping make that goal a reality.

"You usually don't think about computers in archaeology," says Michael Dant, associate professor in the School of Computing, who provided technical support and served on the survey team during the dig. "It was neat to contribute in my own academic area, because I have a vested interest in Biblical archaeology. I want to be able to uncover the truth that vindicates the Bible."

Artists also played a role in vindicating the Bible by using their talents to preserve the discoveries of the dig. Giselle Hasel, assistant professor in the School of Visual Art and Design, brought along two young artists to help sketch the artifacts.

"In the field of archaeology, publications often have simple illustrations," says Giselle Hasel. "Often they can't afford artwork by professional artists, so the director ends up drawing some stuff. As artists, we were able to contribute to that area by making the ancient world come to life in a more visual way."

Dean Scott, M.F.A., associate professor in the School of Visual Art and Design, was invited to use his experience in 3-D animated illustrations to create top plans, aerial drawings of the excavated site at each stage of digging. Drawing 8-10 top plans a day, he created more than 200 images. His resulting digital file is layered

so those studying the images can look at specific parts individually or the image as a whole.

"Top plans usually take months and are usually based on drawings done by hand in the field," says Michael Hasel. "These are much more accurate and publication ready."

Scott, who has never been on an archaeological dig before, says he simply did what came naturally and praised God when his work exceeded all expectations. "All the credit goes to the Lord," he says.

THE BATTLE CONTINUES

The truth is, no matter how much evidence is uncovered, the skeptics may never be convinced of the validity of the Bible. Those who don't want to believe in a God will always find something to support their views, even if it means changing their theories.

But that does not mean the battle is over. There are the observers — the masses of people looking for a reason to still believe in a world of skepticism — who may be touched by the dig's findings. And then there are the students themselves, students who during a critical time in their spiritual growth have

had the opportunity to literally reach out and touch the past.

"Going to the site and seeing the ancient walls and artifacts that our group was uncovering made me realize the impact our work was making," says Daniel Cooper, a Southern student who participated in the dig. "We were the first people in centuries to see the artifacts we were excavating."

Repeatedly, alumni from previous digs have shared with the Hasels how much this experience has impacted their spiritual growth. And so, once again, the story of the dig mirrors the story that happened in the valley below the dig site. For it was at this epic battle that David was transformed from a shepherd boy to a young man fulfilling his destiny.

Perhaps the students who have uncovered these stones and stories of the past will also see this as a transformational experience and keep on digging — in the dirt and in scriptures — to find the story God has scripted for their lives.

Lori Fletcher is communications manager at Southern Adventist University.



High-tech equipment (and sometimes a little bravery) was used to survey the sites as they were uncovered, providing exact documentation of the position in which each item was discovered.



A Great General of the Lord's Army

Elder Charles E. Dudley stands by as Elders Herman Murphy and Walter W. Fordham, who were the first two presidents of the South Central Conference, make statements at the 1990 opening of the South Central headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. In the background are Elders Charles E. Bradford, Alfred McClure, and Delbert Baker, Ph.D.

Charles Edward Dudley Sr., President Emeritus of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Charles Edward Dudley Sr. was born February 1, 1927, in South Bend, Indiana, to the late Joseph and Julia Dudley. He died April 18, 2010, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dudley began his formal education in the Seventh-day Adventist elementary school in Kansas City, Missouri. Later, he was educated in South Bend public schools, and transferred in his senior year in 1944 to Oakwood Academy of Seventh-day Adventists in Huntsville, Alabama, and graduated. He attended Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Michigan, during the mid-40's, and transferred to Oakwood College (Oakwood University) and obtained a degree in theology in 1947.

The first 15 years after graduation, he served in pastoral ministry in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama. His pastorate continued in the southwestern part of the United States in Louisiana before serving as treasurer of

the Southwest Region Conference in 1962 in Texas.

Uniquely and with distinction, Dudley served as president of the South Central Conference for 31½ years, and holds the record of serving the longest administrative tenure in the history of the World Church.

Dudley's phenomenal record of progress includes the following: South Central's membership increased from 4,300 to 23,000, and tithes increased from \$210,000 to more than \$7,000,000. Pastoral staff grew from 19 to 67, and the teaching staff from 13 to 68. More than 100 new congregations were organized; and more than 100 churches and school buildings were erected/purchased throughout Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, and northwest Florida. A total of 130 ministerial interns were sponsored to Andrews University Theological Seminary; and more than \$16,000,000 was given to support Oakwood Uni-

versity (formerly Oakwood College). Seven federally subsidized complexes were built for the elderly and indigent.

Dudley was a teacher of Church administration for the majority of black and some white administrators. Many pastors who served under his administration and influence became conference presidents: Jesse R. Wagner, Charles D. Joseph, Richard C. Brown Sr., Norman K. Miles, Ralph P. Peay, James M. Doggett, Donald L. Crowder, Sherman H. Cox, Robert L. Lister, W. J. Cleveland, Harold L. Cleveland, L. Chacha, Joseph W. McCoy, and Benjamin P. Browne. Others became secretaries, treasurers, union evangelists, editors, and directors.

His tenacity for building, and his vision for expansion of the work produced many programs, organizations, and councils which he founded or co-founded: Southwest Region Academy in Dallas, Texas in 1958; Infiltration Ministries; The Caucus of Black

Leaders; Black Presidents' Council in 1962; Black Adventist Medical/Dental Organizations of Seventh-day Adventists in 1968 in the North American Division (NAD); *The North American Regional Voice* publication from 1979 to 1992; The Annual Regional Evangelism Council at Oakwood University with Edward E. Cleveland and Robert L. Woodfork; Regional Scholarships for Black Medical/Dental and Graduate Students was established in 1972; Inner Cities Ministries and Friendship Camps by E. W. Moore in 1965; Black Workers' Supplemental Retirement Program for Retired Workers in 1984; Black Seventh-day Adventist Archives Program in 1990; Evangelism Blitz Program in Natchez, Mississippi, in 1971; a Student Intern Auditing Program for Black Seventh-day Adventist Youth of the South Central Conference; and The General and Union Conference Monthly Subsidies for Education were enacted in 1972.

God expanded his territory through service on the following boards: Southern Union Conference Executive Committee, Southern Union Association Board of Directors, Oakwood University Board of Trustees, Oakwood University Executive Board of Directors, and Tennessee Christian Medical Center Board of Trustees for 31½ years; Southern Adventist University (formerly Southern College) Board of Trustees for 28 years; NAD Regional Presidents Council for 27 years; Riverside Hospital and Southern Publishing Association Board of Trustees for 19½ years; Adventist Health Systems/Sunbelt; Adventist Medical Center; Review and Herald Board of Trustees for 15 years; Christian Record Services Board of Trustees for three years; and Tamco Housing Board of Trustees from 1990. He also chaired several boards: South Central Conference Executive Committee; the Regional Council of Evange-

lism; the Board of Education for the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for 31½ years; South Central Conference's seven Housing Boards for 23 years; the Caucus of Black NAD Leaders for 25 years; the Executive Committee of *The North American Regional Voice* publication; The Regional Conference Presidents' Council since its inception; and the Adventist Education Development Corporation Board of Trustees.

Dudley loved writing. He found fulfillment in writing a monthly column for *The North American Regional Voice* for 13 years; and was a contributing



editor for *Message Magazine*, *Southern Tidings*, *The SDA Ministry Magazine*, the *Adventgechichte* (German) *Journal*, and the *Adventist Review*. His desire to preserve history and knowledge of African-Americans in the Seventh-day Adventist Church compelled him to author four volumes on African-American history in the Seventh-day Adventist de-

nomination, entitled, *Thou Who Hath Brought Us*.

His accomplishments were recognized regionally: The Governor's Award from the State of Tennessee, recognition awards from the State of Tennessee as chaplain of the House of Representatives during its session, and the State of Alabama in the legislative session of the House of Representatives in 1967, Oakwood College National Alumni Certificate of Merit for raising more than \$16,000,000 for the College, recognition award — Certificate of Merit from Oakwood College Church for assisting in the construction of the College Church on the campus, recognition plaque for 31 years of Administrative Leadership Services in the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination from the Southern Union Conference, and Adventist Education Development Foundation Award for support

of 14 elementary/academy schools in the southland. Across the nation he also received the Citation of Excellence Award from Presidents George Bush and William Clinton; Award of Distinction from the NAD during its 1992 Evangelism Council and NAD/FHES Leadership Council in Orlando, Florida; recognition plaque from the NAD Regional Presidents; and Who's Who Among Black Religious Church Leaders, Black Leaders in America, and African-Americans. Globally, he was recognized in the International Who's Who of Professionals 1995, 1996. The plethora of awards, certificates, plaques, and citations — both denominational and non-denominational — are only a few from his wall of more than 200. His wisdom and understanding of the Bible influenced three institutions of higher learning to confer honorary degrees upon him: doctor of laws, Union Baptist Seminary Birmingham, Alabama, 1969; doctor of divinity, London Institute of Applied Research, London, England, 1973; and Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, 1992.

The General Conference Sessions held in 1980 and 1985 elected Dudley to serve with the World Church organization, but he declined and remained with the NAD and people throughout the world field.

He and his wife, Etta M. Maycock Dudley, were married since 1947. She served as his personal secretary for 31 years. Both served as ambassadors for the Church when visiting the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Africa, Europe, China, the Far East, Hawaii, and Alaska.

The legacy he leaves with his children Bonita (Joseph) Dudley Scott, Charles (Deborah) Dudley II, Albert (Nancy) Dudley Sr., Benson (Annette) Mugemancuro, Edmond and Averil Julius, and Seth (Theresa) Bardu; grandchildren; and great-grandchild is servant leadership, administration, love for people, and discipleship.

The Dudleys pastored Shelbyville and Decherd, Tennessee, congregations prior to retirement.

Autobiography of Elder Charles Edward Dudley — Edited by Michael Harpe

Paid In Full

BY BONG HO KIM

The Atlanta Korean Church had a special building consecration service August 21, 2010. The service was to celebrate, offer thanksgiving, and commemorate that the church is now debt-free and the underlying mortgage is paid off.

To help in the rejoicing, they invited every senior pastor who had previously served. The church building project for Atlanta Korean Church started November 1, 1992, under the leadership of Pyung Jang Ha. The church was finished January 21, 1995. Although there were many challenges and obstacles to overcome during the years, the church members were able to pay off the mortgage October 2009.

Amazingly, tenants came to the church almost immediately after completion, and wanted to rent the facilities on Sundays. Throughout the mortgage years there were tenants renting the church facilities that played a big part in helping pay off the mortgage. When the last tenants at the church left, they did so after the last mortgage payment was made. It is the belief that this was all providentially ordained.

Last January, there was a major leak in one of the classrooms due to the freezing weather. Although

initially it was disheartening, in the end the church received enough money from the insurance claim to not only fix the leak, but to also replace all the carpet inside the church.

Not long before that, there was hail damage to the roof of the church, and the insurance company paid more than enough to replace the roof, allowing the church to put in a new playground.

Atlanta Korean Church firmly believes that God is good and has seen Him change problems to blessings, time and time again.

The church held a special week-long meeting starting August 16, 2010, to thank God for the blessings. Guests Sung Ha Park and Yang Woo Nam were invited from Korea for this special occasion.

The Sabbath morning before the church building consecration service, four church members were baptized,



Hyung Mo Park (left); Kurt Allen; Mitch Hazekamp, Conference Association secretary; Sung So Im; and Bong Ho Kim, pastor, celebrate Atlanta Korean Church's mortgage paid in full.

SUBMITTED BY BONG HO KIM

including Yeong Sin and Jung Min Lee, Yung Seuk Kim, and Jong Kyu, who has attended the church for more than 10 years.

For the building consecration service, Kurt Allen, Conference vice president for finance/treasurer, was the keynote speaker. All were deeply moved by Pyung Jang Ha's reflections. More than 400 members from the area churches were in attendance, and stayed for a special fellowship dinner.

Atlanta Korean Church prays for God's continued blessing on their church and ministry.

FORMER ATLANTA KOREAN PASTORS:

- Chun Taek Yim (June 1974 - June 1980)
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- Jae Yoon Oh (September 1984 - May 1990)
- Pyung Jang Ha (May 1990 - February 1996)
- Sung Woo Park (May 1996 - December 2000)
- Kang Soo Lee (January 2000 - December 2008)
- Bong Ho Kim (January 2009 - present)



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The children's choir at Atlanta Korean Church performs during the consecration service.

PAWs for the Health and Wellness Cause

BY GEORGE ASHLEY, PH.D.



Oakwood junior nursing students Ardith Amakando and Simeon Maycock perform a blood pressure check on Lindsey Bryant, a senior social work major.

For most students, entering college is one of the most exciting periods of their lives. However, the complex, high-pressured expectations of academics, residential life, finances, family, peer relationships, and other pressures that students encounter in college can be an overwhelming experience for many students. One of the side-effects of being unable to cope with such pressures is depression.

There are numerous scholarly studies that clearly affirm that untreated depression is one of the leading causes of suicide among college students. Our Adventist higher education systems are not immune to the pressures that lead to depression, which is why the Peer Advocates for Wellness program was initiated at Oakwood University.

Peer Advocates for Wellness (PAWs) is comprised of students selected from the Nursing, Physical Therapy, Psychology, and Social Work departments at Oakwood University. Students are trained to administer mental health education services to their peers by providing prevention information, peer support, and outreach. Presentations and

wellness-promoting resources for students who have concerns about health and wellness issues within the student body are also primary focuses of this program. PAWs is funded by a grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHA) and is administered through the Oakwood University (OU) Student Services Division. Oakwood is one of at least 16 historically black institutions that conduct pilot program initiatives with the goal of addressing issues such as depression and substance abuse rates among college students, which ultimately leads to healthier campuses.

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the PAWs team provided program orientations for faculty and staff to make them aware of the program objectives. In addition, PAWs provided individual peer support for students, conducted residential group presentations, administered grief support at OU's Haitian Memorial Service sponsored by students impacted by the January 2010 earthquake disaster, and performed depression screenings and referrals for students who were in need of counseling assistance.

The highlight of the PAWs program during the last academic year was a collaborative arrangement with the United Student Movement (stu-

dent government) and other student clubs from various academic departments to host a campus-wide health week. This initiative consisted of a number of events and activities that were built upon holistic wellness principles, such as spirituality, mental health, physical health, nutrition, and service to others. Some of the week's events included the following:

- Spiritual Health Emphasis
- Physical Health Screening
- Blood Pressure Check
- Blood Sugar-level Check
- Aqua-massage — Stress Relief
- HIV/AIDS Testing
- Mental Health/Depression Screening

Based on the quality feedback received from this event, students,



PAWs team members Nathan Drew, junior social work student; Kayla Edwards, junior social work student; and Michelle Brown, Health Services Department, conduct a depression screening with students during Health Awareness Week at Oakwood University.

faculty, and staff considered this to be a significant week in the school year, as it provided avenues in which student clubs and organizations could work together for the common good of the institution. Plans are already under way for the current academic year as PAWs

considers ways in which Health Week can be enhanced. Special thanks to the PAWs team, USM, Student Services, student clubs, faculty, staff, and community agencies who worked together to make this event a reality.

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

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Address: 7000 Adventist Boulevard NW, Huntsville, AL 35896 (Oakwood University)

Phone: 256-726-8278

History: Oakwood Memorial Gardens is owned and operated by Oakwood University. Fees paid are directed toward student scholarships and cemetery care. The cemetery is also home to the graves of ***E. E. Cleveland, Frank L. Jones, Garland G. Millet,*** and ***Calvin E Moseley,*** all of whom served the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. ***Eva B. Dykes, Ph.D.,*** the first African-American to complete her Ph.D., is also interred here. Adjacent to Oakwood Memorial Gardens is a documented slave cemetery, as Oakwood is located on land that once served as a plantation. A memorial has been placed marking the graves of unnamed slaves buried there.



Florida

Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist Church

ebenezer33.adventistchurchconnect.org

Address: 495 Baker Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830

Phone: 863-533-8633

History: The Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist Church has the distinction of being the oldest church in the Southeastern Conference. It is also the first African-American Seventh-day Adventist Church established in the state of Florida.

Hours: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.



Ephesus Junior Academy

www.ephesusjunioracademy.com

Address: 2760 W. Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32209

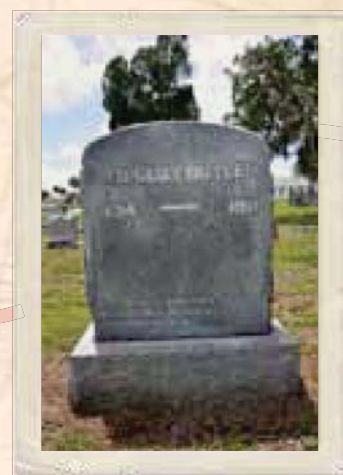
Phone: 904-765-3225

History: Established in 1907, Ephesus Junior Academy has the distinction of being the oldest school in the Southeastern Conference.

Grave of Elder George I. Butler (1834-1918)

Address: Bowling Green City Cemetery, corner of Bryan and Cemetery, Bowling Green, FL 33834

History: George Ide Butler served twice as president of the General Conference, was the second president of the Florida Conference, and the second president of the Southern Union. His wife, Lenth Lockwood Butler (b. 1826, d. 1901), is buried on his left, and his sister, Aurora Butler Lockwood (b. 1827, d. 1902), is on his right.



Inter-American Division Headquarters

www.interamerica.org

Address: 8100 S.W. 117th Avenue, Miami, FL 33183-4827

Phone: 305-403-4700

History: The Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists was organized 1922. The Division serves 12 union missions and conferences throughout Central America and the Caribbean, and is headquartered in the Southern Union Conference territory for ease of organization. There are currently 10,145 churches, with a membership of 3,232,946.

Southern Most Seventh-day Adventist Church

southernmost22.adventistchurchconnect.org

Address: 1006 Thomas Street, Key West, FL 33040

Phone: 305-294-4077

History: As its name suggests, the Southern Most Seventh-day Adventist Church has the distinction of being the southernmost Seventh-day Adventist church in the North American Division.

Hours: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Hour, 11:00 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Georgia

ATLANTA / CALHOUN

Atlanta First Church

Address: 543 Cherokee Avenue, Atlanta, GA (corner of Cherokee and Orleans)

History: Atlanta First Church is thought to have been established in the 1920's. During this time the ***Georgia-Cumberland Conference*** office was located next door. In the early 1950's it moved and became Kirkwood Church on Howard Street;



and then in the late 1960's moved again to Atlanta Belvedere Church on Covington Highway in Decatur, GA. And again, the Conference office moved to a location just across the street. During the time of Atlanta First, the old **Atlanta Sanitarium** and **Southern Publishing Association** had offices on Memorial Drive across from Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta.

Atlanta Union Academy

Address: Corner of Elodie and Mercer, Atlanta, GA

History: Atlanta Union Academy was thought to be active during the 1950's and 1960's. Part of the school foundation still stands, and the old school gymnasium – also a recreation facility for Kirkwood/Atlanta Belvedere churches – is still standing, though abandoned. **Georgia-Cumberland Conference** housing was also located nearby.

Berean Christian Junior Academy (1906)

www.bcjaschool.org

Address: 401 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

Phone: 404-799-0337

History: In 1906, a mission school was started by the Atlanta-Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church. It has evolved from an elementary school to a junior academy in the 1950's and expanded to include grades 9 and 10. In 1981, Berean Junior Academy gave birth to Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy (GAAA) which began to serve students in grades 9-12. Today Berean Christian Junior Academy serves 160 students from grades K-8 and shares a 50,000-sq.-ft. facility with GAAA as well as Berean Child Development Center for children ages 18 months to four years old.

Atlanta-Berean Church in Atlanta, GA (1903)

www.atlantabereansda.org

Address: 291 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

Phone: 404-799-7288

History: The Atlanta-Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized in 1903 under the leadership of Anna Knight. It is the first African-American Adventist church organized in Atlanta. In the 1960's, the membership of the church increased dramatically through the evangelism of its pastor, Harold L. Cleveland. Since that time other renowned pastors have followed: C. Dunbar Henri Sr., Robert L. Woodfork, and Walter L. Pearson Jr. Through the evangelistic efforts of many of its pastors, other Adventist churches were organized in Atlanta. Under the leadership of Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., Atlanta-Berean has a 2010 membership of more than 3,800.

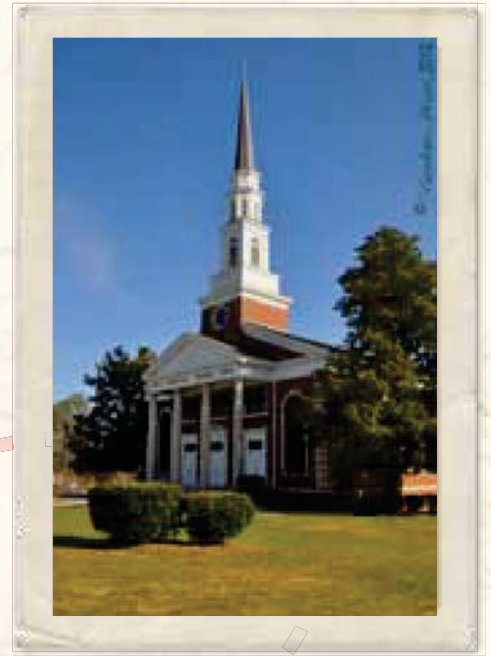
Douglasville, GA, Seventh-day Adventist Church

<http://douglasville22.adventistchurchconnect.org/>

Address: 2838 Bright Star Road, Douglasville, GA 30135

Phone: 770-942-3780

History: Louisa Henley Vansant became the first Seventh-day Adventist in Douglas County in 1892. Louisa was the wife of John Vansant, a Civil War veteran of the Battle of Atlanta and son of Jacob Vansant, one of the founders of the county. Scores of their descendants now attend the Adventist church. In the early 1900's the old Vansant place on Bright Star Road was turned over to the Seventh-day Adventist church, which operated a sanitarium and used a one-story community school building on the property for church services. In 1913 the church built a second floor for church services and used the first floor for a school. Hundreds of students throughout the community attended this school.



Grave of Coleridge Dunbar Henri Sr.

Address: Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 5755 Mallory Road, College Park, GA 30349

Phone: 770-964-7871

History: Coleridge Dunbar Henri, 1912-2002, began his ministry in the Lake Union Conference. In 1945 he went to West Africa, where he served as principal, union president, and evangelist. He returned to the U.S. in the mid-1960's and pastored in the South Atlantic Conference (Orlando, FL, and Atlanta, GA) until his return to East Africa in 1970 – where he became the first black president of the East African Union. Henri and his wife, Lorraine, served almost 24 years in Africa. He was elected general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1973 and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1980.

Kentucky

LEXINGTON

Former home of Mary Britton (physician and civil rights defender)

Address: 545 North Limestone Street, Lexington, KY 40511

History: Mary E. Britton, a charter member of the Lexington Seventh-day Adventist Church located on the corner of Fifth and Upper, became the first African-American woman to practice medicine in Lexington after graduating from the American Missionary College in Chicago, IL. She practiced medicine, specializing in hydrotherapy and electrotherapy, from 1904 through 1923 at her home at 545 North Limestone Street while maintaining her social activism. She is buried in Lexington Cove Haven Cemetery. Britton wrote hundreds of newspaper articles against racial segregation for such noted newspapers as the *American Citizen*, *The Daily Transcript* and *The Kentucky Leader*. The Colored Orphan and Industrial Home was founded by a prominent group of African-American women which included Mary E. Britton as founding director. It was located at 644 Georgetown Street.



LOUISVILLE

Magazine Street Church

Address: 1942 Magazine Street, Louisville, KY 40203

Phone: 502-776-7173

History: A group of African-Americans in the late 1880's attended a tent meeting conducted by a layman, S. Osborn. Later they were led by A. Berry, a licensed minister, until C.M. Kinney, the first black minister ordained by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, organized the group into a mission in 1890. J.H. Lawrence came to Louisville in 1910, and found a group of 20 members meeting in the parlor of the church's local elder's home. He conducted several meetings, forming a stronger and larger congregation. They began to operate a church school for their children and the children of the community in 1915. This school is still in operation, known today as Emma L. Minnis Jr. Academy. In the late 1930's, under the pastorate of J.H. Miller, they built a sanctuary near the corner of 20th and Magazine Streets. In March of 1952, the building was destroyed by fire. E.T. Mimms oversaw the building of the present structure on the same location, which was completed in 1956 and re-named the Magazine Street Temple. In October of 2009, Kennedy Luckett, pastor, and the congregation, celebrated the re-opening of the Temple after a \$700,000 renovation.



Mississippi

SOSO

Anna Knight Grave and Exhibit

Address: 375 David Crosby Road, Laurel, MS 39443

Phone: c/o Florence Blaylock, 601-729-3542

History: Anna Knight, 1874-1972, was an educator, missionary nurse, Bible and departmental worker, and author. In 1898 she graduated from Battle Creek College as a missionary nurse and returned to Mississippi to operate a self-supporting school in Jasper County. In 1901 she was appointed a missionary to India, where she served six years. In 1909 she was called by the Southeastern Union to work in Atlanta. Her duties included nursing, teaching, and Bible work. When the Southeastern Conference and Southern Conference merged, she served in the education department until 1945. She was the author of *Mississippi Girl*, the story of her life. At 98 years old, she was serving as president of the National Colored Teachers' Association. A few months before her death, she was awarded the Medallion of Merit Award for extraordinary meritorious service to Seventh-day Adventist education.



VICKSBURG

Morning Star Seventh-day Adventist Church

Address: 1117 Fayette Street, Vicksburg, MS

History: Edson White arrived in Vicksburg, January 10, 1895, and soon opened his first school on the corner of Walnut Street and East First Avenue. A night school flourished, with attendance reaching 150. A day school was later established, operating for three seasons. Because of problems with flooding he built a school on Fayette Street. It was designed by W. K. Loughborough. Ellen White preached the dedication sermon for the school and chapel in March 1901. The original building was destroyed by a tornado in the early 1950's and was replaced with the current building. The congregation now worships at 1954 Sky Farm Avenue, Vicksburg, MS 39183-2047, 601-638-0430.



YAZOO CITY

Lintonia Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church

<http://lintoniachapel22.adventistchurchconnect.org>

Address: 410 Clay Avenue, Yazoo City, MS 39194-3642

Phone: 662-746-2368

History: This school was opened by Edson White in 1897. It was first a moveable chapel, but was rebuilt in 1906. It is one of the oldest original Adventist buildings in the South.



North and South Carolina

Grave of Robert H. Pierson

Address: Shepherd Memorial Park, 5045 Asheville Highway (U.S. 25), Hendersonville, NC 28791

Phone: 828-692-1463

History: Robert H. Pierson (1911-1989) was a pastor, evangelist, missionary, author, administrator, and president of the General Conference from 1966 to 1979. He was the first GC president to officially visit the USSR. He authored 25 books and many poems.

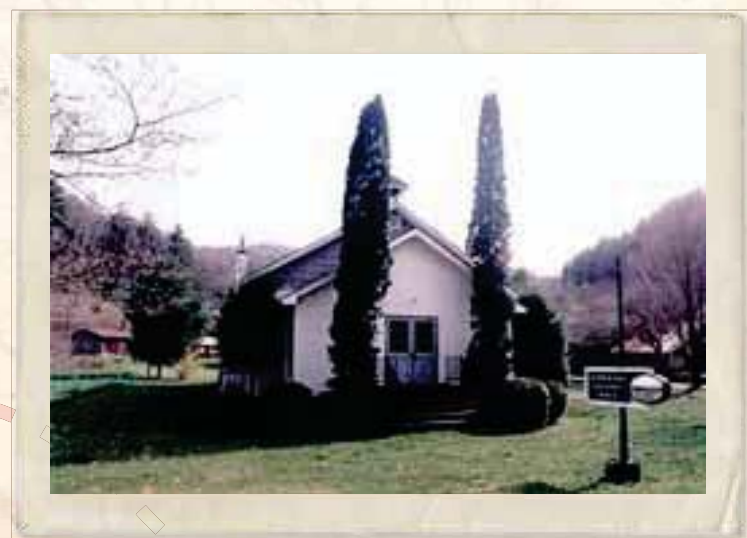
Valle Crucis Church

www.mountainchurches.org/webpages/vallecrucis.aspx

Address: 337 Dutch Creek Ext. Banner Elk, NC 28604-8487

Phone: 828-963-4724

History: The Valle Crucis Church, originally called the Bethel Church, was organized by L. P. Hodges in the home of Larkin Townsend on May 15, 1881, with 11 charter members. The membership included the believers at Banner Elk, which became a separate organization in 1912. Realizing the need for a meeting house in which to worship, Townsend donated the land, and the believers walked as far as 10 miles to help build their church on Dutch Creek in 1882. This is believed to be the first church building ever built by Seventh-day Adventists south of the Mason-Dixon Line.



Tennessee

COLLEGEDALE/CHATTANOOGA

College Press

www.cplitho.com

Address: 4981 Industrial Drive, Collegedale, TN 37315

Phone: 800-277-7377

History: The College Press was vital to the success and history of Southern Adventist University. To make college more affordable for students during the Great Depression, students worked at the College Press to cover some costs of their tuition. The College Press opened in 1917, providing work for students while printing publications for the church and community. For more than 90 years, the College Press has been printing the Southern Union periodical, now called *Southern Tidings*. Though no longer owned by Southern, the College Press continues to hire students and produce materials for the University and the Adventist Church.

Lynn H. Wood Archaeology Museum

Address: 4881 Taylor Circle, Collegedale, TN 37315 (Southern Adventist University)

History: The Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum is home to the largest teaching collection of ancient Near Eastern ceramics in North America. It contains more than 200 objects from Egypt, Babylonia, Persia, Syria-Palestine, Greece, Cyprus, and Anatolia. Highlights of the exhibit include an ancient Babylonian brick stamped with Nebuchadnezzar's name, a complete series of lamps from the Chalcolithic to the early Arabic periods, a rare Syrian clay model of a chariot complete with wheels, handwritten cuneiform tablets from the ancient Ur, and a series of Syrian toggle pins from the Middle Bronze Age.

Collegedale Memorial Park, Grave of Alfred C. McClure

Address: College Drive, Collegedale, TN 37315

History: Alfred C. McClure, 1931-2006, was a former president of the North American Division. During his 10-year leadership, more than 250,000 people were baptized in North America. He was also in the forefront of satellite evangelism in the 1990's, the first of which was NET '95, with more than 150,000 attending the opening meeting in more than 2,000 sites.

McKee Bakery (Little Debbie Snack Cakes)

<http://mckeefoods.com/>

Address: 9525 Apison Pike, Collegedale, TN 37315

History:

Home of the famous Little Debbie Snacks, the McKee Bakery was established during the Great Depression. O.D. and Ruth McKee, alumni of Southern Adventist University (then known as Southern Junior College) were looking for a way to support their family and provide a service to people in their community. Their solution was the bakery, which found a strong foothold in the 1960's when the Little Debbie line was introduced. Today, Little Debbie is America's leading snack cake brand. The McKee Bakery is still run by the McKee family.

Veteran's Memorial Park and Desmond Doss statue

Address: 9300 block of Apison Pike, Collegedale, TN 37315

History: Desmond Doss served as a medic in the Army in the Pacific during World War II. He was the first conscientious objector to the military rules to receive a Medal of Honor. As a Seventh-day Adventist, Doss refused to carry a weapon or train during the Sabbath hours. In spite of this, Doss came out as a hero, having saved many of his comrades. On one occasion, during the battle in Okinawa, Japan, Doss refused to take cover from the enemy fire and instead proceeded to carry 75 wounded soldiers one by one to safe territory. He did not stop until each soldier was out of harm's way 12 hours later. The Desmond Doss statue was sculpted in bronze by Georgia sculptor Gregory Johnson.



GRAYSVILLE / DAYTON

Graysville Sanitarium

Address: 3900 block of Dayton Avenue, Graysville, TN 37338

History: The first southern sanitarium was built in 1902 on the side of Lone Mountain. The Southern Union had doctors and nurses working to make the sanitarium a welcome resort for relaxation and retreat. Students from Graysville Academy worked in the sanitarium's kitchen, making healthy foods for the patients and residents of Graysville. The sanitarium was open until 1915. The foundation still stands today.

Graysville School & Academy

Address: Corner of Dayton Avenue and College Street, Graysville, TN 37338

History: Founded in 1892 by G. W. Colcord and his wife. Graysville Academy started as an elementary school with an enrollment of 23 young students. During the next century, it would grow and change until it transformed into what is now Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN. A church and school remains on this original site, as well as a marker to memorialize the historic location.



MADISON AREA

Edgefield Junction

Address: 630 Myatt Drive, Madison, TN 37115 (The property to the left of the Recycling Center was the location of the Edgefield Junction Church.)

History: Adventism in this Nashville area began at Edgefield Junction, TN, in 1871 with the ministry of Elbert B. Lane, the first Seventh-day Adventist minister to work in the South. He and his wife, Ellen B. Edmonds Lane, were both evangelists. In 1873 Lane returned and organized the Edgefield Junction Church. A Caucasian church was organized in May of 1873, and an African-American one was organized 10 years later in 1883, under the leadership of President Samuel Fulton.

Madison Academy Sites

Address: 100 Academy Road, Madison, TN 37115

Madison Foods & Printing Office

When Ellen G. White visited in 1901 she "found that a building had been purchased very cheaply, and the workers there are preparing to manufacture health foods. A printing office is in operation, and it is needed. Now they can publish papers and small books and perhaps larger books, reducing the price as much as possible."

Madison Heritage House

The Heritage House has been restored and is open for touring. Bessie DeGraw, one of the founders, lived here and married E. A. Sutherland, president of Madison, during his final year of life. It contains pictures of the founders and distinguished graduates of Madison College, as well as other historical people affiliated with the institution in one way or another. A complete set of Madison Surveys chronicles the Madison story. Visitors are welcome. To tour it and the campus, call Albert Dittes at 615-325-5864 (home) or 615-579-8894 (cell).

The Layman Foundation

The Layman Foundation, the financial arm of the Madison enterprise, is still active. Lida Funk Scott, a major benefactor of Madison, chartered it in 1924 with her personal fortune inherited from her father, Isaac Fink, co-founder of Funk & Wagnalls Publishing Co. It helped develop the work of Madison through loans and grants. The office has since moved to Collegedale, TN, and assists several self-supporting Adventist schools. The Layman Foundation: 4922 La Collina Way, Collegedale, TN 37315, 423-643-4080.



Springhill Cemetery: Madison College Faculty and Friends Plot Grave of Eliza J. Burnham, Editor

www.springhillfh.com

Address: 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216-1305

Phone: 615-865-1101

History: **Madison College Faculty and Friends Plot:** Among those buried here are E. A. Sutherland, one of the founders of Madison College and Sanitarium; and Josephine Gotzian, a philanthropist, who assisted in the purchase of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium in San Diego, CA, and gave to the Sonoma School, the work in Madison, Nashville, and Huntsville.

Eliza J. Burnham Grave: Born January 18, 1842, died February 12, 1909, buried February 13 in Springhill Cemetery, Section C. She was connected with Church work for nearly 40 years, and was editor of papers in Australia and the United States. She also worked for Ellen G. White.

Tennessee Christian Medical Center (former)

<http://www.skylinemadison.com/>

Address: 500 Hospital Drive, Madison, TN 37115

History: The history of TCMC dates back to 1904 when, at the urging of Ellen White, the property was purchased along the Cumberland River by P. T. Magan and E. A. Sutherland to establish a self-supporting agricultural school. Later a college and sanitarium were established. Madison Hospital eventually became part of the Adventist Health System and renamed Tennessee Christian Medical Center. In 2004, TCMC was sold by AHS to Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). It has been converted into a for-profit rehabilitation center operated as Skyline-Madison Campus. Adjacent to the former TCMC is Madison Academy, Madison Campus Elementary School, Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia.

NASHVILLE AREA

F. H. Jenkins Elementary School

<http://fhjenkins.org/>

Address: 814 Youngs Lane, Nashville, TN 37207

Phone: 615-227-8992

History: Named for the late Fitzgerald H. Jenkins, a former education superintendent for South Central Conference, this school for grades 1-8 grew out of two schools operated by Hillcrest and Riverside. This school began in 1905 by Anna M. Nicholas, who operated a school in her home near the church. Thirty or more students attended her school. From this school a school was opened in the basement of the church in November 1905. It was called the Nashville Mission School.

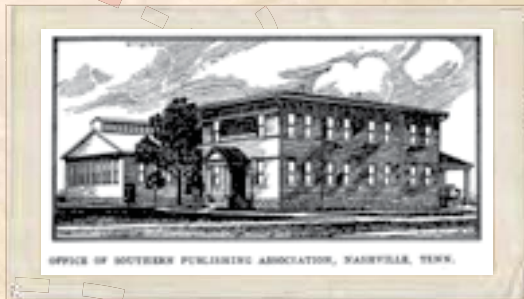
Riverside Hospital

History: Opened by Nellie Druillard for African-Americans in 1927, the Riverside Hospital served the Nashville community for more than 50 years. Carl Dent, M.D., served as medical director for many years. It was sold in 1983.

Southern Publishing Association (former)

Address: 24th Avenue, N, Nashville, TN 37207

History: On October 3, 1905, the SPA purchased a seven-acre tract of land on 24th Avenue, North, from James Edson White and sold the Jefferson Street property. Construction began in the autumn of 1905, and the building was ready to be occupied in the spring of 1906. At one time the SPA had branch offices in Fort Worth, TX (1905-1932); Atlanta, GA (1909-1932); Hickory, SC (1906-1908); and New Orleans, LA (1907-1911). Some early books that were published: *The Story of Joseph*; *The New Testament Primer*; *Best Stories from the Best Book*; and *Past, Present, and Future*, all by J. E. White.



Seeking Other Sites of Historical Interest

This list includes Adventist historical sites which are 100 years or more old, as well as other sites which are significant to the history of the Southern Union Conference. They are listed alphabetically by state.

We continue to pursue information regarding historical sites and solicit your knowledge of any you may be aware of. Please contact R. Steven Norman III at steven.norman3@gmail.com to submit the sites.

Directions for each site listed may be obtained from the Southern Union website:

www.southernunion.com

University Community Health Joins Adventist Health System Family

Seventh-day Adventist health care is reaching Tampa, Fla., and surrounding areas. On September 1, 2010, University Community Health joined Adventist Health System, officially forming the new Tampa Bay Region. The region is made up of University Community Hospital, University Community Hospital-Carrollwood, Pepin Heart Hospital & Dr. Kiran C. Patel Research Institute, the Long Term Acute Care Hospital at Connerston, Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, and the soon-to-be-built Wesley Chapel Medical Center. Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, which has joined Adventist Health System, serves Tarpon Springs, Fla.

John Harding, prior

president/CEO of Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, has been appointed president and CEO for the new Tampa Bay Region. With more than 25 years of health care administration experience and demonstrated commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist health care mission, Harding is a natural choice for this role.

“John knows the Tampa Bay community and will provide the leadership experience needed to guide this new region,” said Mike Schultz, president/CEO of the Adventist Health System Florida Region and vice chairman for the UCH Board. “He embraces medical technology and advancement with an emphasis on quality and safety, all the while nurturing a

Christian-based mission of health care delivery. These elements are vital to the future success of these hospitals.”

As a member of Adventist Health System, University Community Health will increase accessibility, and enhance the quality of patient services through management and clinical expertise. There will be a renewed commitment to serving the community, and providing programs to improve overall health.

“I believe patients,



The partnership between Adventist Health System and University Health is an opportunity to reach more patients with Christ-centered care.

employees, physicians, and communities will all be blessed by the security and stability provided by this new partnership,” said Don Jernigan, president/CEO of Adventist Health System. “Our goal is to have this transition process be seamless, with little to no interruptions to employees or patients.”

Florida Hospital DeLand Donates School Supplies to Local Elementary School

At the start of this school year, doctors, nurses, and employees at Florida Hospital DeLand, DeLand, Fla., came together to help financially struggling families. As part of the annual Backpack Drive, hospital employees collected backpacks stuffed with pencils, crayons, folders, notebooks, and other supplies, to donate to first and second grade children at a local



Backpacks and school supplies were collected by Florida Hospital DeLand employees to help children in need.

elementary school.

There was a total of 142 backpacks, 290 reams of copy paper, and

enough supplies to stuff an additional 30 backpacks if needed.

“The backpack drive provides us with an opportunity to give back to our local community and support our future community leaders,” said Ellen Hillyer, manager of employee health, work’s compensation, and education, as well as the coordinator of this drive. “It’s great to see all the Florida Hospital

DeLand employees come together to help prepare children for the upcoming school year.”

“Part of our mission is to contribute positively to the quality of life of our neighbors. It is wonderful to see our mission in action, and watching so many employees come together to make this backpack drive a reality and touch the lives of so many kids,” said Hillyer.

—BY ERIN HUNTER

Hurricane Survivor Gives Back

Seeing the coverage of earthquake survivors in Haiti, Southern student Qiana Millor and her mother could relate. Five years earlier they had experienced the same sort of loss when Hurricane Katrina hit their home.



Qiana Millor organized "Walk for Haiti" and raised more than \$1,300 to help with relief efforts.

So, with support from two American Red Cross volunteers, Millor tackled the daunting task of organizing "Walk for Haiti," a fundraiser that took place this summer at the Tennessee River Park

in Chattanooga, Tenn. Millor and the team also wrote many fundraising letters to businesses. Many of the businesses helped with various donations

and gift cards for door prizes.

Along the way, she was mentored by some of Southern's faculty and staff on how to successfully plan the event.

"My advisor and others were very instrumental in directing and helping me as I started the process of trying to put all the pieces of the fundraiser in place," says Millor.

She personally funded the walk T-shirts and other

supplies such as paper costs for the fliers.

"I wouldn't be here without someone else's help during the aftermath of the hurricane," recalls Millor. "Everyone needs help at one time or another, and this is my way of giving back."

About 50 community members participated in "Walk for Haiti" and raised more than \$1,300.

"I'm thankful I was able to help."

—BY MANUELA ASAFTEI

ADRA Holds Leadership Council at Southern

A first-of-its kind ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) Leadership Council, with directors from 98 country offices, was held on Southern's campus this summer.

With so many countries represented at the ADRA Leadership Council, ADRA decided to hold the annual council at Southern the week after the 59th General Conference

Session in Atlanta, Ga., to make it easier for many of the requested guests to be present. Southern's close proximity to the session location was a benefit as it allowed ADRA to save funds while still receiving quality service in a comfortable location.

"ADRA likes to come and meet at Adventist institutions," says Heidi Straw, assistant to the president for licensing and

governance, "and Southern has done a wonderful job of hosting us."

The meetings proved to be a success. With more country leaders acquainted with each other, new bonds, both business and personal, were able to be established for purpose of helping those in the poorest of conditions rise above their circumstances and work toward a sustainable lifestyle.

"This event was monumental in terms of its significance for the worldwide ADRA network," says Charles Sandefur, president of ADRA International. "It provides the opportunity for each area around the world where ADRA touches lives to have a voice, influencing the mission and strategy of the agency as a whole."

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI

Professor Becomes Director of C.S. Lewis' Home

Debbie Higgens, Ph.D., English professor at Southern, is taking a two-year unpaid leave of absence to fill the volunteer position of resident director at The Kilns, C.S. Lewis' home in Oxford, England. It is the first time that an Adventist has been offered this role.

"It is my wish to bring honor to God and to have Him glorify Himself through me in this position," says Higgens.

As resident director, Higgens will be overseeing the program that allows scholars working on the their doctoral programs to come to The Kilns. She will

also be considered by the C.S. Lewis Foundation to be an ambassador of C.S. Lewis to the community of Oxford, to any who visit the home, and to the world at large.

For more information, visit Higgens' blog at www.thekilnsoxford.blogspot.com.

—BY MANUELA ASAFTEI



For the first time in history, an Adventist will be the resident director of The Kilns.

Two New Churches Organized in Carolinas



RON QUICK

Two new churches joined the Carolina Conference family in July. The Mount Olive Spanish Company and Greenville North Spanish Company became the 139th and 140th Adventist churches in the Carolinas, respectively.

The Mount Olive Spanish Company was officially organized into the Mount Olive Spanish Church on Friday, July 23, 2010. Jim Davidson, Conference pres-

ident, along with church pastor Elias Sandoval, presided over the organization ceremony.

The following morning, on Sabbath, July 24, the Greenville North Spanish Company became the Greenville North Spanish Church. Davidson preached the Sabbath sermon, and led in a special prayer for the new church.

The Mount Olive Spanish Church began in 1996

when several local men began meeting together to study the Bible. The history of the Greenville North Spanish Church goes back to 1991, when the one family arrived in the Greenville area and started a group meeting

in members' homes. From small beginnings come big results when the Holy Spirit is involved.

—BY MELISSA COUSER



Mount Olive Spanish Church (top), Greenville North Spanish Church (above)

Mission-Minded Tryon Youth Join Day Camp Staff

Ten members of the Tryon Adventist Church family are on staff at the

Serendipity Kids Ranch (SKR), located in the midst of Harmon Field, adjacent

to the Tryon Church. The day camp meets a critical need in the community to aid working families who need a safe environment for their children while they work.

The day camp, which is close to home for the children, serves as a safe, trustworthy, and fun place where Christ is the center in each activity. The children participate in structured ball games, arts, crafts, music, gardening, landscaping for Harmon

Field, and water sports with a certified lifeguard on duty.

This year, the staff consists of Lee Thompson, lifeguard and sports director; Jonathan Gallimore, special needs counselor; Maggie Fitch, special needs counselor; Wes Holtey, private tutor; Sarah Painter, craft instructor; Martha Nobles, dietary assistant and floating counselor; and Bethany Painter, floating counselor.

—BY STELLA YOUNG



STELLA YOUNG

Mount Pisgah Academy Starts Year With Prayer



TIM FLOYD

At Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA), prayer is everywhere. Another school year began with the annual Student Association Handshake, where the entire student body convened on the front lawn to get

acquainted. After dinner, the Student Association announced the officers for 2010/2011. There were games for each class, then a long line was formed for greeting old and new friends.

Finally, students and staff closed the line into a giant circle, and began the year with a prayer of togetherness, strength, and dedication. That afternoon a new Student Association ministry was introduced

called “POP” (Person of Prayer). Each day during the school year, one student or staff member will be the focus of prayer. Individual prayers, one-on-one prayers, prayers in the classroom, and by parents and church members, will be sent up for this person during the day.

You are invited to join MPA in this endeavor. The names will be posted on “This Week With” which can be found at www.pisgah.us or through “Mount Pisgah Academy Bulletin Board” on Facebook. Jesus lives at MPA — come experience Him anytime!

—BY TAMMY VAUGHN

Gastonia Hosts “enditnow” Campaign

Recently, the Gastonia, N.C., Church continued its enditnow campaign with a marriage enrichment seminar during the worship service, and a domestic violence awareness seminar in the afternoon.

The marriage enrichment seminar focused on biblical principles for a healthy marriage. The afternoon session focused on domestic violence awareness both inside and outside the church. Attendees were educated on the dynamics of domestic violence, and how we can help those dealing with this difficult issue.

This epidemic affects one in four women in the United States, and one

in three women globally. A special emphasis was placed on reaching the youth to help break the cycle of violence, and many were inspired to be part of the solution.

Both seminars were conducted by Chris Bradford, a church elder and an end domestic violence advocate. Members were moved as they listened to a recorded 911 call which led to tragedy and tears. Propaganda and advertisements since the early 20’s were on display to show how subtly domestic violence was and is accepted in society. Information on

local shelters was provided so members could extend helping hands to the community, and learn what resources they can provide to someone in a domestic



violence situation.

The enditnow movement is a partnership between ADRA and the women’s ministries de-

partment to end violence against women and girls worldwide. The initial emphasis of enditnow is a one million signature campaign to be delivered

to the United Nations on September 30. The Gastonia Church has set a goal of 1,000 signatures, and is set to exceed that with more than 800 gathered to date.

You can learn more about enditnow, sign the petition, and start your own signature campaign at www.enditnow.org.

—BY DANA BRADFORD

Executive Secretary Carmen Rodríguez Set Apart in Commissioning Ceremony

Carmen Rodríguez, Florida Conference executive secretary, was set apart for her call to the ministry in a commissioning ceremony, August 7, 2010, at Deltona Spanish Church, Deltona, Fla. Through this special service, the Seventh-day Adventist Church recognizes the call of individuals who are not on a track for ordination.

The ceremony, held in Rodríguez's home church, was one of praise and exaltation, presentation, ministry of the Word, and consecration. The message was delivered by Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president, and credentials were presented by Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union Conference executive secretary. Rodríguez's response at the commissioning ceremony acknowledged her desire to serve. She also made an impassioned call to those in the audience for a life of



LEONARD FERNANDEZ

After the commissioning ceremony, Carmen and Victor Rodríguez enjoyed the reception at Deltona Spanish Church, Deltona, Fla.

service to the Lord.

Family was a large part of the program, with special music presented by Rodríguez's daughter, Eileen, and granddaughters Tatiana and Aliana King. The responsive reading from Psalms 139 and 145 was led by her son, Victor Jr. Her husband, Victor Manuel Rodríguez, was at her side during the ceremony, and

was acknowledged as part of their team, and for his support of her ministry.

"Carmen has served the Florida Conference well for the past four years," said Cauley, "and has demonstrated her call to ministry and leadership within the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Born in Puerto Rico, Rodríguez accepted Jesus Christ

at an early age, and was the first Adventist in her family. In 1994, she was ordained as an elder at the Leominster, Mass., Spanish Church, and served there for 16 years.

Rodríguez was elected executive secretary of Florida Conference at the triennial Constituency Meeting on October 1, 2006. Previously, she served in leadership positions at Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass., including the last four years as director of human resources.

As a child, Rodríguez had an experience with an answer to prayer that changed her life. As a result, she decided to submit her will to God, to serve Him for the rest of her life, and to go wherever He sent her. She has a passion for telling others about Jesus and His love, and God has blessed her pursuit of this passion.

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL

CHIP Program Held at Florida Conference Office



LEE BENNETT

Various forms of exercise were a major component of the Florida Conference CHIP program. Participants walked a combined total of more than 2,300 miles.

This past spring, a CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program was hosted for the first time at the Florida Conference headquarters in Winter Park, with 32 registered participants. Open to employees and the community, the lifestyle program saw the group lose a combined total of nearly 200 pounds,

and drop cholesterol levels an average of 14 percent.

According to Joe Holloway, Conference health ministries director, participants enjoyed tasty, wholesome food after cooking demonstrations by Chef Julio Barrillas and Joni Henderson, CHIP director.

—BY STACY RAUB

Student MagaBook Workers Contact Quarter Million People During Summer Program

Carrying the Gospel door to door during the 2010 summer MagaBook program in Florida, 62 students contacted more than 250,000 people in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Port Charlotte, Fort Myers, Sarasota, and Tallahassee. Working in two teams, the young people labored under the banner “Selling is Serving;” sold more than 25,000 books; and generated \$185,000 worth of income, of which 70 percent went toward school scholarships.

Countless testimonies resulted from experiences, including that of Admelyz Bueno who canvassed a businessman in Miami. When Bueno asked whether he had children, she learned that he had recently lost a child. Bueno



Young people representing seven countries, five Adventist universities, and four academies formed two teams in the Florida Conference summer MagaBook program led by Les McCoy (front row, center), Florida Conference youth publishing director.

shared Jesus with him and offered prayer, hope, and healing that only comes from God. In addition, he purchased the book, *Peace Above the Storm*.

Another memorable experience came to Liliam

Hidalgo Valdez when she started Bible studies with a woman who asked to include her seven-year-old daughter. Soon, Valdez discovered the woman owned a daycare center, and eight other children joined the

study group. Before the summer ended, the woman and her family were attending church, and the study group grew when two of the eight daycare children’s families also joined.

—BY LES MCCOY

Winter Park Spanish Church Provides Spiritual and Physical Food

Seven years ago, Luis Villanueva and his family moved to central Florida from Puerto Rico seeking a better life. Their children were soon involved in their school programs, and both parents found steady employment.

Then, the economy changed, and Villanueva lost his job. When finances were stretched to meet expenses, a friend directed them to the Winter Park, Fla., Spanish Church. There, on Thursday mornings, ded-

icated church members and their pastor, Carlos Bence, distribute food provided by the Second Harvest Food Bank of central Florida to neighboring families.

Every Sabbath, the church has many visitors because of the missionary work that takes place on Thursday mornings. These guests often express how grateful they feel, and testify of how God is changing their lives.

The Villanueva family soon began attending the

church and later became members. Villanueva was able to find a new job, but the family didn’t forget the help they received through the church’s food bank. Now, they are among the volunteers who help distribute food.

In addition to ministry of the food bank, the church also operates a Christian counseling center with certified counselors who provide free services to the community.

—BY MIRNA CHAMORRO



Ramona Villanueva (right) and her son, Luis, standing behind her, assist a guest at the Winter Park, Fla., Spanish Church, where they help distribute food to neighboring families. When they were in need, the Villanueva family received help from the church.

Baptisms a Result of Prison Ministry

This summer, five inmates at the United States Penitentiary in Lee County, Va., gave their hearts to the Lord and were baptized into the Kingsport, Tenn., Church as a result of the ministry of church members Darrell Hite and Ken Stapleton. Amidst a lot of witnesses and rejoicing, Bill, Rick, Mark, Hector, and Victor were baptized July 17, 2010. Earlier that day, Kingsport Church voted to accept them into church fellowship.

This victory was the result of nearly three years of ministry in this prison. It all started with a call from the prison chaplain to Kingsport Church because inmate Hector Morel had requested studies with a Seventh-day Adventist. Morel had been studying his Bible, and was impressed that the seventh day was the day he should



Five men were recently baptized by Michael Lombardo, Kingsport, Tenn., Church pastor, resulting from prison ministries outreach.

be keeping as the Sabbath. An appeal was made at church, and Hite, who had been involved in prison ministry where he had lived before, felt impressed that God was calling him to do prison ministry again.

Each Sabbath afternoon, a service of study and worship is held in the prison. These five men are sharing their witness, and others are attending as a

result. Who knows where it will end? It all started with one individual responding to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as he studied his Bible, and another individual responding to God's call and making a commitment to drive 50 miles one way to study with him and others as the interest has grown.

—BY MICHAEL LOMBARDO



Juhls Celebrate 50 Years

Gene and Ellie Juhl met when Gene was in the Army in 1959, and married in 1960. Gene started in the publishing work in 1965 as a colporter. For 42 years he served in publishing with Carolina, Gulf States, Florida, Kansas, Potomac, Columbia Union, and Georgia-Cumberland conferences. Ellie worked in home health for 20 years.

The Juhls reaffirmed their vows on June 6, 2010.

Local Rescue Workers Support Hixson VBS



The Chattanooga Fire Department participated in Vacation Bible School by bringing firefighters and two fire trucks.

The theme this year was "Scuba II" at the Hixson, Tenn., Church annual Vacation Bible School in July. Church members trans-

formed the church into an underwater paradise with large murals of fish, glowing strings of blue lights, and blue paper billowing off the

ceiling like waves.

Each night the groups of children rotated through crafts, story time, snacks, and a safety lesson related to that night's Bible lesson. For instance, on Monday, the Bible story focused on Elijah's experience on Mount Carmel and how God sent fire down. The Chattanooga Fire Department generously participated by bringing firefighters and two fire trucks. The children learned about fire safety and toured the fire truck.

Another night, the theme was Jesus calming the storm, and the local Water Patrol came by with their rescue boat. They discussed water safety.

In appreciation, the church hosted a pancake breakfast at the Chattanooga Fire Department. Sylvia Knoch, one of the Vacation Bible School coordinators, said, "It provides a great opportunity to get to know each other and break down barriers."

—BY REBECCA IWANCZYK

Pathfinder Leaders Gather to Learn, Network



TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Matt Tinkham, Collegedale Pathfinder counselor, shares during a breakout workshop during the Pathfinder Leadership Convention at Cobutta Springs. The convention provides Pathfinder leaders the opportunity to learn important new skills.

More than 316 Pathfinder leaders from around the Conference met at Cobutta Springs Conference Center, August 20-22, 2010, to learn new tips and techniques, and to network with fellow Pathfinder leaders at the Pathfinder Leadership Convention. The theme was “Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong! Celebrating 60 years of Pathfinding.”

Sandra Holt, Kingsport Tenn., North Tennessee Fellowship coordinator, who has worked with Pathfinders for 21 years, says, “It helps us get to know each other better as a Conference. If we can work together, it also helps us learn new things because everything is constantly changing. We also get updated on insurance which is important. We just grow as a fellowship

and get a spiritual blessing.”

“I affirm all the people willing to give beyond their regular duties,” says John Swafford, Conference children’s/junior youth ministries director, who leads about 80 Pathfinder clubs with around 2,400 Pathfinders. “We need a great army of staff to lead our great army of youth. This is really a second profession, and this weekend provides training and networking for that profession.”

Margie Bird, Avon Park, Fla., has worked with Georgia-Cumberland Pathfinders for about 26 years and shares how she is impacted by Pathfinder

leadership: “It blesses me in that it keeps me cognizant that young people need support, someone to understand them, someone to bring their needs to, confide in; and they need the joy of other young



people. Peer pressure is hard now on young people ... If you have children, get involved in Pathfinders. You will never ever be sorry.”

Each year Pathfinder

leaders are encouraged to attend the convention and attend workshops, including “Leadership Styles,” “Camping with Purpose,” or “Camporee Basics.” Different sections of the convention are planned by Pathfinder coordinators, and all are offered the opportunity to earn the Pathfinder Leadership Award by attending the workshops.

“I would encourage all to come every year — just for the networking. If your own club is weighed down with everyday life, you can feel you are an island. Come to convention and get to know the bigger picture. Meet and get to know leaders so that when you have a problem you can send them an email saying, ‘I’ve got a problem.’ Your club director in the next city could be as valuable a resource as

your coordinator,” says Linda Davis, Battlefield Club in Georgia, on why she attends Pathfinder Leadership Convention with 40 years of Pathfinding experience under her belt. “There is nothing better than Pathfinders.

It is a mission. It becomes a way of life!”

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Floral Crest Holds Vacation Bible School



Can you walk a plank while balancing a cup on your head? Grayson Cates enjoyed trying this fun activity at the High Seas Adventure VBS.

From July 19 through 23, 2010, 85 children were treated to a High Seas Adventure during Vacation

Bible School (VBS) at the Floral Crest Church, located near Byrant, Ala. A 32x42-foot ship display, complete with a 9x12-foot mast, greeted the children in the school gym. The display was modeled after an authentic biblical ship like the one in which the Apostle Paul would have sailed during his missionary trips. June Roberts, VBS director, and dozens of volunteer staff led the children in singing, story time, devotionals, crafts, physical education, snack time, and many other exercises.

The on-site staff during the week-long VBS was only a small part of the total number of church members involved in preparing for VBS. Talented individuals built sets and props, and decorated rooms along the "High Seas Adventure" theme. Other members sent post cards to previous attendees, put up posters, and contacted radio stations and newspapers for advertising.

Still other members prepared food for snack time. Up to 140 people were fed snacks each evening, which included the 85 children, the staff of 35 volunteers, and many parents, grandparents, and families who attended VBS with their children.

All members were asked to pray for the success of VBS in their community. As a result of the prayers and hard work, 50 percent of the children who attend are from the surrounding community. Roberts, who has been the director for the past eight years, remarked, "What a blessing VBS has been during the time I have directed it. These are souls for Jesus."

One of the most important blessings as a result of VBS is the Children's Story Hour. This is a mini-VBS complete with Bible stories, crafts, and snacks, and meets the last Wednesday evening of each month. Some 35 to 40 children attend each month. The



Fifteen-year-old Zach Lyons gives the opening prayer. He enjoyed VBS so much that when he grew too old to attend he volunteered as a helper. For the past three to four years, he has helped with food service, constructed props, and been involved with various other jobs.

Story Hour idea originated eight years ago after a child pleaded with the director to continue VBS after the usual one week run. She gave it some thought and, in conjunction with the pastor and other youth leaders, initiated this very successful project.

—BY MARIAN HUGHES

Evangelistic Series Reaps 25 Baptisms



Some of the new converts pose for a photo.

When evangelistic meetings began Friday evening, July 9, 2010, in the Montgomery, Ala., First Church, more than 120 people attended the opening weekend, half of which were visitors. An average of 40 to 50 visitors was in attendance each night. Evangelist Richard Halversen, the father of the Montgomery First Church

pastor, Richie Halversen, conducted the series.

The meetings concluded Friday, August 6, 2010, with a beautiful baptismal service. Twenty-five decisions were made for the Lord, and several more individuals are continuing to study.

One Man's Witness Reaches Many

"I've been telling the pastors and clergy in my area about the Sabbath. Would you please send me more information," the caller asked. Elbert James, a member of the church in Crestview, Fla., was delighted. The call came as a result of a Bible study program aired on the radio that James had put together using Mark Finley's book, *Studying Together*. James continued talking to the caller and by the time the conversation ended, he had been invited to the caller's church to a singing.

James went and sang. While there, he invited the caller and his spouse to a ShareHim Bible Study he was conducting. The couple came and invited James back to preach at their Sabbath-keeping church to teach the people more. "They received the message very well and committed to continue keeping the Sab-

bath," James says.

James is always looking for opportunities to share his faith. Numerous mission trips to India have served to flame his desire to witness, both there and at home. "I began to think about witnessing on a larger scale by buying time on a local radio station and presenting a series of Bible studies," he says. He recorded 20, 10-minute segments, but when he inquired about the cost of airtime he found it very expensive.

One morning while sitting in a local restaurant studying his Bible, a stranger began asking about what he was doing. James explained that he was studying for a class he was teaching. "I also told him that I was trying to broadcast some of my material on the radio and that I needed \$300 so I could begin," James says. "That's when this complete stranger



As result of his radio program Elbert James was invited to come and preach about the Sabbath to a church group who had already discovered the Sabbath truth.

pulled out a \$100 bill and put it in my hand. 'You are doing a good work, God bless you,' he told me." God was providing.

Another man called after a program on the manner and signs of Christ's second coming. He wanted more information on the subject. His call led to James taking him several

books and giving him another Bible study.

James' prayer is for the people who have heard the message, and for God to continue to help him boldly proclaim the Gospel. He is preparing to go to India in January 2011 to continue the work there.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Five Baptized at Bass Memorial Academy

Thirty-three students from the Lay Institute for Evangelism and their teachers, Scott Moore and Phillip Sizemore, were on the campus of Bass Memorial Academy for almost two weeks. The academy's faculty and staff participated in all of the activities. Because of the activities, five students were baptized on Sabbath, August 28, 2010.

According to student comments, the way the

classes were taught convinced them that the Church's teachings and practices were from the Bible. They were encouraged to have their lives in order and to work diligently to tell others about Christ's soon coming. Learning how to mark their personal Bibles, to present information in a logical, thorough way, was among the important skills learned.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER



Heather Caler (left), Amillia Johnson, Charisse Carlton, Sierra Findley, and Rbett Cowley (not pictured) were baptized at Bass Memorial Academy.

Thirty-Hour Fast Raises Poverty Awareness

The youth of the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Adventist Church met to participate in a 30-hour fast on April 16, 2010. The fast was to raise awareness for people in Ethiopia and surrounding poverty stricken areas.

Jonathan Nicholaides, teacher at the Bill Egly Adventist Elementary School, planned the 30-hour event. The youth built homes out of cardboard boxes and slept in them. The people involved went without food for 30 hours, and each had a sponsor.

The members of the youth group received a card with a picture of a child from Ethiopia on it. The card gave the child's history and explained that child's particular handicap. Each member of the youth group pretended to have the same handicap. With various disabilities

such as blindness and extra weight to carry, it broadened their understanding of developing nations.

Nicholaides planned different activities for Friday and Saturday. The schedule consisted of a game where the youth raced to fill their jugs with soil and water. Another game required the youth to match cards with symptoms to diseases. The youth learned about the causes and dangers of certain diseases, and embraced the many blessings they have by living in America.

The youth made snack packs with juices and goodies in them to give out in the waiting rooms at



DELPHIE SUTHERLAND

the local hospital. Later, tea and candles were lit to represent a life that is lost every seven seconds in Ethiopia. The candles brought into perspective the needs of others and the kindness that we should show.

At the close of the fast on Sabbath afternoon, the youth enjoyed pizza and chips. After the meal, the youth and church members met to participate in the car bash. One dollar per hit was charged to hit a car

that had been donated from a local junk yard. Materials supplied included a couple of bats, a sledge hammer, and eye shields. Lloyd Schomburg, pastor, held an auction for whoever wanted to smash out a window. He even auctioned off some chocolate-covered strawberries.

The 30-hour fast brought in \$1,089 donated specifically to help with Haiti restoration. Total time fasted was 940 hours — just slightly less than the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

It was a rewarding experience.

—BY DELPHIE SUTHERLAND

Kurzynskes Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

Robert and Mary Peek Kurzynske of Madison, Tenn., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2010. A reception was held at the Madison Campus fellowship hall with many relatives and friends joining in the occasion.

The couple met in 1958 at Madison College where they were both students. Following her



graduation from the nursing program, Mary worked at Hinsdale Hospital in Illinois, while Bob attended Andrews University. They were married in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1960.

For the last 28 years, prior to retirement, Bob worked for metro government in transportation planning in Nashville. In the 1970's Mary began working full time in the operating room at Tennessee

Christian Medical Center in Madison, eventually becoming head nurse.

Active members of the Ridgetop, Tenn., Adventist Church, the Kurzynskes continue to share their tal-

ents in various church positions. They also volunteer at the church school, Skyline Medical Center, WPLN radio fund drives, Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and other volunteer activities. As they have done through the years, they still enjoy traveling.

The Kurzynskes have two daughters: Terryn (married to Kevin) Shaw, who is a nurse, and Michelle (married to Don) Chase, a church school teacher; and five grandchildren.

—BY HELEN KELLY

Purchase Completed for New ABC



MARVIN LOWMAN

Current Adventist Book Center

Conference officials signed the papers giving the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference ownership of a new building for the Adventist Book Center (ABC) on August 19, 2010. The new building is part of a shopping complex next door to and on the south of the Conference headquarters on Conference Drive in Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Doug Thompson, ABC manager, is working with a

retail store designer to plan the layout of the new facility. Once the plans are completed, work will begin to

remodel the interior of the building, which could take several months. It is anticipated that the new store will open by year-end or early January 2011.

The new building also offers greater visibility and easier access. Thompson says, "I am especially excited about the increased visibility. Hopefully, this will translate into an increase in patronage from the community. It

means being able to provide a greater ministry to the community at large."

At present the building, which contains 10,000 square feet, is divided into five suites. Two of the suites are being leased to retail businesses. The leases will be continued, which will provide an income source, part of which will fund the ongoing management and maintenance of the new facility.

The current ABC building has only 2,800 square feet. The new ABC, with about 6,500 square feet,

will more than double the size of the current building, providing expanded areas for both food and printed products, as well as more office space and work area for employees.

The new location, also visible from Interstate 65, will make a statement to the community and traveling public that the ABC is for everyone, not just members of the Adventist Church.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN



MARVIN LOWMAN

Recently purchased Adventist Book Center building

Adventist Family Donates Land for City Park

The city of White House, Tenn., has a new Veteran's Memorial Park thanks to Thomas Day and his mother, Mary Irwin, members of the White House Church. They donated one half acre of land for the new park which borders the 3.5-mile greenway walking trail on Honey Run Creek. The park was completed and dedicated on July 3, 2010.

The idea to create a Veteran's Memorial Park was inspired by Day and his mother. The park is dedicated in honor of all veterans that have served this country. After the land was donated, the Days encouraged the city of White

House to make the building of the park a community project.

White House Alderman Mike Arnold shared his ideas for the memorial with White House Boy Scout troop 459, and they accepted the task. James Milan, confined to a wheelchair since age 2, is a junior at White House Heritage High School. The Veterans Memorial became his Eagle Scout project. Working with the local paper and television, they raised \$6,000 and many volunteer man-hours to help build the park. "I'm most inspired by Milam's



THOMAS DAY

project, and worked tirelessly to complete it. "Long term, I see a memorial that will stand after my generation is gone, and still be honoring our veterans for years to come," Arnold said.

The 12-foot wide memorial monument

is dedicated to veterans from all branches of service. Surrounding the memorial are benches, trees, drinking fountain, and a United States flag that towers tall and proud over the park.

Irwin and Day are very grateful to have a completed memorial to honor all veterans.

—BY RACHEL ALLEN

zest for life," Arnold said.

Day, White House Pathfinder director, along with three Pathfinder boys, had planted trees along the greenway, which now borders the park. "When I look at that straight line of trees, it reminds me of a battalion of soldiers, and it is a beautiful recognition of what the veterans do for this country."

Arnold oversaw the

Emanuel Students Participate in Peer Coaching



Gregg Robinzine, pastor of Emanuel Church, and his wife, Victoria, school principal/teacher, baptize one of the students, Jerry McCollum.

The students at Emanuel Adventist Academy in Albany, Ga., are taking peer coaching and peer teaching to a higher level. Victoria

Robinzine, who serves as the principal as well as a teacher, implemented the Kid Zone Bible Guides in her school for students ages 8-12.

Working along with her husband, who serves as the pastor of Emanuel

Church, Robinzine has been instrumental in leading students to Christ. During this year, three students

have been baptized. Students who have been baptized are then given an opportunity through peer coaching to share their faith by giving Bible studies to fellow students who have not been baptized.

The program has resulted in a positive change in the lives of these young



Hannah Loving (left) and Tai Jackson (right) give a Bible study to one of their classmates, Cortez Oats (center).

Christians. Emanuel is following the words written in Isaiah 11:6, "... and a little child shall lead them."

Florence Church Constructs Ramp for Disabled Member

Harry James, a senior deacon at Shekinah Glory Church in Florence, S.C., had been very active in church ministry for many years. He served faithfully and diligently as head deacon, ensuring the smooth operation and care of the church property. Due to health issues, he began to experience limited mobility which prevented him from serving his church actively. He could no longer maneuver in and out of his home as safely and independently as he



Florence member Harry James (center, seated) is pictured with Daryl S. Anderson Sr., pastor, (seated, white shirt) and other volunteers who constructed the much-needed ramp.

once did. His wife, Luree, found it difficult to assist him up and down the steps of their home when he had medical appointments, attended church services,

or when they went on other outings together.

Luree James contacted the church's head deacon and carpenter, Rudolph Antoine, to discuss building a wheelchair ramp to make the process of entering and exiting the home easier and faster for Harry. Antoine agreed to construct the ramp, but recommended that

she also discuss the need with his wife, whom he thought may be able to assist the James family further through the organization

Lighthouse Ministries where she was employed with building supplies. Lighthouse Ministries, located in Florence, S.C., is a faith-based, non-profit, social services organization.

After doing so, the couple's request was approved and they were provided with all of the material needed to construct the wheelchair ramp. This blessing was followed by another one. The men of the church all eagerly agreed to rally together to construct the ramp as a community service project.

Daryl S. Anderson Sr., pastor, also participated in construction of the project and said he thought the

opportunity to get others involved was an awesome idea. This is ministry.

While the men continued to labor to complete the project, some of the women prepared a hearty lunch that was enjoyed by all. After the final board was nailed in place, Harry James

looked on contently at the ramp and said, "This is a blessing."

Ada B. Antoine, Lighthouse Ministries' RAMP Program coordinator explained, "I have organized many wheelchair ramp constructions throughout the county, some on a larger scale of

volunteer participation than this one, but this is the first that I have witnessed with this degree of group collaborative effort." The organization's executive director, J. Austin Watson, was very pleased with the partnership, and requested that the collaboration be featured on

their website.

The members at Shekinah Glory thank God for providing them with opportunities to minister in a tangible way, and to be used to demonstrate what ministry is all about by addressing such a great need.

Atlanta-Berean Hosts "Spring Into Praise Festival"

During the 59th General Conference Session in Atlanta, Ga., many had an opportunity to experience the excitement of "Spring Into Praise 2010" (SIP). Spring Into Praise Choir Festival and live concert recording session was composed of Adventist choirs, musicians, and songwriters from across North America. The event took place on July 2, 2010, at the 2,500-seat Martin Luther King Chapel, located on the historic campus of Morehouse and Spellman colleges.

SIP was hosted by the music department of Atlanta-Berean Church, Atlanta, Ga. Bruce Seawood, Atlanta-Berean minister of music, is also the 2010 SIP national chairman and founder. Seawood worked with Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., Atlanta-Berean senior pastor, in planning the event.

The concert featured



More than 300 individuals from the metropolitan Atlanta, Ga., area came together to sing praises to God during the music festival.

guest choirs from around the country, and as far away as Bermuda. Each choir was comprised entirely of Seventh-day Adventist singers. Featured musicians included recording artists Lamar Campbell and Jason Max Ferdinand with the Aeolians of Oakwood University. Adventist choirs came together from Bermuda; Detroit, Mich.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Huntsville, Ala.; St. Louis, Mo.; Flint, Mich.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Riverside, Calif. Additionally, singers from around Atlanta formed a mass choir with more than 300 individuals. This was the first time a production

of this magnitude took place within the Adventist Church.

With overflowing crowds attending the event, the venue was entirely full within 40 minutes of the doors opening. The enthusiastic attendees came out early anticipating the excitement of this event, and

many were truly moved by the powerful messages in the songs sung to the glory of God. Seawood stated, "It was much more than a concert or recording ... it was an anointed, spirit-filled move of God."

The concert climax was a rendition of "Under His Wings," written by Stephen Manders, directed by

Owen Simons, and powerfully led by vocalist Grace Dorsey-Landry. This selection brought the audience to their feet in proclaiming praise and adoration.

Nearly all in attendance of the 2010 Spring Into Praise Choir Festival agreed this event was a huge success, and are looking forward to next year's festival with great anticipation.

The concert was free to the public and as a result, seven scholarships were awarded to Adventist youth who had demonstrated an aptitude for the arts.

—BY TONY GOMEZ



The 2,500-seat auditorium was filled to capacity as the attendees enjoyed the music rendered by various artists.

Ephesus Church Holds Summer Camp

Summer is a nostalgic time for many adults as they remember the months of pure unadulterated fun. One event that sticks out quite vividly could be Adventures during summer camp.

To that end, the Ephesus Church, Jacksonville, Fla., decided to conduct a summer camp during the months of June and July.

Brenda Edwards, a teacher at Ephesus Junior Academy, served as camp director.

Edwards was joined by other teachers and church members to conduct the camp. The response from the community was overwhelming as 30 students registered for the camp.

The students were given



Ephesus Church summer camp attendees worked hard learning new skills. The camp had 30 youth from the community in attendance.

math, reading, and writing enrichment activities daily. They were allowed the opportunity to engage in arts and craft, and participate in physical exercise activities.

Free lunch and snacks were

provided to all the students.

The camp would not have been possible without the support of the members of Ephesus and the Southeastern Conference youth department.

“Being strong advocates of the youth of Southeastern, we wanted to do what we could in order to secure a wonderful summer camp for the children of Ephesus SDA Church and their surrounding communities,” said Sherrie Barton, Southeastern Conference youth ministries department secretary.

Many parents were grateful for the summer camp as it gave their children a positive place to go while many of them were at work during the day.

One parent remarked that, “Overall, we were very pleased with our experience. My daughter has had the best summer of her life, so far!

—BY PAT GOFFE

Mt. Olive Opens New Church Building

After nine years of diligent fundraising, Mt. Olive Church, Apopka, Fla., held the grand opening services of its new church on August 7, 2010. The Mt. Olive Seventh-day Adventist Worship and Educational Center seats just under 400, and sits on eight and a half acres of land.

The realization of



Fred Bummer, Orange County commissioner; Hubert Morel, Conference president; Gregory Mack, Conference executive secretary; Gwendolyn Parker, Conference treasurer; and Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union executive secretary cut the ribbon to officially open Mt. Olive Church on August 7, 2010.

this project started with a “crazy vision” from O.E. Gordon, pastor of Mt. Ol-

waiting for years for a decent, attractive place of

worship in our own neighborhood. [Now that we have it], we are rejoicing in the Lord. This is truly a miracle building [because] even those of us who were directors of the building project plan — we still don’t know how God provided for this house.”

With this new building, Mt. Olive can provide ministry to Apopka on a higher level.

Building finance department treasurer Hubert Smith, remarked, “We have been

worship in our own neighborhood. [Now that we have it], we are rejoicing in the Lord. This is truly a miracle building [because] even those of us who were directors of the building project plan — we still don’t know how God provided for this house.”

Attending the week-long celebration were Fred Bummer, Orange County Commissioner; Hubert J. Morel, Southeastern Conference president; Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., executive secretary of the Southern Union Conference; Dennis Ross, Southern Union ministerial secretary; and Calvin B.

Rock, D.Min., retired vice president of the General Conference.

“This grand opening is significant for Apopka because now within the black community, Mt. Olive can do real ministry and bring souls to Christ,” remarked Morel.

Since the summer of

1942, when God instilled in the hearts of Mt. Olive’s charter members Ellen Cobb, Sarah Johnson Jones, Ida Ellis, Edward Lee, and Willie Mae Sellars to start keeping the Sabbath, Mt. Olive has always maintained a love of God, family, and community.

Mt. Olive has minis-

tered to the community through the education of children, the feeding and clothing of mothers and fathers, and many other evidences of love.

“What makes Mt. Olive special is the love and fellowship. When you walk into the church, we greet everyone with

a sincere love. Now with this new building, we can continue to share our love for years to come,” said Beverly Sterling.

—BY SHERRIE BARTON

Adventist Appointed Florida Commissioner



Commissioner Ronald Brise is sworn in by the Honorable Judith Hawkins on August 17, 2010. He is joined by his wife, Jo An Brise (holding Bible); son, Ronald Brise II; his parents, Nicole and Roland Brise; grandmother, Carmina Henry; and his sister, Carmina Brise Charles, M.D.

Ronald A. Brise, the first Seventh-day Adventist and Haitian-American to serve on the Florida Publics Service Commission (PSC), took the public oath of offices on August 17, 2010. The oath was administered by the Honorable Judith W. Hawkins, Second Judicial Circuit, Leon County. Hawkins, a member of the Maranatha Church, Tallahassee, Fla., was selected by Brise to administer the oath.

Before this appointment, Brise served the

citizens of northeast Miami-Dade (District 108) in the Florida House of Representatives for four years, where he was named Democratic Whip from 2006 to 2008, and served as vice chairman of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators.

Most notably as a legislator, Commissioner Brise sponsored successful legislation to expand broadband deployment throughout the state, making it possible for underserved areas to have access

to technology. Brise was also successful in passing legislation to provide relief from garnishment to heads of families by increasing the amount of retainable earnings before garnishment.

After taking the oath, Brise said, “I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the great people of Florida. Three traits served me well as a legislator — integrity, sound judgement, and sensitivity to all parties — and

I will use them well in my new role as commissioner.”

Brise was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist in July 2010, to fill one of two unexpired terms through January 2014.

A product of Christian education, Brise is a graduate of Miami Union Academy and Oakwood University. He began his professional career by serving as a teacher at West Palm Beach Bilingual and Miami Union academies.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY



Family members and Conference officials pray for commissioner Ronald Brise in his office following his swearing in: Gwendolyn Parker, Conference treasurer (left); his grandmother, Carmina Henry; his mother, Nicole Brise, Conference women’s ministries director; Shirely Loues-Mark; David Long, Conference stewardship/trust director; Lesly Loues-Marc; Hubert Morel, Conference president; David Peay, Conference community service director; and his father, Roland Brise.

ROBERT HENLEY

Mt. Olive Organizado Como Iglesia

El viernes 23 de julio, el grupo de Mt. Olive fue organizado como iglesia, pasando a ser la número 139 de la asociación. La ceremonia estuvo dirigida por los pastores Jim Davidson, presidente del campo, y Elías Sandoval, pastor de la naciente iglesia. Asistieron al evento representantes de las

diversas congregaciones de la zona a fin unirse al gozo de la hermandad.

El grupo se inició en 1996, bajo el liderazgo de los hermanos Germán Díaz, León Barcenas, Israel Pérez, Honorio Rodríguez y los esposos Reynoso, quienes recibieron el constante apoyo del Pastor Mario Muñoz. En el año

2000, se reunían en una casa rodante. Pronto fue necesario buscar un lugar más amplio y es así que en el año 2003 René Pérez -quien hoy descansa en el Señor- facilitó una de sus propiedades a fin de que la congregación tuviese un lugar cómodo donde reunirse y adorar a Dios. Luego se compró un

terreno, y el pasado enero se terminó la construcción del templo.

—Elías Sandoval,
pastor del distrito



Siguiendo las Huellas de Jesús

Con un bautismo de 18 personas, culminó la campaña dirigida por el pastor Sandoval titulada “Siguiendo las Huellas de Jesús”, que se llevó a cabo del 4-31 de julio en Mt.Olive. La hermandad recibió previamente 4 CDs titulados “Un Mensaje de Amor y de Esperanza”



con la finalidad de ser entregados a quienes se deseaba invitar a la campaña.

Durante las 28 noches consecutivas, la iglesia en su totalidad trabajó arduamente. Se creó e hizo hincapié en “El Jardín de la Oración”. Allí hermanos y visitas dejaban sus pedidos de oración por escrito, y cada noche eran presentados ante Dios. A partir de la

segunda semana, las visitas recibieron el curso “La Fe de Jesús” que culminó con la graduación de 20 personas. Como broche de oro, los asistentes disfrutaron de un recital a cargo del tenor lírico Fausto Mercado.

—Elías Sandoval, pastor del distrito

Familia Alegría Recibe Premio

Durante el curso “La Fe de Jesús” se destacó una familia, que por su participación, asistencia y puntualidad fueron

inspiración para los demás asistentes. En ocasiones llegaban antes de que se hubiesen abierto las puertas del templo. Como



resultado, se les obsequió los diez tomos de las Bellas Historias de la Biblia.

—Elías Sandoval,
pastor del distrito

Greenville Norte, de Compañía a Iglesia



El pasado 24 de julio, la compañía de

Greenville Norte fue oficialmente organizada como la iglesia número 140 de la asociación.

En el año 1991 la familia Magaña llegó a la zona buscando

sin éxito una congregación hispana a la que asistir.

Comenzaron entonces a concurrir a la iglesia de habla inglesa, que los recibió con mucho cariño. En 1999, mas familias hispanas se unieron a la iglesia y se formó un grupo trabajador, que se abocó a la tarea de dar estudios bíblicos que pronto resultaron en bautismos. Comenzaron

a reunirse en un local que funcionaba como restaurante, y hoy tienen un hermoso santuario con capacidad para 100 personas, salón de usos múltiples, cocina, y aulas para niños.

—Elías Sandoval,
pastor del distrito

Nueva Congregación en Tamarac



Como resultado de los grupos de crecimiento, nació la congregación de Tamarac, que se reúne en la iglesia Luterana de la zona con una asistencia de 58 personas. Cada semana,

un grupo diferente dirige las actividades del sábado, las cuales culminan con un almuerzo.

El condado de Broward ha sido declarado “zona apostólica”, y por

la gracia de Dios se está cumpliendo el propósito de dicha nominación.

—*J.Rojas, pastor del distrito*

Georgia-Cumberland Noticias

Camaradería Entre los Participantes del Concurso Sobre Daniel

El departamento hispano organizó un viaje denominacional y recreativo que se llevó a cabo a fines de julio. Los lugares que se visitaron fueron la granja

Hiram Edson cerca de Rochester, NY, y las Cataratas del Niágara.

Los participantes alcanzaron los 50, y el grupo estaba compuesto por los miembros de



diferentes iglesias que participan en el concurso bíblico sobre el libro de Daniel.

—*Neftaly Ortiz, coordinador del departamento hispano*

Escuela Permanente de Instrucción en Liderazgo, EPIL

Del 23-25 de julio, se llevó a cabo el segundo encuentro de EPIL en Alma, GA, a cargo del Dr. Julio Alvarez, especialista en congregaciones pequeñas y ministerio de



iglesia. El evento se concentró en la forma de expandir el evangelio a través del trabajo en la comunidad.

—*Eduardo J. Pérez, pastor del distrito de Baxley-Douglas, GA*

Bautismo en Knoxville



Siete almas entregaron sus vidas a Jesús luego de la campaña “Enciende la Esperanza” llevada a cabo del 19 al 26 de junio en Knoxville, TN, y un grupo se prepara a través de los grupos pequeños

para hacer lo propio en un futuro cercano.

—*Richard Urdaneta, pastor del distrito*

Campestre Laico para Líderes de Grupos Pequeños

Más de 65 personas del distrito de Knoxville participaron de un fin de semana especial en Nosoca Pines, donde fueron instruidos y motivados a cumplir la misión de hacer evangelismo a través del ministerio de los grupos pequeños.

El Sábado 20 de agosto, durante el culto

divino, se realizó una ceremonia especial de dedicación, en la que 42 miembros de la iglesia fueron ordenados como líderes predicadores de grupos pequeños. Con esta ceremonia asumieron el compromiso del llamado a hacer de esta forma de evangelismo, un ministerio de vida.

“Dios no va a producir el crecimiento en su iglesia sin usarlo a usted. No vendrá por medio de los ángeles. No descenderá del cielo como la lluvia. Tiene que



comenzar en su corazón”.
—Richard Urdaneta,
pastor del distrito

Gulf States Noticias

Impacto en Hattiesburg

“Ser Feliz, Sí Se Puede” fue el título del programa de evangelismo Impacto 2010 que comenzó en abril



y culminó el pasado 31 de julio en la iglesia de Hattiesburg, MS, con la asistencia de 450 personas entre invitados y miembros de las iglesias del distrito «Laurel-Bethel.»

Unos 150 miembros de iglesia se comprometieron a trabajar, organizándose en 31 grupos pequeños

y 43 parejas misioneras. Se visitaron más de 250 personas, y 154 de ellas recibieron un estudio bíblico. Seguidamente se invitó a seis evangelistas para que durante 8 semanas presentaran mensajes, que culminaron con el bautismo de 53 personas.

Al finalizar este proyecto, se dictaron seminarios de capacitación sobre finanzas personales y eclesíásticas, comunicación en el matrimonio, discipulado y liderazgo cristiano.

—Johnny Castro,
pastor del distrito
Laurel-Bethel

Festival de Grupos Pequeños en Mississippi

Es tradición en el distrito de Laurel-Bethel al sur de Mississippi, llevar a cabo el festival de grupos pequeños el primer sábado de junio en la iglesia de Hattiesburg.

En este evento más de 300 personas que participan de los 31 grupos pequeños, exponen con entusiasmo sus ideales cristianos y propósitos



misioneros por medio de banderas y pancartas. Se celebra el hecho de que este método de ganancia de almas establece importantes valores en la iglesia: fraternidad, unidad,

consagración, y servicio al prójimo.

Este año, el pastor Johnny Castro, presentó un mensaje inspirador que culminó con un llamado a entregar la vida a Cristo

sin reservas, y los ancianos tuvieron la oración de consagración.

Luego del evento los participantes disfrutaron de un almuerzo intercultural que promovió la

camaradería entre los miembros de iglesia e invitados.

—Marilene
Almeida Tigre,
corresponsal del
distrito de Mississippi
Sur



Sábado de Gozo en Raleigh

El 31 de julio, el cuarteto “Quinta Voz” y el grupo mariachi “Getsemani” motivaron el espíritu de alabanza en la hermandad de Raleigh, NC, previo a la ceremonia de



ordenación de ancianos y diáconos a cargo del pastor Efraín Poloche, en la que se invitó a la hermandad a ser fiel a Dios mediante la devolución de los diezmos y las ofrendas.

El pastor Daniel González y los líderes de la iglesia se han esforzado para hacer de esta congregación un centro de oración y evangelismo, y los resultados se ven claramente.

La hermandad se

encuentra ahora abocada a la tarea de conseguir un templo para comprar, en donde puedan adorar a Dios y dar testimonio de Su amor por la humanidad.

—Ismael Uribe, pastor del distrito de Seven Springs, NC

Campaña en Smithfield

Ocho personas dieron el paso de bautismo al finalizar la campaña “Aún Hay Esperanza”, llevada a cabo en Smithfield, NC. El pastor Daniel González, presidente de la misión de Los Llanos en Venezuela, fue el orador de esta semana que tuvo lugar del 10 al 17 de julio.

—Ismael Uribe, pastor del distrito de Seven Springs, NC



Con alegría la asociación llevó a cabo la ordenación de los pastores Luis Reyes y Andrés Cabán el pasado 12 de junio. Ambos junto a sus esposas, están llevando a cabo un ministerio consagrado, mostrando el firme compromiso que tienen con la misión



de transmitir el mensaje de Verdad.

—Ismael Uribe, pastor del distrito de Seven Springs, NC

Campaña en Seven Springs



Durante la semana del 25 al 31 de julio la iglesia de Seven Springs, NC, fue bendecida con tres nuevos miembros que entregaron sus vidas a Cristo luego de la campaña “Palabras

de Esperanza” a cargo del pastor Uribe.

La alabanza por medio de la música estuvo a cargo del grupo Alfa y Omega, y se obsequió una Biblia familiar a cada uno

de los que se unieron a la fe.

—Ismael Uribe, pastor del distrito de Seven Springs, NC

Cosecha en Alabama

La iglesia Alpha en Decatur, Alabama,



organizó tres esfuerzos evangélicos que como

resultado trajeron 15 nuevas almas al seno de la iglesia. Los oradores de las mismas fueron los pastores Manuel Cuello, de la República

Dominicana, y Alcibiades Gómez, de Panamá.

—Cristian Borbón, MBA, pastor del distrito Trinity-Alpha Spanish, AL

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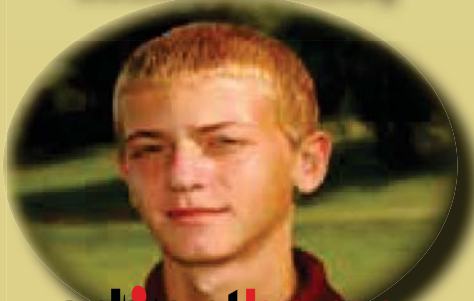
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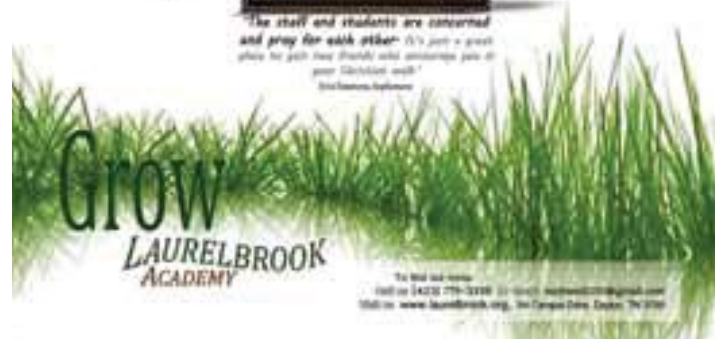
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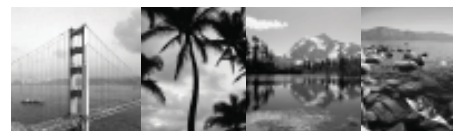
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HERITAGE SINGERS, celebrating their 40th anniversary, are now taking concert invitations for fundraisers and special church events. Call Max Mace at 530-622-9369 to book a 2011 concert while there are still available dates. [10-12]

NAPLES ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (NACS) – 40th Anniversary, November 12-14, 2010. Teachers, former teachers, pastors, students, and parents are invited. For more information, contact NACS 40th Anniversary, 2629 Horseshoe Drive South, Naples, FL 34104. Online: naplesacs.org. Email: nacsprincipal@yahoo.com. [10]

JOIN ASI SOUTHERN UNION CHAPTER at Fletcher Academy November 5-6. Speakers include James Rafferty, Kelly Mowrer, and Steven Grabiner. First time attendee registration is free. There will also be musical programs with Kelly Mowrer and Celestial Praise Chorale. Register by calling 404-299-1832, ext. 449. [10]



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Events Calendar

Carolina

Lay Pastoral Training – Oct. 8-10. Nosoca.
Hispanic Men's Retreat – Oct. 15-17. Nosoca.
Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting – Details: www.carolinasda.org
 Oct. 16. Greenville North.
 Oct. 23. Summerville
Men's Ministries Convention – Oct. 22-24. Nosoca.
Churchworks Rallies – Oct. 29-31. Fletcher/Charlotte.
Community Services Retreat – Nov. 12-14. Nosoca.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar.html>
Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridapathfinders.com/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.
Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.floridaconference.com/family/>, djmiller4000@gmail.com, or 407-703-3050.
North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter – membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumninfl.org/>, oakwoodalumninfl@gmail.com, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.
Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups. Details available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdeland.org/>
Young at Heart Camp – Oct. 17-21. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: 386-454-1351.
Florida Conference Integrated Ministries Convention – Oct. 22-24. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: alison.stovall@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x145.
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 Oct. 23. Tallahassee.

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 Oct. 30. Sunrise.
 Oct. 31. Plantation, Lauderhill, Deerfield Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.
 Nov. 6. Naples.
 Nov. 7. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Lakeland, Winter Haven.
 Nov. 13. West Palm Beach.
 Nov. 14. Midport Road in Port St. Lucie, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)
 Nov. 20. Port Charlotte.
 Nov. 21. North Port, Venice Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.
 Dec. 4. Maranatha in Miami Gardens.
 Dec. 5. Ft. Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, West Palm Beach Spanish, Jupiter-Tequesta.
 Dec. 11. St. Petersburg.
 Dec. 12. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills.
Planned Giving Clinics and Seminar – Nov. 6. Saving Grace Church in Hollywood.
Spanish-language Family Retreat – Nov. 25-28. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: 407-644-5000 x138.
Ambassador Church Evangelism Series – Jan. 7-29. Ambassador Church, Lauderdale Lakes. Details: evangelismproject_amsda@eccgroup.net or 954-733-0607.

Georgia-Cumberland

Conference Calendar – Oct. '10
Complete calendar online – www.gccsda.com
Men's Retreat – Oct. 15-17. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.
Pathfinder Fellowship Events – Oct. 15-17.
Hispanic NET '10 with Adly Campos – Oct. 16-23.
Hispanic Youth Rally – Oct. 22, 23. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.
Pathfinder Fellowship Events – Oct. 22-24.
Prayer Ministries Leadership Training – Oct. 30. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.
Pathfinder Teen Challenge – Nov. 5-7. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
ShareHim Training – Nov. 5, 6.

"Sweet Expectations" Marriage Retreat – Nov. 12-14. Winshape Retreat, Rome, GA.
Health Rally – Nov. 20. Hixson, TN.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online: <http://www.gccsda.org>
Principles' Retreat – Oct. 8-10. Camp Alamisco.
Floral Crest School 105th Alumni Homecoming – Oct. 8, 9. Byrant, AL. Details: www.floralcrestsdasda.org
Pathfinder Camporee – Oct. 14-17. Camp Alamisco.
Elders' Training – Oct. 23. Meridian, MS.
Teen Biking Invitational – Oct. 29, 30. Natchez Trace.
Honors Weekend – Nov. 12-14. Camp Alamisco.
Elders Training – Nov. 19-21. Camp Alamisco.

Kentucky-Tennessee

LE Fall Campout – Oct. 15-17. Bailey's Point.
Elders' Training – Oct. 29-31. Indian Creek Camp.
Highland Academy Youth Rally – Nov. 12, 13. Highland Academy.
Conference Association Board – Dec. 8.
Conference Executive Committee – Dec. 8.

South Atlantic

Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church 100th Centennial Celebration – March 11, 12. Columbia, SC. Details: 803-786-2800.

Southern Adventist University

Peter Sikes Piano Concert – Oct. 5.

PreviewSouthern – Oct. 7, 8.
Organ/Symphony Concert – Oct. 10.
Golden Dragon Acrobats – Oct. 12.
Wind Symphony Concert – Oct. 17.
Adventist Heritage Tour – Oct. 20-25.
Midterm Break – Oct. 21-24.
Alumni Homecoming Weekend – Oct. 28-31.

Announcements

Society of Adventist Communicators – Oct. 14-16. Hyatt Regency Rochester, Rochester, NY. Details: adventistcommunicator.org.

Southern Singles Fall Retreat – Oct. 15-17. Sterchi Lodge, NC. Details: Email avocadofiddler@gmail.com or call 423-784-9484.

Andrews Academy Homecoming Weekend – Oct. 15-17. All alumni of Emmanuel Missionary College Academy, Andrews University Academy, and Andrews Academy are invited. Honor classes: 1936, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, 2001, and 2006. Details: call the alumni office at 269-471-6140, or e-mail acadalum@andrews.edu.

South Central Conference Women's Retreat 2010 – Oct. 29-31. Park Vista Resort Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN. Details: 800-732-7587 or www.plusline.org.

ASI Southern Union – Nov. 5, 6. Fletcher Academy, Fletcher NC. Details: www.asisouthernunion.com.

Sunset

	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5
Atlanta, GA	7:20	7:11	7:02	6:54	5:47	5:41
Charleston, SC	7:03	6:54	6:45	6:37	5:30	5:24
Charlotte, NC	7:05	6:56	6:46	6:38	5:30	5:24
Collegedale, TN	7:22	7:13	7:03	6:55	5:48	5:41
Huntsville, AL	6:28	6:19	6:10	6:02	4:54	4:48
Jackson, MS	6:44	6:35	6:27	6:19	5:12	5:06
Louisville, KY	7:24	7:13	7:03	6:54	5:45	5:38
Memphis, TN	6:42	6:32	6:23	6:15	5:07	5:01
Miami, FL	7:06	6:59	6:52	6:46	5:40	5:36
Montgomery, AL	6:28	6:19	6:11	6:03	4:56	4:50
Nashville, TN	6:29	6:19	6:09	6:01	4:43	4:46
Orlando, FL	7:10	7:02	6:54	6:48	5:42	5:37
Wilmington, NC	6:54	6:45	6:36	6:28	5:20	5:14

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