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# Prayer – A Game Changer



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*I'd like to introduce L'Tonya Jackson, a strong prayer warrior of the Gethsemane Church in Raleigh, N.C., and an account manager for UPS (United Parcel Service). Please read about her powerful journey through prayer. -RCS*

I know that you've heard the phrase, "Prayer changes things." Some might even feel that it is just a cliché. A cliché is a phrase or opinion, usually expressing a popular or common thought or idea that has lost originality, ingenuity, and impact by long overuse. The truth of the matter is that as long as God is still God and is in the prayer-answering business, situations and circumstances change as a result of prayer. I'm able to express this with conviction, not just because of something I've heard, but because of personal experiences time after time.

Prayer has changed the direction of my life on many occasions. There were times when life events seemed just too much to bear. I'm sharing my story in hopes that others may realize that they are not alone in their trials of life. Some of my life events included marriage; holding things together while my spouse was deployed; divorce; single parenting and all that comes with it; pressures on the job; financial struggles; caring for a parent and grandparents; death of grandparents, father, and stepfather; and household and church responsibilities. The list of life events could go on and on. All the while I had my game face on for the public, pretending that everything was okay. After all, I had two little ones depending on me to hold it together.

I was broken, frustrated, discouraged, depressed, angry, overwhelmed, embarrassed, afraid, and confused. Prayer was the only thing that provided hope in seemingly hopeless situations. Every time I thought I was about to go under, God heard my prayers and things changed. As a result of answered prayers, I'm still standing, and you can as well. He has proven His faithfulness. He has been Jehovah Jireh, my Provider. Just when I needed Him most, He was always there.

Psalms 46:1 states, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." He has never failed me in my times of trouble, and I give Him all the praise. 1 Thessalonians 5:17, instructs to "Pray without ceasing." It was not just my prayers alone that got me through those rough times. It was also the prayers of a special prayer warrior and my prayer partners.

My prayer partners and I pray every morning at 5 a.m. during the week, and at 6:30 a.m. on the weekend. This prayer circle has been in existence for well over 30 years. I joined the group about 11 years ago. Prayer has been a game changer in my life. This support system lifted me up when I was down and prayed me through, surrounding me with love, laughter, and words of wisdom. Collectively, we study and share testimonies. We've seen what God can do for others through prayer and fasting. The praise reports are numerous. It is an honor to go before the Lord in prayer, standing in the gap, and interceding for others. And, then we wait assuredly, knowing that God will show up and show out.

I've learned that every struggle, every trial, every setback that you experience in life is for the building of your character, and every answered prayer is for God's glory. I've also learned the more faith that you have, the more prayers will be answered. I know that with my own strength or knowledge, I can't accomplish anything. But, Philippians 4:13 reminds me that, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Jeremiah 32:17 reminds me that there is nothing too hard for God. By God's grace and help, I've raised two children alone for the last 11 years. My youngest is a freshman in high school, and my oldest is a graduating senior headed to college. To God be the glory, great things He has done. Because of Christ, my game face now is one of peace and confidence, making me more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37).

Prayer changes your sorrow into joy, brings healing to your sickness, and mends your broken heart. It lifts the weight of your burdens, and it moves mountains. Don't give up. Mustard-seed faith and prayer packs a powerful punch! If you're looking for a game changer in life, prayer is the key. As cliché as it may sound, prayer changes things! -LMJ

*I solicit the prayers of our constituent readership for the many prayer warriors/prayer groups who intentionally intercede, not only for their own issues, but also for the challenging circumstances that so many of us face as we seek to run this Christian race. Thank you for your partnership in prayer. -RCS ①*



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# VOLUNTEERS *and the* JOY OF SERVICE

BY AMIREH AL-HADDAD



ACS Disaster Response volunteers work at the Alabama tornado warehouse donation center.

Winston Churchill said it best: “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

When I was first asked to focus on a feature about volunteerism, my mind immediately went to Adventist Community Services and the disaster response work that the Seventh-day Adventist Church excels at doing. In the disaster response

arena, Adventists are widely recognized as the “go to” people for warehouse distribution. While we as an organization have this wonderful reputation in disaster response, the truth is that this service could not run without the hundreds of volunteers who show up after disasters to help sort and unload trucks full of needed supplies. In those times of need, people look for individuals wearing a fantastically hideous

shade of yellow — an identifying marker for those volunteers.

As we examine the different ways people volunteer, we cannot leave out the role of volunteers at church. Volunteers are what moves a church. Think about all the volunteer hours expended each week just to get through a single Sabbath morning. Your Sabbath School teachers, the church treasurer, deacons



A volunteer logs donated items at a disaster warehouse.

and deaconess, the pianist, special music, greeters, even the potluck coordinator are all volunteers. Let's not forget to mention the work of our young people in terms of the service and volunteer hours they put in. Pathfinders are one of the largest groups of volunteers in the Church, and the service they give to the community always matters. All these volunteers give of their time and talents, and very often of their own resources to do a job well. We don't normally think of local church leadership as volunteers,

but they are, and the number of man hours they donate is incredible. They all share their special skills by doing something they love without payment or remuneration.

You don't have to be rich, you don't have to be smart, you don't have to know how to drive a car or even read. You can be young or old or somewhere in between. You can be in a wheelchair. You can be shy. You may be someone who has 18 skills or no skills. But, as a volunteer, you need to be someone who cares. As a volunteer, you need to be someone who wants to make a difference.

A volunteer has to have a willing heart. Ellen White summarizes the payoff for teaching children to sacrifice and engage in service for others when she says they will "find joy in service..." *Child Guidance*, page 36. Whether you are a natural-born volunteer or someone who has had volunteerism instilled in them over time, volunteers help out because they have a passion for either the work or the cause.

When it comes to volunteering, most organizations have the same attitude that God has. God isn't worried about your abilities; He is more interested in your

## THINGS YOU CAN DO AS A VOLUNTEER:

- **Volunteer with Adventist Community Services** (*at your local church*)
- **Rake leaves**
- **Shovel snow**
- **Teach a computer skill**
- **Participate in a community clean-up day**
- **Serve a meal** (*volunteer at a local soup kitchen*)
- **Become a mentor**
- **Read to someone** (*volunteer at your local library*)
- **Teach the Teens Sabbath School class**
- **Sing to someone** (*volunteer at a nursing home*)
- **Volunteer to go on a mission trip with Marantha Volunteers International**



Volunteers are recognized by Hamilton and Bradley counties and TEMA.

## TRAITS YOU NEED AS A VOLUNTEER:

- **Integrity**
- **Flexibility**
- **Creativity**
- **Professionalism**
- **Team Player**
- **Self-Starter**
- **Emphathic**
- **Dependability**
- **Openness**
- **Humility**
- **Patience**
- **Love**





Volunteers from the North Ashville Church feed the homeless.

## BEFORE YOU VOLUNTEER, ASK YOURSELF SOME BASIC QUESTIONS:

- **What are my interests?**
- **What kind of work do I enjoy doing?**
- **What skills do I have?**
- **What is my overall flexibility or tolerance for different things/ideas?**
- **How much time do I have?**
- **How long can I volunteer? Short-term/long term/seasonal/just once?**
- **Can I afford to volunteer? Will there be travel or other expenses I might incur?**
- **Will I have to fill the role as a leader or a follower when I volunteer?**

availability. You just have to be available and show up, let someone know, “here am I...” Volunteers need to have a desire to make a difference. But, a willing heart is not the only character trait you will find in volunteers. Integrity is vital to the process of volunteering. As a volunteer you will be trusted with the resources of the organization. Therefore, your integrity is fundamental to the way the ministry/cause is viewed and respected in your community.

There are other venues for volunteering, not just with Adventist Community Services or in your local church setting. Volunteering in your local community is also of vital importance. It gets us out to meet people and be known by others in our community. As Adventists we often insulate ourselves from other protestant Americans simply because, we have “the truth,” and they ... drink coffee. Another problem that Adventists face in volunteering can be the legalistic approach to Sabbath, and the limited bless-

ing of Sabbath rest. More often than not, we as a people lose out on opportunities to engage in friendship evangelism and witness because we don’t want to break the rules of Sabbath. We forget to look to Jesus as our example and realize that it is perfectly acceptable to “do good” on the Sabbath.

Perhaps you need a challenge to try something new and different. Volunteer for something you’ve never done before.

While volunteers receive no remuneration for the job they do, that doesn’t mean there aren’t big pay-offs. It may be in doing a job well, meeting new and different types of individuals, or sometimes it’s in gaining new skill sets. Volunteering can often lead to positive career changes. In addition, there are also actual health benefits to volunteering. Did you know that individuals who volunteer report better mental health? That’s right. Volunteering helps raise those feel-good endorphin levels, and even contributes to better physical health by getting you



Volunteer donates hair for “Locks of Love.”

## VOLUNTEERING PAY-OFFS ARE BIG

- Learn a new skill
- Enhance skills you already possess
- Build confidence
- Discover something new about yourself or others
- Connect to your community/ church
- Meet new people/make new friends
- Expand your horizons on how other people learn/ live/love



PHOTO BY: BRIANA RICHARDS

These children love to color and show their parents their talents. One Sabbath each month, the Knoxville First congregation’s juniors, earliteen, and youth Sabbath School classes volunteer in the poorest inner-city neighborhood in Knoxville at an event called Pancakes and Crafts. They are connecting and making a difference where they are. These Sabbath School volunteers serve breakfast, sing songs, make crafts, and play games in this inner-city neighborhood.

out and moving.

1 Corinthians 13 speaks about love and the characteristics of love. But, it could just as easily be speaking about volunteering.

Volunteerism is a giving of one’s self. Volunteerism is love. It does not hold prejudice, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily discouraged, it keeps no record of wrongs. Volunteerism does not delight in laziness, but rejoices in making changes, even small ones. Volunteers seek out those in need, are conscious of community, work with humility and integrity, always hope, always persevere.

Go find some joy. Go volunteer! 📌

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# TREASURES *in* HEAVEN

BY MARIEL LOMBARDI



Miguel Verdecia-Lara stands with his family.

Miguel Verdecia-Lara arrived to the United States from Cuba in 2012. He had the dream to achieve financial stability, and the essential things that he had often been deprived of in his homeland. He felt very happy when he got his first job that paid \$12 per hour. However, soon he realized that this money was insufficient to achieve independence. He needed a vehicle, which would include monthly payments and insurance, and these expenses would consume much of his paycheck.

As an important part of his new life in this country, Miguel decided to attend the Atlanta First Hispanic Church, Tucker, Ga. Immediately he was involved in many activities, and was excited about the outreach plans he was working with. A group of members offered their home to host a house church, and Miguel promised to participate.

Soon he had the joy of receiving a new job offer. His salary would increase to \$19 per hour, which at the end of the month translated into a significant percentage increase. This work involved moving to another state. The person who offered the job agreed to give him the forms he needed to

fill out on a Saturday after sunset.

Earlier that afternoon, Miguel had participated in a meeting with the pastor and a group of people. They were drawing up plans for missionary work. Before knowing about this new job, Miguel had committed to a project and was excited about it. Now, having to move to another state would mean that he could not lend his support. At sunset, after the meetings were over, the gentleman who offered the job brought the forms to Miguel as promised. As Miguel sat in front of the forms with his pen in hand, he felt sad to leave everything behind. He began to align his priorities and have doubts about the new position. However, he had to make a decision. While he needed the money they promised him, in his mind he echoed the story of the people of Israel in the days of the prophet Haggai. They were concerned about having material goods, while God's house was deserted. The Lord called them to collaborate in building the temple. He reminded them that silver and gold come from Him, and told them not to fear, that He would be faithful to the covenant He made with them out of Egypt, and His Spirit would always accompany them (Haggai 1 and 2).

As Miguel looked at the forms, he thought he would probably find other opportunities to help another church once he moved. On the other hand, he had already committed, and the church was counting on him. He did not want to let them down. Finally, he decided to place his finances in God's hands. He thanked the new company for the opportunity that was presented to him, but without any doubt or remorse, he turned the job offer down.

Shortly thereafter, Miguel received another offer — this time with more than \$19 per hour salary, and without having to move to another state. For him it was a sign of the great goodness that God has for His children. As if this was not enough, his wages were increased three times during that year. On the occasion of each increase, he donated the money to support the completion of construction of the temple.

Miguel and his wife, Beatriz, have the certainty that every time they give their time or money to God's cause, it's like lending or making a deposit in the heavenly bank, whose Owner always returns with great interest. ☛



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# 71.5 MAGAZINE

*Created for Youth by Youth/Young Adults*



This is the premiere issue of 71.5 magazine, created by young adults for young adults, with editor Emily Long. The new magazine is sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland and Southern Union Youth Ministries departments.

A profile of a student at Atlanta Adventist Academy in Duluth, Georgia, is featured in the new 71.5 magazine.

BY EMILY LONG AND TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Last month, new magazines hit the shelf. But, unlike those magazines, 71.5, a new Seventh-day Adventist youth magazine, will turn the magazine model on its head. This magazine will be written, photographed, and illustrated by youth and young adults, for youth and young adults.

71.5, named for Psalms 71:5, “For You are my hope. O Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth,” began in an unlikely place. Emily Long, lifelong Adventist and daughter of then-pastor José Pérez, wasn’t great at school. “Math, science, and gym were never what I would call my thing. I was more creative. I loved writing, got As and Bs in English, and I loved art.”

At her senior review, Long saw a magazine. She explains that she attended public school and her opinions were different. The typical Adventist publications didn’t speak to her. She needed something more artistic, visual, and “cool” to share with friends.

Long, the art kid, the average student,

determined to use her talents for God. She went to Southern Adventist University, earned a degree in art with a minor in graphic design, and began her career in publishing. Upon graduating from Southern, she got her first job at the Chattanooga Times Free Press, where she eventually worked in their custom publications division as senior designer for *Chatter* magazine. Later she got a job at CMC Publications working with the area of design and creative for *HealthScope*® and *CityScope*® magazines, along with *Business Trend* magazine, and the *Chattanooga Resource and Relocation Guide*®.

A serious health crisis in 2015 reminded her of her real calling. Long was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The day before Long’s surgery, her physician called to cancel saying “the cells were, miraculously, more benign than was previously thought.” “God curing me of cancer gave a renewed zeal for His work!” she says.

Through providential circumstance,

Long met Don Keele Jr., associate youth/young adult director at Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and they partnered on 71.5. The first issue was slated for mid-May. The magazine that God put in the mind of the unlikely person, is a reality.

Based on the model of a student newspaper, 71.5 is a lifestyle magazine. Each issue will have a theme and features. There are pages with photos of students in social settings, art pages, a pastor Q&A, health and wellness, and relationship columns.

71.5 magazine needs writers, photographers, artists, and illustrators. Art submissions, fine art photography, poetry, and digital illustrations are accepted throughout the year. They also need photos of young adults hanging out, volunteering, and at church and school events. They are establishing social media to publish tweets, Instagram photos, and Facebook posts.

Please send questions to [715magazine@gmail.com](mailto:715magazine@gmail.com).



# WE BELIEVE!

Leaders break ground on Southern's new Bietz Center for Student Life after the campaign's public launch.

*Southern announces \$50 million Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning, the largest single fundraising effort ever undertaken by the University.*

BY LUCAS PATTERSON

Southern publicly announced the Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning on April 28, 2016, at the end of President Gordon Bietz's legacy celebration event in Hles P.E. Center.

Components of its \$50 million goal — nearly triple the amount of any previous campus campaign — include construction of a new student center and other facility improvements, increased endowments for scholarships and research, the continued greening of campus, and annual giving. Nearly \$32 million in cash and pledges has already been raised during the campaign's leadership phase, which quietly began in 2013.

Terry Shaw, executive vice president for Adventist Health System (AHS), is a Board of Trustees member and co-chair for the Campaign Steering Committee. His experience with AHS, which serves nearly five million patients annually at 46 hospitals across the country, provides

an excellent framework for evaluating the needs of Southern and its growing campus with students from all 50 states and more than 30 countries.

"If you look at where Southern is today compared to where it was 10 years ago, and if you take a look at where it could be 10 years from now, raising \$50 million is exactly what this organization needs to do to continue to attract and promote Adventist Christian education," Shaw said.

After witnessing the support of initial donors, Southern's Board of Trustees voted this past February to finalize the campaign goal of \$50 million, and fine-tune the ideas originally envisioned. University leadership is moving forward in confidence that this plan addresses Southern's needs in a timely and cost-effective manner, allowing for the greatest benefit to students.

"The Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning is mission-centered, and



Southern's concern for student well-being is deeply integrated within all areas of the campaign, from endowed scholarships to the increased greening of campus and all aspects in-between.



The transcendent leadership of former president Gordon Bietz, D.Min., seen here at his retirement event which also served to launch the campaign, positioned Southern well for future growth.



therefore student-centered; our plans and needs flow from that,” said Chris McKee, trustee and campaign co-chair.

### Student Center

The legacy event and campaign’s public launch have been strongly connected since 2015, when Bietz announced his pending retirement, and made known a strong desire to witness the student center’s groundbreaking before he left office. Bietz was completely unaware plans were in the works to name it after him.

“I managed to hold my emotions in check fairly well until hearing the student center announcement, and seeing a rendition of the building,” Bietz said.

The Bietz Center for Student Life, projected to open in fall 2018, will be located between McKee Library and Hickman Science Center. Herin Hall’s layout and age make the empty structure unsuitable for remodeling; its removal facilitates this new construction, estimated at more than 40,000 square feet and costing \$13 million. Interior plans include considerable amounts of flex space for student organizations to plan activities, and LifeGroups to meet for devotional gatherings.

“Flexible space” may not initially sound like a transformative feature for a new building, but it invites community — a critical component of the “Southern Experience.” Senior theology major Andrew Ashley didn’t have many friends when he first came to Southern. It was when he started attending LifeGroups (small-group Bible studies where students come together in a safe place to share and grow each week) that things began to change.

“I’ve made lifetime relationships, and have also fallen in love with Jesus Christ as a result of the community here at Southern,” Ashley said.

### Endowments

If the Bietz Center for Student Life is Southern’s brick-and-mortar centerpiece of this campaign, endowments are its less obvious but equally critical counterpart. In order to continue providing the Southern Experience, endowment funds for scholarships, faculty research, departmental lectureships, and mission endeavors must



An early artist’s concept of the Bietz Center for Student Life, which will be located between McKee Library and Hickman Science Center

increase. Southern hopes to exceed fundraising expectations for this area of the campaign, and significantly impact students like Gina Campos, a junior liberal arts education major, for years to come.

Campos took a big step of faith when coming to Southern. She packed up and drove to Tennessee without having even arranged for housing. She strongly felt God was calling her to Collegedale, and worked both on and off campus to help cover expenses. But, a few semesters later finances appeared to become a problem, and she made the difficult decision that at the end of the year she would go elsewhere to complete her education. Not long after that she received some unexpected news while studying in Summerour Hall, home to the School of Education and Psychology.

“I got an email telling me I was awarded Southern’s Passing the Torch Scholarship, which is based on the dedication you put into going out and meeting students,” Campos said. “Having more financial assistance for our school would be helpful for students who want to have this opportunity, and are willing to work really hard!”

Southern’s campaign was launched because hundreds of new students like Campos and Ashley come to campus each fall with the same unspoken need: a transformational experience. Careers are being shaped, and lives are being forever changed as a result of Southern’s educational and spiritual work shaping tomorrow’s leaders.

## CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE

Southern’s Campaign Steering Committee is a driving force behind the University’s march toward \$50 million; more than \$30 million was raised with its assistance during the private leadership phase of this campaign. Committee members participate in the identification, cultivation, and solicitation of potential donors through the development of several specialty groups (medical professionals, alumni, and employees). To support Southern’s campaign by working alongside them in a similar role, please call 423-236-2829.

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God has already blessed this campaign in amazing ways while touching hearts to give generously. To reach the remaining goal will require a deep and continuing commitment from alumni, employees, and friends. For more information, or to donate toward the Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning, visit [southern.edu/webelieve](http://southern.edu/webelieve) or call 423-236-2829. ●

# ADU Occupational Therapy Students Bring Joy to Local Cancer Patients



ADU occupational therapy student Kelly Wolfram provides a relaxing hand massage to a local woman battling cancer.



ADU students spent the day pampering patients fighting cancer, while helping them build a lasting support system.

It is one of the most powerful words you can hear, strong enough to change you in an instant, and send you into the toughest battle of your life. Cancer: When a doctor says the word, patients are often left feeling lost, afraid, and far removed from the life they were happily living just seconds before. During this time of uncertainty, the support and compassion of others is crucial to recovery.

With cancer being diagnosed at a higher rate than ever before, advancements in treatment have been made to help patients live significantly longer and more fulfilling lives. Among these advancements is the incorporation of occupational therapy to help those affected by cancer stay positive, develop a strong support system, and start enjoying life in the moment.

“Research has shown that a positive attitude can help shorten hospital stays and increase survival rates for patients. That is why we decided to take action and use our occupational therapy skills to do just that,” states Amanda Kane, ADU occupational therapy student.

Four Adventist University of Health Sciences occupational therapy students who have all been touched by cancer, Jesse Fisher, Amanda Kane, Katelyn Ruppert, and Kelly Wolfram, decided to focus on

this research, and to use their capstone project to serve a local community of oncology patients. With the guidance of their faculty advisor, Ron Carson, OTR, they were partnered with a nurse navigator from Florida Hospital Deland Cancer Institute to provide a stress-free day of pampering for women undergoing cancer treatment.

With the intention of not only engaging the women in a supportive social situation, but also involving them in exploring new ways to de-stress, the students chose to provide hand massages, nail care, coloring, jewelry making, and crocheting at the event.

“It was extremely meaningful to see these eight extraordinary women leave their cares and worries behind, and engage in a therapeutic day of pampering. Seeing them smile made our project that much more worthwhile,” explains Kelly Wolfram, ADU occupational therapy student.

Throughout the event, the women began to open up and share their common struggles, and started to form a friendship over the battle they are each fighting. The ADU students worked with each patient, both individually and in a group setting, allowing for a day customized to their own liking.

“Probably the best thing that came out of this event was seeing these women become friends, and build a support system that is

beneficial to their healing,” says Jesse Fisher, ADU occupational therapy student.

Sometimes it is easy to forget that the little things can make a difference, especially when battling cancer. These four ADU occupational therapy students saw an opportunity to utilize their unique skills to bring joy to these women, and to not only take them away from their fears for a few hours, but to encourage them to build a lasting support system that can help them in their fight against cancer.

“We hope the results of Jesse, Amanda, Katelyn, and Kelly’s efforts will make a difference in the lives of the women they touched. We are always proud to see our students impacting our community in such a positive way, and it is our hope that there will be more opportunities for our students to create customized events in the future,” states Ron Carson, OTD, MHS, assistant professor for ADU’s Occupational Therapy Department.

Adventist University of Health Sciences’ mission is to live the healing values of Christ, and students like these exemplify what it means to be a healthcare worker caring for the whole person. ●

BY MEGHAN BRESCHER, JESSE FISHER, AMANDA KANE, KATELYN RUPPERT, AND KELLY WOLFRAM



# District Churches Make Goals for Souls



New Life and Johnston churches district basketball team

The New Life Church in Aiken, S.C., and the Johnston Church in Johnston, S.C., combined their efforts in winning souls through the sport of basketball. The basketball program in this area was revived by Dennis Newbill, elder, in 1999 when his family moved from Jacksonville, Fla., to Aiken.

The two churches came together when the current pastor, Robert Green Jr., arrived in 2014. Although Newbill passed away in November of 2014, the women's team went on to win the South Carolina state and South Atlantic Conference division championships in 2015. The winning trophy was presented to New Life, and is displayed at the church as a testament to Newbill's love for young people, the game of basketball, and preaching God's Word. The boys' team and the men's team both placed third in the state.

The members will continue the basketball program this year and will add a pee-wee team. An open invitation encourages the young people and neighborhood youth to join the program, especially those who may not get an opportunity to play for their school. Those who are not Adventist team members are encouraged to learn

more about Jesus through Bible study and church attendance. They are motivated to develop their spiritual, physical, and mental potential to the fullest. Character is built through good sportsmanship, and the team members prepare to be witnesses for Christ through sharing, supporting each other, and working together. While the members enjoy the game of basketball, they are also fully involved in outreach ministry, which includes visiting nursing homes and hospitals, serving food to the homeless, and tract ministry. Of significant importance are the Real Truth Bible study guides which are given to all players who are not Adventist to help them gain a better understanding of biblical truths.

This Bible study ministry for young people was started by Alice P. Slater, a charter member of St. Mark Church. She had a special love and dedication for young people. Each summer she opened her home to student literature evangelists to earn money for school. She was also known for her warm hospitality, and served as host to several Conference workers and ministers for many years. In honor of her service, compassion, and burden for young people, the Youth Federation of South Carolina was

renamed to Alice Slater Youth Federation in 1956. Later, the church's athletic basketball program was born and named after Slater. It requires that all players who aren't Adventist be enrolled in the Real Truth Bible study.

This program has proven to be successful through the years. Robert Green Jr. was led to give himself totally to Christ as a result of becoming a member of a Seventh-day Adventist basketball team as a teenager in Hemingway, S.C. He continues to have a burden to win others to Christ through this much-loved sport.

Adventist Youth Society leader Terry Perry is an active participant on the men's team, and is the coleader with Adrian Green for the Friday evening Bible study. They alternate locations for this weekly event, which often has up to 20 young people (mostly not Adventist) studying God's Word. As a result, three young people have given their hearts to the Lord. God is truly blessing this district, and the members solicit your prayers as they endeavor to spread the message of Christ to many. 🕊

BY LILLIE NEWBILL AND ROBERT GREEN JR.

# Myanmar Group Achieves Company Status

When the Myanmar group in Charlotte, N.C., signed their charter on February 27, 2016, to become a company of the Carolina Conference, the ceremony was more than just the next step in the process of becoming a church. It was a symbol of brotherhood — a coming-together of people groups who grew up enemies, but are now united in Christian love, fellowship, and evangelistic fervor.

Before immigrating to the United States, most of the members of this congregation lived in Myanmar (formerly Burma). According to the Oxford Burma Alliance, there are more than 135 different ethnic groups in Myanmar, each with its own history, culture, and language. The majority Burman (Bamar) ethnic group makes up about two-thirds of the population, and controls the military and the government. The minority ethnic nationalities, making up the remaining one-third, live mainly in the resource-rich border areas and hills of Burma, although many have been forcibly removed from their homes by the military-backed government as it confiscates land for development projects and resource exploitation. Other forms of persecution from the government are also common, such as arming one group to fight another, forcing them into work so heavy they often die from exhaustion and malnutrition, or killing them outright. As a result, millions of people from these minority groups have become internally displaced people (IDPs), or refugees in other countries such as Thailand and Malaysia. In these refugee camps, in schools the Adventist Church has established, are where many of them learn about Jesus and the Ad-



Gary Moyer, Carolina vice-president of administration and secretariat, preaches with an interpreter.



Myanmar Church members sign the company manifesto.



PHOTO BY: REBECCA CARPENTER

ventist message.

Richard Hambley, head elder and leader of the Myanmar Company, is an American who felt called to help develop this church plant, composed mainly of the Karen and Zomi ethnic groups (although there are eight different language groups represented, including Burmese, Thai, Motu, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and English). He explains, “When we first started, they did not mingle together. When the Zomis had a birthday party, they did not invite the Karen, and vice-versa. They would even sit on opposite sides of the congregation. Now, over the past two years, we’ve seen them come together here at church, and also outside of church.”

When they first arrive in the United States, the government provides eight months of support; however, if they get a job within that timeframe, they lose those benefits. Additionally, after one year, each person is responsible to pay back \$1,000 of the money they’ve received. They are just learning the English language, so jobs are limited and don’t pay enough to live on. Childcare is cost-prohibitive, so many families exist

on one income. Therefore, many ministries have developed in the Myanmar Company because of the needs that arise in this integration process. They provide counseling, transportation to appointments, driving lessons, food, and clothing distribution from their “Care Closet”; explain legal and medical documents that they receive; and assist them with negotiating purchases of homes and cars. “Our philosophy is to meet the physical as well as the spiritual needs of our members,” Hambley explained.

Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference vice president for administration, officiated the signing of the charter, and shared the morning message. He and Ryan Ashlock, pastor of the Charlotte University Church, who sponsors the Myanmar church plant, both expressed their gratitude to the Lord for giving these people an united purpose. It is easy to see the Lord working in this new company of believers, and though there is a long road ahead, they are looking forward to traveling it together. 📌

BY REBECCA CARPENTER

# Carolina Holds Conference-wide Adventurer Fun Day

A total of 43 Adventurer clubs from all across the Carolina Conference descended upon Nosoca Pines Ranch

on Sunday, April 10, 2016, for the 26th annual Adventurer Fun Day. There were more than 1,000 in attendance.

“This was the largest group that we’ve ever had,” said Stanley Knight, youth director for the Carolina Conference.



Those who came down the night before were blessed to experience what life was like before electricity. Trees took out the power lines during the night, but right before the festivities were to commence on Sunday morning, the power came surging back.

Kicking off the day's activities, the clubs aligned themselves for a parade, complete with costumes and even a few floats, and traveled from the cafeteria to the gym.

The theme this year was "Back to the Future with Jesus," and the activities focused around the Great Controversy. Each station taught the children about end-time events through informative presentations and fun obstacles to navigate, starting with "Signs in the Heavens," and ending with "Wars and Rumors of Wars."



PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

Carolina Conference Adventurer Clubs listen to William Miller, portrayed by Paul Kelley, member of the Winston Salem Church, as he tells the attendees about his studies of the cleansing of the temple.

Even at this young age it's important that children know about the events at the end of time, and that, although there are struggles yet to come, there is nothing to fear because Christ will be victorious. 🕊

BY COURTNEY HEROD



An Adventurer goes through the obstacle maze of the destruction of Jerusalem.



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Henry Johnson, pastor, dressed as a WWI soldier, speaks to the Adventurer Clubs about "Wars and Rumors of Wars," and being prepared for the end of time.

# Highpoint Church Members Partner with Community Organizations



PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

Recipients register and sign up for the medications they need.



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Brenda Vass, N.C. MedAssist, with Laurentiu Serban, Highpoint pastor



PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

Personal shoppers fill the orders for over-the-counter medications.

Community services projects extend past the walls of High Point Church, High Point, N.C. On April 1, 2016, the church members partnered for the second time with the School of Pharmacy at High Point College, the Triad Food Pantry, and a non-profit organization, North Carolina MedAssist based in Charlotte, N.C., to provide over-the-counter medications to those in the community who could not afford to purchase them.

"We were prepared for 2,000 community members to come," said Laurentiu Serban, pastor of High Point Church. "We had over 20 of our church members volunteer for the day at the different stations and a prayer

booth," he continued. "Jo (Josephine) Williams, our community services director, is at the heart of this outreach."

In an old shopping mall now owned by the college, an empty department store was transformed into a makeshift distribution center. The doors opened around eight in the morning with a line of people around the building. Volunteers greeted them at the door and guided them to each station. Upon registration, each person was given a number and a list of available medications. They could select up to eight on the list.

Once their number was called, they would proceed to the next station, where a personal shopper would retrieve their re-

quested medications. On the way out, there were various drug store items available. In addition, the High Point Church food pantry was also on hand distributing much-needed goods.

On a smaller scale, the church's community services team provides a similar service on a weekly basis through their food pantry. The church members plan to continue both of these important ministries, with the hope that meeting the physical needs of their community will also invite them into a saving relationship with Jesus. 🕊

BY COURTNEY HEROD

# Tampa Bay Area Adventurer Clubs Receive, Donate Gift of 30 Bikes



PHOTO BY: JOEVANETTE (VANY) RODRIGUEZ AND PHILIP HARRIS

Bike recipients wear happy smiles. Their mother is a single mom who felt especially blessed because of this gift.

Representatives from the National Hockey League's Tampa Bay Lightning and Onbikes of Tampa, Fla., presented 30 Adventurer-size bicycles on March 28, 2016, to Philip Harris, assistant director of the St. Petersburg,

Fla., Adventurer Club, and Joevanette (Vany) Rodriguez, Adventurers North Zone B Spanish administrator. The presentation was made in Thunder Alley, the main entrance to Amalie Arena, shortly before the Lightning's evening game

Receiving 30 donated bicycles at the presentation were Joevanette (Vany) Rodriguez, Florida Conference Adventurer North Zone B Spanish administrator; Philip Harris, assistant director of the St. Petersburg Adventurer Club; and Eli, son of Philip Harris, who represented Adventurer children.





Pathfinders and Adventurers visited firefighters to offer prayer.



Adventurers collected toiletry items to fill bags for homeless people in Tampa, Fla.

against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

“We believe sports and an active lifestyle can play an important role in a child’s life, helping them to become healthy, self-assured, and dynamic future leaders,” said Kasey Smith, senior director of community relations for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The bikes were designated for children in need or deserving. “This is where the fun part began — contacting our participating clubs and entities between Tampa and Orlando,” said Rodriguez after the presentation of the 30 bikes.

Local clubs kept some of the bikes to benefit children who volunteered for Global Youth Day; however, two-thirds of the bikes were donated to Loaves and Fishes, a nonprofit charity that serves low income and homeless people.

The opportunity to receive the bikes resulted from a story written by Rodriguez detailing how 156 children from nine Pathfinder clubs and four Adventurer clubs in the Tampa Bay area donated their time and efforts during Global Youth Day to feed the homeless and visit a senior citizen home, a police station, and fire station.

Previously, club members collected toiletry items to place in backpacks for the homeless, and prepared food on site to feed them on Global Youth Day. In every street location, Pathfinders and Adventurers prayed and talked with people, while also distributing tracts and books.

“We were called to serve,” says Rodriguez. “So, on Global Youth Day, with the donations received, we were able to give back to those in need.”

BY JOEVANETTE (VANY) RODRIGUEZ

## Southern Union President Preaches the Word

**R**on Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., president of Southern Union Conference, held an evangelistic series in the West Palm Beach, Fla., area this past March.

Smith, an evangelist at heart, “thrives on vehemently engaging and conducting evangelistic meetings.” As a result of his

program in West Palm Beach, 82 new members were baptized into the Adventist Church.

Smith has served as Southern Union Conference president since 2011.

BY GLADYS NEIGEL



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# Weekend Training Fortifies Women to Lead



PHOTO BY: TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

**Jo Dubs, Georgia-Cumberland women's/family life ministries director, speaks at the women's leadership training at the Conference office this past March.**



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**Donna Crandall (right), Conference women's/family life ministries secretary, greets women as they register for the meetings.**

At the women's ministries leadership seminar held the first weekend in March, approximately 90 women met at the Conference office to better educate themselves to serve as leaders in a variety of roles.

Gladiola Griffin, who attended the "Equipping to Lead" event from Dalton, Ga., said, "I learned that I need to discover, dedicate, and develop my potential. I need to help others get to know their potential. I want to be able to give my gift to God."

Jo Dubs, director of women's/family life ministries for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, presented the Sabbath message. Her talk, "Becoming Great for God," allowed time for participants to journal on topics such as "What is the value in learning more about who God created me to

be?" and "As a leader, do I value the input of others?" In another presentation, "Are You Sabotaging Your Ministry?" Dubs challenged participants to evaluate and discard ministry approaches that are no longer relevant.

Other events included a Friday night presentation on "Leadership Potential?" by communication director Tamara Fisher, who shared the need for a vision and leadership assessment.

Valerie Daramola, from the Atlanta Southside Church, Jonesboro, Ga., especially enjoyed the ministry ideas discussed throughout the weekend: S'MORE (Single Moms of Real Excellence), the Egg People (ministry to feed the homeless), God in Shoes (evangelism designed for women), community services, women's prison out-

reach, and Bible study. The women also participated in team-building activities and shared resources. Daramola said, "Outreach is the key. People see what we do, and it means so much more that what we say. Our ladies in the church, community, and world are special and valuable, and together we can fulfill our purpose."

Cathy Shannon from Crossville, Tenn., concluded, "I am encouraged .... You've equipped us fully, and I'm sure that after I've spent time in a much-needed season of prayer, God will empower me." 📌

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER



# Steve Green Performs at Dalton Church

The Dalton, Ga., Church was blessed to host recording artist Steve Green on Sabbath, April 9, 2016.

Green sang two songs during the 11 a.m. worship service, and performed a full concert Sabbath evening. The Learning Tree Elementary School choir, led by director Niki Knowlton, joined Green for three songs during the concert.

God truly blessed as guests arrived from throughout the region. The church and balcony were filled, and nearly 100 additional people gathered in the gym to watch the concert on video feed.

The concert was designed to be an event to reach out to those in the community who might not otherwise visit an Adventist church. Chester Clark, Dalton pastor, stated that “at least four individ-



Steve Green plays the guitar with Dick Tunney on the accordion at the Dalton, Ga., Church on April 9, 2016. The children’s choir was given the opportunity to perform with Green.

uals have pre-registered to attend the Voice of Prophecy production, Shadow Empire, after attending the concert.”

The evening was a wonderful musical worship program praising God for His great love for fallen humanity.

Keila Pitman of Ellijay, Ga., summed up the evening best: “Thank you, Dalton Church, for sponsoring this concert. It was uplifting, and a little example of how wonderful it will be to praise Jesus together for eternity!”

More photos and video are available on the Facebook pages of Dalton Church and the Learning Tree Elementary School. 📍

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BY BRENT GOODGE

# East Ridge Intentionally Does Church

As far as church business meetings go, very little time was spent on “business” as the East Ridge Church congregation gathered January 30, 2016. The majority of the meeting could be summed up in one word — intentionality. At East Ridge, the church family is committed to being intentional in its evangelism. This is precisely why East Ridge was established in 2009, and also explains the founding of South Bay, a new church plant that opened last year. Under the direction of Ben Thornton, elder for evangelism, the congregation was challenged to continually think evangelistically.

The church experience begins in the parking lot. When rain is falling on a Sabbath morning, it creates a positive impression to be welcomed with an open umbrella. Visitors are set at ease when a greeter shares restroom locations. And, staying for potluck is

sweeter when church members befriend and fellowship with guests during the meal.

Thornton expressed, “We are really good at being friendly to people when they come to our church; we aren’t too great at being their friends.” Then he posed a critical question: “Can we continue inviting people into our church and not invite them into our lives?”

“Am I willing to be a little inconvenienced?” Thornton asked. Jesus was. He accepted the greatest inconvenience for our sake’s. That is motivation enough for East Ridge Church members.

The church business meeting was followed by a ministry fair, giving members and attendees the opportunity to get involved in church life, and bring people the Good News of salvation. 📍

BY NAOMI JACKSON



Sue Natzke cheerfully serves salad to the guests. This is just an example of an intentional outreach that takes place at the East Ridge Church in Tennessee.

PHOTO BY: NAOMI JACKSON

# Women Convene at Fort Walton Beach Church for Special Spiritual Weekend



Everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch served in the beautifully decorated fellowship hall.



Khandie Waugh was the speaker for the worship service.

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The Fort Walton Beach Church was host to a district-wide women’s ministries weekend, April 22-24, 2016. Friday evening women gathered in the sanctuary for a special Bible study which reflected the theme of the weekend: “It’s All About Worship.” Many of the women in attendance were not members, but had been invited by women from the church. God’s presence was felt as everyone read Bible verses and discussed what worship meant to them.

Women from several other area churches attended the Sabbath activities. Sabbath School began with a special presentation, “Timeline on Pioneer Women.” Ena Soto and Mary Polanco directed the presentation, as women dressed in costumes representing the characters they portrayed told how God had led in times past.

Khandie Waugh, assistant women’s ministries director at Fort Walton Beach Church, spoke for the 11 a.m. worship hour, and also led the Friday evening and Sab-

bath afternoon Bible study. Waugh grew up in Jamaica, and moved to the United States when she was in the fifth grade. She fell in love with God when she was a child, and shared how He has been with her throughout her life, bringing her through the trials of college, medical school, and residency. She now serves as an active duty psychiatrist in the United States Air Force. She says, “More than being a psychiatrist and a major in the Air Force, I am a child of the living King.”

At the end of the worship service, an altar call was made for those who desired baptism, and two individuals came forward. One was a guest who came with an Adventist friend who was visiting from out of town. A delicious lunch followed, and then a concert, Vespers, and another Bible study all put on by the women of the church. Sunday the women gathered at 6 a.m. to help with a community service outreach. This was followed by a 10:30 a.m. brunch.

Kerriann Hudson, Fort Walton Beach

Church women’s ministries director, says, “Our vision for the Fort Walton Beach Church women’s ministries is to support the women of our congregation spiritually, socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically. Our mission is to be witnesses for Christ via community service activities and evangelism outreach, and to model Jesus Christ with one another through relationship building.

The event was organized by Hudson, Waugh, and others on the women’s ministries committee. 📍



Women from Fort Walton Beach Church led out in the Sabbath School program.

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# Janine Brunet Retires After 23 Years of Teaching at Mobile Junior Academy



Janine Brunet holds a plaque thanking her for her years of service.



Janine is surrounded by present and former students.

Janine Brunet is retiring after 36 years working as an educator. Twenty-three of those years have been spent teaching at Mobile Junior Academy in Mobile, Ala. Wesley Gennick, principal, says, “It is with bittersweet emotions that we announce the retirement of Mrs. Brunet. For the last four years, I have had the pleasure to serve alongside her, and it has been a true joy and an inspiration to me personally as a new teacher in our Conference.”

Brunet has touched the lives of many people. She is described as a solid, dependable teacher, and has given all she has to the mission of the school, and also the mission of the Church. She devotes most of her spare time to serving on church boards, being the Sabbath School superintendent, and playing the piano for church services.

She was born in Takoma Park, Md., and grew up in an Adventist family. She obtained her elementary education degree from Columbia Union College (now

Washington Adventist University). Brunet has taught in Adventist education since graduating from college in 1972, and took a break from teaching to work in the alumni office of her college. While there she obtained a second degree in office administration. The Brunets moved to Mobile in 1990 to be near her husband’s family.

Molly Griffin, a second-grader in Brunet’s (Mrs. B) classroom, summed up what most students think about her, and then read this message at Brunet’s retirement party at the Cody Road Church in Mobile: “For the past two years that I have been in Mrs. B’s class, she has not just taught us how to hold a pencil and how to write cursive, but she has taught us what love and kindness is. So, tonight, I want to tell her ‘Thank you! And, I love you!’ And, I am sure that when you get to know her like I do, you will love her too.”

BY REBECCA GRICE

# Campus Ministries Young Adults Join Pathfinders, Adventurers to Share Jesus

The Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs along with the campus ministries of the Auburn-Opelika Metro Church united to express their love for Jesus at the Monarch Estates, an assisted living facility in Auburn, Ala. Campus ministries is a program for students who attend Auburn University. Some are members of the Auburn-Opelika Metro Church, and others are guests who have become a part of the church group. They study the Bible together weekly, and participate in the church services once a quarter. They are great lead-

ers, and more than willing to be in service for Jesus.

The group was welcomed by the residents of the home. Several Bible verses were read, followed by a devotional reading and singing. Hearts were warmed as the youngsters shared a song known by all, “Jesus Loves Me.”

The church leaders believe the children’s trust in Jesus will grow by being a part of the missionary activities of the church, and by encouraging them to share their love for Jesus. ●



Youth enjoy sharing their love for Jesus with others.

BY SAUNDRA KROMMINGA

# “No Excuses!” Retreat Held for Young Adults



Song service during worship

More than 70 young adults from all over the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference met at Indian Creek Camp for a retreat on April 22, 2016. The theme of the retreat was “No Excuses!” Some may wonder why that theme was chosen. The team of young adults from various churches who planned the retreat wrestled in prayer as to how best to chal-

lenge this generation of young adults to become leaders of the Adventist Church.

If there was ever a time for the young adults in the Church to step up and take the lead, it’s now. But, some may feel that they aren’t capable enough to do it. Whether it’s because of youth, inexperience, or training, the clarion call of Christ in the Great Commission allows for no excuses.

Indian Creek Camp provided the ideal atmosphere for connecting with God, with each other, and for personal reflection. The retreat began with a special meal and service to welcome the Sabbath. Everyone was encouraged to meet someone new and serve one another. Opportunities were given for exercise and rest, but most of the retreat was spent dispelling any excuses to keep one from fully embracing the call of God. The attendees were inspired



Young adults who attended the “No Excuses!” retreat at Indian Creek Camp on April 22, 2016

by keynote speakers to look to God and the power of His promises over trusting in themselves. The breakout sessions offered various topics that both challenged and equipped them to be better disciples.

All in all, it was clear that this group of young adults could no longer afford to wait on the sidelines to serve God. The time is now. No excuses! 📌

BY JON REMITERA

# Lexington Church Members Work for the Lord

Lexington, Ky., Church members began planning an evangelistic series, but they did not have the \$4,000 needed to fund the effort. The members worked quickly to raise the funds so that preparations for the series could move forward.

With the funds raised, every detail of the meetings was planned, and every needed position was filled. The members were ready to work for the Lord, and they prayed daily at 6 a.m. for the series for 80 days.

Meetings were held five nights a week with two sessions each, at 5:30 and 7 p.m. The meetings were well attended, and at times there were more than 300 in attendance, leaving no room inside or in the parking lot. On the first night of the series, there were 77 guests at the early session and 52 at the second session.



New members at the Lexington, Ky., Church

As a result of the meetings, there are 23 new members at Lexington who have made the decision to follow Christ. Each new member has a spiritual mentor who will help to nurture them as they grow in their walk with Jesus. There are also members who decided to renew their commitment to Christ through re-baptism. The Lexington Church praises God for His blessings. 📌

BY PAVEL GOIA



First night of the series at Lexington Church



# Glasgow Church Members Seek April Sages

Members of the Glasgow, Ky., Church gathered at the newly constructed Holiday Inn on Friday night, April 1, 2016. They were there with a purpose, and even though it was April 1, their purpose wasn't a joke. Rather it was just the opposite — the serious proclamation of God's Three Angels' Message to their city.

Preparations and prayers prevailed, and opening night brought out a number of interested individuals. Only a few empty seats remained as the evening began. The number of guests, 25, was greater than that of the members, 21.

The meetings continued Friday and Saturday nights throughout the month of April. The format for each evening included two biblical messages with a short intermission between, during which refreshments were served. Terry Carmichael, pastor, and Jim Pierce, head elder, teamed together to make the presentations using the ShareHim series. Local vocalist Joy Borrer provided special music each evening before the second message.

The meetings relocated to the church, and though the attendance dropped, there were several decisions for baptism and potentially more to come. The coordinator for the meet-

ings, April Tracy, said, "I am so thankful that everyone has come together as a team to support this effort."

The members understand the seriousness of the task at hand. Proverbs 11:30 admonishes, "...He that winneth souls is wise." Having taken this thought to heart, the members are praying and expecting that, though the meetings started on April Fools Day, some hearing God's Word will turn out to be April sages. Though the work is no joke, it is a joy! 🙏

BY TERESA CARMICHAEL

# Prayer Ministries Team Holds Prayer Breakfast

thought I knew all about prayer until your presentation 'Prayer 101 and Prayer Ministries.'" "Since I started prayer journaling and following a prayer format, my relationship with the Lord has grown in leaps and bounds." "I look forward to my time with Jesus, and hate to see it end."

These are just a few responses since January 17, 2016, when a core prayer ministries team of seven began meeting to pray. During this short time, they have experienced profound spiritual growth and answers to prayer. One of these answers was how the Lord brought to fruition a district-wide prayer breakfast.

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, the Kentucky Lake District prayer ministries team held its first annual prayer ministries breakfast, hosted by the Columbia, Ky., Church. The Lake District includes the Burkesville, Columbia, and Jamestown churches, and is pastored by J. Fred Calkins. All three churches were represented, with approximately 40 members in attendance.

Melissa McCoy Weisner, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference prayer ministries assistant coordinator, presented the message,



Joshua (left) and Roger Higginbotham, and Melissa McCoy Weisner sing "I'm Using My Bible for a Roadmap."

"The Heart of God," based on 1 Kings 9:3. Weisner provided personal testimonies and examples of the power in praying together. To close the service, she joined Roger and Joshua Higginbotham in singing, "I'm Using My Bible for a Roadmap."

The purpose of this prayer breakfast was to affirm the power of prayer to spiritually transform individuals, families, churches, and communities, as well as invite each member to take part in prayer ministries to make each church a house of prayer. 🙏



Melissa McCoy Weisner

BY DIANE R. WALLACE

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# Prayer Ministries Directors Celebrate 10th Prayer Summit



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**Mineola Dozier-Smith, a 95-year-old prayer warrior, has not missed a single prayer conference.**

South Cental Conference celebrated its 10th Prayer Summit anniversary of God’s leading and blessings on March 18-19, 2016, with the theme, “The Deeper Life.” More than 200 people arrived at Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega, Ala., for the annual Prayer Summit.

The Prayer Summit was a dream of a former South Cental president, Benjamin Browne, and was welcomed and received by prayer warriors throughout the Conference. Browne believed that prayer must be essential to every conference, church, and congregant, and now the Conference is celebrating 10 years of members coming together to pray and connect with the Holy Spirit.

Over the course of time, the Prayer Summit has grown beyond South Central’s borders. Prayer warriors from various conferences have attended its power-packed weekends. This year there were groups from Allegheny East Conference, Lake Region Conference, and South Atlantic Conference.

Roy Rugless, South Central prayer ministries director, says, “We wanted this final Prayer Summit of this quinquennium to be extraordinary. We wanted people to understand and experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and truly God met our expectations.”

This year witnessed a dual celebration: the 10th anniversary of having Prayer

Summits in South Central, coupled with the Summit being the kick-off event for the 70th anniversary of the Conference. Rugless says, “It was felt that prayer should be the first thing that leads that celebration.”

On Friday evening, the summit began with praise and worship, where all were reminded why many keep attending year after year through the song, “For what He’s done for me, redeemed and set me free. Just because He’s God.” Those words, “He’s God,” written by gospel legend Edwin Hawkins in 1993 (copyright Fixit Labels), have served as the Prayer Summit’s theme song since its inception.

Why members of this Conference pray and praise is simple: When they remember





Velma McConico, one of the more than 200 attendees, in praise to God



Collin Hone was the featured presenter for the weekend.

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what He's done for each one individually and for South Central, the members cannot help but come together in celebration of His goodness.

Collin Hone, who serves as an assistant to Dennis Smith, retired pastor from Southern New England Conference and founder and owner of Holy Spirit Ministries, presented throughout the weekend the avenues needed to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Hone spoke on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit," "Righteousness by Faith," and the "Outpouring." These messages charged the worshipers with relevant and relational content. Hone further presented a 10-day small group witnessing program that would assist churches in beginning small group evangelism. Rugless states, "We wanted individuals to go back to their churches and initiate the 10-day small group witnessing program, which, combined with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, will start a revolution in our Conference, and help finish the work."

During the Summit, Rugless was impressed to lead the attendees in prayer for children and young adults. After an impassioned appeal for the need to intercede for that group, with some attendees relating their concerns for their own children and churches, all began to cry out for their children —

the children of the Church. The passion and power of that prayer resonated throughout the chapel as it was offered to Jesus.

Summit attendees had the privilege of having Donna Jackson, wife of Dan Jackson, North American Division (NAD) president, attend. Jackson gave greetings on behalf of her husband, and recognized Rugless for his leadership. Jackson then introduced the NAD's H.O.P.E. HEALS Initiative. H.O.P.E. is an acronym for "Houses Of Prayer Everywhere," and is designed to encourage every church throughout the NAD to become a substantive house of prayer, which can heal the wounds that sin has inflicted by the adversary.

This 10th anniversary Prayer Summit was filled with prayer and praise, decisions, and deliverance. Hardly a moment passed when someone attending was not set free, was encouraged to go forward in faith, or was touched in some meaningful manner by the Holy Spirit. "We wanted people to understand and experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and it happened," Rugless says.

Not everything was serious business. The prayer federation leaders throughout the Conference presented the Ruglesses with gifts, tributes, and praise for their team leadership during the last 10 years. They dressed them in "retirement garb,"

featuring grass skirts, over-sized sunglasses, and sandals. The reserved Roy Rugless seemed a bit embarrassed, but his outgoing wife, Elaine Rugless, took in all the fun and responded with a little Hula dance in the spirit of the occasion. After the lightheartedness of the "retirement ceremony," the prayer leaders presented the Ruglesses with prayer shawls, and then laid hands on them as all said their farewells to this beloved prayer ministries team. At the close of the Prayer Summit, Angela Hyde sang an impassioned appeal, "Go," written by Leon Patillo (copyright Word Music LLC).

In reflection of the Summit, as this is the last one he will organize, Rugless said, "God is to be praised and given credit for the success we've had. Special recognition is to be given to the South Central Conference prayer team, which is the foundation of every successful event. Our hope and prayer are that every member will realize the primacy and importance of prayer, ingest it in their daily lives, and be ready when Jesus comes!"

*Please note: The photos used for this article were also used in the May issue in error. 🙏*

BY MARVIN L. ALLISON SR.

# E. E. Rogers Embodies Legacy of Self-Sacrificing Service

Love, and not hope of reward, should be the motivation for service.’ These wonderful words are inscribed in my brother’s published book. Sherman Rogers wrote them in dedication to our parents, Mildred Strachan and Ernest Eugene Rogers. He expressed appreciation for their instructive example that taught us an important value,” said Jeanette Rogers-Dulan, Ph.D., retired professor of education, as she talked about the legacy of her father, E. E. Rogers, Ph.D., soon to be 100 years old, June 17, 2016. She said this statement reflects the principle in his practice of serving others he meets in daily personal interactions.

In addition to his understanding important spiritual and social needs, he is keen in understanding financial needs. Some 80 to 90 years ago, the reality of the times in black communities across the nation was limited access to opportunity for most African Americans. Dulan stated, “This was the case dad experienced and observed growing up in Memphis, Tennessee. Those realities influenced his perspective on self-sacrificing giving to meet urgent needs of friends and neighbors for daily survival.”

Those are important words: “self-sacrificing giving.” Jesus did this for humanity. What love His life exhibits! Many donors, who wish to leave a planned gift or current gift to family or non-profits, self-sacrifice to fund their gift(s). E. E. Roger’s life exemplifies this.

Dulan included, “Dad used the gifts of an entrepreneurial spirit and financial insights, evident from childhood, to assist in supporting his widowed mother and to bless others. As a 12-year-old child, he observed his neighbors’ need for ice and wood in their homes, and developed a business of supplying these items. As a young adult seeking to invest for the

future of his family, he was denied opportunities to invest in money markets reserved for whites. However, he saved, supported family, and used meager funds to assist many with needs such as furniture for their homes, tuition, bills that must be paid, and housing, to name a few. The Lord blessed his giving spirit by providing him with health, and a quality of life that influences others to give of their means to assist institutions, charitable funds, and trusts that multiplies blessings to many.”

She added, “God blessed his marriage, too, 63 wonderful, full years to the love of his life, my mother, Mildred, until she was laid to rest, awaiting the resurrection. And then, God blessed Daddy again to marry Annell Wright. Their marriage, at 91 (Wright) and 93 (Rogers), was noted in *The Huntsville Times* and *Southern Tidings*, by CNN, and on national and Alabama Public TV. They were featured in a documentary entitled ‘Over 90 & Loving It.’”

“For dad,” she continued, “we will celebrate 100 years of life, and a legacy of service multiplied in the lives of those dad touched. He joined the faculty at Oakwood in 1945, and retired in 1979 after 34 years of instructing many of the pastors, church leaders, and evangelists in the Seventh-day Adventist Church system and institutions, as well as time spent with the association of pastors of several churches representing various denominations in the Huntsville area. At their request, he freely provided instruction in applying biblical languages for a deeper understanding of the Bible. He was a popular speaker in many of the Huntsville area black churches for special spiritual emphasis weeks and general church services. His love for people and service took him to various venues across the nation and internationally. His



**Ernest Eugene Rogers, Ph.D., is known as a scholar and one who gives wise counsel, a man of integrity who will stand for the right even if it means he must stand alone. He is loved for his humble spirit, attitude of gratitude, and genuine joy that is contagious, and reflects a life of selfless service orientation. He lives a life of gratitude to God that is manifested in his love for Him and others. His joy is in serving and mentoring others to excellence.**

full-time service spanned more than 50 years as professor and pastor. The combined full- and part-time service, continued after retirement, totals more than 68 years of active service.”

In essence, some are able to save and leave a bequest, an endowment, or monetary blessing to schools, churches, or institutions. Rogers saved for family, sacrificed to assist others in need, served the Church and institutions, and gave of himself and monetarily throughout life — as the Holy Spirit led to those in need. What a legacy! What love! 🕊

BY MICHAEL A. HARPE



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### CAROLINA CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Mt. Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Adventist Christian Academy, Charlotte, NC  
Adventist Christian Academy, Raleigh, NC  
Asheville-Pisgah School, Candler, NC  
Brookhaven SDA School, Winterville, NC  
Camden Adventist School, Camden, SC  
Charleston SDA School, Charleston, SC  
Columbia Adventist Academy, Lexington, SC  
Eddlemon Adventist School, Spartanburg, SC  
Five Oaks Adventist Christian School, Durham, NC  
Mills River SDA School, Mills River, NC  
Myrtle Beach SDA Christian School, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Poplar Springs SDA School, Westminster, SC  
Silver Creek Adventist School, Morganton, NC  
Tri-City Christian Academy, High Point, NC  
Tryon SDA School, Lynn, NC  
Upward Adventist School, Flat Rock, NC  
William Johnston Elementary, Hickory, NC  
Wilmington SDA School, Wilmington, NC

### FLORIDA CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL  
Greater Miami Adventist Academy, Miami, FL

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Beryl Wisdom Adventist School, Orlando, FL  
Brevard Adventist Christian Academy, Cocoa, FL  
Deltona Adventist School, Deltona, FL  
East Pasco Adventist Academy, Dade City, FL  
Forest City Adventist School, Altamonte Springs, FL  
Forest Lake Education Center, Longwood, FL  
Gateway Christian School, Mt. Dora, FL  
Gulfcoast SDA Elementary, St. Petersburg, FL  
Indigo Christian Junior Academy, Daytona Beach, FL  
Jacksonville Adventist Academy, Jacksonville, FL  
James E. Sampson Memorial School, Ft. Pierce, FL  
Living Springs Academy, High Springs, FL  
Miami Springs Adventist School, Miami Springs, FL  
Naples Adventist Christian School, Naples, FL  
New Port Richey Adv. Christian Academy, New Port Richey, FL  
Okeechobee Adventist Christian School, Okeechobee, FL  
Orlando Junior Academy, Orlando, FL  
Osceola Adventist Christian School, Kissimmee, FL  
Port Charlotte Adventist School, Port Charlotte, FL  
Sawgrass Adventist School, Plantation, FL  
Tallahassee Adventist Christian Academy, Tallahassee, FL  
Tampa Adventist Academy, Tampa, FL  
Walker Memorial Junior Academy, Avon Park, FL  
West Coast Christian Academy, Bradenton, FL  
West Palm Beach Junior Academy, West Palm Beach, FL  
William A. Kirlew Junior Academy, Miami Gardens, FL  
Winter Haven Adventist Academy, Winter Haven, FL  
Z. L. Sung SDA Church School, Gainesville, FL

### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA  
Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, TN  
Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A.W. Spalding SDA School, Collegedale, TN  
Adventist Christian School of Maryville, Maryville, TN  
Algood Christian Elementary School, Cookeville, TN

Atlanta North SDA School, Atlanta, GA  
Augusta SDA School, Augusta, GA  
Bowman Hills SDA School, Cleveland, TN  
Carman Adventist School, Marietta, GA  
Collegedale Adventist Middle School, Collegedale, TN  
Columbus SDA School, Columbus, GA  
Douglasville SDA School, Douglasville, GA  
Duluth Adventist Christian School, Duluth, GA  
Dunlap Adventist School, Dunlap, TN  
Faulkner Springs Christian School, McMinnville, TN  
Greeneville Adventist Academy, Greeneville, TN  
Inez Wrenn SDA School, Crossville, TN  
Jasper Adventist Christian School, Jasper, TN  
Jellico SDA School, Jellico, TN  
John L. Coble Elementary School, Calhoun, GA  
Josephine Edwards Christian School, Ellijay, GA  
Knoxville Adventist School, Knoxville, TN  
Learning Tree Elementary School, Dalton, GA  
Lester Coon Adventist School, Apison, TN  
Living Springs Christian Academy, Gray, TN  
Meister Memorial SDA School, Deer Lodge, TN  
Misty Meadows SDA School, Ringgold, GA  
Morristown SDA School, Morristown, TN  
Murphy Adventist Christian School, Murphy, NC  
Oglethorpe SDA School, Oglethorpe, GA  
Ooltewah Adventist School, Ooltewah, TN  
Savannah Adventist Christian School, Pooler, GA  
Shoal Creek Adventist School, Sharpsburg, GA  
Standifer Gap SDA School, Chattanooga, TN  
Tri-City SDA School, Gray, TN  
Valdosta Christian Academy, Valdosta, GA  
Wimbish Adventist School, Macon, GA

### GULF STATES CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Adventist Christian Academy, Panama City, FL  
Bass Christian Elementary, Lumberton, MS  
Big Cove Christian Academy, Owens Cross Roads, AL  
College Drive SDA School, Pearl, MS  
Community Christian School, Meridian, MS  
Corinth SDA School, Corinth, MS  
Emerald Coast Christian School, Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Faith Adventist Christian School, Summit, MS  
Floral Crest Junior Academy, Bryant, AL  
Hoover Christian School, Hoover, AL  
Mobile Junior Academy, Mobile, AL  
Montgomery SDA School, Montgomery, AL  
Pensacola Junior Academy, Pensacola, FL

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

Highland Academy, Portland, TN  
Madison Academy, Madison, TN

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Appalachian Christian Academy, Manchester, KY  
Bill Egly Elementary School, Lawrenceburg, TN  
Dickson Adventist Elementary, Dickson, TN  
Highland Elementary School, Portland, TN  
Lexington Junior Academy, Lexington, KY  
Louisville Adventist Academy, Louisville, KY  
Madison Campus Elementary, Madison, TN  
Martin Memorial Elementary School, Centerville, TN  
Memphis Junior Academy, Memphis, TN  
Pewee Valley Junior Academy, Pewee Valley, KY  
Ridgetop Adventist Elementary, Ridgetop, TN

Taylor Mill SDA Church School, Latonia, KY  
Tulahoma SDA Elementary, Tullahoma, TN  
Woodbury SDA Elementary, Woodbury, TN

### SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Atlanta Adventist International School, Tucker, GA  
Berea Junior Academy, Sumpter, SC  
Berean Christian Junior Academy, Atlanta, GA  
Berean Junior Academy, Charlotte, NC  
Bethany Junior Academy, Macon, GA  
Carolina Adventist Academy, Whiteville, NC  
Decatur Adventist Junior Academy, Stone Mountain, GA  
Ebenezer SDA School, Augusta, GA  
Emanuel SDA Junior Academy, Albany, GA  
Ephesus Junior Academy, Winston-Salem, NC  
Gethsemane SDA School, Raleigh, NC  
Greater Fayetteville Adventist Academy, Fayetteville, NC  
Lithonia Adventist Academy, Lithonia, GA  
New Bethel Christian Academy, Columbus, GA  
Norma D. Richards Adventist Christian School, Pageland, SC  
Ramah Junior Academy, Savannah, GA  
Vanard J. Mendinghall Junior Academy, Orangeburg, SC

### SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Oakwood Adventist Academy, Huntsville, AL

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Alcy Junior Academy, Memphis, TN  
Avondale SDA School, Chattanooga, TN  
Bethany SDA Academy, Montgomery, AL  
E. E. Rogers SDA School, Jackson, MS  
Emma L. Minnis School, Louisville, KY  
Emmanuel SDA School, Mobile, AL  
Ephesus Junior Academy, Birmingham, AL  
F. H. Jenkins Elementary School, Nashville, TN  
Oakwood Elementary School, Huntsville, AL  
University Elementary School, Knoxville, TN

### SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Miami Union Academy, N. Miami, FL

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bethel Elementary SDA School, Florida City, FL  
Bethel Junior Academy, Riviera Beach, FL  
Broward Junior Academy, Plantation, FL  
Daughter of Zion Junior Academy, Delray Beach, FL  
Elim Junior Academy, St. Petersburg, FL  
Ephesus Junior Academy, Jacksonville, FL  
Ephesus Junior Academy, West Palm Beach, FL  
Mt. Calvary SDA School, Tampa, FL  
Mt. Olivet Jr. Academy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Mt. Sinai Junior Academy, Orlando, FL  
New Hope SDA School, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Palm Bay SDA School, Palm Bay, FL  
Perrine SDA School, Miami, FL  
Shiloh SDA School, Ocala, FL

### UNIVERSITIES

Adventist University of Health Sciences, Orlando, FL  
Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL  
Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN

# Oakwood University Hosts 2016 Commencement Exercises

Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., hosted its 2016 Commencement Exercises on May 7, 2016. The Commencement speaker was General Dennis L. Via, MHRM, the 18th Commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), headquartered at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville. AMC is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness to ensure dominant land force capability for the U.S. Warfighter and U.S. allies.

Listed are the statistics of the Class of 2016:

Number of graduates: 414  
 Oldest graduate: 63  
 Youngest graduate: 19  
 Highest GPA: 4.0 (Kristof Foster, Chanc Saari, and Michael Yohe)  
 Top major: Organizational Management  
 Summa Cum Laude: 9  
 Magna Cum Laude: 20  
 Cum Laude: 46  
 Honorable Mention: 79  
 Congratulations to all Oakwood graduates!

BY GEORGE JOHNSON JR.



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# Oakwood Awarded UNCF® Career Pathways Grant to Improve Job Placement Outcomes for Graduates

Among 30 colleges, Oakwood University has been selected as planning grant awardees for UNCF's® new Career Pathways Initiative (CPI), a highly competitive grant process open to four-year historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and predominantly black institutions (PBIs), to help students gain the knowledge, preparation, insight, and skills needed for meaningful employment upon graduation.

Lilly Endowment Inc. committed \$50 million in October 2015 to launch the UNCF® Career Pathways Initiative to improve the job placement outcomes of graduates from HBCUs and PBIs. Institutions will employ various strategies to achieve this goal, including aligning curricula with local and national workforce needs, developing intentional career pathway options for students across their collegiate experience, and strengthening their career service operations. The collective planning grant distri-

bution totals \$2.55 million. With a student enrollment of 1,733, Oakwood is on Tier II on the distribution scale, and, as such, Oakwood will receive a grant of \$100,000.

"We applaud all of the institutions that put their best foot forward in the interest of their students' future careers, and we commend the 30 institutions that were selected," said Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D., UNCF® president and CEO.

The rigorous and competitive grant process opened in December 2015 to 87 eligible public and private institutions, of which 81 were HBCUs and six were PBIs. The eligible institutions must have met select criteria, including being an accredited four-year degree-granting institution that awards most of its degrees at the bachelor's level. Of the 87 eligible institutions, 70 applied for the planning grant, and 30 were selected as grantees.

Of the 30 recipients, 29 are HBCUs and one is a PBI. Twenty-three of the selected

grantees are among the 37 private UNCF®-supported institutions. The six-month planning grants are one-time awards that help the institutions research and envision programs that will strengthen their efforts to prepare students for sustaining and meaningful careers. Award amounts vary based on the institution's student enrollment.

CPI is designed to support participating institutions to strengthen career guidance, and leverage the liberal arts education of students by adding — where needed — certain skills, experiences, and knowledge required by employers. Programs will be expected to engage college faculty in the development of curricula that is aligned with workforce needs to better prepare students to compete in careers of their choice. The initiative also will help institutions build partnerships with local and national employers, and improve student career services. 📍

BY UNCF® STAFF WRITER



# David Smith Takes Office as Southern's 26th President

David Smith, Ph.D., accepted the position as Southern Adventist University's new president after the Board of Trustees formally invited him to serve via unanimous vote on February 10, 2016. Gordon Bietz, D.Min., retired in May after 19 years as president.

Initial goals identified by Smith include improving enrollment, finding ways to make Adventist education more affordable, and reducing student debt. He also wants to give students increased leadership opportunities, create a more authentic spiritual life for students and faculty, and further build Southern presence in the community.

Smith began employment at Southern on April 4 as president-elect during the last two months of Beitz's tenure, and took over as president on June 1. He appreciated the opportunity for such a hands-on orientation to his new position, but so far there



David Smith, Ph.D.

have been few surprises since Southern is familiar territory for Smith. He worked as professor and chair in the University's English Department from 1981 to 1998 before leaving to become president of Union College, where he served for 13 years. Smith returned to Collegedale in 2011 as senior pastor for the University church.

Even with that level of familiarity, there are still new experiences to be had.

"I've always loved Southern students, but they have been especially warm and friendly toward me, and that means a lot," Smith said.

Lisa Clark Diller, Ph.D., history and political studies professor, took classes from Smith as a student at Southern, and observed his leadership again years later as a peer in the field of academic and spiritual discipleship.

"David's good humor and strong communication skills are effective for building community in any organization," Diller said. "He will bring these same gifts to bear on the challenges of leading a university." ❶

BY LUCAS PATTERSON

# Adventist Health System Gift Funds Newly Endowed Chair

Southern's Board of Trustees voted this past February to accept and establish the Adventist Health System Endowed Chair of Business Administration faculty position beginning June 1. Interest accrued from a \$2 million contribution by Adventist Health System (AHS) in 2015, the largest single corporate gift ever donated to Southern, will be used to defray the cost of an existing professor's salary in perpetuity.

Some of the newly endowed chair's responsibilities include becoming knowledgeable about AHS' mission, purpose, and reach; functioning in an advocacy role for AHS; and fostering a good working relationship between AHS and the university. AHS will partner with the School of Busi-



Robert Montague, Ph.D.

ness to provide both the endowed chair and students opportunities for engagement.

Students learned about the new Adventist Health System Endowed Chair of Business Administration, and accompanying \$2 million gift, during a special departmental convocation last fall. A plaque recognizing AHS hangs in the hallway with brass nameplates to list professors who hold its

chairship. Robert Montague, Ph.D., was the first inscription. Montague, a certified public accountant, joined Southern's faculty in 1999, and previously held executive positions with a missionary organization, hospital, and physician consortia, among others.

"AHS has always been a great partner for Southern, because many of our graduates find employment with them, and have risen to positions of importance and responsibility; in fact, sometimes former students are the very ones recruiting current students," Montague said. "The professional opportunities AHS provides us are extremely helpful." ❶

BY LUCAS PATTERSON

**BAKUNOFF JR., VICTOR J.**, 85, born Sept. 5, 1930 in Pittsburgh, PA, died Sept. 22, 2015 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka for 17 years. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Cookie; two sons: Victor III, (Bernadette) of Princeton, NJ, and Robert (Carol) of Galloway, NJ; one daughter, Tori of Apopka; one stepson, Howard (Judy) Marx of Acworth, GA; two step-daughters: Tammy (Chip) Brinfield of Williamstown, NJ, and Sherry (Mark) Birchard of Lake City, FL; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The memorial service was conducted by Pastors Denise Badger and Ward Gros at the Inspire Sabbath Grace Fellowship Church in Apopka. Interment was at National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

**BREITZKE, DENIS**, 79, of Ooltewah, TN, died Dec. 23, 2015 in a local hospital.

**BROWN, RUBY H.**, 85, born July 27, 1930 in Elaine, AR, died Dec. 29, 2015 in Memphis, TN. She was educated in the local elementary school and graduated from Lakeview High School. She attended Arkansas AM&N University (now the University of Arkansas) in Pine Bluff, AR, for a short period in 1950. There she met her future husband, Herbert Eugene Brown Sr., and they were married on March 17, 1951. The couple lived in various cities in the south while Herbert was enlisted in the United States Army. In Savannah, GA, they heard the Advent message during a tent effort conducted by Elder Joseph Winston, and subsequently were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oct. 1952. They relocated to Memphis, TN, in 1953, and joined the local Seventh-day Adventist Church, at that time Mississippi Boulevard, which became Alcy SDA Church, and currently Longview Heights SDA Church. She thoroughly enjoyed working as a hostess for a number of years in the church, and remained a faithful member until her death. For most of her life she was a homemaker taking care of her four children, whom she showered with love. After all of the children were grown and on their own, she worked as a medical secretary at St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis, as a teacher in the Preschool of Longview Heights Church, and in the office of a local internist. Her hobbies included plants (she had a super green thumb) and ceramic painting. She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Herbert E. Brown Sr.; four children: Geraldine Brown (Fred) Pullins of Huntsville, AL, Lana L.

Brown of Memphis, Herbert E. Brown Jr. of Memphis, and Michael J. (Annette) Brown of Atlanta, GA; adopted families of Isaac and Janet Fordjour, Claude (Michelle) Jones Jr., and Gale Jones (Williams) Murphy; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; a host of cousins; nieces; nephews; extended family; and friends.

**CLARK SR., BOBBY**, 89, born July 6, 1927 in Ellisville, MS, died March 27, 2016 at home in Lamar Co., MS. He attended Pine Forest Academy in Chunky, MS, and Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, FL. He married Willie Maie "Billie" Eason on July 27, 1948 in Orlando, FL. He was a carpenter, painter, paper hanger, and mechanic (among other things). He lived, worked, and raised his sons in Florida, Texas, and Mississippi. He was a deacon in the Adventist church in Hattiesburg, MS. He enjoyed working in his garden and small greenhouse. He also enjoyed panning for gold, which he did with some friends in California and Oregon. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, "Billie;" one son, Bobby H. Clark Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Lenora (Bailey) Clark of Mississippi; two grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren, all of Tennessee; one brother, Bill Clark of Florida; and three sisters: Joan Joyner of Florida, Pat Nelson of Florida, and Clara (Glen) Boutwell of Mississippi; lots of nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Wyley Sylvester "J.C." Clark; his mother, Faye (Gatewood) Clark; and one son, Benjamin R. Clark.

**HUFFMAN, FRED M. WEST**, 72, died March 7, 2016. She was a member of the Madison Campus Church, Madison, TN. She is survived by three sons: Michael (Lisa) Huffman, Benjamin Huffman Sr., and Wendell (Connie) Huffman; two sisters: Mercedes Rudisill and Deanna (George) Stilwell; one brother, Ralph (Judy) Melvin; four grandchildren: Benjamin Huffman Jr., Sumner (Melvin) Scott, James Huffman, and Ashley (Jarvis) Stubblefield; four great-grandchildren; many nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald West; and two sisters: Wanda and Reva West.

**LEE, KENNETH EDWIN**, 92, born Aug. 22, 1924, died Jan. 1, 2016 in Hendersonville, NC. He was a member of the Fletcher Church. He worked as a farmer and did denominational volunteer construction work in Maine. He also gave 10 years as a volunteer to Marana-

tha Volunteers International. He is survived by his wife, Rachel Lee of Hendersonville; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

**MACAULAY, DONALD G.**, 84, born Feb. 11, 1932 in Lake Worth, FL, died Feb. 29, 2016 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka for 40 years. He was a retired engineer. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth; two sons: Bob of Roswell, GA, and George of Apopka; and two daughters: LeaBeth of Altamonte Springs, FL, and Melissa Abernathy of Cocoa Beach, FL; and two grandchildren.

**MARTIN, DR. ARTEMIO A.**, 78, born Sept. 4, 1937 in the Philippines, died Sept. 25, 2015 in Gainesville, FL. He was a member of the Gainesville Church for 40 years. For 25 years, Dr. Martin served the North Central Florida community as a general surgeon and family medicine physician before retiring. He and his wife also operated The Good Samaritan Retirement Home for more than 25 years that provided quality care to seniors and their families. He served in active leadership as an elder in the church, helping to build the sanctuary, and humbly cared for the grounds of the church. The Martins had a longstanding passion to provide medical care in their homeland, the Philippine Islands, to which they returned for missionary excursions. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Aurora; three sons: Alexander, Artemio Robert (Rhonda Jeanne, Artemio Allan (Deirdre); one daughter, Sherry Lynn (John David); five brothers: Lemuel (Elme), Carlos (Ellen), Alfredo (Isabelita), Benjamin (Zeny), and Florentino (Thelma); one sister, Loida (Gino); and eight grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Daniel Graham at the Gainesville Church. Interment was at the Orange Hill Cemetery in Williston, FL.

**MELITI, ELIZABETH C.**, 88, born Oct. 22, 1927 in Trenton, NJ, died Nov. 27, 2015 in Sebring, FL. A celebration of her life was conducted at the Avon Park, FL, Church with a homily presented by Pastor Frank Gonzalez. Elizabeth Piromalli and Salvatore Meliti were married on Nov. 15, 1947 in the Lyndhurst, NJ, Catholic Church. About a year later, through the influence of Sal's oldest sister Laura, and her husband, Pastor Sal LaRosa, they were baptized as Seventh-day Adventists.



While her three sons: Glenn, Wayne, and Dennis attended Waldwick, NJ, Adventist School, she helped with fundraising events and was devoted to drive children in a small school bus to and from school. At the Hackensack Church, she was active in community services and was always cooking or baking to feed many people in need. She participated in the church choir, and was head of the Ladies' Club. She loved traveling with Sal to New England and Williamsburg. She incorporated her love of these places into her own surroundings. Her home was always a beautiful reflection of the formal colonial period. Her fine eye for decorating was also used to assist in the decorating of a new church when the Meliti family moved to Tranquility, NJ. She became the extension secretary and continued volunteering in community services, and participated in functions at the church school and Garden State Academy. She became well known for her hospitality, delicious Italian food, and chocolate chip cookies. The family grew to include three daughters-in-law: Eva, Gail, and Debbie, who felt more like her own daughters. She made all events and occasions special, and all the family looked forward to these memorable times. Elizabeth and Sal moved to Florida in 2004. After she became ill, her husband lovingly cared for her, and even learned to cook her delicious meals under her direction. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Salvatore; three sons: Glenn (Eva) of Stroudsburg, PA, Wayne (Gail) of Vero Beach, FL, and Dennis (Debbie) of Sebring, FL; one brother, Joseph Piromalli of Lyndhurst, NJ; one sister, Lillian Miner of Cape Coral, FL; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Her sister, Josephine Martel, predeceased her.

**METCALF, EMILY MCMILLAN**, 97, born Aug. 9, 1918 in Volusia County, FL, died Jan. 15, 2016. She was a member of the Collegedale Church for 60 years. She is survived by two daughters: Betty (Clynt) Cornwell and Anita (Wayne) Barto; six grandchildren: James E. (Dorinda) Young, Richard D. (Mary) Young, Jeffrey A. (Audra) Young, Robert E. (Dione) Young, David C. (Leanne) Barto, and Lori B. (Robert) Stakely; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Metcalf.

**PHALEN, JACK EDWIN**, 84, of Ooltewah died Jan. 17, 2016 in a local hospital. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in the Korean War. He was also a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. He is survived by two daughters, Jackie (Jeff) Wait and Janice (Bill) Huggins; five grandchildren: Kara, Nathan, Abigail, and Seth Wait and Sydney Huggin; and a special friend, Cari Gonzalez. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Ruby Phalen. The funeral service was held Jan. 18 at the funeral home chapel with Pastor Jeff Wait officiating. Interment followed at the Collegedale Memorial Park.

**READ, CHARLES EDWIN**, 92, born Aug. 6, 1923 in Washington, D.C., died Dec. 10, 2015. He was the son of the late Roland and Alvirta Read. He was a veteran of WWII, and served in the Army from 1943 to 1946. After his military service, he received his bachelor of science degree from Union College in Lincoln, NE, and his master of science from Indiana University. He was a business education teacher for 36 years. He taught at several colleges, and then changed to teaching secondary education at Collegedale Academy from 1970 until his retirement in 1986. Over the years, Charles enjoyed seeing his former students who still lived in the Chattanooga area. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many, and a longtime member of the Collegedale Church. He was predeceased by his wife, Marilyn. He is survived by his four children: C. Brent (Lana) Read, Brenda (Richard) Thornton, Lisa (Gordon) Cavin, and Tricia (Tim) Burgess; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**TORNOW, ALICE WEBB**, 102, born July 20, 1913, died Dec. 8, 2015. She touched hundreds of lives, comforting, guiding, and sharing laughter, hope, faith, and love. Growing up on a farm near Murdo, SD, she learned how to milk cows by five years old, rode horseback five miles to school and back, saw covered wagons stop for supplies near her school, learned to drive a model T in 1924, and worked for room and board to go to high school in town for 18 months. At age 16, she married Frank Tornow at the beginning of the Depression. Their first home was a tarpaper shack with no running water. Frank worked as a cattle rancher and truck driver before starting his own trucking business. She worked as the Murdo City assessor, as a court bailiff, and

as a short-order cook. Beginning in 1955, Frank and Alice purchased and operated the 30-room Murdo Hotel. A master baker of bread, sweet rolls, pies, and cakes, she liked to say she was best known for her "buns." Alice and Frank celebrated 40 years of marriage before Frank's death in 1970. After selling the hotel in 1978, she moved to an apartment in town. She began spending winters with her daughter, Joyce, in Collegedale, TN, and moved there permanently in 2000. She loved volunteering at Memorial Hospital and having a church family. She was the mother of Joyce Dick of Collegedale; Mary Noldner of Mitchell, SD; Larry Tornow of Portland, OR; and Lavern (deceased) (Marlys) Tornow of Cheyenne, WY; grandmother of 16, including Joyce's children, Valerie (Jim) Hunt of McDonald; Linda (Rod) Gustad of Roanoke, VA; and David (Sherry) Dick of Orlando; great-grandmother of 41, including Sarah, Abby, and Aimee Hunt; great-great-grandmother of more than 30; and great-great-great-grandmother of one. A memorial service was held Jan. 9, 2016 in the Gospel Chapel of the Collegedale Church. Another service will be held this summer in Murdo, SD, where she will be buried next to her husband, Frank.

**WALLACE, BERNICE**, 93, born Feb. 19, 1923, died March 14, 2016 in New Castle, KY. Friends and family will remember her for her warm and caring manner, her wit, her industrious nature, and her love of God. One of 10 children, she grew up in eastern Kentucky, and came to north central Kentucky for nurses' training at Pewee Valley Sanitarium. She served as a nurse at Norvell Clinic in New Castle, KY, for 29 years. While living in New Castle, she and her husband were members of the Pewee Valley Church. Upon their retirement and move to Florida, they were members of the Ft. Myers Church. She returned to New Castle after her husband's death and was a member of the Gratz Church in Gratz, KY. She is survived by her daughter, Sandy (Lin) Powell of New Castle, KY; and "adopted" daughter, Cyndi (Mark) Stephens of Mayfield, KY; twin brothers: Lyman Dee Jackson of Bend, OR, and Ramon Lee Jackson of Carmel, IN; one sister, Trilva Jean (Chuck) Buttrees of Phoenix, AZ; nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Wallace. A celebration of her life was held March 20, 2016, at the Gratz Church with Pastor Lin Powell officiating. ❀

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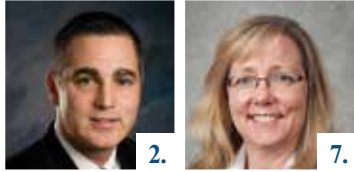


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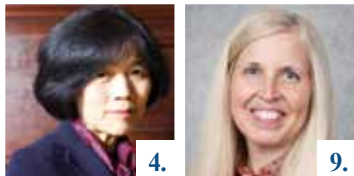
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**TOPIC:** The Neurophysiology of Worship

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**TOPIC:** Plant-based Rx: Integrating Nutrition Conversations into Clinical Practice



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### The South Atlantic Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 25th regular Session of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the River Oaks Praise & Worship Center, in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Sunday, September 11, 2016. This Session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing quinquennium and for transacting all other business which may properly come before the Session. The first meeting of the Conference Session is called for 9:00 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet Saturday night, September 10, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. Delegates will be seated per Conference Bylaws.

William L. Winston, President  
Stephen P. Ruff, Executive Secretary  
Larry E. Johnson, Treasurer

## Legal Notices

### The South Central Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 25th regular session of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama, Sunday, July 24, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Saturday night, July 23, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one representative for the church and one additional representative for each full 500 members.

### The South Central Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the 25th regular session of the South Central Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet at the Oakwood University Church, in Huntsville, Alabama, Sunday, July 23, 2016. The delegates to the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

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## CAROLINA

**Summer Camp** – June 5-July 3. NPR.  
**Ordination Ceremony** – June 11. Pastor Nelson Fernandez (Clemson/Greenville, S.C., Spanish). Greenville, S.C., Spanish.  
**ShareHIM Carolina Mission Trip** – June 15-June 30. Peru.  
**Elders' Certification Training** – Aug.12-13. Fayetteville Church. The session will be on pastoral duties.  
**Pathfinder/Adventurer Council** – Aug. 26-28. NPR.

## FLORIDA

**Complete calendar online** – [www.floridaconference.com/events/](http://www.floridaconference.com/events/)  
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**Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule**  
 June 26. Palm Coast. Palatka, St. Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)  
 July 10. Silver Springs Shores, Ocala, Cross City, Perry, Tallahassee.  
 July 11. Belleview, North Lake, Lady Lake, Inverness.  
 July 17. Lauderdale, Plantation, Sunrise. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)  
 July 24. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples.  
 July 25. Port Charlotte, North Port, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.  
 July 31. Cocoa, Fort Pierce, Midport, West Palm Beach First (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay, Port St. Lucie.)  
**Planned Giving Clinics**  
 July 9. Bethesda French Lehigh Church.  
 Oct. 1. West Palm Beach Spanish Church.  
**Island Navigator** – July 15-17 and 22-24. Pathfinder program with camping fun to give better understanding of our Creator using the nature surrounding an island classroom. Cost: \$35. Meet at Marathon Key K-Mart Plaza at 8 a.m. on July 15 (first trip) and July 22 (second trip), 5561 Overseas Hwy., Marathon. Details: [www.floridaconference.com/events/island-navigator](http://www.floridaconference.com/events/island-navigator) or 407-644-5000 x2423.  
**Wilderness Survival Camp Level 1** – July 22-24. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212nd. Ave., High Springs. For ages 10-17 plus chaperone. Cost: \$65 or \$55 if registered before July 11. Registration: [www.floridaconference.com/events/wilderness-survival-camp-level-1](http://www.floridaconference.com/events/wilderness-survival-camp-level-1)  
**Regional Orientation and Organization Meetings for the 71st Regular Florida Conference Constituency Session:**  
 July 28. East Central Region. Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park. 7-9 p.m.  
 July 31. Lower Gold Region. Hollywood Spanish Church, 1808 Van Buren St., Hollywood. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
 July 31. Upper Gold Region. Fort Lauderdale Church, 850 SW 12th St., Fort Lauderdale. 4-6 p.m.

Aug. 4. West Central Region. Apopka Church, 340 Votaw Rd., Apopka. 7-9 p.m.  
 Aug. 7. North Region. Ocala Church, 415 NE 41st Ave., Ocala. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
 Aug. 7. Gulf Region. Tampa First Church, 822 W. Linebaugh Ave., Tampa. 4-6 p.m.  
 Aug. 8. Ridge Region. Port Charlotte Church, 2100 Loveland Blvd., Punta Gorda. 7-9 p.m.  
**71st Regular Florida Conference Constituency Session** – Oct. 9. Forest Lake Academy, 500 Education Loop, Apopka. Quadrennial business meeting for Florida Conference. Theme: How God Has Led Us.

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

**Cohutta Springs Youth Camps** – June 12-July 17. [www.cs-yc.com/](http://www.cs-yc.com/) Crandall, GA.  
**3 Point Play Basketball**  
 June 13-16. McDonald Road and Standifer Gap, TN.  
 June 20-23. LaFollette, TN.  
 June 27-30. Ooltewah, TN, and Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church, Calhoun, GA.  
 July 5-8. McMinnville, TN.  
 July 11-14. Cairo, GA.  
 July 18-21. Douglas, GA.  
**Pathfinder Teen Local Mission Project** – June 14-18. Serving local refugees, Clarkston, GA.  
**Health Rally** – June 18. McDonald Road, TN.  
**God in Shoes Mission Trip** – June 21-29. Clarkston, GA  
**Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) Online Training** – June 22. July 20. [www.acfgcc.org/](http://www.acfgcc.org/) events or call 865-522-3193 for information.  
**Singles' Ministries Mission Trip** – June 23-July 8. Ecuador.  
**Day of Prayer and Fasting** – July 1.  
 Some events require pre-registration; details at [registration.gccsda.com](http://registration.gccsda.com).

## GULF STATES

**Camp Alamisco Camps**  
 June 5-11. Adventurer.

June 12-18. Junior.  
 June 19-25. Teen.  
 June 26-July 2. Health.  
 July 4-9. Family.  
**Executive Committee** – June 13.  
**Youth Mission Trip** – July 16-Aug 3.

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

**Hispanic Camp Meeting** – June 10, 11. Highland Academy.  
**Conference Executive Committee** – July 19. Conference Office.  
**Ministers' Meeting** – July 31-Aug. 3. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Teachers' Convention** – Aug. 7-9. Conference Office.  
**50+ Camp** – Aug. 9-14. Indian Creek Camp.  
**LE's Summer Retreat** – Aug. 11-14. Pennyryle State Park.

## SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

**SALT Evangelism Training** – July 13-17. The Summer SALT program covers the basics of personal and public evangelism, the evangelism cycle, and tools for outreach in your local church and community. Designed for busy people looking for condensed training. For more information, visit [www.southern.edu/salt](http://www.southern.edu/salt) or call 423-236-2034.  
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## SOUTHERN UNION

**Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee** – Oct. 12-15. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL

## SUNSET

	JUN. 10	JUN. 17	JUN. 24	JUL. 1	JUL. 8
ATLANTA, GA	8:25	8:31	8:36	8:40	8:45
CHARLESTON, SC	8:06	8:11	8:16	8:20	8:24
CHARLOTTE, NC	8:14	8:19	8:25	8:30	8:34
COLLEGEDALE, TN	8:31	8:37	8:42	8:47	8:52
HUNTSVILLE, AL	7:36	7:41	7:47	7:52	7:56
JACKSON, MS	7:46	7:51	7:56	8:00	8:04
LOUISVILLE, KY	8:40	8:46	8:52	8:57	9:02
MEMPHIS, TN	7:50	7:56	8:01	8:06	8:11
MIAMI, FL	7:55	7:59	8:02	8:06	8:09
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:49
NASHVILLE, TN	7:39	7:45	7:51	7:56	8:00
ORLANDO, FL	8:04	8:08	8:12	8:16	8:20
WILMINGTON, NC	8:00	8:06	8:11	8:16	8:20



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## GUEST SPEAKERS



### DAVID SMITH, PH. D.

David Smith has been an educator for forty years. From 1979 to 1981 he taught English at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. From 1981 to 1998 David taught English at Southern Adventist University, serving as English Department Chair during most of that time as well as earning his doctorate from the University of Tennessee. In 1998 David left Southern to serve as President of Union College. Since 2011, Dr. Smith has been the senior pastor of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist church and is the newly elected president of Southern Adventist University. David enjoys public speaking and has presented on a variety of topics to audiences worldwide.



### JOHN S. NIXON SR., D. MIN.

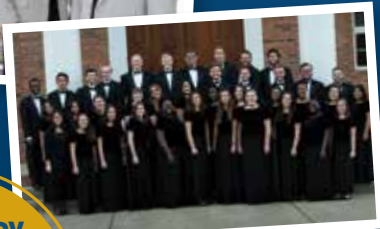
John S. Nixon is professor of theology and spirituality in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. Before joining the faculty at Southern, John served for 34-years in pastoral ministry. He served congregations in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington DC, among others. He also served as senior pastor on three Adventist university campuses. While on the west coast, John served as Vice President in the Southern California Conference.

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