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God and Money

The Bible says a lot about money, possessions, and the management of finances. These scriptural statements can be summarized in the form of at least three basic principles.

Money and possessions must be viewed realistically. In one of His parables, Jesus described a man whose life had been spent in the accumulation of wealth. Then the man died, unprepared to meet God and forced to leave his precious possessions to somebody else. Jesus called this man a fool. He was rich in worldly wealth, but poor in his relationship with God.

Things have not changed in modern times. Many people still live lives dominated by the love of money and the pursuit of influence. The story has been told about several very successful American businessmen who met in 1921. The group included the most successful speculator on Wall Street; a cabinet member; and the presidents of the New York Stock Exchange, the Bank of International Settlements, the largest steel company in the United States, the largest utility company, and the largest gas company. A few years later, all of the men were dead. Three had committed suicide, three had been in prison, one had gone insane, and two died in bankruptcy. All had been ruined by the Great Depression of the 1930s. At a time when millions of common people tightened their budgets and went on living, these men had been destroyed because their lives centered on money. When the money was gone, there was little purpose in living. Even sadder, perhaps, is the example of some modern preachers and television evangelists whose ministries and personal lives have been marred permanently by a preoccupation with fundraising and affluent lifestyles.

According to the Scriptures, money is temporary. Ultimately, it does not satisfy nor bring happiness and stability. Perhaps this is one reason why we are warned to keep our lives free from the love of money and to be content with what we have. If riches increase, we are not to set our hearts on them. Money in itself is not condemned in Scripture, but the love of money and dependence on riches clearly are wrong.

Money and possessions are provided by God. He supplies all of our needs, expects us to trust Him for our finances, and has shown that we need not be anxious or worried about having enough.

Sometimes, however, He chooses to provide only the barest necessities. Despite the views of many believers, there is no biblical support for the idea that God consistently rewards faithful living and generous giving with affluence and abundance. For reasons known only to Him, God sometimes permits hunger and financial hardship, even among His faithful followers. Still, He supplies what we need, even though He doesn't always give us what we want or think we need.

Money and possessions can be harmful. The rich young ruler came to Jesus with a theological question and walked away grieving when he heard the command to give all that he had to the poor. Apparently a love for money prevented his spiritual growth. He was learning, as Jesus said on another occasion, that one can gain the whole world and lose one's soul. Elsewhere Jesus taught that we cannot love both God and money. Eventually we will come to the point of loving the one and hating the other. A love of money can prevent our turning to Christ and can stifle spiritual growth. Wealth can lead us to forget God, and sometimes a desire for things even leads people to steal. Nowhere is this stated more clearly than in 1 Timothy 6:6-11, where the dangers of loving money are contrasted with an emphasis on godliness and a command to flee greedy attitudes:

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and into a trap, and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man and woman of God, flee from all of this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. —RCS



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COVER: Joann Dickson-Smith engages in cardiovascular classes two times each week. When she is unable to attend those classes, she supplements by working out on her elliptical exercise machine at home.



Growing in Christ Through Disability

BY ALVA JAMES-JOHNSON

After Joann Dickson-Smith graduated from Loma Linda University with a master of science in public health, specializing in epidemiology, she landed a job with the U.S. Public Health Service, eventually serving as a lieutenant commander at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Joann Dickson-Smith doesn't like heights, but that didn't stop her from gliding down the white, powdery mountains of Aspen, Colorado.

After struggling with multiple sclerosis (MS) for two decades, acrophobia was just one more challenge to overcome.

"It was probably one of the most daring things I've ever done," said the 56-year-old woman, who skied sitting in a bucket as part of a program for people with disabilities. "But once I got up higher on those skis, and heard nothing but the sound of nature, there was just a closeness that I felt with God."

Dickson-Smith, a member of Berean Church in Atlanta, Georgia, has been on a spiritual adventure ever

since being diagnosed with MS 21 years ago. She serves as the disabled ministries coordinator for her church. In addition to the recent ski trip, she has also participated in several National Veterans Wheelchair Games, organized by Paralyzed Veterans and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

As a well-trained athlete, Dickson-Smith has won 20 medals for such sports as swimming, the 100 meter race, and the discus throw. This past summer, she won a gold medal for bowling and a silver medal for motor rallying. And, she has been featured in articles published by CNN and other news outlets.

Dickson-Smith said she is more active now than before she was

diagnosed with MS in February of 1994. She relies on an electric power wheelchair, and a hand-controlled vehicle for mobility.

"I have decided that I am not disabled, just differently-abled," she said. "My new goal is, I want to become a personal trainer for people with special needs to help them recognize that you don't necessarily have to go to a camp, they can find ways to do things in their homes. So, even though they're disabled, they can still be physically active."

Diagnosing the Problem

Dickson-Smith is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. In 1981, she graduated from Oakwood Col-



times I would just fall down.”

Since she was pregnant, Dickson-Smith first consulted with her OB/GYN. The physician referred her to the Shepherd Center, a not-for-profit hospital in Atlanta that specializes in spinal cord and brain injury rehabilitation and medical research.

There she saw one of the premier MS specialists in the country, who diagnosed her with MS, a disease that eats away the protective covering of the nerves.

Dickson-Smith said it was a time when many Americans were being diagnosed with MS,

Joann Dickson-Smith with her sons, Justin, 23 (right), and Julian, 21

lege (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, Alabama, with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Three years later, she graduated from Loma Linda University with a master of science in public health, specializing in epidemiology.

From there, she landed a job with the U.S. Public Health Service, eventually serving as a lieutenant commander at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP).

“At first, I thought I wanted to do medicine, and then I decided I wanted to help people before and not after they get sick,” she said, reflecting on her career. “I had always dreamed of working for the Center for Disease Control, and I figured working in public health would get me to that goal. So as God would have it, He blessed me to get a job here in Atlanta, working in community health education.”

But, three years after starting her work at the CDC, Dickson-Smith began feeling ill. She experienced numbness and tingling in her hands, legs, feet, and toes, along with chron-

ic fatigue.

At the time, Dickson-Smith was married with a 3-year-old son, and another child on the way. At first she thought the symptoms were the result of her nursing her first son while expecting another baby, or the consequences of working in a stressful atmosphere.

“But I was also tripping a lot,” she said. “My left foot wasn't coordinated and working the way it should, and some-



At the Disabled American Veterans Winter Clinic, Joann Dickson-Smith was able to ski by sitting in a bucket.

mostly young, white women between the ages of 20 and 30.

"In self-diagnosing myself, MS wasn't on my radar because I was 35 and I wasn't white," she said. "So, I was very surprised."

After recovering from the initial shock, Dickson-Smith had to learn to live with her new reality. Doctors told her she could continue working, but while on temporary leave the Public Health Service medically retired her from the job.

Adjusting to Disability

Though disappointed, Dickson-Smith soon found it a blessing. As a commissioned officer in the Public Health Service, she qualified for veteran benefits, allowing her to receive 70 percent of her salary for as long as she lives. When she went to the Veterans Administration to file the paperwork, she received 100 percent of her salary, and learned that the government would also cover all her medical bills and equipment. She said that allowed her to focus on homeschooling her two sons, the second of whom was born just five months after her diagnosis.

"I felt like Jochebed," she said. "You know how Miriam came back and told her that the princess had picked up Moses and she was looking for somebody to raise the child? She actually got paid to keep her own child. I felt that's what God did for me. I was able to stay home with my kids and homeschool them for a little while, and God made all the provisions."

Through the VA, Dickson-Smith also learned about the National Veteran Wheelchair Games, and began associating with veteran athletes.

But there were many difficult days, too. Dickson-Smith said the disease eventually took a toll on her marriage, and she and her husband divorced in 2007. She also faced many physical challenges: "Although I would be tripping and falling, I would walk around the neighborhood every day and go swimming," she said. "One morning, I went out and because of the way I was walking,

I tripped and fell and came home with my face severely scarred."

When asked if she was ever angry at God for her circumstances, she said, "I'm a person who likes to know and asks a lot of questions. I didn't ask 'Why me?' It was more like, 'Lord, I know you've got it under control, but in the process of this, help me to understand what I can do to help make it better.'" And, God showed her how to manage the disease through diet and exercise.

Serving Others

Through it all, Dickson-Smith remained active in ministry. She took her sons to Pathfinders every week, and made sure they didn't miss out on other church and school activities.

When she learned that there was no support group for black residents with MS, she started one in her area. The group meets after church, the second Sabbath of every month, from 3 to 5 p.m. Dickson-Smith said it draws people from the community, and many have become her good friends.

"I always tell them, 'I would have never met any of you guys if it hadn't been for MS,'" she said.

But, what brings Dickson-Smith the most joy are her two sons, who are her biggest supporters.

Justin, 23, recently graduated from Oakwood University with a bachelor's in biology, and is studying for the MCAT. Julian, 21, is a junior at Oakwood, studying business. She believes they've learned to be compassionate toward the elderly and people with disabilities because of her experience.

Dickson-Smith is also disabilities coordinator at her church. She said



Joann Dickson-Smith proudly displays her medals received at the Paralyzed Veterans Wheelchair Race for free-style swimming, bowling, 100-meter track and field, wheelchair motor rally race, and discus throw. The competitions were held in Spokane, Washington; Richmond, Virginia; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Tampa, Florida; and Dallas, Texas.

congregations in the Southern Union can do a lot more to accommodate people with disabilities.

"There's not an elevator in any of the churches that I know of, not even a lift," she said. "The church I attend has three different levels. And when there's a function in the fellowship hall, or up in the youth room, I have to go outside and drive my power chair around, because I really don't do steps that well." Still, she believes her illness has been a blessing.

"Other things probably would have taken me far, far away from God," she said, "but I think this has drawn me closer to Him and helped me find another ministry." ❖

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Southern Union Disabilities Ministries

People with disabilities in the Southern Union Conference are not alone in their struggle for accommodations and inclusion in church life.

At the 1995 General Conference Session in Utrecht, Netherlands, a ministry for people with disabilities was voted and approved for churches within the denomination. That resulted in a disabilities ministries program at the Southern Union, which aims to follow Christ's example of reaching and nurturing all people within God's family, regardless of the physical, mental, or spiritual challenges that they face.

"Disabilities ministries is about making sure that everybody has full access to the Gospel through worship, study, fellowship, and evangelism," said Rosemary Graham, Southern Union disabilities ministries coordinator. "We just don't want people with disabilities coming to church and sitting down. We want them involved in fellowship and also in evangelism."

Graham, who has lupus, is also coordinator of disabilities ministries for the South Atlantic Conference. The director for the Union's Disabilities Ministries Department is Jim Davidson, who also serves as Union executive secretary.

"One in every five Americans have some form of a disability, and the worldwide statistics are that there are one billion people on the planet who have some form of a disability," Graham said. "Those statistics are through aging and chronic health conditions."

Graham said seven areas of disabilities within the Union have been identified. They are mobility, vision, hearing, psychiatric, intellectual/developmental, speech, and invisible disabilities such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes.

She said the Church manual calls for each church to have a disabilities coordinator, and there are about 45 to 50 coordinators throughout the Union. But, many holding the positions are inactive, and she would like to see the number of coordinators increase.

Graham recommends the following steps for churches interested in starting a disabilities ministries program:

- Pray.
- Select a team.
- Survey the members to determine the needs.
- Assess the facility structure for accessibility and safety.
- Recruit/train volunteers to help visitation, service assistance, etc.
- Provide monthly awareness and education for members.
- Assess spiritual gifts for inclusion and participation.
- Start a small group ministry with Bible study, a phone conference, support group, or community outreach.

For more information on the denomination's disabilities ministries program, go to www.southernunion.com.

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Joann Dickson-Smith prepares for her first rock-climbing experience at the Disabled American Veterans Winter Clinic.

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Balancing Your Professional, Personal, and Spiritual Lives

BY JIM DAVIDSON

How the Southern Union has helped medical professionals for 50 years



Healthcare is often a life or death business. Today as the population ages, rates of chronic illnesses like cancer, heart disease, and diabetes are increasing. However, public budgets for treating these diseases are shrinking. Because of these converging trends, many healthcare professionals are experiencing the challenge of balancing their careers with their personal and spiritual lives.

From October 6-9, 2016, at the 50th anniversary of the Southern Union biennial Medical/Dental/Health Professional Convention, gaining insights and possible solutions to this challenge along with a host of other topics will be presented during the convention. For 50 years the Southern Union has provided an extended weekend of continuing education, inspirational speakers, music, and Adventist fellowship for physicians, dentists, and other allied healthcare professionals. The Sabbath guest speaker will include in his presentation inspirational insight for how today's healthcare worker can strengthen and enhance their spiritual growth in order to successfully and joyfully manage the challenges of being a healthcare

provider in the 21st century.

In 2016, for this golden anniversary year, we will be in a new and very special venue, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Stone Mountain is located on 3,200 acres of natural beauty. It is truly an oasis of hiking trails and lakes, as well as the 1,686-foot-tall Stone Mountain. The park and its location also feature a wide variety of family activities, and things to do in the nearby Atlanta area. Within the park are two 18-hole golf courses, and the largest RV park in the state of Georgia. The convention will be held within the park at the Evergreen Marriott Resort, an AAA

four-diamond facility. Special convention rates will be available for all attendees.

October of 2016 may still be a year away, but we encourage you to mark your calendars now for this extraordinary 50th anniversary biennial convention. Watch your *Southern Tidings* for information on the special speakers and guests who will be present for this commemorative weekend of renewal, refreshment, and reenergized commitment to the very special calling of healthcare ministry. As we get closer to this event, you will find more information at www.southernunion.com/medical-dental. 



Stone Mountain, Georgia, Park — new venue for the 50th anniversary of the Medical/Dental/Health Professional Convention

He's Promised to Provide

JULIE BURKS

BY DAVID B. STUART

Very soon after I was baptized into the Adventist faith, I became a tithing Christian. For years since that time, I have been consistent in returning tithes and offerings to the Church. I have never accumulated any real debt, and have always had my financial needs met. It didn't matter whether I was making \$150 per week at my small business enterprise years ago, or currently making more. I've always felt my needs were being met, and have always believed the Lord was leading and providing in my life.

I often sense something special about the prosperity that accompanied my life's work. Sometimes I would think to myself, "Why me? Why am I doing so well?" I'm not the best at what I do, and, as they say, "He's not the sharpest knife in the drawer." I am not saying that I am wealthy or rich by any stretch of the imagination for sure, but I seem to have a sense of peace, contentment, and joy derived from the financial aspect of my journey with the Lord.

How many people in this life, rich and not so rich, are as happy about their personal finances as I am? I think I am enamored by it all because I truly see the hand of God in the midst of it; a faithful God who promises to bless those who will take Him at His Word. The consistency of the Lord's promise to provide and bless, is very real to me.

But I do want to tell you of one particular incident where you might say... my faith was challenged.

There was one time in many years of tithing where there seemed to be a glitch in the process. It is a ritual for me to gather my monthly

bills on a Friday near the end of the month, and sit at my office desk and pay them. The first thing I do is calculate my net income for the month from the business, and write out my tithe and offering check. I place the check in a tithe envelope, put it in my Bible for Sabbath the following day, and then write checks for the bills.

This month was different. This was the first month I truly did not have enough in my checking account to cover my bills. I prayed, "Lord, I do not have enough money in the account for the bills and tithes and offerings; I'm quite short." The checks were going to bounce if I paid the bills that are due, and if I returned my tithes and offerings as well. The reason why I prayed was because I was tempted to hold the tithe and offering check for a week or two. "What's wrong with that? I thought, "The Lord won't mind." The second thought that came to me was, mail the bills, drop the tithe and offering check in the plate that Sabbath, and leave the rest to God. After all, He's promised to provide. I did just that.

Monday rolled around and no money came in the mail from the business. Tuesday was the same. I was getting a little nervous. I prayed, "Lord, what do You want me to do? The checks are going to bounce," I said. "Lord, my only option seems to be to borrow the money on a credit card and transfer the funds into the checking account."

It was a quiet mid-afternoon as I prepared to leave the house for the bank to make the transfer. I was tying my shoes in the living room when a

knock came at the door. In frustration I said, "Oh no ... I've got to get to the bank."

I answered the door. There stood a young man with a white envelope in his hand. He handed it to me and simply said, "Hi Dave, how are you doing? Thanks so much. I got to run."

I closed the door and opened the envelope. There was enough cash to cover my bills and the tithes and offering check. The man was a friend who owed me money from months earlier.

I'll never forget it. The timing was uncanny. I broke down with shivers running up and down my spine. Hard cold cash, just when I needed it most! In the middle of the afternoon, whatever it takes, God will come through.

Malachi 3:10 is as real to me as the nose on my face, "... prove me



now here-with, saith the Lord ... if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." ❖

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I Was in Prison and You Visited Me

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Prison ministries volunteers from across the conference gathered on Sunday, August 16, at the Conference office to enjoy a lunch and share the joys of working with those incarcerated. It is amazing what God is doing in this ministry with these willing servants.

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference invited all prison ministries volunteers to a luncheon on Sunday, August 16, 2015, to show appreciation. The event was based on Matthew 25:36, “I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

According to Ron Mathieson, prison ministries lay coordinator from the Atlanta Southside Church in Jonesboro, Georgia, “Eighty-four percent of inmates had not been to church until they went to prison. What we are doing with this work happens to be what God wants us to do.”

Many volunteers took the podium to share experiences, and tell why they serve in their local prison.

Ruth Soule, from the North River Church, said, “I was searching [online] for a guy named Kenneth Hill. I found him, but it was the wrong man. I was impressed to click on him anyway, and he had the saddest eyes. I could not get his eyes out of my mind. I was impressed to send

him a lesson, and I told him why. He said he had just lost his wife, and was a former gang member. He wanted help.”

John Holley, a member at the Apison, Tennessee, Church, tried to get into the Silverdale and Bradley County jails one Friday after Thanksgiving. When he went he found that every door was locked, but he came upon a guard who let him in. Interestingly, he kept getting through every door; he went through five doors without seeing a guard, and was able to give a Bible study that same day.

Carolyn Cloud, a member of the Ringgold, Georgia, Church, has a booming ministry in prison — health and cooking classes. She had more than 100 sign up for her first class, and that was when she didn’t even serve dinner. Now, each quarter she brings 20 crockpots full of food, and has the children at Misty Meadows School make Christmas cards. She also teaches a class on what Adventists believe.

Former pilot Bill Thomas, a member of the Wimbish Road Church in Macon, Georgia, said he has two members in the McCray Prison who faithfully give tithes. He also said that one of his former inmates built a chapel on his property after he got out of prison. He wanted his entire family to worship together.

Husband and wife team Jane and Corbin Pitman, members of the Brayton Church in Graysville, Tennessee, were recently named as the new chaplains for the Bradley County Women’s Prison. They work with 300 women. “Last year it was a privilege to bring five people into the Adventist Church. It is amazing the response from a small amount of time. Only God can do that.”

Prison ministries director for the Conference, E.W. Dempsey, said that everyone should submit daily his or her will to Christ. “Without prayer, nothing happens. I am so grateful for all who serve in prison ministries. You never know what seeds you are planting.”

SHARING HOPE

Evangelism Program Results in 256 Baptisms

BY REBECCA GRICE AND ELIZABETH RODRIGUEZ

Onlookers lined the shore as 69 souls waited to be baptized.

During the annual Hispanic Camp Meeting at Camp Alamisco in Dadeville, Alabama, August 22, 2015, 69 people were baptized. With these baptisms, the “Sharing Hope” program concluded with 256 baptisms. These baptisms were the result of months of planning and work. Nilton Garcia, Gulf States Hispanic ministries director, explains, “This Camp Meeting was an event planned to conclude the reaping cycle of the Sharing Hope evangelistic efforts. The main objectives were to revive the members and bring new souls to glorify the name of God through baptism.”

For the three previous months, Jorge Mayer, Southern Union Hispanic ministries director; Nilton Garcia, and Gulf States Hispanic pastors were constantly praying. A special prayer session via teleconference was held each morning at 4:30 a.m. They prayed for the 12 student Bible workers who had come to the Conference from the Dominican Republic in order to help the pastors. They prayed for the pastors, and they prayed for the Hispanic members who worked alongside the pastors and Bible workers. They also prayed for the people who were being contacted.

They all worked day and night — doors were knocked on, and Bible studies were given. Forty evangelistic meetings were held. Many meetings started a week before Camp Meeting. The final message of the meetings was given during the Hispanic Camp Meeting at the Sabbath morning wor-

ship service. “Sharing Hope” was an appropriate theme as the baptismal candidates listened to the message during the worship service.

The speaker was Alejandro Bullon, a well-known evangelist in South America. Other presenters for the weekend were Roger Hernandez, Southern Union ministerial director; Juan Joaquin, Indiana Conference evangelist; Annie Perez, marriage and family counselor; and Adriana Perera, Oakwood University music professor.

Roberto Zepahua, Montgomery Spanish Church evangelism director, says, “We were blessed to have the Dominican Republic students with us for three months. They worked hard knocking on doors and enrolling 700 people in Bible studies. Some had many questions about the Adventist Church, and it was wonderful to spread the Good News of salvation with them. Most of the baptisms were young people. Everything we planned for this amazing event was accomplished. I was thankful I could visit and spread the Gospel freely in my community.”

Luis Soto, Dominican Republic missionary pastor, adds, “One of the greatest lessons I discovered is God is always where you need Him to be. We planned to hold an evangelistic meeting in a vacant lot in a mobile home park. Everything was ready and we had permission to use the space, but then the owner decided he needed it for a new mobile home. We decided to go somewhere else and we found

a park, and at first the park manager said yes, but then the owner called and said the permit was being denied because of religious issues. Still, nothing was going to stop those meetings. People needed to hear God’s message, so we decided to have those meetings in one of our members’ house. We needed room for people to sit, so we replaced the living room furniture and kitchen table with 40 chairs. We held the meetings for a week, and, praise God, during that week three souls gave their lives to Jesus. God is where you need Him to be. We needed Him and He blessed.”

The testimony of Virginia Hernandez Ramos, one of the 69 newly baptized members, sums up the reason for the Sharing Hope Evangelism program. She explains, “I praise the Lord I committed my entire life to God. A few days ago I had a dream in which the day of my baptism never came true. One thing and then another made me think it was going to be impossible for me to get baptized.” Then, with a smile on her face, she continues, “Today, I know God has a special plan for my life. He knew this day was going to come true, and He wanted to make sure I wanted to follow Him. Today I am so happy I got baptized. I am more than ready to follow God’s lead.”

Garcia is thankful for the help of Jorge Mayer from the Southern Union; Dave Livermore, Conference president; the student Bible workers; the teams of pastors; and all who worked so hard to reach the Hispanic public. ❁

Students Learn About Technology, Health Care During Adventist Health System Visit



Adventist Health System (AHS) hosted students from the University of Central Florida (UCF) and interns from the Altamonte Springs Science Incubator (AS2I) in July 2015. Both groups were on campus to learn about AHS Information Services (AHS-IS), and the work the teams do to provide an integrated patient care delivery system to the facilities they support.

AS2I, which promotes career readiness in the high-demand fields of science, technology, engineering, and math, is one of Adventist Health System's community

involvement partners.

During this visit, the three high school students in attendance from AS2I got to see firsthand how the technology supported by AHS-IS team members works in a clinical environment. They were also able to sit with AHS-IS executives and employees, and ask questions about their careers and the paths they took to get to where they are today.

"I am so excited to be here for this visit," said Nila Cousar, a rising junior in Seminole County. "I am interested in a career in

public health, and this is the first trip we have taken that shows how science and technology can play a role in the health care field."

One of the key pillars of Adventist Health System's community involvement program is to influence the growth of a local health care business and technology workforce.

"As an organization, we realize the greatest way to make an impact in our community is by providing

volunteer service that aligns with our business values and skills," said Christine Stewart, vice president of corporate communications and community relations at Adventist Health System. "This visit with AS2I and UCF gave employees the opportunity to share their passion of science, technology, engineering, and math with students who are interested in pursuing careers in those same fields."

—BY KATIE RICHARDSON



Adventist Health System Uses Mobile Rounding Platform to Measure, Enhance Patient Experience

For Adventist Health System (AHS) hospitals, nurse, physician, and leadership, rounding is one of the most important techniques used to maintain and enhance quality, safety, and overall patient experience. Traditionally, this has involved asking questions, listening, taking notes on paper, typing the notes into a computer, and running and distributing reports. But now, many AHS hospitals are streamlining that process with MyRounding, a mobile app that allows caregivers to instantly and securely record feedback into an iPad or tablet. This provides users with the ability to act on the feedback immediately,

assign and track issues, consolidate data, and create reports during the rounding process and at the point of patient care.

“Our facility leaders round and talk with their patients daily, and an automated tool that supports this process along with follow-up is key to our focus on patient and family-centered care,” said Pam Guler, vice president and chief patient experience officer for Adventist Health System.

After successful pilots at Florida Hospital Carrollwood and Texas Health Huguley Hospital Fort Worth South during the last year, another 23 AHS facilities have now

implemented MyRounding. Using MyRounding along with other patient engagement initiatives provided sustained improvements in HCAHPS scores in nurse communication at the pilot sites.

“MyRounding allows our leaders to capture real-time patient feedback in an organized manner so that we can proactively meet patient and family needs, and continually improve and sustain the best patient experience,” said Guler.

Integrated with Ad-



ventist Health System’s Electronic Health Record system, MyRounding provides visibility into the daily rounding activities specific to each patient. MyRounding technology is supported by a customer experience staff that provides continual implementation and optimization support.

—BY MELANIE LAWHORN

Park Ridge Health Receives National Honor for Workplace Health Initiatives



For the second year in a row, Prevention Partners has awarded Park Ridge Health with the Excellence Recognition for reaching the highest standards in workplace health and prevention.

Park Ridge Health received this recognition by earning straight A’s in four modules of WorkHealthy America, a Prevention

Partners initiative addressing tobacco use, physical activity, nutrition, and the overall culture around health and wellness. The Excellence Recognition honors Park Ridge Health’s commitment to employee health through its policies, programs, and benefits to support employee health, optimize employee productivity, and integrate wellness into daily operations.

“Our goal is to have the healthiest workforce in western North Carolina (age-adjusted). We strive to do that by providing our team members with resources, tools, and education that make healthy choices easily accessible,” said Jimm Bunch, president/

CEO of Park Ridge Health. “This recognition is a major milestone in this journey.”

Park Ridge Health provides a free chronic disease prevention and reversal program. The program encourages participants to create and instill lasting lifestyle change through nutrition, dietitian, and behavioral management expertise and education. Park Ridge Health also offers to team members an on-campus walking trail and discounted memberships to local fitness facilities. The wellness manager assists teams with activity challenges and other departmental wellness initiatives.

“Compassion and education are the keys to em-

powering our team members and community to make choices that lead to healthier lifestyles,” said Katherine Schuen, CWP, wellness manager at Park Ridge Health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) acknowledged the WorkHealthy America Excellence standard as one of the highest achievements in building a healthy workplace.

“I applaud this great effort and the commitment of Park Ridge Health’s leadership to create a culture of wellness,” said Meg Molloy, president/CEO of Prevention Partners.

—BY VICTORIA DUNKLE

Fayetteville Korean Mission Welcomes Associate



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Members of the Fayetteville, N.C., Church were pleased to welcome a new addition to their ministerial team on Sabbath, July 25, 2015. Chol Jang, the new associate pastor, has agreed to serve alongside John Huskins, pastor, in a three-year venture sponsored by the North American Division, in partnership with the Carolina Conference.

Due to the high Korean population in and around Fayetteville, the North American Division Korean Adventist Association and its director, Oh Young Kwon, chose the city as a starting point for evangelism. They agreed to provide three years of funding for a full-time

associate pastor at Fayetteville Church, who would also endeavor to expand the Korean work in this promising area.

The Fayetteville Church already has a number of faithful Korean attendees, some of whom cannot speak any English, and they are excited to begin outreach into the surrounding Korean community. Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference president, said, "They could probably become a group pretty soon, and then as they grow they could become a company, and so forth." That kind of growth is exactly what those heading up the project are hoping for.

This introductory Sab-

bath was a day of celebration as Louis presented the message and Kwon translated it for the Korean members in attendance. Then they offered a prayer over Jang and his wife, Kyung, dedicating the couple and their work to the Lord.

Later that afternoon Korean members from Columbia, Charlotte, and the Raleigh-Greensboro area gathered at Fayetteville Church to pronounce their blessing and support of the newcomers.

The Carolina Confer-



CAROLE LOUIS

Chol Jang, associate pastor at Fayetteville, N.C., Church

ence has a diverse membership, with members representing cultures from all around the world. The Korean work is simply another example of this international outlook and desire to reach out to all brothers and sisters in Christ.

—BY AIMEE GARVER

Maranatha Volunteers Present World Sabbath



FLORIE ROGERS AMBLER

Maranatha volunteers Kenneth Weiss, Karen Godfrey, and Julie Lee presented the World Sabbath program at Asheville, N.C., North Church.

The Asheville, N.C., North Church was honored to have special guests from Maranatha Volunteers International present their June World Sabbath program and worship service. Kenneth Weiss, executive vice-

president; Karen Godfrey, vice-president for advancement; Julie Lee, director of marketing; and Roger Hatch, board member, presented an inspiring program detailing Maranatha missions around the world.

Maranatha relies on the support of volunteers and donors to fulfill their mission to provide urgently-needed, low-cost buildings such as the \$10 Church, the One Day Church, and the One Day School.

The organization mobilizes thousands of people to more than a dozen countries each year. As a result, people in more than 80 countries around the world have been given the opportunity to learn about God and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In the last 10 years, Maranatha has received more than 100,000 requests for churches from Seventh-day Adventist congregations who have no

place to worship.

In the congregation that Sabbath was John Freeman, creator of Maranatha Flights International that later merged with Volunteers International to become Maranatha Volunteers International. Also attending and honored at the service was Richard Prior, who has been a dedicated ambassador for Maranatha since 1990.

On the first Sabbath of each month, the Asheville North Church features special mission programs emphasizing people, religions, cultures, and missions around the world.

—BY FLORIE ROGERS AMBLER

Monroe “Kids’ Place” Attracts New Families

It has been said that if a church has a great children’s program, the parents will come. This evangelistic focus was in mind when the Monroe, N.C., Church began planning to revamp their children’s Sabbath School program, which they have named Kids’ Place.

The idea was to include areas for teaching about Christian principles such as healthy eating, courtesy, and cleanliness, in addition to the regular Bible studies. So in the main room of the children’s building, they built the front of a real farmhouse where the kids can go inside, go upstairs, climb through tunnels, look through the windows

at their friends, or slide down the built-in slide. The house would also serve as a puppet stage and story corner. The plan is to include a kitchen as well. Outside the house is the barnyard, complete with “grass” carpet, a barn to hold the audio/visual components and television, and eventually a “chicken coop” that will convert into a table for crafts.

During the morning program, the children rotate through stations similar to a Vacation Bible School program. All ages join together in the beginning for an introduction of the week’s theme, songs, and visual aids. Then they divide into three groups according to age, and rotate

through the stations. Each teacher prepares only one part of the program, which streamlines the process of preparation, and allows for greater attention to detail.

The children love their new class, and beg to get there early. Several new

families have started attending regularly, and have shared the reason: They want to be part of a church that obviously values their children and cares about their salvation.

—BY REBECCA CARPENTER



REBECCA CARPENTER

Florida Living Church Recognized for 20-plus Years of Helping Prison Ministries



BETTY KOSSICK

Jim King (center), pastor of Florida Living Church, Apopka, Fla., receives a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the congregation from Frank Barton, Florida Conference prison ministries director, and his wife, Maxine, for 20-plus years of correcting Prison Ministries Bible Lessons.

Correcting Bible studies for prison inmates throughout the state is a more-than-20-year-old ministry of Florida Living Church, Apopka, Fla.. In gratitude for these years of quiet, behind-the-scenes service, Frank Barton, director of prison ministries for Florida Conference, presented a plaque of appreciation to

the church during Sabbath worship on August 1, 2015.

Barton, whose wife, Maxine, works alongside him, explains the reason volunteers are needed to correct Bible studies: “We receive so many studies to correct that we can’t keep up and do everything else the work requires.”

For instance, the Bartons were on the road for Florida prison ministries two weeks out of every month since January 2014. “No one in this organized ministry is paid,” says Barton whose prison ministries work spans 26 years. “Our pay is the blessing from the Lord.”

“Bible studies can be corrected by a group or individual,” says Barton. “Encouraging notes to the inmates written by the volunteers on the returned lesson sheets can make a big difference. We never

tell the student that something is wrong with their answers; instead, we write, ‘Have you considered this...?’”

The lesson-corrector doesn’t need to be a theologian, just a willing servant. The churches involved with the prison ministries Bible studies are responsible for returning the lessons to the inmates. Provided answer sheets aid in the correction of the lessons. Thus, it’s an easy ministry with which to connect.

The Bartons also conducted the August 1 Vesper service to enlighten attendees about the multi-faceted work of Florida prison ministries.

If you have questions or want to get involved with prison ministries, contact Frank Barton at fbartonsr@yahoo.com or 352-408-1844.

—BY BETTY KOSSICK

Fort Lauderdale Members Bring Season of Service to Bus Terminal



JEFFREY THOMPSON

Seven-year-old Josiah Morris gives a bottle of water to a man at the Broward County’s Central Bus Terminal during Season of Service (SOS) in action.

Approximately 100 members of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Church gathered at Broward County’s Central Bus Terminal on Saturday, March 14, 2015, to distribute free bottles of water, coupled with religious tracts, to bus passengers. Parishioners ranging from ages 7 to 75 were visible in red Season of Service (SOS) T-shirts as they mingled among the waiting crowd.

“Do I have to pay for this water?” asked one thirsty passenger. Another said, “I think this is a fantastic idea. I need to get my church to do something like this.”

The SOS initiative sends members through prayer and service to be the hands and feet of Jesus in their communities.

—BY JEFFREY THOMPSON

Apopka Church Honors Public Leaders

Earlier this year, Apopka, Fla., Church celebrated Friendship Day to honor Mayor Joe Kilsheimer, Police Chief Robert M. Manley, Police Captain David Cook, and Fire Chief Lee Bronson. These public servants represent more than 50 years of combined community service.

Steve Jencks, senior pastor, and Andrew Moreno, associate pastor, presented the leaders with plaques to commemorate their dedication and service to the people of Apopka. Jencks offered special thanks to men and women in public service throughout the Apopka community, who are not always recognized but always appreciated.



Apopka, Fla., Church celebrated Friendship Day by honoring public leaders. Pictured from left: Associate Pastor Andrew Moreno, Police Chief Robert M. Manley, Police Captain David Cook, Fire Chief Lee Bronson, Mayor Joe Kilsheimer, and Senior Pastor Steve Jencks.

Jencks presented the morning message, Fallen and Forgiven, to a full-capacity church. His sermon

conveyed love for one another in spite of diversity and imperfections. This message affirmed the church



Steve Jencks (right), senior pastor, presents a plaque of appreciation to Apopka Fire Chief Lee Bronson for his years of service to the community.

motto, “Living for Others, That Others May Live.”

After the church service, everyone was invited to a fellowship dinner and a special evening program featuring gospel singer Charles Haugabrooks.

—BY THOMAS AND ROBERT BROOME

Beth-El Shalom Teen Follows Her Dream

Brittany Preble desires to be a physician specializing in natural remedies. Rabbi Jeff Zaremsky, who pastors the Beth-El Shalom congregations in New Port Richey and St. Petersburg, Fla, told Brittany about health ministries in the Adventist Church. She was surprised to learn that a group of people were doing what she dreamed of doing.

Brittany, 17, is on course with dual enrollment for an associate of arts college degree and a high school diploma when she graduates in the spring of 2016. Her story is an amazing transformational miracle.

A small part of the most recent chapter in her life

happened when Brittany’s family started attending services with the Beth-El Shalom congregation of New Port Richey. They wanted to get away from man-made holidays as they looked for something authentically biblical. Enjoying the services, they began participating regularly.

One Beth-El Shalom member gave the family a DVD set of the 31-sermon series *Surviving and Thriving in These Last Days*, filmed at the sister St. Petersburg Beth-El Shalom congregation. Brittany and her family enjoy what they are learning, and are happy for the changes made in their lives.

—BY JEFF ZAREMSKY



Brittany Preble is baptized by Jeff Zaremsky.

Country Life Restaurant Offers Vegan 101 Cooking Class



Columbus, Ga., is home to Country Life Natural Food Store and Vegan Restaurant. Each month they offer a cooking class, Vegan 101. About 17 participants braved afternoon thunderstorms to attend the July class.

Country Life Natural Food Store and Vegan Restaurant in Columbus, Ga., held its monthly community Cooking Class on Thursday, July 23, 2015. Seventeen people braved afternoon thunderstorms to attend the presentation entitled “Vegan 101,” an introduction to preparing delicious and nutritious plant-based meals options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The classes are usually presented by lifestyle educators or counselors from Uchee Pines Lifestyle Center. However, this time it was the restaurant staff at Country Life who shared how to prepare the simple, yet memorable, dishes.

Shirley Mellette presented breakfast selections such as scrambled tofu, potato waffles, and veggie patties.

Lunch items were prepared by Afreya Charles,

including a colorful bean salad and two types of salad dressings, lemon herb and sunny coconut. Eric and Claudia Limberis demonstrated how to make fruit pizza and fruit smoothies as a light supper.

Recipes were distributed for each dish, menus for the restaurant were handed out, and multiple copies of Ernestine Finley’s cooking workbook were sold as well.

Attendees were enthusiastic about the simple preparations, and the beautiful and delicious food they sampled. Comments such as, “I’m so glad I found out about this class,” “You’ll see me again,” and “God bless you for what you’re doing here,” were heard from the crowd as they headed home with the next day’s meals in hand.

In addition to the monthly cooking class, Country Life has hosted

numerous events this year, including classes on juicing for health, square-foot gardening, several herbal workshops, a lecture on the effect of nutrition in preventing and treating cancer, and



the popular “Dinner with the Doctor,” which begins with a light meal and ends with a health talk by Uchee Pines physician Mark Sandoval. Country Life also hosts a weekly Bible study which has attracted many from the

surrounding community.

“We want to do more for the community than just sell products and feed people,” said store manager Richard Cecere. “We want to share information on all areas of healthful living so that people are educated and given practical instruction they can use in everyday life to improve their health. Country Life and Uchee Pines have been involved in the medical missionary work for over 40 years, serving people from all over the world. We feel privileged that we can be a part of this incredible legacy, and hear the testimonies of those whose lives have been restored through God’s healing way.”

To learn more about Country Life, please contact them at 706-323-9194, or find them on Facebook. For more information about Uchee Pines Institute, visit ucheepines.org.

—BY RICHARD CECERE

God in Shoes “Back to School” Held in Two Cities



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HAMILTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

God in Shoes has a new twist: A few locations have offered this ministry as a back-to-school event. Hamilton Community Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., and the Vise Grove Mission Group in Heflin, Ala., both offered these events, providing haircuts, school supplies, and new shoes for children as they prepare for another school year. The two top photos are from Hamilton Community Church; the bottom two photos are from the Vise Grove Mission Group.

It is interesting to note that two completely different churches held basically the same outreach, in a different city and state.

Sam Ball, pastor of the Hiram and Heritage churches in Georgia, along with his wife, Traci, planted a church in Vise Grove, Ala. That church-plant congregation recently held a back-to-school “God in Shoes” community outreach, handing out school supplies, providing free back-to-school haircuts, and a new pair of shoes for each child.

They served hot dogs, had face painting, and even let guests ride Apple Jack the mule. “Relationships were built, a step towards sharing the Gospel and making disciples. What an inspired idea for *being* the Gospel!” said Harold Cunningham, southern region ministerial director.

If you go north to Chat-

tanooga, Tenn., a similar back-to-school “God in Shoes” event took place at Hamilton Community Church. They invited the first grade students from East Lake School.

About 60 attendees were registered by Dawn Crerar and Joy Marshall, assisted by Rosamaria McMillan, and welcomed and escorted by Ann Allen. Free backpacks with school supplies were given, and a new pair of shoes from Shoe Carnival, assisted by Leighanne Boudreau. Teresa Crews with Scenic City ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) also donated gently used coats.

Haircuts were provided by Sam and Evelyn from Style and Go. There was a meal prepared by Debbie Helmsley and helpers, with spaghetti, salad, and chocolate pudding with gummy worms. Heather Calkins watched to ensure



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HAMILTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

that no worms escaped.

The children enjoyed games organized by Lita and Jim Amos, with helper Nancy Jacobson. Face painting transformed the children’s faces into cats and other creatures by artist Florence Phillips. Child and infant care were monitored by Sue Taylor.

Lynette Smith made sure everything ran smoothly and provided pictures. Michael Torez, Jim Amos, and Ross McMillan set up, and everyone cleaned up. A special

thank you goes to Marco Favors, Gavin Chilson, and Ben Crerar, communication and associate pastor.

The Hamilton Community Church “Back to School God in Shoes” was even featured on Channel 3 News.

A viewer online said, “I appreciate your efforts and you all for seeing the need in your community for less fortunate families that are in need of this help.”

—BY HAROLD CUNNINGHAM
AND MARY LOU BUOYMASTER

Huntsville Central Youth Become Presenters for ShareHim Evangelism Meetings



Teens from Huntsville Central Church were a part of the ShareHim program.

The ShareHim Program, “His Way of Hope,” was sponsored by Huntsville Central Church in Huntsville, Ala., from March 29 through April 16, 2015. The program provided a life-changing experience for not only the attendees but for the presenters as well. All of the presenters for this evangelistic series were teens in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade. Those who attended were blessed as they listened to the young people share their beliefs and love for God. Many attendees

remarked about what an amazing job the teens did.

In January, Ralph Ringer, Southern Union evangelism church growth institute director, went to Huntsville and taught a weekend training seminar for individuals interested in learning how to present ShareHim evangelistic programs. Jeff Green, Big Cove Christian Academy school board chair, and Philip Mitchell, 7th- through 9th-grade teacher at Big Cove, thought it would be a great experience for the church’s teens to attend the seminar

and train to be ShareHim presenters. A number of teens attended, and at the close of the training, seven agreed to be presenters.

Most of the presenters were students in Philip Mitchell’s classroom at Big Cove Christian Academy. During the six weeks between the training and the ShareHim program, he and his students were very busy. The students studied, learned, and practiced their presentations; they learned and practiced music that would be given as specials each night; and they kept

up with their regular school work. Their hard work was evident, as each presenter gave an excellent presentation. The meetings, held Sunday through Thursday for three weeks, averaged an attendance of around 35 each night, which included three or more visitors who were not Adventists. The presenters were Abigail Davis, Stefanie Green, Robert Moore, Bikhari Reyes, Khale Reyes, Cody Seiber, and Jake VanBeukering.

The students in Mitchell’s classroom who were not presenters participated each evening by singing or playing for the special music. The special music participants included the above teens, as well as Ben Bishop, Micah Bryant, and Alli Davis. Some younger students joined Micah Bryant to serve as greeters, including Evie Broussard, 5th grade; and Josh Davis, Bethany Mitchell, and Khai Reyes, all 6th grade.

The experience was wonderful for the teens, as well as the attendees, whether they were church members or visitors. The members pray that the seeds that were planted in the hearts by these teens will produce a wonderful harvest, and that this will only be the first of many evangelistic programs in which these teens will be involved.

—BY KATHY AITKEN

Martin Fancher Accepts Call to Serve as Director of Stewardship and Trust Services

Martin Fancher has accepted an invitation to serve as the Gulf States Conference stewardship and trust services director.

For the past 15 years, Fancher has served as the pastor of the Fort Walton Beach and Defuniak Springs, Fla., churches.

While there, he and the church members were involved with helping the homeless. Fancher worked with homeless organizations and volunteered as a chaplain with the local sheriff's office, and was active in the local community with the



CREATION Health program. Before coming to the Conference, he was a pastor

for 24 years for churches in Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida.

Fancher says, "I love working with people and encouraging them in their relationship with Jesus."

When asked about his plans for the stewardship and trust services departments, he states, "Stewardship is a spiritual ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources. I look forward to working with people by encouraging and helping them to be better stewards of God's blessings. I plan to accomplish this

through life planning, and with the preparation of wills and other legal documents. I want to ensure our personnel resources are trained and better equipped; people are our greatest assets. Jesus called us to be stewards for Him until He comes; it is my desire to continue cultivating that spiritual responsibility in the Gulf States Conference."

Fancher, and Sherri, his wife, have been married 22 years. They have two children, Robert, who is 15, and Jennifer, who is 13.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Todd Casey Accepts Call to Serve as Conference Youth Director



Todd and December Casey

Todd Casey is excited to begin work as the director of youth for the Gulf States Conference. Casey's desire is for each child to have a personal relationship with Christ, no matter their age. He also has a passion for the young adults in the church, and hopes to find new ways to reach this demographic.

Casey grew up in beautiful New Brunswick, Canada, and first came to the United States at the age of 17 to attend Union College. He spent many summers working at Foothills Camp in Alberta and Camp Pugwash in Nova Scotia. In 2005, he completed his degree at Canadian University College, graduating with a B.A. in business management. Later that year, impressed by the Holy Spirit, he enrolled at Mission College of Evangelism in Gaston, Ore., with Louis Torres, pastor. It was here that for the first time in his life, Casey truly believed God was real — not only real, but personally involved in his life. Shortly thereafter, on December 10, 2005, Casey was re-baptized and

dedicated his life to serve God and His ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

While at Mission College of Evangelism, Casey met his future wife, December (Cummings). They were married in California in May of 2009. From there, he became a Bible instructor, youth pastor, and then assistant pastor in Mobile, Ala. In July 2011, God called him to become a full time pastor. Casey and his wife moved to Pensacola, Fla., to pastor their first church district. They moved back to Mobile in 2014 to pastor the Fairhope, St. Elmo, and Pascagoula Church district.

December Casey is originally from sunny California. She attended Dinuba

Junior Academy and was homeschooled during her high school years, spending most of her summers working at the Central California Conference (CCC). She continued working at CCC after high school while taking courses for certification as an interior decorator. For the last 6 ½ years, she has worked as a legal assistant in Mobile. She has now joined the team at Gulf States as payroll clerk. In her spare time, she enjoys decorating and sewing, as well as singing and creating music.

The Caseys have two cats, Moxy and Pinkle Purr, and a miniature dachshund, Darcy.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Owensboro Women have “Cookie” Ministry



Gail Miller (left); Jeremy Bradford, Hospice of Western Kentucky president and CEO; Dola McCoy; and Halga Wade (back)

The Owensboro, Ky., Church women’s ministries is making a difference, one cookie at a time. Since Dola McCoy was voted in as women’s ministries leader, she has been working on making a difference in the community.

McCoy believes that women’s ministries is not only about serving one another, but also about outreach. Her only dilemma was figuring out what the diverse group of women would be able and willing to accomplish together.

“We started out four months ago with only two people, and went out to give away homemade cookies. Three people

baked cookies, and two went into the community,” McCoy commented. The small band distributed cookies to different first responders like the fire department and local police department. “The community accepted us well, and thanked us over and over for the cookies! We just want them to know what they do for our community is appreciated,” she said.

The women’s ministries outreach group has grown to include five women, and others are already calling to get involved. On May 17, 2015, the group took cookies to Hospice of Western Kentucky. The CEO gave

the women a personal tour of the facilities. They also visited the Owensboro Cancer Center and then the fire department, handing out 24 dozen cookies.

Owensboro women’s ministries plans to continue their cookie ministry, and hopes to have more women get involved from the church and the community. McCoy says the next project is watching for new people joining the community, and taking them a bucket with paper towels, window cleaner, and other cleaning supplies with a simple note welcoming them to the community.

—BY MELISSA WEISNER

Churches Work Together for the Community



Feeding the homeless

Four churches met July 31, 2015, to pray and plan the final details of their upcoming weekend. Two churches from the South Central Conference, Hispanic Lima Drive Church and Lima Drive Church, and two from the Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference, Lexington Church and Lexington Hispanic Church, participated in a weekend of service to their community.

On Sabbath afternoon several groups went to 23 fire stations and five police departments handing out cookies and thank you cards. At 5 p.m., firefighters were fed at one of the local churches, and prayers were offered on their behalf. At 7 p.m., the group of volunteers headed downtown to feed 70 homeless individuals.

On Sunday morning, the

volunteers got busy again cleaning a nearby park. The mayor, chief of police, and fire chief were very pleased with the efforts of the Adventist church members in their area.

After their weekend of service to the commu-

nity, the volunteers were hugging each other, grabbing hands, and praying together. They felt revived and happy, and expressed a desire to continue this event four times each year.

—BY PAVEL GOIA



The group took time to pose for a photo after cleaning the park.

Outpost Camps Return to Indian Creek Camp

This summer Indian Creek Camp (ICC) in Liberty, Tenn., had two exciting additions. The Outpost Camp program was brought back, and a new hiking trail project began. Outpost Camp takes campers to an off-site location for an adventure activity. This year ICC offered two different options.

The Outpost Camps were led by David Garner, who has a degree in outdoor leadership from Southern Adventist University. His passion is to show others how to have fun in the outdoors and get to know Jesus better.

During the first part of the summer, work on the trail project began. All the existing trails were cleared and improved. New trail signs were added, making trails easier to find and follow, and a new map of the trails is now available. Two miles of new trails are under construction, and will hopefully be completed next summer. This will make a total of four miles of trails.

The new Outpost Camps that were offered for teenage campers were Teen Survival and Teen Adventure.

In Teen Survival, campers stayed in a primitive campsite and learned skills such as preparing for survival situations — building shelter, building a fire without a lighter or matches, and water and basic food procurement. Campers also spent a day



canoeing and learning canoe rescue techniques.

Teen Adventure week was full of adventure sports. This camp took place around the Chattanooga area. Monday was spent in a deep cave in Trenton, Ga. Tuesday, the campers paddled down a river with white-capped rapids. Wednesday was dedicated to biking at Raccoon Mountain. Thursday, the campers rock climbed. On Friday, everyone hunted for hidden caches in the GPS assisted game of Geocaching. Finally, on Sabbath, the group hiked along the biology trails in Collegedale, Tenn., to have church in the outdoors. The Adventure Programming Department at Southern Adventist University facilitated the activities.

The camp theme this year was “Living in Harmo-

ny.” Morning worship was especially favored as the campers were given T.A.G.

him that before they came to camp their relationship with God was not that



time, or Time Alone with God. They were encouraged to journal and deepen their relationship with the One who made the Creation they were enjoying so much. William Little, Teen Adventure camp pastor, said after the week ended that several campers told

good, but after camp their relationship with God had grown a lot stronger. What higher success could be asked for from this new camp program than to bring campers closer to God?

—BY DAVID GARNER

Three Churches Unite for Community Health Fair



New Hope Adventurers and Pathfinders enter the Community Health Fair at South DeKalb Mall in Decatur, Ga.

It was months of planning that culminated the health and community services weekend event, July 18-19, 2015, with an emphasis on outreach. With the combined efforts of the outreach, community services, prayer, and health ministries from New Hope, Mountainside, and Decatur churches in greater Atlanta, Ga., the Community Health Fair came to fruition.

On July 18, the Sabbath morning's program was filled with thanks and gratitude from the Health and Community Services departments as they shared how God had used them through the year to reach members of the community. The divine service speaker was Elsie Staple, director of health and community ministries at South England Conference in Watford, Herts, England. She gave a stirring message entitled, "What are You Doing for the Master?" The theme for the weekend was "Love in Action," and the sermon captured the

essence of the theme in a moving way, which encouraged everyone. Staple ended her sermon with an appeal to the congregation to stand up for Jesus, and work as if no one is watching.

The Cadet Sisters from Utah were the guest musical group for the weekend, and they blessed the members with special music during the mid-day hour and the evening program. Their special acapella blend enriched the spiritual and meditative aspects of the day's service. The evening program focused on different health issues, and consisted of various talks on children and adult illnesses. It was hosted by the health team, with many of New Hopes' doctors and nurses speaking and sharing their expertise. Some of the topics included sexually transmitted diseases, ergonomics, heart health, nutrition, stroke, and immunizations for children. It was very informative and challenged the congregation and the community to

become more aware of their personal health.

Sunday, July 19, the Fair kicked off to a great start with the uniformed Adventurers, Pathfinders, and Master Guides from New Hope and Mountainside churches, who marched from Decatur Church to the event venue, The Gallery at South DeKalb Mall in Decatur, Ga. Their presence alerted the community that there was something special happening in their neighborhood. The colorful tents and medical buses were located on the carnival lot at the mall's north entrance, which drew the community's attention.

First on the site and two hours before the events started, were the Men of Hope (New Hope's men's ministries), and the deacons to set up tent stations for the day's events. Among them were the outreach and

David L. Moore, M.D., South Atlantic Conference health ministries director, and the volunteers are pumped up and ready to minister to the South DeKalb community in Decatur, Ga.



Elsie Staple, director of health and community ministries at South England Conference in Watford, Herts, England

personal ministries leader, Daughters of Hope, health and temperance ministries (nurses, doctors, and counselors), community services ministries, education ministries, and many others. Mountainside and Decatur church members fell right

in and helped to complete the tasks of setting up just in time for the fair to begin.

As the guests registered, David L. Moore, M.D., South Atlantic Conference health ministries director, led the volunteer groups in opening prayer to kick off the start of the events. Noticeable highlights of the event were the Southside Medical Center bus, the Colgate Children's Dental bus, and DeKalb Medical Center tent station. Doctors Plummer, Henderson, and Forrester were stationed on the bus, and were able to give the guests an evaluation of their basic medical numbers — height, weight, BMI, blood pressure, health consultations, and suggestions on “what’s next.” Nurses from New Hope, Mountainside, and Decatur were on standby to assist in various capacities. The dental bus provided dental screenings for the children, while DeKalb Medical provided games and exercises geared toward eliminating fat from the body, and a general focus on the benefits of exercise.

There was also a special visit from the invited Dekalb County commissioner for the district, Larry Johnson. He and his team expressed their pleasure at the way Community Health Fair was organized, and the wide range of services offered. As a result, the three-church team was invited to participate in an upcoming community-wide fair that the commissioner and his team are in the process of planning.



MELVIN CONSTANT

Pictured are the juicing tent, medical consultation tent, waiting area tent, and the Southside Medical Center bus.



MELVIN CONSTANT

New Hope volunteers take a break.



MELVIN CONSTANT

New Hope and Decatur churches nurses were available to give the attendees instructions.



CAROLYN J. MARCELLE

The Food Pantry tent was stocked with food items to distribute to the community.



MELVIN CONSTANT

The Wellness Station volunteers were on hand to give health and insurance information.

As the volunteers and community guests visited the various stations, it was clear that the services provided were well appreciated by all. The Brown family, visiting from Knoxville, Tenn., for the weekend, said, “This is an awesome thing you all are doing. We need to have more events like these around the country.” New Hope media ministries provided the equipment for

sound, and the music ministries engaged several local gospel artists: Brittany Joseph, Shirel Caliste, the Sargeant Sisters, Stephen Adetumbi, Carl Peters on the saxophone, and the renowned recording artists, Cadet Sisters, delighted the crowd with their musical renditions.

When the day finally ended, the three churches came together, broke down

tents, put away chairs, cleaned up the work areas, and said their goodbyes. Several days later, individuals from the three churches did an analysis of the event, and made plans for the next event later in the year.

—BY ORNELL CHRISTIE

Mount Calvary Celebrates Senior Citizens Day



Alta Holder, seniors' ministries leader, provides information about Mount Calvary's seniors' ministries mission.

Mount Calvary seniors' ministries, under the leadership of Alta Holder, evangelist, was blessed with a powerful message from Rodney Holder, pastor from Atlanta, Ga., on August 8, 2015. The message was titled "Are You Ready for Jesus to Come?" and focused on "the Light" that is shining through the senior members to lead others to Jesus Christ for His soon return.

Emphasis of the message was on recognizing that time is short, and everything given in the Spirit of Prophecy has happened. "We must be mindful that our life must be in line with Christ, as if He is coming today," said Holder. The members were commissioned to also keep their bodies healthy in order to be able to do the work of the Lord. During the appeal, the

entire congregation stood to rededicate their lives to God's will.

A delicious meal was served immediately after the divine worship service for the senior members and guests. An evening meeting conducted by Holder featured a missionary trip to Ethiopia to win souls. The seniors, however, were encouraged to allow the Holy Spirit to do the mission of the Church in the location where they are, as everyone may not be able to travel abroad.

Finally, the seniors had an arts and crafts gallery display in the E. C. Ward Fellowship Hall. Many of the items they made during the past few months were displayed. The seniors' goal is to raise funds to assist those in need, and to be able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rupert Bushner, senior

pastor, said he is proud of Mount Calvary's senior members, and thanked Holder for her leadership and passion for the

senior members, under the pastoral leadership of Rupert Bushner and James Lewis, associate pastor, are blessed to have the pastors'



Some of the seniors' arts and crafts are displayed.

Lord. God blessed the entire day. Mount Calvary Seniors' Ministries Department is happy to be an active part of many of the different ministries of the Church. Mount Calvary

support for the seniors' ministries. Please pray for the seniors' ministry as they strive to do the work of the Lord and win souls for His soon return.

—BY JOSETTE PASCHAL

Young Adults are Engaged in the Mission of the Church



Young adults pray for the safety of the patrolling police.

For some time now, quietly and imperceptibly, literature evangelism has been a tool in the hands of God to engage youth and young adults in spreading the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ. This summer was no different in South Central Conference. The leadership of the Publishing Department at South Central joined hands with Carl McRoy of South Atlantic, Theus Young of Southeastern, and William Smith at the Southern Union, and deployed 82 student literature evangelists in the states of Birmingham, Ala., Louisville, Ky., Orlando, Fla., Charlotte, N.C., and Cleveland, Ohio.

More than \$300,000 in literature was distributed, helping the youth to attend Adventist schools. More than 75,000 pieces of literature was hand delivered. Through their experience

and exercising of faith, eight literature evangelists decided to give their lives to Jesus at the end of the summer. Vandeon Griffin, Conference youth director and pastor of South Nashville, Tenn., Church, spoke at the summer retreat on Friday night, and on Sabbath at his church they took a stand. Their decisions are a foretaste of thousands of decisions that will be made from the Word of God preached and in print just before probation closes.

For the last year of this quinquennium, 2016, Dana Edmond, president of South Central Conference, is focusing on the theme “Engaging Young Adults.” Having young adults active in the mission of the Church means that the Church must become more mobile and lest stagnant — more involved in the com-

munity and concerned with the lives of all members, especially the young adults who are looking for purpose and a place to belong. That’s why the publishing ministries continues to be successful year after year.

This ministry is transforming the lives of the youth as it provides a safe environment for 10 weeks to get away from it all, and focus on Jesus and His mission. They in es-

sence become the Church in the community and on the move. Their lives are uprooted and they are dispersed in a strange land as the Holy Spirit guides them. They are touching lives with the Gospel while at the same time the Gospel is touching their lives. Whether young or old, God is calling the Church to share the Gospel today — if not by preaching, if not by printing, then by proof of a godly life. If you are inspired to share the Gospel through literature, contact the Conference office at 615-217-6338 to sign up.

—BY JAVA MATTISON



Prayer was essential for many who bought the books.

ADU Named Outstanding Corporate Group at Community Volunteer Excellence Awards



Vicki Case (fourth from left) and the ADU team received the Community Volunteer Excellence Award for their service at the Community Food and Outreach Center.

Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) was recently named by the Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) as the Outstanding Corporate Group at the Community Volunteer Excellence Awards on July 14, 2015. The University was honored for its commitment to provide critical services and education to the clients of the Community Food and Outreach Center (CFOC) through service learning, volunteerism, and internship projects.

The HFUW Community Volunteer Excellence Award for Outstanding Corporate Group honors a group serving under their company's name on a one-time or ongoing project in the community. As one of 16 nominees for this award, ADU was selected based on the nomination sent in

from the CFOC, the organization it served.

"The service-learning opportunities at the CFOC are valuable for our students because they change the students' perception of individuals living under the poverty line and educate them on the many needs of the homeless population," explains Vicki Case, occupational therapy faculty and service-learning committee chair at ADU.

For more than two years, students, faculty, and staff have served the CFOC through the intra-professional collaboration of occupational therapy, occupational therapy assistant, and nursing students, designing and teaching life skills and health education classes. ADU also aids through its annual Day of Service, where in 2014 the Univer-

sity brought 250 employees to the CFOC to participate in an all-day beautification project.

ference in our students' lives by preparing them for their future careers and reiterating our University's mission of 'Healthcare as Ministry.'"

Marika Whitaker, nursing faculty at Adventist University, agreed that the service projects are important to the student learning experience. "The students are introduced at the CFOC to many valuable community resources needed when caring for the underserved population. The students will take this information to their places of employment as healthcare providers,



The entire ADU staff and faculty worked together during Service Day to make a difference in the community.

sity brought 250 employees to the CFOC to participate in an all-day beautification project.

Case adds, "It is a win-win. The CFOC has benefited from our students' efforts to provide quality skills training classes, and the CFOC has made a dif-

ference in our students' lives by preparing them for their future careers and reiterating our University's mission of 'Healthcare as Ministry.'"

and offer the best possible patient care."

ADU is honored to receive this award for their commitment to bettering central Florida, and providing help to those in need.

—BY KENDRA VAN HOUTEN,
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

Making Holistic Education a 21st Century Reality: Colloquium 2015

The annual Faculty and Staff Colloquium 2015 was held August 3-6, 2015, in the McKee Business & Technology Complex at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala. The theme was “Making Holistic Education a 21st Century Reality.” Colloquium highlights include morning spiritual messages by Debleaire Snell, '98, senior pastor of First Church in Huntsville, Ala., a faculty/staff commitment service, and a fellowship picnic.



Healthy Campus 2020 logo

The Healthy Campus 2020 subtheme was threaded throughout the program, from start to finish. Healthy Campus 2020 targets the University students to help ensure that they are taught health principles that will be beneficial to them in this life, and prepare them for eternity. In addition, Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., president of Oakwood University, made a commitment to make Oakwood the “healthiest campus in America.” The model used to frame this project is taken from the eight laws of health as taught in Ministry of Healing, by Ellen G. White: “Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, and trust in divine power — these are the true remedies,” p. 37/127 MH.

Initially developed as a potential research study, as of June 2015, a retrospective research study will be considered after implementation, as data becomes available. Prudence Pollard, Ph.D., M.P.H., S.P.H.R.; Tricia Penniecook, M.D., M.P.H.; Howard Shaw, Ph.D.; Havovi Patel, M.D.; and Shirma Gullo, D.N.P., M.S.N., B.S.N., R.N., came together as the Health Principles Committee, to evaluate the current “Health Principles” curriculum, syllabus, and student learning outcomes. It determined that all elements were in place to ensure that students were being taught basic health principles.

The committee agreed that students should be involved in developing this new program as well as an acronym that would represent the overall framework. A competition was held to create a mnemonic device that would become the mantra for the program. All elements integrated well under the acronym “STAND OUT,” submitted by Shaella Freeman. This representation of the eight laws of health also allows them to reach out to



STAND OUT logo



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others, using this slogan as a marketing tool for conveying this health message to anyone.

- Sunlight
- Temperance
- Adequate rest
- Nutrition
- Drink water
- Outdoors
- Use physical activity
- Trust in God

An additional goal of this committee was to compile information on each topic, based upon the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and current research. The resulting publication will be utilized as the foundational

guide to teach the “STAND OUT” principles to students, faculty, staff, and the community. This primary guide was also used at the 2015 Colloquium. The writers include Havovi Patel, M.D.; Lauren Eaton; Doug Eaton, M.D.; Cherah Lindo; Tricia Penniecook, M.D., MPH; Fiona Lewis, D.P.H., M.S., R.D.; Karen Anderson, Ph.D.; Prudence Pollard, Ph.D., M.P.H., S.P.H.R.; Howard Shaw, Ph.D.; Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A.; and Howard Weems, Ph.D.

—BY SHIRNA GULLO,
D.N.P., M.S.N., B.S.N., R.N.,
PLANNING CONSULTANT
FOR HEALTHY CAMPUS 2020

Gallery Features Popular Adventist Illustrator



“Prophet Praying” by Lars Justinen

Works by Lars Justinen, one of the most featured illustrators in Seventh-day Adventist publications over the past two decades, are on display at Southern’s John C. Williams Gallery, October 8 through November 6. His retrospective show, “An

Unexpected Journey,” is free and open to the public.

“It’s a big deal for our community to come and enjoy a visual experience of such high quality that might bring back childhood memories or remind them of illustrations from stories they have read to their own children,” said Giselle Hasel, MFA, associate professor in the School of Visual Art and Design.

Justinen’s company GoodSalt is the world’s leading source of religious imagery — used in materials for a variety of denominations — and represents hundreds of artists from around the world. A core belief shared

among its management team is that, “Like our God, we find joyful satisfaction in the creative process, which can be, in many ways, a spiritual experience,” (www.goodsalt.com). Encouraging and advising in that integration of faith and career is a critical component of how Southern instructs students, making this artist’s visit a natural fit.

Justinen has a passion for sharing the knowledge he has accrued through the years with students, so in addition to speaking about his pieces on opening night, he is also serving as guest instructor for an illustration class in Southern’s School of

Visual Art and Design. This show’s October 8 opening should be especially engaging for art students or professional graphic designers and illustrators as Justinen walks through the gallery describing not only his creative techniques, but also the commission process and business transactions that lead up to a finished piece.

“This show could be an inspiration for many of our students who sometimes feel uncertain about their future in art,” Hasel said.

For gallery hours and additional information, please call 423-236-2732.

—BY LUCAS PATTERSON

Professor Authors New Business Ethics Textbook

While sitting at home the lines between right and wrong can seem pretty clear — even more so in a church pew. But understanding what is fair, just, and legal in the workplace can be complicated. With the help of a new textbook, *Business Ethics in Biblical Perspective* (InterVarsity Press, 2015), students at Southern and other Christian colleges around the world will have a thorough overview of scriptural guidelines for appropriate behavior.

Michael Cafferky, D.B.A., M.Div., is an industry leader on that trending topic and author of this recently-published work. He holds the Ruth McKee Chair for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics at Southern, and has written countless articles and several books on related matters. This stands in stark

contrast to 20 years ago when there were few materials devoted to increasing the clarity and efficiency of faith-based management.

“Christian business scholars who teach at Christian colleges are increasingly interested in finding ways to engage students on issues of faith in the classroom,” Cafferky said. “Similarly, scores of business affinity groups have sprung up around the country to encourage Christian managers and executives who see their time in the marketplace as a last frontier of sorts for mission work.”

Business Ethics in Biblical Perspective covers a wide range of topics — consumer ethics, corporate responsibility, social contracts, and justice issues, among others — and uses 12 biblical themes to evaluate contemporary

concerns. Additional features include 17 original case studies designed to encourage dialogue on complex issues and 54 debate topics for further research, practical application, and discussion.

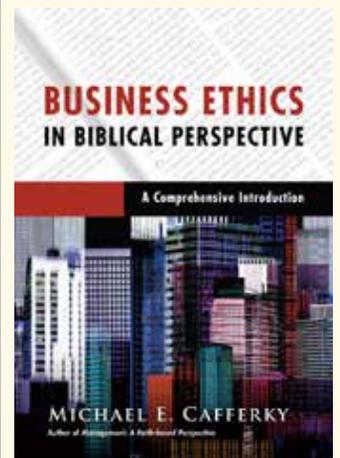
Cafferky’s passion for educating about Christian business ethics is not limited to the classroom or restricted by margins in a book. An active speaker at conferences, he has given presentations both in the United States and internationally. During the Fall 2015 semester he is even helping lead an intergenerational Sabbath School class titled “Jesus in the Marketplace” at Southern’s campus church.

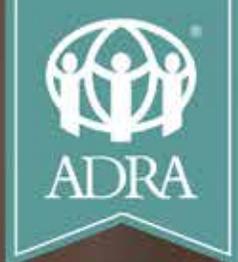
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—BY LUCAS PATTERSON



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Marcados Para Morir

El mayor reto en el evangelismo y la tarea de ganar almas es probablemente lograr la decisión de entrega y bautismo por parte de aquellos por quienes se trabaja. Es común que estas personas no tengan inconveniente aceptando nuevas enseñanzas, ideas, y doctrinas; no obstante, a menudo se enfrentan con obstáculos insuperables como culpas arraigadas debido a relaciones, decisiones, o prácticas del pasado. Otros factores que pueden interferir incluyen auto intimidación, influencias autoritarias, o tradiciones familiares. Marcados para Morir, la tercera película producida por el departamento hispano de la Unión del Sur (Southern Union Conference) que saldrá al público en noviembre, intenta poner en pantalla los retos a los que se enfrentan estas personas antes de tomar la decisión de bautismo.

Desde la caída de Adán y Eva, los seres humanos llegan a este mundo marcados para morir. En el bautismo, nacen a una nueva vida. Marcados para Morir es una referencia al hecho de que todos



nacemos en pecado y por lo tanto, estamos destinados a morir. Sin embargo, a través de la aceptación de la salvación demostrada en el bautismo somos salvos de las garras de la muerte. En esta película se representan las historias de tres familias que conocen el Mensaje y se esfuerzan por tomar la decisión de bautizarse. Son dramas de la vida real que describen los conflictos internos que la gente tiene cuando desea entregar sus

vidas a Jesús.

El filme rompe el esquema de razonamiento de aquellos que no se bautizan. Fiel a la realidad, muestra que no todas las experiencias en el trabajo de ganancia de almas terminan en bautismo; la lucha entre el bien y el mal continúa. Los conflictos que se presentan incluyen el alcoholismo, las drogas, el agnosticismo, problemas conyugales, maternidad fuera de los lazos del matrimonio, y la búsqueda que un hijo bastardo emprende para conocer a su padre. El propósito es incentivar la decisión de entrega. La idea es que se vea y discuta la película ya sea de a dos, en pequeños grupos

o en una congregación numerosa; crea un ambiente propicio para un llamado; sirve como puente entre los estudios bíblicos que puedan estar llevándose a cabo, y la resolución de bautismo. El productor ejecutivo Jorge Mayer, y el guionista Alejandro Bullón anticipan que será vista por los candidatos y quienes los estén adoctrinando al final de la etapa de estudios bíblicos, antes de que se los invite a tomar una decisión. A través de las historias representadas, el filme elimina las excusas que la gente utiliza para evitar el bautismo.

Experiencias en la ceremonia premier:

La película tuvo su ceremonia premier en Buenos Aires Argentina, y Brasilia Brasil. En Brasilia, tres administradores y los directores departamentales de la División Sudamericana (SAD) estuvieron presentes, junto a los empleados locales de la unión y asociación. Erton Keller, presidente de SAD, dijo unas pocas palabras antes del comienzo. Al finalizar, justo antes de la aparición de los créditos finales, el evangelista de SAD Luis Goncalves, tomó el micrófono e hizo un llamado. “La respuesta fue más que sorprendente, mucho mejor de lo esperado,” reportó Bullón. “Las visitas se levantaron casi espontáneamente, acompañadas por los miembros de iglesia que los habían invitado. Desde la

perspectiva humana, estas personas nunca hubiesen respondido a un llamado espiritual, como fue el caso del esposo de 20 años de una señora adventista quien nunca se había unido a la iglesia. El Espíritu Santo trabajó, y las personas reaccionaron.” Dijo. Este cuadro causó una impresión positiva en gente de todos los niveles sociales, y lo manifestaron de diferentes maneras.

La producción de Marcados para Morir ha tenido sus propios resultados de testificación. Varios de los actores profesionales que participaron fueron tocados por el contenido del argumento. La observancia del sábado durante el trabajo de filmación motivó conversaciones acerca de la fe, el amor, y la misericordia entre el personal de producción no adventista. Uno de ellos dijo, “no conozco nada acerca de vuestra fe, pero he sido tocado e impresionado por el Espíritu Santo.”

Marcados para Morir estará disponible en español, portugués, inglés y francés. Se podrá adquirir a través del departamento hispano de la mayoría de las asociaciones de la División Norteamericana, y del departamento hispano de la Unión del Sur. El precio será determinado por cada asociación.

—OLSON PERRY SR. Y JORGE MAYER

Cierre de Campaña



Con gran expectativa las 4 iglesias de la zona Fayetteville-NC, pastoreadas por el Pr. Elías Sandoval, se prepararon para la caravana de cosecha “Compartiendo Esperanza” organizada por la Union del Sur y la asociación de las Carolinas.

El 17 de agosto decenas de personas se dieron cita

en el auditorio M. Rouse Jr. a fin de escuchar el mensaje del evangelista internacional pastor Alejandro Bullón. Allí las visitas respondieron al llamado de invitación de entregar sus vidas a Dios. Esa noche hubo gozo en el cielo y alegría en los corazones de los asistentes al presenciar el bautismo de 14 preciosas almas que decidieron unirse al

remanente de Dios.

Las iglesias del distrito entienden que el programa “Compartiendo Esperanza” ha llegado a su etapa final en la zona; sin embargo, los directores de obra misionera de las cuatro congregaciones continuarán con el seguimiento de muchas personas que están estudiando La Fe de Jesús

y la Biblia, y usando las herramientas del maletín misionero para 5 interesados, que constan del curso bíblico La Fe de Jesús, CDs de la Fe de Jesús, DVDs, y un curso de salud. Dios bendiga su obra y continúe tocando corazones de personas sedientas de escuchar su Palabra.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASOR DEL DISTRITO

Georgia-Cumberland Noticias

Frutos de “Compartiendo Esperanza” en Raeford



El sábado 15 de agosto la iglesia de Raeford participó de una emotiva celebración. El programa fue engalanado por la presencia de numerosas visitas que se unieron a la alegría de la membresía para ser testigos de los frutos de la campaña “Compartiendo Esperanza”.

El director del departamento misionero

de la iglesia, Enoc Núñez, y el pastor Elías Sandoval, habían realizado un minucioso trabajo de visitación a muchos interesados, con el propósito de invitarlos a tomar el paso de entregar sus vidas a Jesús. Once personas respondieron al llamado del Salvador, y lo demostraron por medio del bautismo. La

iglesia estaba gozosa, y este entusiasmo llevó a los hermanos a colaborar con Enoc Núñez en la tarea de preparar más interesados para el esfuerzo que se llevará a cabo del 13 al 19 de diciembre, y estará a cargo del laico Jaime Sánchez.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Visitando las Ciudades de las Siete Iglesias del Apocalipsis



Smirna

La visita a los lugares en los que se encuentran las ruinas de las ciudades de las 7 iglesias del Apocalipsis, fue un sueño hecho realidad para 45 personas que partieron el 7 de junio desde Orlando, y durante 13 días vivieron una experiencia inolvidable. Esta excursión educativa, fue organizada por el pastor Rolando De los Ríos evangelista de la asociación de la Florida, y se publicó entre otros medios, a través del programa radial Revelación conducido por De los Ríos. Revelación sale al aire los domingos desde el año 2002, presentando el mensaje adventista en su totalidad. Es transmitido por nueve emisoras en la Florida, en Puerto Rico, Argentina, y por medio del Internet. www.RevelacionAdventista.com.

Los viajes promovidos por el programa, más que un paseo pretenden ser una forma de aprendizaje para los miembros de iglesia, y una forma de

testificación para los oyentes que escuchan el programa y desean ser parte de la excursión. Allí, los participantes pueden sentirse identificados con el importante mensaje presentado en el Apocalipsis.

El itinerario comenzó en la exótica ciudad de Estambul, Turquía, donde se visitó el palacio Topkapi residencia de los últimos sultanes del Imperio Otomano. El estrecho de Los Dardanelos fue el camino que se usó para llegar a Turquía en el ferry que transportaba el ómnibus que llevó al grupo. Allí se visitó las viejas ruinas de la legendaria ciudad de Troya. Durante los días de estadía en ese fértil y florido país, se recorrieron todos los asentamientos donde estaban las siete comunidades cristianas a las cuales Jesucristo envió los mensajes encontrados en Apocalipsis: Éfeso, Esmirna, Pérgamo,

Tiatira, Sardis, Filadelfia y Laodicea. Algunas de estas ciudades pueden adivinarse a través de sus impresionantes ruinas en las que pueden verse sus grandes avenidas y amplios teatros, como en Laodicea y Éfeso. En medio de los antiguos templos paganos, de las viejas ruinas de los edificios, la imaginación se remontó a los tiempos en los que la entereza de los fieles creyentes era testimonio claro del poder del evangelio. Se recordó cómo miles de ellos estuvieron dispuestos a dar sus vidas por la fe que

En el cruce a través del Mar Egeo, se llegó la isla de Patmos donde el anciano apóstol Juan recibió del Señor la encomienda de dar los mensajes descritos en el libro del Apocalipsis. La isla de Creta trajo a la mente el accidentado viaje del Apóstol Pablo, cuando era llevado cautivo a Roma. Las horas pasadas en la hermosísima isla de Santorini, fue una verdadera pincelada de color a la excursión. Finalmente en Grecia, la experiencia espiritual se acrecentó al caminar en medio de las ruinas



Grupo en Sardis

habían abrazado.

En estos escenarios, el grupo tuvo profundos momentos de reflexión. Al sumergir los pies en las aguas termales aledañas a Laodicea, vinieron a la mente las palabras del Señor: "Ojalá fueses frío o caliente..... pero eres tibio", presagio de la tibieza espiritual que habría de aquejar al cristianismo nominal de tiempos presentes.

de Corinto, la populosa ciudad donde San Pablo pasó un año y medio predicando el mensaje de salvación en Cristo Jesús. En Atenas, El Partenón fue una clase de historia y mitología inolvidable. Al ver el Areópago y recordar que allí hace 2,000 años San Pablo predicó sobre "el Dios no conocido", los participantes hicieron votos de creer y servir a ese maravilloso Dios que

tanto nos amó al punto de dar a su único Hijo para lograr la salvación.

Para quienes abrazan la fe adventista, lo visto durante el viaje fue ilustrativo de todo lo

aprendido a través de los años en referencia al mensaje a las 7 iglesias, y para aquellos que no, como las 3 damas de origen católico que participaron, sirvió de punto de

contacto con el Mensaje de Salvación. Una de ellas está altamente interesada y continúa comunicándose con el pastor De los Ríos. "Mucho fue lo que vimos y aprendimos de

aquellas tierras que tienen el privilegio de haber sido cuna de la cultura y base del desarrollo del cristianismo" dijo De los Ríos.

– MARIEL LOMBARDI, EDITORA

Comprometidos 2015



Comprometidos 2015 es un nuevo programa lanzado por el Ministerio Hispano de la asociación, que tiene como objetivo fortalecer la experiencia de quienes se han unido a la iglesia en los últimos años y ayudarlos a comprometerse en el proceso de discipulado. El evento se llevó a cabo en la iglesia de Westchester en Miami y en la iglesia Central de Orlando, el primer y segundo sábado de agosto respectivamente. La asistencia entre ambos lugares fue de entre 900 y 1000 personas.

Estudios realizados demuestran que a partir 3er año de militancia, los nuevos creyentes tienden a abandonar la iglesia, entran en un estado de frialdad, o se acostumbran a vivir una experiencia tradicional. Es por ello que estamos compelidos a tener nuevas estrategias para revertir esta situación.

La programación constó de cuatro bloques bien definidos:

1. Quiénes somos: La finalidad de esta parte fue mostrar a las personas que recién se entregan a Dios

una idea clara de lo que significa ser cristiano, y dentro del cristianismo, lo que significa pertenecer a la gran familia mundial adventista.

2. Cómo Dios te encontró: La segunda parte dio lugar a una serie de testimonios de algunos de los presentes acerca de la forma en que Dios los llamó a comenzar una nueva vida en Cristo. Fueron relatos emocionantes que llevaron a la apelación final de no olvidar cómo Dios conduce, y ejercer ese testimonio por el resto de la vida.

3. Cómo podemos ayudarte: En este bloque los asistentes pudieron mediante preguntas guiadoras, expresar cuales fueron las experiencias positivas y negativas vividas en la iglesia en estos primeros años. Fueron sorprendentes las respuestas que se obtuvieron. Así

como muchos enfatizaron la importancia del trato y el amor que encontraron en sus congregaciones, otros también con dolor expresaron la frialdad, el espíritu de condena y legalismo que a veces estuvieron a punto de hacerlos abandonar la fe o trajo como consecuencia un enfriamiento espiritual. En un clima de intimidad todos aprendimos que para ayudar a los conversos a quedar en la iglesia debe haber un marco de seguridad relacional en amor.

4. Cómo crecer: Por último, se presentaron los ingredientes básicos para el crecimiento en el discipulado con el objetivo de que las personas tengan herramientas religiosas prácticas para proseguir en el camino de Dios.

La reflexión final estuvo a cargo del Pastor Allan Machado, líder del Ministerio Hispano, el cual invitó a proseguir en la fe sin olvidar nuestra identidad, la forma en que Dios nos encontró, y buscando crecer en un

ambiente de relaciones enmarcadas en el amor. Aunque la temática del evento se planificó en relación con la vida de personas ya bautizadas, alrededor de treinta asistentes que aún no se habían entregado a Dios decidieron hacerlo allí. Al finalizar, se participó de un refrigerio que permitió el desarrollo de la sociabilidad y el diálogo espontáneo acerca de los temas tratados.

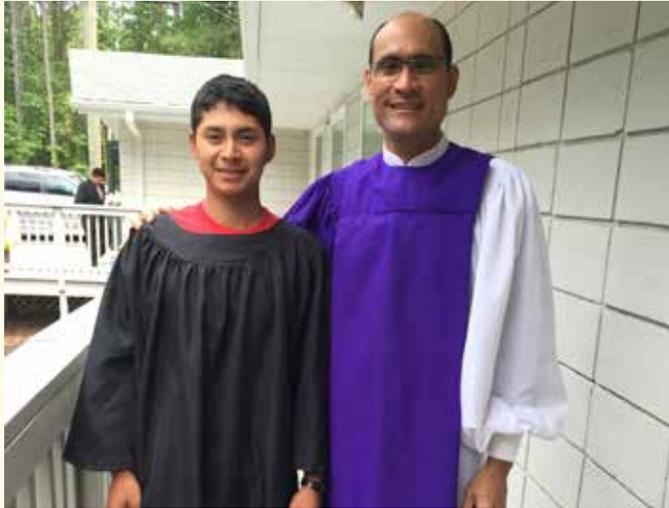
Se agradece la colaboración de los pastores de la asociación



que ayudaron para que Comprometidos 2015 sea un éxito. Los participantes expresaron su deseo de que se repitan este tipo de encuentros en el futuro, ya que éste fue de incentivo respecto a su relación con Dios y con la iglesia.

–HENRY BARRIOS, MINISTERIO HISPANO, FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Nueva Vida con Jesús



Eliezer Sánchez, un joven de notable talento musical cantante y compositor, sintió el llamado de Dios a consagrar este don para Su gloria. Su testimonio es una inspiración para muchos que a esa edad son fácilmente arrastrados por las diversiones y disoluciones de la vida. Cuando llegó a la iglesia de Canton, el grupo de jóvenes le brindó una calurosa amistad. Eliezer

se sintió motivado y apreciado. Cuando se le preguntó acerca de sus planes de vida, él respondió con plena seguridad y convicción: “Estoy decidido, no tengo dudas ni temor; quiero amar y servir al Señor Jesucristo y bautizarme lo más pronto posible”.

Gloria a Dios por estas lindas decisiones; son trofeos del Señor Jesús.
RICHARD URDANETA, PASTOR
DEL DISTRITO

Prueba de Fe

Isis y Lea son socias en un salón de belleza desde hace 5 años. Isis es adventista, y durante todo este tiempo estuvo hablándole a su amiga acerca de sus creencias. El acuerdo en el que basaron su sociedad fue que Isis trabajaría de lunes a jueves, y Lea se haría cargo del negocio de viernes a domingo, dividiendo las ganancias de acuerdo a los días de trabajo. Con el tiempo su relación más que una sociedad se convirtió en una gran amistad.

El año pasado, Lea perdió un embarazo muy deseado y su vida pareció que nunca iba a tener color nuevamente. No quería ir al trabajo para que nadie le preguntase acerca de su pérdida, y entró en un estado de tristeza muy profundo. Isis trató de apoyarla en todo lo que pudo, oró con ella, le brindó su cariño, y entre otras cosas sugirió que

abriesen un segundo salón de peluquería en el que la gente no la conociese, para que de ese modo ella se alejara de todo lo que le trajese a la mente la tragedia que acababa de vivir. No obstante, Isis quería cambiar las bases sobre las que estaba construida su sociedad, para estar segura de que Dios estaba dirigiendo todos los aspectos de su vida. Ya había probado muchas veces al Señor, y sabía que Sus planes no fallan y son para la felicidad de quienes los siguen. No se había sentido cómoda abriendo el negocio los sábados, y deseaba proponerle a Lea que lo cerrasen de viernes a domingos. No obstante, a pesar de que la religión nunca las había separado como socias, pensaba que el tema no era fácil de abordar. Luego de presentarlo ante Dios, decidió hacerlo.

Jesús dijo que la obra del Espíritu Santo es silenciosa, y nada sucede repentinamente en el mundo espiritual. Por lo general es el resultado de un proceso invisible como el viento. Isis planteó el tema del nuevo negocio, y le dijo a su amiga que ella deseaba que los sábados el nuevo local estuviese cerrado. La respuesta instantánea de Lea fue: “Está bien, cerremos.” Isis quedó sorprendida. Esperaba resistencia de parte de Lea. Pero a pesar de las circunstancias, y gracias al testimonio de su amiga, Lea había aprendido a confiar en la voluntad de Dios y Junto a su esposo, comenzó a dedicar largas horas a estudiar la Biblia en



Lea y su esposo, Isis dando su testimonio en la iglesia

profundidad con Isis.

El negocio financieramente no es lo que estas amigas esperaban; no obstante, continúan confiando en la Palabra de Dios, y sienten que la bendición de la presencia del Señor en sus vidas es lo mejor que pueden experimentar. Todos los sábados Lea y su esposo asisten a la iglesia Primera de Atlanta, que los ha acogido con mucho cariño. Junto a Isis, son un ejemplo de fe para los miembros.

—MARIEL LOMBARDI, EDITORA

Triple Evangelismo



Las iglesias de Mableton y Marietta del distrito hispano de Marietta, organizaron una campaña "Triple", en junio, que consistió en un ciclo de conferencias simultáneas para niños, jóvenes, adolescentes y adultos. Todas se llevaron a cabo

en la iglesia pero en auditorios independientes, con una programación especial diseñada para cada grupo y edad. La asistencia y entusiasmo con que los jóvenes abrazaron sus reuniones fue de gran inspiración inclusive para los adultos, quienes

en algunos casos eran motivados por sus hijos para asistir cada noche a las reuniones.

La experiencia ha ensañado a las iglesias del distrito que estos esfuerzos deben ser integrales para beneficiar a los diferentes grupos de miembros que componen las congregaciones. Muchos jóvenes adolescentes, al igual que los niños, son indiferentes a las reuniones de conferencias por no sentirse parte de ellas. Pero al diseñarles un programa con un evangelismo

exclusivo para ellos, se sienten parte protagonista y responden positivamente beneficiándose con estos eventos.

Es importante aprovechar el valor de estos grupos para el evangelismo. Ellos tienen un potencial contagioso para atraer otros jóvenes.

Como resultado de esta experiencia, 12 almas unieron sus vidas a Cristo por medio del bautismo.

—RICHARD URDANETA,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Gulf States Noticias

Escuela Bíblica de Verano en Montgomery

Del 22-25 de julio la iglesia de Montgomery,



Alabama, organizó su primera escuela bíblica de vacaciones, VBS, donde niños de todas las edades participaron de un encuentro con Jesús. El tema fue: "Vida Salvaje." Se presentaron historias de la Biblia interesantes que ayudaron a reafirmar el amor a Jesús, por medio

de módulos como Conoce a Dios, Conversa con Dios, Habla de Dios y Ama a Dios. Cada niño disfrutó cantando, contando historias, repitiendo versículos de la Biblia y haciendo manualidades de los animales de la creación. Se contó con la presencia

de 35 pequeños asistiendo regularmente, de los cuales 10 fueron visitas. La iglesia local apoyó el evento con entusiasmo.

"Todas las actividades fueron muy divertidas," expreso Eliel López, quien aparte de asistir, colaboró para que los demás niños se sintieran como en casa.

Susan, su mamá, y maestra de VBS dijo: "Esta es una actividad importante para nuestras iglesias. Los beneficiados con el conocimiento de Dios no son sólo los pequeños que asisten por primera vez, sino también nuestros niños. Este es un programa totalmente para ellos. Es evangelismo infantil propiamente dicho."

Los papás de los asistentes estaban impresionados con la actividad. "Asistir a la escuela bíblica fue una gran experiencia de vinculación para mi hijo Johan y yo. Cantamos canciones, escuchamos historias maravillosas acerca de Jesús y juntos hicimos una

cara de león. Las iglesias necesitan organizar este tipo de programas con mayor frecuencia. En el futuro, las semillas que fueron plantadas durante la escuelita florecerán. ¡Buen trabajo! "dijo: Ruwiz Vázquez - Juárez.

"Estoy sorprendido por la cantidad de niños que han sido atraídos a nuestra iglesia con este programa," dijo Michel Rodríguez pastor de esta congregación, "fue de gran bendición para nuestros niños y nuestra comunidad. ¡Qué maravilloso es testificar del amor de Dios y preparar niños para la eternidad!"

—ELIZABETH RODRÍGUEZ,
IGLESIA DE MONTGOMERY

Esperanza para las Familias



Con el Lema “Esperanza para las Familias” se llevó a cabo el retiro familiar hispano de la asociación. El pastor Homero Salazar, quien vino acompañado de su esposa Susi desde la asociación Potomac, y quien está a cargo de una de las iglesias hispanas más florecientes de Washington DC, tuvo a cargo los temas de inspiración para las

familias asistentes. Estuvieron representadas las iglesias de Marietta, Doraville, Roswell, Chamblee, Maranata, Douglasville, Carrollton, Dalton, y Duluth, de Georgia. A ellas se sumaron algunas iglesias de Carolina del Norte, entre ellas Wilmington y Goldsboro. El pastor Quintiana y su

esposa Olga dirigieron los bautismos y el orden de los cultos, el pastor Uribe se encargó del grupo de jóvenes, y su esposa Lady del departamento de cuna, la inscripción y

clases infantiles.

Un grupo perteneciente a la iglesia bautista que se encontraba en el predio, se acercó al grupo adventista en el momento de la ceremonia bautismal, y se unió a la misma con el bautismo de un joven de entre ellos, que fue bautizado por su pastor. Luego, participaron

del culto de despedida del sábado.

La experiencia vivida fue hermosa, y llena de la paz y el gozo que trae la presencia del Señor en las



el hospedaje. Un buen número de voluntarios atendieron el resto de las

actividades.

—Efraín POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

South Eastern Noticias

Resultados de “Compartiendo la Esperanza”

La iglesia La Misión en Kissimmee, pastoreada por Abel Morrobel, quien además se desempeña como evangelista, celebró la victoria divina cuando 17 almas se unieron a

la familia de Dios por medio del bautismo como resultado de la campaña de la Unión “Compartiendo Esperanza.”
— ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



Alimentando a los Hambrientos



Un grupo de jóvenes del Doral, liderados por el pastor Daniel Olaciregui, tienen un programa

de alimentación a desamparados en la zona sur de la Florida. En este programa, el beneficio es no sólo para los indigentes, sino para los que participan.

El crecimiento espiritual se lleva a cabo entre otras cosas, mediante la ayuda al prógimo.

—ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Estudiantes Premiados Con Beca de 10,000 Dólares Por Trabajos No Lucrativos



Anissa Montesso, participante del programa de liderazgo.

A partir del semestre de otoño del 2015, Southern comenzará a ofrecer becas de 10,000 dólares por año a aquellos estudiantes

que adquieran habilidades prácticas en relación con su área de estudio o interés profesional. El programa de Promesa de Beca sólo requiere que quienes se postulen tengan acceso a un transporte confiable, trabajen 15 horas a la semana, y mantengan un GPA de 2.75.

Compañías de Chattanooga contribuyen para que los estudiantes trabajen en negocios locales no lucrativos y reciban su pagan. Esto permite que las empresas inviertan en algo de beneficio propio y se conviertan en corporaciones caritativas al mismo tiempo. La reputación del alto nivel académico de los estudiantes de Southern completa esta ecuación, ya que tanto los inversionistas como las organizaciones no lucrativas tienen confianza en el nivel de trabajo que se está realizando.

Una estudiante de biomédica, Claude Delille, quien cursaba su primer año de educación Adventista,

debido a problemas financieros no estaba segura de poder continuar. Esa misma semana recibió la oferta de unirse al programa Promesa de Beca y empezó a trabajar con READ 20, un negocio no lucrativo local, abogando por el aumento de la alfabetización en la primera infancia. Esto le permitió continuar con sus estudios. Anissa Montesso, estudiante de trabajos sociales, también ingresó al programa como ayudante en el Banco de Alimentos de Chattanooga y dijo que su experiencia enfocó la visión de su profesión.

Mientras que las becas y aprendizaje co-curricular son una bendición para los

estudiantes de Southern, los beneficios del programa se extienden hacia ambos lados.

“Fue un sueño trabajar con estos jóvenes. Lo haríamos otra vez,” dijo Marisa Ogles, directora de Desarrollo y Comunicaciones en el banco de alimentos.

El número de estudiantes admitidos en el programa cada año dependerá de la disponibilidad de fondos, pero los administradores esperan que al menos 25 estudiantes participen este año.

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—CASSIE MATCHIM, EDITORA

Estudiantes de Finanzas Aceptados en el Programa de Liderazgo del Sistema Adventista de Salud



Grupo de estudiantes seleccionados para el programa.

Nueve estudiantes de administración financiera de Southern estuvieron entre los 33 aceptados en el programa de pasantía altamente selectivo “Desarrollo de Liderazgo 2015” del Sistema Adventista de Salud (AHS). Estos estudiantes pasaron el verano adquiriendo experiencia práctica en los 44 centros de la organización.

“Este programa sirve como un vehículo de lanzamiento en la profesión de administración de centros de salud,” dijo Norman Miles, director de Desarrollo de Liderazgo de AHS, en un reporte publicado por la organización. “Es una oportunidad estupenda para desarrollar un entendimiento mayor de la industria y perfeccionar sus habilidades.”

AHS revisó más de 100 aplicaciones buscando rendimiento académico excepcional, participación en actividades de servicio comunitario, y potencial de liderazgo. Southern tuvo el privilegio de ser

la universidad con más estudiantes elegidos para este programa. Esto habla muy bien del nivel académico de la universidad.

“AHS confía en nuestro currículum y en la calidad de estudiantes que estamos produciendo,” dice Lisa Kuhlman, coordinadora de los estudios de postgrado en la Facultad de Negocios y Administración.

Durante la pasantía de 12 semanas, los estudiantes tuvieron la oportunidad de participar de reuniones con administradores, muy útiles en el aprendizaje de la administración de los

hospitales. Otros proyectos como conciliación de cuentas y auditoría de fondos de caja chica, fueron también de utilidad en la adquisición de experiencia práctica. Muchos estudiantes de Southern que completaron el programa de liderazgo en años pasados están ahora trabajando para AHS.

“Una de las cosas más importantes que he aprendido es que uno nunca deja de aprender,” dijo Michael Santos, estudiante de administración financiera.

—MYRON MADDEN, EDITOR

Obituaries



HESS, Geraldine “Jerry”, 89, born April 17, 1926 to missionary parents in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), died Sept. 2, 2015 in Longwood, FL. She was a direct descendant of Mayflower passenger William White. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 25 years.

Invested on her 16th birthday, she became an active Master Guide. This achievement was also met by her two sons and grandson on their 16th birthdays.

She married Al Hess on Aug. 7, 1950, and served by his side as he was employed by the Adventist Church in many places. She was a registered nurse. She earned a doctorate degree in psychology and counseling, and set up her own counseling service.

She actively supported Adventist Heritage, and for 16 summers she and her husband served as docents at the Miller home, dressing in period costumes and conducting tours.

One desire of her heart had been to memorialize her father’s service to the people of Africa by building a well and a school in the country of her birth. That dream was recently realized when she enlisted the aid of Maranatha International for this project.

She is survived by her two sons: Leslie “Les” (Margaret) Hess of Apopka, and Charles “Chuck” Douglas Hess Sr., of Greenbelt, MD; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Barbara McCoy at Forest Lake Church, and interment was in the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

NAIL, Jack Edward, 86, born Oct. 31, 1928, died April 3, 2015. He was a member of the Tullahoma Church in Tullahoma, TN. A native of Terre Haute, IN, he was the son of the late Christopher and Catherine Lucas Nail.

He served in Adventist education for 40 years. He served as a teacher for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in Atlanta, GA; dean of boys at Indiana Academy in the late 1950s; principal at Houston Jr. Academy; and youth ministries director in the Chesapeake, Iowa-Missouri, and Idaho conferences.

He was the nephew of the late Theodore Lucas who was the world youth leader of the General Conference in the 1960s.

In his retirement, he and his wife, Ann, were faithful supporters of God’s work and Adventist education. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ann; two sons: Ted Nail and Jonathan Nail; two daughters: Lynda (Rick) Feldmann and Jacque Elliott; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



PIERCE, Beatrice Aline (Ralls), 91, born Jan. 25, 1924, in Lenoir, NC, died Aug. 30, 2015 in Apopka, FL, after a long, courageous battle against Alzheimer’s disease. She was the daughter of Majel Ivey, and was quickly adopted by G. Odell and Aline Ralls.

She attended Mt. Pisgah Academy and graduated from Collegedale Academy. She graduated from Southern Junior College (now Southern Adventist University) and went to work for the Southern Union Conference. In 1947 she married Charles L. Pierce and accompanied him as he taught music at Highland Academy, Forest Lake Academy, the Adventist College in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mt. Pisgah Academy, Mt. Vernon Academy, Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University), and Canadian Union College (Burman University).

Through the years, she worked for Mt. Vernon Academy, General Conference Risk Management (Adventist Risk Management), and Canadian Union College. She and her husband retired in Lacombe, Alberta, in 1989 and moved in 2007 to Sorrento, FL, where they lived with their daughter. She was a lifelong birder who instilled the love of birds and birding in her children.

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Charles; one daughter, Cheri of Sorrento; one son, Chuck of Hackettstown, NJ; numerous nieces; and nephews.

PIERCE, Charles L., 91, born Jan. 11, 1924 in Candler, NC, died Sept. 10, 2015 in Tavares, FL. He was the son of Lefelia and Dorothy (Graves) Pierce. His parents and grandparents were among the founders of Pisgah Institute (later Mt. Pisgah Academy) near Asheville, NC.

He graduated from Mt. Pisgah Academy, and after serving in the army during World War II, he attended Madison College in Nashville, TN, and Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University). Before he graduated, he was hired to teach at both Highland Academy in Portland, TN, and Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, FL.

He married Beatrice (Ralls) Pierce in 1947, and completed his college degree at Southern Missionary College in 1951. He sailed for Brazil immediately after graduation, and taught at the Adventist College in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Returning to the U.S. in 1954, he led the Music Department at Mt. Pisgah Academy, and then Mt. Vernon (Ohio) Academy, where he completed a master’s degree from George Peabody College for Teachers (Vanderbilt University). He directed the choir from Mt. Vernon Academy at the General Conference Session in Cleveland, OH, in 1958, and was promptly invited to join the music faculty at Washington Missionary College in Takoma Park, MD (later Columbia Union College and now Washington Adventist University). He left there in 1974 as chairman of the department.

He taught for a year in the West Virginia Public School System before taking a position as chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Canadian Union College (Burman University) in Lacombe, Alberta. While there, he obtained approval for music students to obtain four-year degrees, and completed a doctorate from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He and his wife retired in 1989, and lived in Alberta until they moved to Florida in 2007 to live with their daughter. He loved all things musical, jigsaw puzzles, and collecting stamps.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, and all three of his siblings. He is survived by one daughter, Cheri of Sorrento, FL; one son, Chuck of Hackettstown, NJ; many nieces; and nephews.



SETH, William (Bill), 83, born April 29, 1932, died Aug. 15, 2015. He attended Washington Missionary College (1952-1956, now Washington Adventist University), worked for the Potomac Conference (1956-1968, 1976-1979) as a teacher and/or principal in Norfolk, Richmond Junior Academy, Sligo Elementary School, and Beltsville Elementary School, and then worked for Florida Conference in Port Charlotte.

In retirement, he enjoyed a visiting ministry as part of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

The love of his life for 59 years, Courtney Hendryx Seth (1930-2013), preceded him in death.

He is survived by five children: Marie (Peter) Petrelis, Doug (Michelle) Seth, Karen Seth, Ken (Lisa) Seth, Barb (Scott) Edens; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. All are looking forward to a joyful reunion in Heaven!

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COOPER, Ronnie, 97, born Jan. 29, 1918 in Columbia, S.C., died April 1, 2015 at the Colleton Medical Center in Walterboro. He was a son of the late Ronnie Cooper and Sallie Elnora Rogers Cooper. He served in the United States Army Air Corps as an airplane mechanic during World War II. He retired as an electrician from Whaley Electrical Services. He was a member of Summerville Community Church, where he served as an elder and deacon. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, the love of his life, Helen Thomas Cooper; two sons: Joseph Ronnie Cooper and his wife, Jamie, of Toledo, Ohio, and James Timothy Cooper and his wife, Donna, of Fletcher, N.C.; one daughter, Jerri Yvonne Suttles of Atlanta, GA; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Darrow, Johnny, and Frank; and three sisters: Lanilta, Elise, and Lib.

FOOTE, Jason H., 39, born May 25, 1976, died unexpectedly Aug. 11, 2015. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church, and was a wonderful and devoted father, husband, son, and brother, and was loved by everyone. He was an avid fly fisherman, a great chef, an artist, and musician. He is survived by his wife, Amy McGill Foote, of Ooltewah; one son, Hayden, and one daughter, Alison, both of Ooltewah; his parents, Harold and Darlene Foote of Ooltewah; one sister, JoElle (Ryan) Pierce of Ooltewah; several aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; and a special friend, Kevin Borroto. The funeral service was held Aug. 15, 2015 at the Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Chattanooga, TN.

HODGES, Mary Helen Bagdon, 70, born Dec. 19, 1944, died May 18, 2015 after a nine-year struggle with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). She was the daughter of John and Helen Crow Bagdon. She lived in Rhea County, TN, most of her life and was a member of the Graysville, TN, Church. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Joe Hodges; one son, Tim Hodges; one daughter, Alicia Beckworth; and four grandchildren: Houston, Bryson, Georgia, and Samuel. Her greatest desire was for everyone—relative, friend, or foe to plan to spend eternity with Jesus. A memorial service was conducted at the Graysville Church on June 27, 2015, by Pastors Don Richards and Bud Schermerhorn.

KINGSNORTH, Gwendolyn Muriel, 84, born Oct. 26, 1930, died June 15, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Kingsnorth. She is survived by two daughters: Diane Kingsnorth (William) Jeffery, Ooltewah, TN, and Virginia Kingsnorth Russo from eastern Pennsylvania; two sons: James Kingsnorth II, Murfreesboro, TN, and Greg Kingsnorth, London, England; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Daisy. A memorial service was held June 17, 2015 in the Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Chattanooga, TN, with Pastor Jim Herman officiating.

KNICKERBOCKER, Ronald, 83, born March 14, 1932, died July 9, 2015. He was the oldest of four children born to LaVern and Julia Knickerbocker. His younger siblings were two brothers, Bob and Jerry, and one sister, Jeanne. He graduated in 1951 from Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, VA, and attended Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in Maryland. He worked for the Federal Government for 36 years, and retired after working in the U.S. Patent and Trademark office in northern Virginia. He was a member of the Collegedale,

TN, Church. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; two sons: Gary and Steve; one sister, Jeanne Ferguson; one granddaughter, Amy White, and her husband, Geoff; many nieces; and nephews. A memorial service was held in the Gospel Chapel at Collegedale Church on July 25, 2015, with Pastor Dave Smith officiating.

LANGFORD, Joseph Leeman, 78, born June 6, 1936, died March 20, 2015. Joe was born in Grimsley, TN, and spent part of his youth in Ohio. He graduated from Tennessee's Sunbright High School and then served in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Northern Colorado University, and taught for almost three decades in the Metro Nashville Public School System, working with hearing-impaired children. He is survived by his wife, Dee Moise Langford; three sons: Joseph Scott Langford, Robin Kyle Langford, and Ryan Travis Langford; two sisters: Lois Langford Dull and Barbara Langford Maddy; and one brother, Jack H. Langford.

MOWRY, Helen Ann, 71, born Jan. 16, 1944 in Ringgold, GA, died May 17, 2015 in the Life Care Center of Rhea County, Dayton, TN. She was the daughter of the late John and Jewell Alexander. She lived in Graysville, TN, since 1960, and was a lifelong member of Graysville Church. She is survived by her daughter, Susie Mowry of Graysville. The service was conducted by Pastors Clyde Fitzgerald and Bud Schermerhorn.

QUIGLEY, Dorothy S., 83, born July 10, 1931 in Fort Pierce, FL, died July 6, 2015 in Jacksonville, FL. She was a member of the St. Augustine, FL, Church for 50 years where she served as the head deaconess for many years. She is survived by her husband, W. Barney Quigley; one son, Donald of St. Augustine; one daughter, Dianne Moore of St. Augustine; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Jonathan Pawson at the Craig Funeral Home, St. Augustine. Interment was at the Pellicer Creek Cemetery, St. Augustine.

ROBERTS, Frances A., 92, born in North Dakota, died Feb. 27, 2015 at Norton Healthcare Pavilion Hospice Unit. She was a member of the Louisville First Church in Louisville, KY. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Earl Roberts. She is survived by one son, Oliver Eugene "Gene" (Sharon) Roberts; one sister, Jean Wright; two granddaughters; two great-grandsons; and one great-great-grandson.

SEIFERT, Blair, 94, born Aug. 2, 1920 in Aurora, IL, died May 22, 2015 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of Avon Park Church. He served the denomination for 18 years as a nurse anesthetist at Walker Memorial Hospital in Avon Park. He is survived by his wife, Verona; one son, Tom Seifert of Avon Park; one daughter, Julie Lewis of Lakeland, FL; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A private service was held in Avon Park.

SLACK, Miriam L., 85, born July 19, 1930 in Toledo, OH, died June 30, 2015 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church for 70 years. She was employed for 35 years, 1955-1990, at the Florida Hospital as a nurse. Survivors include one daughter, Danna (William) Allen of Casselberry; one brother, Dallas (Myrna) Dickerhoff of DeLand, FL; one sister, Clara Cole of Charlotte,

NC; and one grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Floyd Powell at the Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home in Altamonte Springs. Interment was in the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

THOMAS, Joseph "Joe" Daniel, 92, died Jan. 2, 2015 at his home in Jasper, TN. He was a well-known, prominent businessman and builder of more than 900 homes, and owner of Thomas Building Supply in Jasper. He was one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Jasper area, Rankin's Cove, which he donated to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He later donated the land and his labor for the development of both the current Jasper Church and School, Jasper Adventist Christian School. He served as an elder and a deacon. He never conducted any type of business nor accepted rental payments on Sabbath. He served as a role model, instilling values of hard work, honesty, and humility. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 33 years, Mary Lee Ross Thomas; two daughters: Donna Thomas Billingsley and Wilma Sue Thomas. He is survived by his second wife of 26 years, Barbara Gladden Thomas; one son, Danny (Cindy) Thomas; three daughters: Marilyn Hutchins, Judy (Danny) Sherrill, and Janet Jordan; two step-daughters: Lisa Gladden and Janet Caiazzo; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, several nieces; and nephews. Interment was in Rankin's Cove Cemetery.

TRILLINGER, Fred Henry, 89, born Nov. 4, 1925 in Glendale, NY, died July 9, 2015. His parents were both German nationals. He attended a New York elementary school and a German-speaking Adventist church. After completing elementary school, he enrolled as a student of Jamaica Vocational High School in Sept. 1940, in Queens, NY. After graduation, he found himself as a young man at the beginning of WWII. He decided to volunteer and on Oct. 15, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. During his initial training, he contracted rheumatic fever, and was honorably discharged on March 17, 1944. He had a spirit of serving others and in May of 1944, he registered with The Boy Scouts of America. His last assignment (April 30, 1958) was as committeeman for the Troop 42, Queens, NY. He eventually worked for and retired from The Con Edison Electric Company of New York. In 1990, he moved to the Deer Lodge, TN, area, and became a member of Meister Memorial Church in 1996. A memorial service was held Sept. 13, 2015 at Meister Memorial Church.

WINE, Mary Jane, 72, born Nov. 16, 1941 in Prichard, AL, died July 30, 2014. A resident of Saraland, AL, she graduated from Satsuma High School in 1960, and attended Southern Missionary College in Tennessee (now Southern Adventist University). At Prichard Church she played the organ and did other church duties. When the church moved to Mobile, AL, and became Bear Fork Road Church, she played the organ there, and the piano for the youth. Later, she moved her membership to St. Elmo, AL, and played the organ there. Her final church family was the Cody Road Church, Mobile, AL. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Allen K. Wine of Saraland; one daughter, Sherri L. Owens of Chickasaw, AL; two brothers: Frank Trimm of Mobile, AL, and Ben Trimm of Loma Linda, CA; and one grandson, Robert A. Sturtz of Saraland. She was preceded in death by her sister, Janette Wahler of Apopka, FL. She was laid to rest at Pine Crest Cemetery in Mobile.

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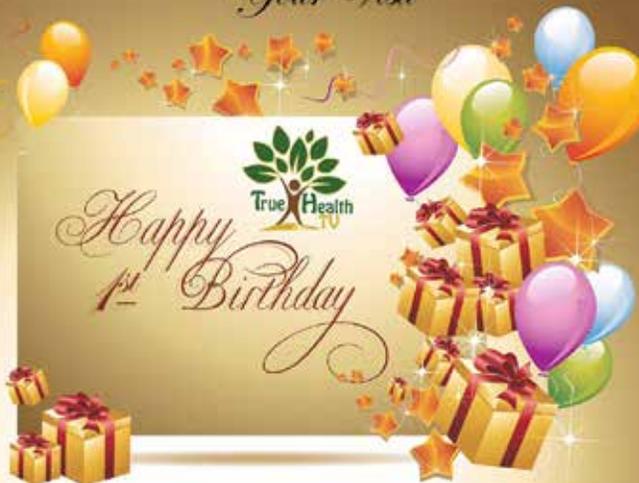
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IT IS WRITTEN ANNOUNCES GLOBAL EVENT, DYNAMIC NEW APP – It Is Written has announced plans for a global online prophecy series from **Oct. 9 to 31**. Pastor John Bradshaw will host "Revelation Today—The Mysteries Revealed," a three-week exploration of the Bible's book of Revelation. Details: 423-362-5800 or www.itiswritten.com.

FLORAL CREST SDA CHURCH SCHOOL 110th ANNUAL HOMECOMING AND ALUMNI REUNION – Oct. 10. Bryant, AL. Joining in the celebration is guest speaker Jerryn Schmidt, former youth pastor now pastoring in Michigan. All services will be held in the school gymnasium. Contact Jane Adkins at 256-632-6504 for details.

SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST COMMUNICATORS 2015 Annual Convention – Oct. 15-17. Chantilly, VA. **SAVE THE DATE!** Join Seventh-day Adventist communication professionals and university students from all around for training, networking, and spiritual renewal opportunities. Additional details: www.adventistcommunicator.org.

ANDREWS ACADEMY HOMECOMING WEEKEND – Oct. 16, 17. All Alumni of Emmanuel Missionary College Academy, Andrews University Academy, and Andrews Academy

plan now to join us for special services on Friday evening and all day Sabbath. Honor classes are 1921, '26, '31, '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06, and '11. 25th Silver Reunion for the class of 1991, and the Golden 50th Reunion for the class of 1966. Details: Academy Alumni office by email at acalum@andrew.edu or leave a message at 269-471-6140.

E. L. MINNIS JUNIOR ACADEMY 100th ANNIVERSARY – Oct. 16-18. Louisville, KY. Details: 502-776-7173.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST 7 BRIDGES MARATHON – Oct. 18. The Seventh-day Adventist 7 Bridges Marathon will be held in Chattanooga, TN. Race distances include a marathon (26.2 miles), a half marathon (13.1 miles), a 5K (3.1 miles), and Kiddie K. Visit www.7bridgesmarathon.com for more details or to register. Use code 7DA410 to save 10% on your registration.

MT. PISGAH CHURCH 100th YEAR CELEBRATION – Oct. 23, 24. MPA. All current and former members of the Mount Pisgah Academy Church are invited to a centennial homecoming week-end Friday, Oct. 23, and Sabbath, Oct. 24. The celebration will kick off with Friday evening Vespers including music, church history, and testimonies. The Sabbath morning speaker will be Walton Williams, former MPASDAC pastor. Stay for lunch and fellowship on the grounds with friends old and new. You won't want to miss it! Please visit the church webpage at www.mpasda.org for coming details, or check out the MPASDAC 100th Year Anniversary Facebook group page to connect and keep informed.

MORRISTOWN, TN, CHURCH 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Nov. 13, 14. For details and to RSVP, please contact Pat Jones at 423-586-7748 or geopatjones@att.net.



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Dottie and her sister, Darleen, lost their mother at the beginning of last year, and their dad passed away just six weeks later. While dealing with all of the emotions of these two events, there was also the added stress of handling the administration of their estates. It made an already sad time even more sad. This is why we have met with our Planned Giving and Trust Services representatives, to make sure our affairs are arranged in such a way as to cause the least amount of stress and aggravation for our children.

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Events Calendar

Carolina

Women's Retreat – Oct. 9-11. NPR.

ECCM (Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting) – Oct. 17. Greenville North Church.

LCCM (Low Country Camp Meeting) – Oct. 25. Summerville Church.

Mt. Pisgah Church 100th Year Celebration – Oct. 23, 24. MPA. All current and former members of the Mount Pisgah Academy Seventh-day Adventist Church are invited to a centennial homecoming weekend to be held Friday, Oct. 23, and Sabbath, Oct. 24. The celebration will kick off with Friday evening Vespers including music, church history, and testimonies. The Sabbath morning speaker will be former MPASDAC pastor Walton Williams. Stay for lunch and fellowship on the grounds with friends old and new. You won't want to miss it! Please visit the church webpage at www.mpasda.org for de-tails, or check out the MPASDAC 100 Year Anniversary Facebook group page to connect and keep informed.

Young Adults Mission Trip – Oct. 30-Nov.9. Santa Barbara, Honduras.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar/>

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Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

Oct. 11. Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Titusville, Pompano Beach, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Fort Lauderdale.

Oct. 12. Margate, Boynton Beach, Victory in Port St. Lucie. (Southeastern Conference: Ephesus West Palm Beach)

Oct. 18. East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Brooksville, Homosassa, Spring Hill, New Port Richey, Clearwater, St. Petersburg.

Oct. 25. Silver Springs Shores, Ocala, Cross City, Perry, Tallahassee.

Oct. 26. Belleview, North Lake in Leesburg, Lady Lake, Inverness.

Nov. 1. Lauderdale, Plantation, Sunrise. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet)

Nov. 8. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Cap Coral, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples.

Nov. 9. Port Charlotte, North Port, Sarasota, Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

Nov. 15. Cocoa, Fort Pierce, Midport, West Palm Beach First. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay, Port St. Lucie)

Nov. 22. Palm Coast, Palatka, St. Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus)

Fifth Annual Let's Get Moving Kids – Oct. 4. Crane's Roost Park, 274 Crane's Roost Blvd., Altamonte Springs. 7 a.m.-12 p.m. Forest City Spanish Church sponsors this 5K, 3K, and 1/8 mile walk/run for children and families to promote active and healthy lifestyles. Participants receive finisher medallions, T-shirts (while supplies last), race bibs, and goodie bags. Health fair includes snacks, face painting, bounce house, and more. Cost: \$10 in advance or \$12 on event day. De-tails/registration: <http://www.letsgetmovingkids.org/>

Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinic

Nov. 7. Avon Park.

Georgia-Cumberland

Pathfinder Regional Events – Oct. 16-18.

Homeland Lay Evangelism

Training – Oct. 16, 17. Presenter: Ralph Ringer. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

Education Fall Break – Oct. 16-20.

7 Bridges Marathon – Oct. 18. <http://sevenbridgesmarathon.com/Chattanooga,TN>.

Free Health Screening at Sunbelt Agriculture Expo – Oct. 20-22, Tues. and Wed., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adventist Community Services/South Georgia needs volunteers to help at health expo offering blood sugar testing, total cholesterol, blood pressure, massage, computer health profiles, and more. Moultrie, GA.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Marriage Retreat – Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Presenters Richie and Timi Brower. Registration deadline Oct. 1. The Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA.

Pathfinder Teen Challenge – Nov. 6-8. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Prayer Ministries Day – Nov. 7. Chattanooga First Church, TN.

Personal Ministries Rally – Nov. 7. 2-5 p.m. Heritage Academy, Monterey, TN.

Magnify Praise Band Festival – Nov. 12-14. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

South Georgia Convocation – Nov. 14. Albany, GA.

Most events require pre-registration; details at [registration.gccsda.com](http://www.registration.gccsda.com).

Kentucky-Tennessee

Board of Education – Oct. 1. Conference Office.

Conference Pathfinder Camporee – Oct. 1-4. Salt Lick Campgrounds.

Women's Retreat II – Oct. 2-4. Indian Creek Camp.

Hispanic Women's Retreat I – Oct. 9-11. Indian Creek Camp.

Hispanic Women's Retreat II – Oct. 16-18. Indian Creek Camp.

Men's Ministries Conference – Oct. 23-25. Indian Creek Camp.

Adventurer Camporee – Nov. 6-8. Indian Creek Camp.

Highland Academy Board – Nov. 12. Highland Academy.

Elders' Certification Training – Nov. 13-15. Indian Creek Camp.

Conference Executive Committee – Dec. 8. Conference Office.

Southern Adventist University

Archaeology Lecture – Oct. 12. Michael Hasel, professor and published author from Southern's School of Religion, will discuss the Institute of Archaeology's 2015 summer excavation activities in Lachish, Israel, during a free lecture at 7 p.m. in the University's Lynn Wood Hall Chapel. Details, call 423-236-2030.

Homecoming – Oct. 29-Nov. 1. Graduates, attendees, and friends of Southern are invited to reconnect with the University during Homecoming Weekend, the last major alumni event over which Gordon and Cynthia Bietz will preside before he retires in May 2016. This year's theme, "Reflections Along the Path," honors their combined legacy of service. For a schedule of events and other details, visit southern.edu/alumni.

Sunset						
	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6
Atlanta, GA	7:21	7:12	7:03	6:55	6:47	5:41
Charleston, SC	7:03	6:54	6:46	6:38	6:31	5:25
Charlotte, NC	7:06	6:56	7:29	7:19	7:09	5:24
Collegedale, TN	7:24	7:14	7:05	6:57	6:49	5:42
Huntsville, AL	6:28	6:20	6:11	6:02	5:55	4:48
Jackson, MS	6:44	6:36	6:27	6:19	6:12	5:06
Louisville, KY	7:25	7:14	7:04	6:55	6:46	5:39
Memphis, TN	6:43	6:33	6:24	6:16	6:08	5:01
Miami, FL	7:07	6:59	6:52	6:46	6:41	5:36
Montgomery, AL	6:29	6:20	6:12	6:04	5:57	4:51
Nashville, TN	6:30	6:20	6:10	6:01	5:53	4:46
Orlando, FL	7:10	7:03	6:55	6:48	6:42	5:37
Wilmington, NC	6:55	6:46	6:37	6:28	6:21	5:14

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