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# END IT NOW!



**Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D.**  
*President of the Southern  
 Union Conference*

It could be argued that much of the Bible deals with violence. Accounts of biblical history frequently mention murder, military battles, and the blood of martyrs. Often the violence came because of the sinful acts of disobedient people whose lives were corrupt in the sight of God. Violence also came as the result of wars that God sanctioned in order to punish the wicked and administer justice. When “the rod of correction” is mentioned in Proverbs, the emphasis is on discipline intended to rid the child of folly, to keep him or her from self-destructive behavior, to impart wisdom, and to promote peace and good relationships in the family.

Nowhere does the Bible sanction or approve of child, mate, elder, or sexual abuse. On the contrary, there is emphasis, especially in the New Testament, on behavior that is nonviolent. Jesus condemned not only murder, but the harboring of angry thoughts toward another. “Do not judge,” we are told in the Sermon on the Mount, or we likewise will be judged for our own faults and weaknesses. In Colossians, husbands are told to love their wives and not be harsh with them. Fathers are instructed to “not embitter your children,” or they will become discouraged. Employers are instructed to provide “what is fair and right.” No room is allowed for employee abuse or harassment. Believers are told to get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Instead, we are to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Among believers there is to be no hint of impurity or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse joking which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. In 1 Timothy and James we read about the importance of treating elderly relatives and other seniors with care and respect. There is no place for elder abuse among believers.

All of the examples I’ve mentioned describe divine ideals. Even though many fail to heed these instructions, they show clearly that God is opposed to abuse. His people must be opposed also.

What about victims of abuse? Jesus told us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors. “Do not resist an evil person,” He said. “If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.” We are instructed to forgive those who sin against us, and to not be anxious about anything. These instructions have led some Christian counselors to advise victims to submit passively to repeated beatings, harassment, and sustained abuse.

Surely Scripture does not instruct us to abandon self-defense or to stand by passively while our children or elderly parents are abused by family members. According to Matthew 5:38-42, it must be noted that time and time again, life brings us insults either great or small — and Jesus is here saying that the true Christian has learned to resent no insult, and to seek retaliation for no slight. With God’s help, people in time can learn to love their persecutors, pray for their enemies, forgive their abusers, and trust God for inner peace in the midst of difficult life situations. This does *not* prevent victims from taking action to prevent further abuse, to protect other victims from further harm, and to bring about the nonabusive ideals that Scripture clearly teaches. Overtly or covertly administering physical or emotional harm to others must stop. Inflicting pain upon another person also damages the perpetrator. Through prayer, church support, and Christian counseling when needed, let’s stop the abuse. End it now! 📌

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A Pathfinder participates in a Southern Union Camporee activity at Camp Kulaqua.

# GROWING *Lifelong* DISCIPLES

BY KEN ROGERS

**T**oday's generation of young people are bombarded with a myriad of messages. Modern media and advertising seek to capture the imagination of youth in just a few seconds. The messages are fleeting, yet the images and impressions have lasting impact.

In this conflicted environment, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is challenged to provide activities, programming, and instructions that will equip youth to be saved for the Kingdom of God, and to be of service to humanity.

Perhaps there has been no greater pro-

gram in Church history to develop and train youth leadership in its young people than the Pathfinder program. As far back as 1907, Pathfinder clubs were organized within the Adventist Church. In 1919, in the Southern Union territory, Arthur Spalding in Madison, Tennessee, developed fundamental ideas and outlines for what was then called “Scout Missionaries,” which later became the foundation for local Pathfinder club organizations.

The General Conference formalized the Pathfinder program in 1950, with official departmental recognition, and the adoption of a uniform, an official flag, and a Pathfinder song written by Henry Bergh, which is still being sung today at Pathfinder gatherings around the world.

Pathfinder philosophy is built on the premise that youth learn best by example and not only through instruction, and emphasizes the importance of discovering individual, God-given potential in which the young person can employ their gifts and skills for the Kingdom of God. Building

an appreciation for a healthy life and cultivating a love for God’s creation remain highlights of Pathfinder training and activity. Promoting a harmonious development of the physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual development of young people is foundational to Pathfinder ministry.

The Youth Ministries Department of the Southern Union, along with local conference youth directors, has embraced the mission of “Growing Lifelong Disciples.” Whether through the Adventurer program, Pathfinders, Master Guide, Summer Camp Ministry, Sabbath School, or various other church youth programming, the Youth Ministries Department is committed to making disciples for Jesus Christ. It is determined to grow young people in their unique and individual personalities to follow Jesus in their age-appropriate development. And, it is focused on strengthening spiritual commitment in each individual for a lifetime in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and in service to all humanity. It seeks to model

the lifestyle of living with the assurance of eternal salvation through Jesus, and believes this is a Message that will overcome the shouts of the world.

Recently, 18 Southern Union Pathfinders clubs participated in the North American Division Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) event held in Prescott, Arizona. This national event brings together the top finishers from the local conference level event, as well as the clubs that advance from the Union level event. The PBE event is similar to what is often known as a “Bible Bowl,” where participants are quizzed on various Bible questions or books of the Bible, and Bible knowledge. The 18 Southern Union Pathfinder Clubs received two second place finishes, and 16 first place recognitions. Some of the Pathfinder PBE participants memorized entire books of the Bible! Special congratulations to the team club members and sponsors for this national recognition!



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Pathfinders enjoy honors, march in drum and drill events, and prepare for the Southern Union Pathfinder Bible Experience.

**Southern Union Participating PBE Teams**

**Carolina Conference:**

Arden Aviators, First Place; Charlotte Sharon Flyers, Second Place; Spartanburg Pathfinders, First Place

**Florida Conference:**

Altamonte Springs Knights, First Place; Bethesda Eagles French Team A, First Place; Bethesda Eagles French Team B, First Place; Eliathah Envoys, Second Place; Forest Lake, First Place; Hialeah Springs Spanish, First Place; Lehigh Royal Knights Team A, First Place; Miami Spanish Central, First Place; Miami Springs Truth Seekers, First Place; Plantation Messengers, First Place; South Brevard Visioneers, First Place; Westchester Spanish Team A, First Place; Winter Park Spanish Eagles, First Place

**Georgia-Cumberland Conference:**

Atlanta North Nighthawks Team A, First Place; Kingsport Warriors, First Place

The first Pathfinder Camporee in the United States was held in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, in October 1953. The South-

Across the Southern Union, approximately 40 percent of those baptized into the family of God are young people!

ern Union has hosted numerous Pathfinder Camporees, with the last six events directed by former youth director Allan Williamson, who served for an unprecedented 26 years as youth director in the Southern Union.

The upcoming Union Camporee is scheduled for October 12-16, 2016, at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Florida. The theme is "Jesus for Me," and it will feature special speakers Stephen Arrington, Armando Miranda Jr., Jose Rojas, Terry Johnson, and other gifted communicators. More than 74 honors and activities have been planned utilizing the natural resources of Camp Kulaqua, along with their water park facility, zoo, and camping venues. Special features will include Ben Roy and the Science Zone,

Rich Aguilera and Creation presentations, The Wide World of Animals, Messiah's Mansion, an authentic pioneer village with live blacksmithing participation, professional boomerang training, inflatable games, trampoline harness bounce, and other adventurous events. 3ABN will be taping the evening programs, and will conduct music auditions for future programs. More than 8,000 are anticipated to be in attendance. Please remember that this is a closed event, and there will be no day passes or general admissions. Only registered Pathfinder clubs and related staff will be in attendance. Safety and protection are high priority for this event.

If you would like to be baptized at the Union Camporee, contact your local conference Pathfinder director, and register so that appropriate plans can be made for you. Across the Southern Union, approximately 40 percent of those baptized into the family of God are young people! Baptisms during this Camporee will be an anchor point in a young person's spiritual journey that they will remember for a lifetime.

"Growing Lifelong Disciples" is not just a slogan, but a way of life for youth ministries in the great Southern Union. 📌

**Ken Rogers** is the youth ministries director at the Southern Union Conference in Norcross, Georgia.



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Pathfinders participate in many events.



PHOTO BY: NATHAN ZINNER

Pathfinders are baptized at Camp Kulaqua.



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Ken Rogers signs certificates to present to the PBE participants.

*Florida Conference Pastor*

# IN DEFENSE OF SATURDAY WORSHIP

BY GLADYS NEIGEL



The April 2016 issue of *The Parklander* carried an article entitled, “Why Worship on Saturday?” by Pastor Andrew-Craig Nugent.

Andrew-Craig Nugent, pastor of Margate and Cooper City churches, was recently asked to write an article on Sabbath worship for *The Parklander*, a monthly family-friendly magazine mailed to homes and businesses in north Broward and south Palm Beach counties.

Nugent’s definitive study concisely laid out the biblical history of Creation through the time of the apostles. It was his hope that the article would lead readers “toward a more biblical worship experience.” In Nugent’s closing remarks, he referenced Isaiah 66:22-23 in stating, “His [God’s] people will observe the Sabbath throughout eternity.”

Nugent’s article, “Why Worship on Saturday?” appeared opposite an article entitled “Why Worship on Sunday?” written by a Presbyterian pastor. “I encourage members to share the online link to their social media contacts,” says Nugent, “in order to use the article as a witnessing opportunity.” The full discourse may be read online at [theparklander.com/apr2016](http://theparklander.com/apr2016) on page 109. ●

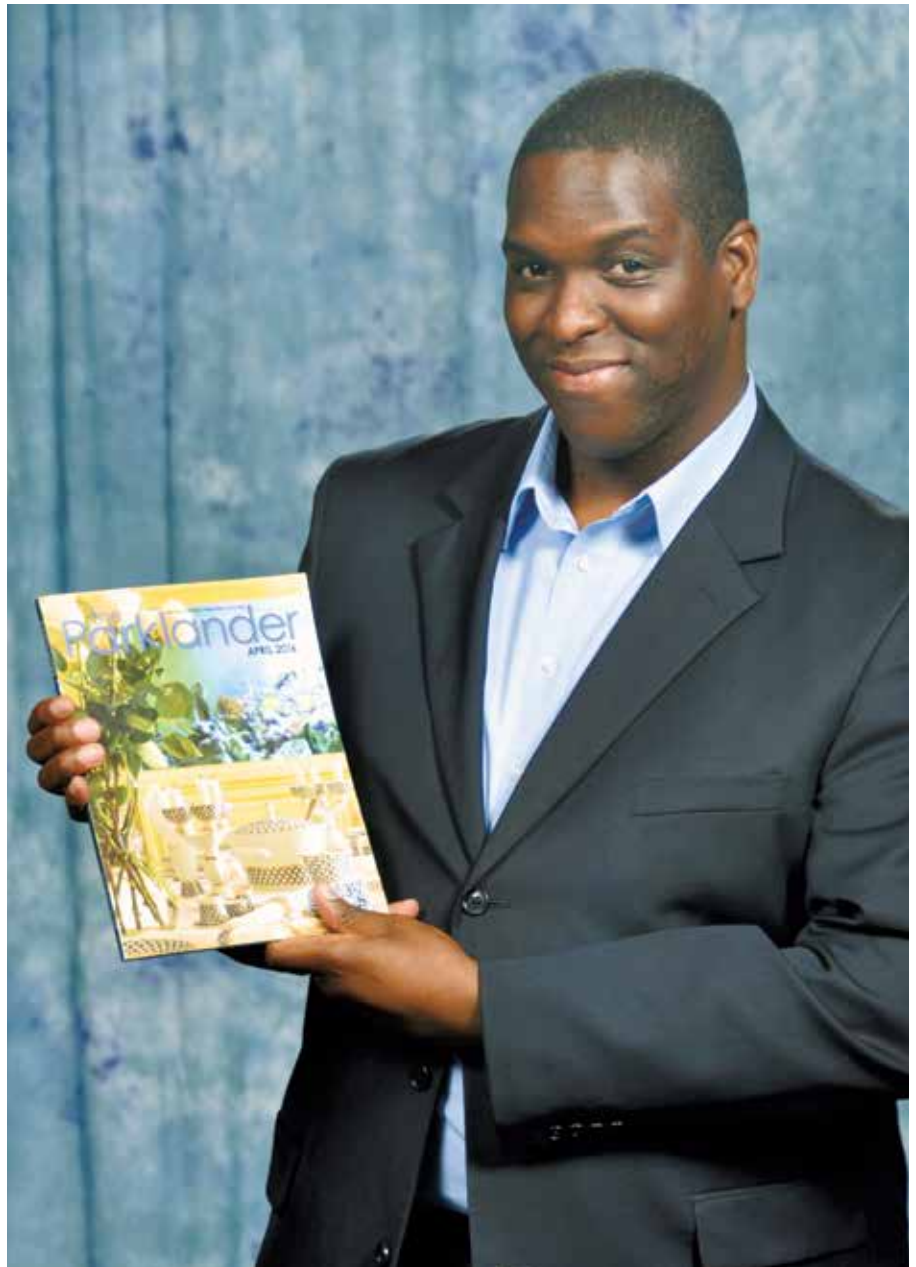


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Andrew-Craig Nugent is district pastor of Margate and Cooper City churches.

# SHAREHIM

— *A New Director, An Enduring Vision*



ShareHim young adults teams from Korea, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia



Here's the team of more than 200 young adults from last year's Mexico trip gathered for a meeting.

ShareHim is a donor-supported ministry of the Carolina Conference, founded by the late Robert Folkenberg Sr., that is active in all 13 World Church divisions. The Communication Department staff sat down with the new director, Jeremiah Weeks, to discuss his vision and plans for the ministry.

**Jeremiah, you've been with ShareHim since 2005, but were just recently named the director. What is your vision for the ministry going forward?**

The mission of ShareHim is the same now as it was at its founding: to encourage, equip, and inspire the people of God to share with the men and women around them the hope they have in Him.

We have three areas of focus: ShareHim trips, ShareHim presentations, and ShareHim mentorship.

**Let's start with ShareHim trips. What are those?**

ShareHim trips are one way we help church members develop more courage and commitment for sharing Jesus.

On a ShareHim trip, you have the privilege of being the guest speaker for a one- or two-week evangelistic campaign

held by local church members in a place where the church is strong and growing. Most people we take have little, if any, preaching experience, but we provide easy-to-preach sermons and have trip managers who help each step of the way.



**What results have you seen from the trips?**

Perhaps the biggest impact of a ShareHim trip is on those who come and preach. As they share the Word, they gain a better understanding of the Advent message, as well as greater courage and commitment for witnessing back in their home mission fields.

Just this week, a mother told me of the dramatic change in her daughter's life after she went on a ShareHim trip last summer. This mother was worried about her daughter's conduct and direction in

life, but after returning from the ShareHim trip, she was a changed person. She's even holding weekly Bible studies with her friends in their home.

Of course, we also make sure that our trips will benefit the churches in the places we go. We maintain long-term relationships with the conferences and missions we partner with, and we find that the local members really enjoy having international guests join them in ministry.

**Can anyone sign up to participate in a ShareHim trip?**

Absolutely! Just go to our website, [www.sharehim.org](http://www.sharehim.org), check out the upcoming trips, and fill out an application. We also plan custom ShareHim trips for church groups, teen groups, and young adult groups.

Since 2000, we've taken more than 13,000 people on ShareHim trips, and last year we made our largest trip to date, taking 254 people — mainly young adults — to preach in 13 different cities in Mexico. The many stories of lives changed have been truly inspiring, and we praise the Lord for how He has used this program.





Jeremiah and Jill Weeks with their two children, Gideon and Annie

**Tell us what's happening with ShareHim presentations.**

Providing quality sermons and graphics has been a core part of our ministry from the start. Our sermons have been used in thousands of evangelistic campaigns, both on ShareHim trips and right here in the U.S.

Now we're expanding this area of our ministry, and while I can't say too much just yet, I can tell you that we're working on some very exciting things that we expect to begin releasing later this year. We have several new tools and resources in the works that we pray will be a benefit to members and pastors around the world.

**Finally, what is ShareHim mentorship all about?**

ShareHim mentorship is a new approach we're working on to connect members one-on-one with encouraging mentors. The goal is to help motivate

and hold accountable someone who feels the call to witness in their home mission field.

In addition, we're connecting people with senior prayer warriors. These are seniors who commit to praying regularly for individual members and their mission in their home areas.

**Thanks for your time today! Are there any last thoughts you'd like to share?**

We tend to see the mission field as a place far, far away. But, as Ellen White wrote, each of us is "born into the kingdom of God as a missionary," and we already live in our mission field!

So, will God send workers into the harvest? He already has. He sent you and me. And, the Golden Rule — to do unto others as we would have them do unto us — compels us to share with those around us the hope we have in our soon-coming Lord and Savior. 🙏

“Will God send workers into the harvest? He already has. He sent you and me.”

*-Jeremiah Weeks*

# A GROWING MINISTRY

BY NILTON GARCIA AND MARIEL LOMBARDI



Hispanic congregation organized in the Gulf States Conference

God has blessed the Hispanic Ministries Department's work at the Gulf States Conference. It has grown by leaps and bounds. The church members' commitment to the work has been instrumental in the growth and development of new groups, companies, organized churches, and church districts during the past five years since Nilton García, pastor, took leadership. The director, pastors, and members have been praying for the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the results have been amazing. The growth can be noticed in many areas, such as public and personal evangelism, baptisms, and membership. The members have increased faithfulness in Christian stewardship. Currently, there are 11 Pathfinder and 10 Adventurer clubs. New church structures have been built, and new churches planted. The participation in events such as Hispanic Camp Meetings, women's and men's retreats, leadership training programs, and couples' retreats, has grown considerably.

## Evangelism

In the past five years, the number of evangelistic campaigns surpassed 250. The Bible studies numbers increased to several thousands. Through hard work and dedication, the Holy Spirit has helped bring in 1,055 new members. The Hispanic membership is now at 2,613!

In the summer of 2015, the Hispanic Ministries Department was able to bring 12 students from the Dominican Republic to give Bible studies. In less than three months, with committed members led by their pastors, 180 individuals were baptized, and more than 256 were baptized within a six-month period.

## Stewardship

From 2011 to 2015, the tithe from the Hispanic churches have experienced a 55 percent growth. That is a gain of \$1.8 million during the previous five years.

In 2015, there was an increase of 13.88

percent in tithes. For the first time in the Conference's Hispanic churches history, the \$1 million mark was surpassed. The total for 2015 was \$1,121,303.28 in tithes.

## Hispanic Camp Meetings

The 2015 Camp Meeting had more than 1,000 people in attendance — a record number in Gulf States. Each year, the participation and baptisms during this event have increased. Last year at Camp Alamisco, 74 new disciples for Jesus Christ were baptized.

## Lay Training

Each year, seminars have been organized for training the elders and leaders of local churches. The department prepared materials for spiritual growth and leadership that were distributed at the events.

## Hispanic Women's Retreats

Women's retreats are held once a year.



**Hispanic baptism in the Gulf States Conference**

In 2015, 400 women attended. The retreats help women experience Christian fellowship and grow spiritually. Sarita Garcia, Hispanic ministries associate director and volunteer for Hispanic women, has done a phenomenal job helping April Hobbs, women's ministries director, and the wives of pastors and committed church leaders.

### Hispanic Men's Retreats

Nilton Garcia began the first men's retreat in November 2015. The retreat was held at Camp Alamilco, with 170 men in attendance. Many of the participants expressed that this event was important to them for spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth. They could see clearly at the retreat, that God would make them better husbands, fathers, and ministers of the Lord.

### Couples' Retreats

Couples' retreats have been conducted in each district at the Conference level. They have been a great support for married couples in the Hispanic churches. At the last retreat, Dave Livermore, president of the Gulf States Conference, gave a spiritual message that marked a new beginning



**Pathfinders and Adventurers Clubs in the Gulf States Conference**

in the relationship of the couples who attended.

### Clubs and Groups

In the last five years, Pathfinders and Adventurers clubs have experienced a substantial growth with 11 Pathfinders clubs and 10 Adventurers clubs throughout the Hispanic churches.

The churches are now ready for the challenge proposed by their president to reach 600 new members in 2016. For that, they have organized 135 small groups and 350 missionary couples.

### Recent Evangelism Results

The Hispanic Ministries Department

invited 18 evangelists from Mexico and Nicaragua for a harvest that took place from April 16 to 23, 2016, and ended with 110 baptisms. The following week, 10 souls joined the new converts. From the beginning of 2016, 175 individuals gave their souls to the Lord through baptism.

For the summer, 16 students from the Dominican Republic have been recruited. Their goal is to give 960 Bible studies, and baptize many souls at Camp Alamilco.

The Lord has worked wonders in the Gulf States Hispanic field because pastors and church members have placed themselves in His hands, and are willing to do whatever it takes to fulfill the mission. 🙏

# CHARLESTON HEALS

## *Through Art with HeArts Mend Hearts*

BY DIANNE HICKS VINCENT

It was a peaceful Wednesday Prayer Meeting on June 17, 2015, at the historic Emanuel AME Church in downtown Charleston, S.C., until a young stranger, who had been welcomed to the group, shot and killed nine parishioners, including Senator Clementa C. Pinckney. Three others survived. The murderer later said he hoped to start a race war.

Charleston's heart was broken. Art therapists, artists, mental health professionals, and ultimately 30 volunteers, including nine members of Shiloh Church in Charleston, decided to pool their talents and help their community grapple with the shock of the massacre. The creative act of making art was used to help heal this trauma.

It is no accident that the first words of Scripture are, "In the beginning God created..." This powerful act embodies God's character, and when He made man in His image, He made humans creators too. It is a birthright. The Holy Spirit, the great Comforter, is the force of love that flows through everyone, giving life to creations.



HeArts Mends Hearts art piece "Goin' To Church"

The non-profit, Charleston Heals Through Art: HeArts Mend Hearts, was formed. The Charleston County Library



opened its doors to the group, got the word out, and helped produce a variety of printed materials encouraging free community participation. Vicious hate was answered with love and forgiveness. The assignment was simple. No artistic skills were needed. Participants created art within a circle as a way to express, heal, and forgive. Those who wished could display their work and share their feelings. Participants from all walks of life came to the safe haven of space to provide acceptance, compassion, connection, and recovery for all who participated.

This experience reaffirmed the power of art therapy. Many were amazed or even shocked at the depth and intensity of their experience with art and God. The concept of community and God became an important theme in the testimonials given. To mend the individual heart meant connecting with the hearts of the participants.

"The shootings touched many lives," remarked one, "but forgiveness united everyone." Another stated, "Make room

for others by thinking less about yourself. It doesn't happen quickly, and maybe never entirely. Start with compassion. Go from there." Another said, "It is one of the most uplifting experiences to hear someone who has been completely shut down emotionally share their story through artwork. HeArts Mend Hearts has shown the Charleston community that no one has to be alone in their pain. Looking at the art on the wall, I saw heartbreak and sorrow, but I also saw solidarity and life."

The group partnered with The Charleston Alliance for the Arts for an outdoor community mandala at the historic College of Charleston. All were invited to contribute with personal art, found objects, and natural materials. The Shiloh Church choir, One Accord, performed while all held hands. Many embraced, and tears were shed. In the end, hate was answered with love. Check out the documentary video on YouTube which shows this amazing event: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmvGIFORvz4&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmvGIFORvz4&feature=youtu.be) 🎥

# GOD PROVIDES

## *NBA Legend Earvin “Magic” Johnson Blesses Oakwood University Church With \$500,000 Donation*



Carlton Byrd, D.Min., presents “Magic” and “Cookie” Johnson with the Oakwood University Church’s 2016 Humanitarian Award.

BY RAMONA L. HYMAN, PH.D.

I always say, ‘I’ve never had a vision for ministry that I could afford. God always makes provision for the vision.’ I’m extremely grateful to God for providing this gift, and thankful to Earvin ‘Magic’ and Earlitha ‘Cookie’ Johnson Jr., a Huntsville, Alabama, native, for their tangible generosity,” says Carlton Byrd, D.Min., senior pastor of the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville.

National Basketball Association (NBA) legend Earvin “Magic” Johnson blessed the Oakwood University Church with a \$500,000 donation to support the building of a family life building. This “point guard for the Lord” was inspired by the ministry of the senior pastor, Carlton Byrd. “I feel at home,” said Johnson. “I believe in that man [Carlton Byrd] and the work he’s doing.” In honor of his mother, Christine Johnson, who has been a Seventh-day Adventist Christian for more than 45 years, Johnson also donated \$50,000 to Oakwood University for student scholarships.

Because of his philanthropic contributions, on May 14, 2016, the Oakwood University Church honored the Johnsons with the 2016 Humanitarian Award. Byrd affirmed the Johnsons’ unwavering support of underserved communities. “Brother ‘Magic’ and Sister ‘Cookie’ have done so much,” said Byrd. “It is important for our young people to be exposed to people who are making a positive difference.” The

Johnsons have made an indelible contribution to America and the world. “In 1991, the Johnsons inaugurated the Magic Johnson Foundation. The Foundation has three priorities: HIV and AIDS awareness, scholarships, and Community Empowerment Centers. Currently, the Foundation serves more than 250,000 individuals each year,” said Byrd. The Foundation’s impact, moreover, is far reaching. In addition to fundraising endeavors resulting in



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financial contributions of more than 20 million dollars a year, the Foundation fosters a spirit of entrepreneurial and educational leadership and commitment, providing a myriad of services to diverse communities. These services and businesses include high quality restaurants, theaters, sports teams, and the ASPIRE television network.

This American basketball legend, and his lovely wife, Earlitha, are “following God’s leading.” Joined by his family and parents, Earvin and Christine Johnson Sr., Earvin and Earlitha Johnson Jr., were welcomed home.

“So happy to be back home,” said Earlitha Johnson. “It makes me feel so good to be here. God has tremendously blessed us,” she said. “Thanks for appreciating us. Our mission is to give back to those in need.”

The NBA provided a narrative of Johnson’s Christian journey from point guard for the L.A. Lakers to a God-inspired businessman. He was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist Christian home. He expressed his appreciation for his family. “My family has gone to this beautiful University. My mother made sure my sisters had no choice but to go to Oakwood,” said Johnson. Many of his family members were blessed to attend and graduate from Oakwood.

Johnson is a man who listens to God. After retiring from basketball, he prayed “to go back to play basketball.” However, God had another plan for his life. “God kept saying, ‘You don’t hear Me; I have something bigger for you,’” said Johnson. Although he did go back to play basketball for half a season, immediately after retiring his basketball sneakers he was blessed with the businesses and humanitarian opportunities that brought him to Oakwood University Church on May 14, 2016.

The Johnsons are making a marked difference on the world stage; they are remarkable models of Christian evangelism. They are, indeed, ambassadorial “point guards for the Lord.” 🙏

# ADU NURSE LEADERS, STUDENTS INDUCTED

*into Chi Upsilon-Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing*



ADU's 2015-2016 Chi Upsilon Chapter of STTI Board Members: Sasha Valente (left), SN, governance chair; Crystal Thompson, SN, chair; Jaclyn Warn, SN, treasurer; Jessica Caudill, B.S.N., RN, vice president; Lynelle Callender, D.N.P., RN, president; Patricia Clayton, M.S.N., RN, counselor; Melissa Derringer, SN, secretary; and Paulette Newton, B.S.N., RN, historian.

BY MEGHAN BRESCHER

Adventist University of Health Sciences' (ADU) Department of Nursing was recently approved and chartered as Chi Upsilon Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing. This is the first international honor society chapter at ADU. The University held its first STTI honor society induction ceremony, where 98 candidates were inducted, and 16 nurse faculty and nurse leaders were recognized as transfer, dual, or multiple chapter members.

"It is an honor to become a chapter in this prestigious organization that is committed to making a difference in healthcare worldwide, and ADU's addition serves as an indication of our commitment to offer an exceptional nursing program," explains David Greenlaw, D.Min., president of ADU.

STTI membership is "by invitation only" to undergraduate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to nurse leaders exhibiting



ADU celebrated its 2015-16 Chi Upsilon-Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing Board Members, Inductees, and Transfer Members.

notable achievements in their roles.

"Our nursing students work hard, and this is a wonderful way to recognize their achievements," states Janice Lowden-Stokley, MSN, RN, vice chair of ADU's Nursing Department. "We are confident that our students will go on to live out STTI's mission of providing exceptional healthcare to patients."

"ADU strives to develop nurses who live the healing values of Christ, and practice excellence with each patient, every time, and we are thrilled to welcome these 114 charter members who will go on to do just

that," says Lynelle Callender, DPN, RN, president of ADU's Chi Upsilon Chapter of STTI Honor Society of Nursing and ADU professor for the RN-BSN option.

The Chi Upsilon-Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing of Adventist University of Health Sciences chartered officers for 2015-16 include the following:

- President: Lynelle Callender, DNP, RN
- Vice President: Jessica Caudill, BSN, RN
- Governance Chair: Crystal Thompson, SN
- Governance Chair Members: Sasha Valente, BSN, RN, and Steve Fowler, DNP, CRNA
- Treasurer: Jaclyn Warn, SN
- Secretary: Melissa Derringer, SN
- Counselor: Patricia Clayton, MSN, RN
- Historian: Paulette Newton, BSN, RN

# ADU Starts Advanced Medical Assistant Program

*Students will be cross-trained as medical assistants and basic machine operators (x-ray)*



ADU's advanced medical assistant student receives hands-on teaching providing them with the essential clinical skills to enter the healthcare industry.

**A**dventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) announces the launch of its new advanced medical assistant associate's degree program. The University is now accepting applications for the September 2016 start date. This hands-on program prepares students to become skilled advanced medical assistants, ready to join a team of healthcare professionals.

ADU's new degree goes much further than typical medical assistant programs. It cross-trains students as both medical assistants (MAs) and basic machine operators (BMOs), elevating the level of training to a broader skill set now demanded by potential employers.

"The cross-trained MA/BMO designation puts the ADU applicant in a more desirable and better compensated position than other MA or BMO applicants," states

Robert Paswaters, Ed.D., COO of Florida Hospital Centra Care. "Currently, there is a critical market shortage of quality employees with these two qualifications."

The advanced medical assistant program is a 70-credit-hour associate degree designed to introduce students to the essential skills and knowledge necessary to be an entry-level healthcare provider, including administrative and clinical duties. Students will have access to high-quality externships in more than 45 different specialties within Florida Hospital Medical Group (FHMG) and Centra Care locations.

"There is an immediate need for advanced medical assistants within the healthcare community, and ADU is committed to filling that need with skilled, mission-focused individuals who bring more to the table than other graduates," says Da-

vid Greenlaw, D.Min., president of ADU.

According to Beth Weagraff, COO and senior vice president of FHMG, there is consideration toward developing a scholarship for ADU students who meet a pre-determined criteria, and are willing to work within FHMG.

Weagraff explains, "We look forward to the ability to supplement our team with well-trained graduates from your program."

"It is our goal here at ADU to provide students with an exceptional education that gives them an edge when entering the workforce," states Edwin Hernandez, Ph.D., provost of ADU. "We believe that this new degree not only sets graduates apart, but enables them to improve the care of patients." ●

BY MEGHAN BRESCHER

# Carolina Conference Ordains Two Pastors



PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

During its 2016 Camp Meeting at Lake Junaluska, N.C., the Carolina Conference ordained two pastors. Ralph Henderson and Jeff Sagala received their ordinations on June 4, 2016, during a special Sabbath afternoon service. Derek Morris, D.Min., president of Hope Channel, delivered the ordination message. During his presentation, Morris talked directly to Henderson and Sagala, challenging them to be bold for God. Morris referred to Ephesians 6:19, in which Paul asked fellow believers to pray for him so that he might preach the Gospel with boldness. Morris stressed the importance of praying for holy boldness in order to stay strong in God and rely on His power.

Associates of Henderson and Sagala introduced them to the audience. Marc Swearingen, a long-time friend of Henderson who pastored with him in Florida, introduced Henderson. Swearingen stated that Henderson is a man of deep spiritual integrity and a strong leader. John Nixon, D.Min., who became acquainted with Sagala when Nixon was pastor at Collegedale Church in Tennessee, and Sagala was a student at Southern Adventist University, gave the introduction for Sagala. Nixon reminisced about how Sagala was a model student, and how his organization and creativity made him a great leader.

Glen Altermatt, associate ministerial director and evangelism coordinator for



Prayer of ordination over Ralph and Joni Henderson

PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD



Pastors lay hands on Jeff Sagala during the prayer of ordination.

PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

the Carolina Conference, invited ordained ministers to come onto the stage to place their hands on Henderson and Sagala. Altermatt then led everyone in prayer, lifting up the candidates to God and dedicating them to His service. Haskell Williams, ministerial director for the Carolina Conference, led the congregation in the re-

sponsive reading of the ministerial charge.

Leslie Louis, president of the Carolina Conference, welcomed the candidates into the ministry. He charged them to know the Master, the message, the moment, and the mission of God's Remnant Church. Carole Louis, wife of Leslie Louis and director of the ministerial spouses association for the Carolina Conference, shared a message with Henderson's wife, Joni. She remarked that God designed the strength of Adam and the tenderness of Eve to work together, and that both qualities are important to ministry.

The service concluded with "So Send I You" from Celestial Praise, a choir based in the Hendersonville and Fletcher, N.C., areas.

Both pastors are looking forward to seeing how God will lead their ministries in the future. Henderson said he wants to see how God will throw him into the harvest to gather souls for the eternal Kingdom. Sagala remarked that he is eager to see God at work in his community.

Henderson and his wife, Joni, currently pastor the Mills River and Brevard churches in North Carolina. Sagala currently pastors the Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids churches in North Carolina, and is the director of Carolina Conference singles' ministries. 🕊

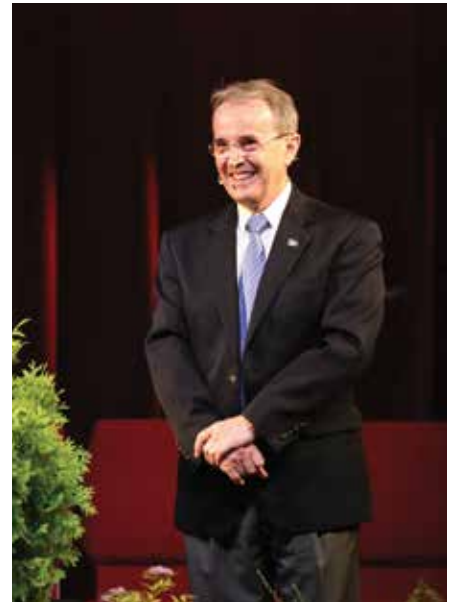
BY CARIN BARTLETT



# “ALL of ME in Response to ALL of HIM” is Camp Meeting 2016 Theme



Leslie Louis, president of Carolina Conference, prays over Roger Hernandez, Soluth-ern Union ministerial and evangelism director, before his evening presentation.



Derek Morris, D.Min.

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Camp Meeting this year seemed to end as quickly as it began. Throughout the week, there was an atmosphere of prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which was evident as you attended each of the meetings. It was not uncommon to pass groups of individuals on the sidewalk with heads bowed in prayer with one another.

Every year it seems to be the consensus that the speakers are even better than the year before — this year being no exception. Roger Hernandez, Southern Union ministerial and evangelism director, presented a series dealing with the different distractions/challenges in the attendees’ lives that they need to address in order to avoid making the same mistakes as King David. Assuming the main speaking slot through the weekend, Derek Morris, D.Min., newly-elected president of Hope Channel, shared how to pray using the whole armor of God with the protection of Jesus’ name.

Rounding out the week were more than a dozen seminars on everything from gar-



Lake Junaluska, N.C.

PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

dening to prayer to dealing with the topic of homosexuality in a biblical way. All of this took place with the backdrop of Lake Junaluska, one of the most beautiful havens in the eastern United States.

New this year, all of the audio recordings of both the seminars and the main meeting speakers are available **free** through iTunes

and Google Play as podcasts. These are searchable by the phrase “Carolina Conference Camp Meeting,” or through hyperlinks on the Conference website. Videos of the main auditorium speakers will be available on the Conference YouTube channel. 📌

BY COURTNEY HEROD

# Tampa First Church Family Celebrates Unity in Diversity

Tampa First Church members celebrated their annual International Sabbath — a time to come together and praise the Lord — by giving special emphasis to unity in diversity. A highlight of the March 12, 2016, worship service was the parade of flags representing the countries of the bearers' birth or heritage. Many who carried the flags wore the traditional dress of that country's culture.

Lauren Shields and Calandra Peterkin guided the audience through every country represented, from Antigua to Zambia, and expounded on the history of the Adventist mission in each country. The Christian flag and the American flag were proudly displayed with all the other colorful and beautiful country flags. No matter a person's heritage, all were gathered to praise the God they love. They were unified through Jesus Christ.

Guest speaker John Baxter, recruitment director for Adventist Frontier Missions, shared his testimony with emphasis on the blessings that changed his life. He is now an agent for sharing the Word of God throughout the world.

The celebration ended that evening with an International Food Festival. Some of the countries represented in the parade of flags shared their culture, exotic food, and fun. It was definitely a night of sharing experiences and cultures through the diversity of the church.

International Sabbath is an event that helps the members remember they are brothers and sisters in Christ, and are connected through His love. The members are very fortunate to live in a country where they are free to openly worship God, and come together in this way. 🕊

BY DANIELE FONSECA



PHOTO BY: VICTOR MORALES

Members carried flags and wore costumes representing their nation of origin or heritage during Tampa First Church's annual International Sabbath.



PHOTO BY: VICTOR MORALES

John Baxter, recruitment director for Adventist Frontier Missions, was the International Sabbath featured guest, speaking in front of the wall of flags brought to the stage in parade fashion by church members.

# Convert is Modern-day Zacchaeus

*Because of monetary and prayerful support of Project Panda by Florida Conference members, church planting pioneer teams are sharing the Gospel and growing God's Kingdom in unreached areas of China. The following story was reported to Audrey Folkenberg by one of the pioneer team members.*



**Sabbath worship in one of China's new church plants where Cao attends (faces blurred for privacy)**

Cao was selfish, lazy, jobless, and thoroughly unlovable. Despite attempts to explain to him how harmful his behavior was, Cao remained unchanged. His community-wide reputation was that of a loser. To put it another way, Cao was just the type of person Jesus came to save.

While we were familiar with his reputation, we never met him until others suggested we use our positive influence to change Cao. These folk felt we were good people because we believed in Jesus. So, with their encouragement, we went to meet Cao and see if he lived up to his reputation. Unfortunately, he did.

For two challenging years, we worked with

Cao. He was only interested in our church activities when they included free meals. As difficult as it was, we knew we needed to be the light of the world to Cao, reflecting Jesus' love-based principles of Christianity.

So, we welcomed Cao to our meals. We also told him we had a weekly Bible study group that included a meal! It didn't take any more convincing; he happily joined our Bible study group.

Slowly, but surely, we noticed a change

in Cao's heart. He was no longer focusing on the food but rather on the messages from the Bible. He started to help us clean dishes after meals. He also found a job and started working. People in our community became more comfortable with him. Finally, Cao was baptized as an Adventist!

One day, we asked our church members to try giving Bible studies to non-Christians. Cao was the first to volunteer. In the beginning, he had trouble reaching people because of his bad reputation in our community. However, he apologized for his bad behavior and shared with others how Jesus had forgiven him, using his experiences to tell Bible stories. Recently, Cao met three new friends and led them to a Bible study group.

It is our daily prayer that Jesus will fully use Cao and our other church members to expand His kingdom and have a great impact on our community in wonderful ways! 🙏

BY PROJECT PANDA CHINA TEAM MEMBERS

# Silver Springs Shores Members Recognized for Faithful Service



**Honored elder members of the congregation who also assisted in building Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala, Fla.: May Edwards (left); Matthew Simms; Joshua Henry; Norma Henry; Carmeliter Davis; Zelda Taylor; Janice Christo, pastor's wife; Matthew Christo, pastor; LeRoy Adams; Mirelle Adams; Elma Barzey; Leanora Powell; and Beryl Balcombe.**

Keep standing up to the glorious principles as commanded by our Lord," Matthew Christo, pastor, admonished the elder members of Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala, Fla., during a sermon entitled, "Growing Old Gracefully." In recounting the many members who died since he came to the church, Christo emphasized his desire to give roses to brethren while they

were able to smell them, not at death.

While the pastor's words gave great and precious blessings to octogenarians and older, they were also recognized with certificates and awards as they assembled in front of the audience. With appreciation for their service, they were encouraged to continue supporting this great cause of righteousness.

The celebration continued with a feast

prepared in the church's Agape Hall. At the honorary table on the platform were seated the elder members of the congregation, and those who assisted in building the church. The deacons, deaconesses, and ushers were commended for the time and effort they put into this special day. 🙏

BY NORMA HENRY

# Calhoun Church Opens New Food Bank

Opening exercises for the new food bank at Calhoun, Ga., Church were held Sabbath afternoon, April 30, 2016.

The history of this food bank goes back to the '70s and '80s when Joan Willis, church secretary, kept a small supply of canned food and a few pieces of clothing available for anyone seeking help. She served in that capacity for nearly 20 years, and was on hand to cut the ribbon to open the new facility.

In 1998 when the new church was built, several rooms in the back of the church were designated for the food bank. That same year Earle and Fran Brewer started working at the food bank, and eventually became co-directors in 2002. As needs for assistance grew in Calhoun and the surrounding areas, the need for larger quarters was realized. The new food bank is a realization of that dream in order to meet the needs of the community. The Brewers continue to serve as directors.

The facility is more than 5,000 square feet, with all being heated and cooled. There is a reception area, an office, several areas for storage, a walk-in freezer, several upright freezers and refrigerators, a kitchen, and lots of work space. Harold Zacharias was in charge of the building project.

Currently, 800 to 1,000 families are being served each month. Last year, 35,900 individuals were served, and since records have been kept, 258,000 individuals have been served.

The space the food bank formerly used in the church is now being used by God's Closet, a clothing distribution center for the needy. This ministry became a reality after a tornado hit the local area a couple of years ago. The leftovers from ADRA and other agencies, when they closed their centers, were given to the Calhoun Church. This was the beginning of the clothing center that is being operated un-



PHOTO BY: DENNIS STARKEY

**Earle and Fran Brewer serve as co-directors of the Calhoun, Ga., Church Food Bank, and have held that position since 2002. The new 5,000-square-foot building is a realization of a dream to better meet the needs of the community.**



PHOTO BY: DENNIS STARKEY

**The newly constructed Calhoun, Ga., Church Food Bank**

der the direction of Melissa DeArk and Jessica Hodges.

Both entities have strong support from the local church and the pastoral staff. Mark Piotrowski is the senior pastor, with Jonathan Montes as his associate. The beginning of the drive for a new food bank was under the leadership of the former

pastor, Gary Rustad, who is currently the general vice-president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. All three were present and took part in the opening ceremonies. 📍

BY BARBARA L. MITTLEIDER

# Collegedale Academy's Band, Orchestra Score Perfectly at Music Fest

Collegedale Academy's (CA) Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band individually participated in the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra regional music festival this past March. Both groups are directed by Gregory Lindquist.

This music festival is a way for student musicians to be challenged by the music they are playing, and receive a score based on how well the pieces are performed. They are judged by other musicians who serve as adjudicators for all the music groups participating in the event.

Both the CA Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band prepared two pieces. After the musicians took the stage, Lindquist raised his baton and began conducting, and beautiful sounds filled the auditorium. The judges listened, commented into recorders,



Omar Chavez, Wesley Spicer, and Jordan Lemon "slide" the trombone, preparing for adjudication.

PHOTO BY: ANGI HOWELL

and marked their copy of the music score to indicate to the group how accurately they played.

The second part of the competition was the sight-reading section. The judges gave

all the musicians a piece they had never seen. When the clock started, the orchestra and band were given six minutes to only look at the sheet music. They could not use their instruments during that time.

Following the sight-reading portion, the band adjudicator mentioned that it's very rare for a group to notice and play the dynamic parts — louder and softer/slower and faster — of the piece.

Before leaving the performance hall, the scores were posted. A cheer was raised when each group viewed their level one ratings — a perfect score! Both groups qualified to go to the Tennessee State Adjudication competition. 🎵

BY ANGI HOWELL

# Conyers Members Embark on "Best Weigh"

told a best friend of mine, "I lost it, and I do not want to get it back." He responded, "What did you lose?" I said, "Seven pounds."

On March 12, 2016, committed members and community friends of the Conyers, Ga., Church embarked on a 10-week weight loss plan called "Best Weigh." They met together for the first class, and were told weight loss is a lifestyle that includes nutrition plans, healthy cooking, consistent exercise, and weekly weigh-ins. There is a spiritual awareness with short sermons, accountability partners, awareness of your body mass index (BMI), and keeping track of progress in log books. Attendees were told not to count calories, but to keep track of what they ate.

Most of the people who began the Best Weigh program completed the class. Spe-



Friends and members of the Conyers, Ga., Church participated in "Best Weigh," a 10-week weight loss program, this past March.

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cial appreciation goes to the organizers, participants, and presenters who made the class fun and exciting. On the last day, each person was given a book, certificate, and T-shirt. The books and certificates were given to remind the participants that they successfully completed Best Weigh. The T-shirt is also part of the Compassion 100K campaign. Many metro-Atlanta churches

participate in Compassion 100K, a year-long emphasis on Christ-like service in preparation for fall evangelism.

Many will continue the lessons learned from Best Weigh while finding encouragement in Scriptures, and being accountable — living the best life daily. 🎵

BY RICKIE HOLMES

# Athens Church Connects With Community Through Earth Day Celebration

**A**thens Alabama Church celebrated Earth Day on April 17, 2016, by hosting a community clean-up event to support Keep Athens-Limestone Beautiful (KALB). Heather Abell, women’s ministries director, was convinced that Earth Day presented the perfect opportunity for outreach ministry — an opportunity to demonstrate the importance Adventists place on the preservation of natural resources of clean air, clean water, and a clean environment. When she contacted KALB, they were delighted that someone in the community was taking the initiative. They stated, “We really appreciate the fact that you are stepping out and stepping up to help keep our community beautiful — so, congrats for doing that.” KALB furnished trash bags, reflective vests, and pick-up sticks to all participants, and assigned an area in need of services.

But, Abell didn’t stop there. She wanted to send this message: “When God gave us dominion over the Earth, He expected us to preserve and protect these God-given resources.” So, after the clean-up, all partic-

ipants met at Big Springs Park to offer the community free vegetarian hot dogs, chips, and bottled water in exchange for non-perishable food or toiletry items to be donated to a local shelter. Another feature was the booths that were set up by volunteers offering their services in promoting this Earth Day celebration, included a booth on couponing tips, demonstrating how to get the most for your money, as well as displays of local wildlife.

Skyler Abell, Heather Abell’s husband, is known in this area for his passion for preserving local wildlife. When he contacted Wild Alabama, a local non-profit organization that supports and educates conservation of Alabama’s wildlife and natural resources, they were happy to bring several Alabama native creatures for show. Included in the display were a Mole king snake, corn snake, bull frog, tree frogs, and map turtles. These displays were a big hit!

Seventeen volunteers from the Athens Church (a small church of around 45 to 50 attendees) participated in the Earth Day event. According to Wikipedia, Earth Day

is the largest secular holiday in the world, celebrated by more than a billion people every year. The church members believe if that many people are interested in preserving the environment, they have an opportunity to affect human behavior by demonstrating a healthy diet, and showing the world how much they appreciate what He has created and freely given to all. 🙏



Athens, Ala., Church members celebrated Earth Day by hosting a community clean-up event.

BY SANDRA PRICE

# Gwen Stinson Retires After 34 Years of Teaching



**A**fter 34 years of teaching the children of the Pensacola Junior Academy in Pensacola, Fla., Gwen Stinson is taking early retirement at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. She says, “I never dreamt this day would come. The Lord has truly blessed me: Several hundred children have been a very dear part of my life over these 34 years.” She continues, “Many of my students are now adults. They have successful careers and families, and we have become a part of each other.”

After graduating from the University of West Florida, Stinson’s plans were to teach for the local Escambia County School System. “But, the Lord had other plans,” she noted. That door shut, but the Lord opened a window for her. The then Pensacola Church School was looking for a 1<sup>st</sup>-and-2<sup>nd</sup>-grade teacher, and she was hired. “Thus began my great adventure,” she says. Several years later, a kindergarten class was added to the 1<sup>st</sup>-and-2<sup>nd</sup>-grade class, adding

to her delight in teaching young people.

On Sunday, May 1, 2016, a retirement reception was held at the University Parkway Church for Stinson. Among the 60 people in attendance were current and former students, parents, and church members. “It was a wonderful time of fellowship and reminiscing,” she noted.

In the last few weeks, Stinson has also been the recipient of many cards and letters from students and parents. Appreciation of her as a caring teacher was the theme of the many tributes from her former students. They included the following: “Thank you for spending your time investing in the lives of others!” “The memories of being a kid in your class are nothing less than sacred. You have been everything a teacher ought to strive to be and more. I remember thinking of you as the real-life Mary Poppins.” “Your laugh reminds me of the birds in the sky. “Jesus really shined through you. You are one of the strongest, most extraordinary persons I’ve ever met.” “You do everything you can to make school as enjoyable of an



On the 100th day of the school year, Gwen Stinson, with four of her students, are dressed in costumes to look like they are 100 years old.

experience as possible. Some of my best memories are with you.” “I will never forget your kindness and willingness to accept and work with every child.”

The Lord has now opened another window for Stinson. In September, she will begin working in the area of music with both children and adults of the University Parkway Church. She will direct a children’s

handbell choir, a youth and adult choir, a chime choir; a children’s choir; a women’s choral ensemble, and a men’s choral ensemble. As Stinson looks forward to another great adventure, she expresses her heartfelt sentiment, “God is certainly good!”

BY GLENDA HASS

## Sudduths Recognized for Years of Service to Conference Pathfinders and Youth



PHOTO BY: REBECCA GRICE

Todd Casey, Conference youth director (left); Jeannie and Wayne Sudduth; Rick Riley, Conference Pathfinder council

During the Gulf States Conference (GSC) Camp Meeting on Sunday, May 22, 2016, Jeanne and Wayne Sudduth were presented with a plaque commemorating their years of dedicated service to the youth of the Conference. The Sudduths began working with Pathfinders in the Jackson, Miss., area more than 30 years ago. They attended their first GSC Pathfinder Camporee in 1984. They were also a part of the first Pathfinder Council that was formed in the 1980s, and served as area coordinators for many years.

The Sudduths went on at least 15 GSC youth mission trips: she was the cook, and he worked as her assistant. Jeanne Sudduth had a special talent for working with Beginner-age children. She taught Beginners,

and Wayne Sudduth helped by playing the keyboard in the Jackson Church for 40 years. She also led out in the Beginner Department at Camp Meeting for 15 years. Some of her children, as she calls them, now have children of their own.

After Jeanne Sudduth’s retirement last October, the couple moved to the Collegedale, Tenn., area to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They will be missed in this Conference by their local church family, friends they have made while serving in Pathfinders and mission trips, and most of all by all those whose lives they’ve touched through their ministry to children and youth.

BY REBECCA GRICE

# Adcocks Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



**Billy and Nancy Adcock**

**W**illiam (Billy) and Nancy Adcock are long-time faithful members of the Ridgetop,

Tenn., Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, David and Sherry Adcock in Greenbrier, Tenn. They were joined by many family members and friends.

The Adcocks were married on May 14, 1966, in the chapel at Madison Hospital, Madison, Tenn. They have two children, David Adcock and Linda Webb; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Billy Adcock worked more than 30

years in maintenance and housekeeping at Madison Hospital, which later became Tennessee Christian Medical Center and Portland Hospital. Nancy Adcock worked for about 20 years in housekeeping at the hospital in Madison. They have maintained a large vegetable garden for many years, and generously share their produce with others. Through the years, they have also opened their home to care for other children in a loving environment. 📍

BY HELEN KELLEY

# MTSA Raises Funds for Haiti Mission



Pictured are presenter Matt Demaree, M.S., CRNA; Mary Elizabeth DeVasher, Distinguished Alumni Service Award winner; Brad Koss; Mary Elizabeth DeVasher, Ph.D., CRNA; and MTSA president Chris Hulin, D.N.P., M.B.A., CRNA.



Presenter Alison Downs Wilson; Nevin Downs, M.D.; Leadership Award winner Patrick Moss, D.N.A.P., CRNA; and MTSA president Chris Hulin, D.N.P., M.B.A., CRNA

**M**iddle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA) hosted its third annual Mission & Awards Gala on Thursday, May 5, 2016, with 250 guests who gathered at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, Tenn. The event raised needed funds for the School's Mission Initiative in Haiti and other local communities.

Local TV personality Meryll Rose, co-host of News Channel 5's Talk of the Town program, served as master of ceremonies. After guests took a tour of the Museum, dinner was served and the program began.

President Chris Hulin started by cele-

brating the achievements of the anesthesia community, and presented awards to alumni, community partners, and others for their dedication to MTSA. Hulin also thanked the committee that worked to make the evening a success.

During the award presentations, the School recognized the following individuals:

- Brad Koss, M.S., CRNA, Ikey DeVasher Distinguished Alumni Service Award
- John Shields, D.N.P., CRNA, Clinical Excellence Award
- Patrick Moss, D.N.A.P., CRNA, Nevin

Downs, M.D., Leadership Award

- Lois J. Bernard, M.S., CRNA, Philanthropy Award
- Linda C. Bauman, CRNA (posthumously), Mission & Heritage Award

The Gala also featured guitarist-vocalist Tim Rushlow, who offered his "One Man, One Guitar, One Night" show, an intimate musical journey through his hits, as well as songs by other artists that have deep meaning to him.

Event sponsors included the following:

- Dinner: Northstar Anesthesia
- Reception: Phy-Med Healthcare Group
- Nevin Downs, M.D., Leadership Award: Myrtianne Downs
- Philanthropy Award: Mollenkopf Design Group
- Mission & Heritage Award: KY-TN Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
- Distinguished Alumni Service Award: Valley Anesthesia
- Clinical Excellence Award: Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists

Many thanks to those who attended the Gala or supported the Mission Initiative through special donations. 📍

BY JEFF KRINKS



# BCJA Participates in GICAA League



BCJA Squires were crowned state champions on February 13, 2016.

In the sport of basketball, teamwork is the essential ingredient for having and maintaining a successful team. During the past three seasons, the Berean Christian Junior Academy (BCJA) in Atlanta, Ga., girls' and boys' basketball teams have had the privilege of participating in the Georgia Independent Christian Athletic Association Basketball League (GICAA). The occasion to play in this league affords the teams the opportunity to compete against other Christian schools, and provides an athletic outlet for the students to interact with others who may not believe as Seventh-day Adventists, while also learning how to remain faithful to the teachings of the Bible and witness through sports.

This year, the BCJA teams played in the GICAA league. The challenge was, if BCJA teams win and qualify for the playoffs, will they have to stop due to Sabbath observance issues? Last year, the boys' team finished an amazing 18-0, but was not able to play in the season-ending tournament due to Sabbath observance. To their credit, the young men did not allow that to dampen their enthusiasm for obeying God. Coaches Luther Cox and Patrick Carter, South

Atlantic Conference youth director, did an excellent job of helping these young men maintain their Christian values, and not allow the disappointment of not playing to overshadow the first undefeated season in the school's 100-plus-year history.

This year would be different. In the event BCJA made it to the playoffs, and because the team could not compete during the Sabbath hours, the coaches, team, and BCJA staff prayed to God and petitioned the league to consider moving the Saturday dates or the times that they had scheduled. There were some who worried that BCJA's team would not be as successful as last year's. However, with hard work and training, this year's team actually did better than last year's team. The league acquiesced, and when the boys' team made it to the playoffs, they were able to play without breaking the Sabbath. The Berean Christian Junior Academy Squires were crowned state champions on February 13, 2016, after a 44-34 win over the North Atlanta Christian School Flight team. BCJA finished an exceptional 22-0 — making the record for the last two seasons an outstanding 40-0! The team learned that with God

all things are possible, to never give up on God, and to not compromise their faith regardless of what may be at stake. These wins also include winning the Collegedale tournament three consecutive years.

The team played together under three rules: Never underestimate your opponent, play as a team, and free throws win games. BCJA motto is "Finish," which is the theme of the apostle Paul's message: The race is not given to the strong, but he that endures to the end. This is a moment in these young men's lives they will never forget.

Additionally, thanks goes to the parents of these young men who faithfully supported the team, and to the BCJA administrative staff: Karohn Young, BCJA principal; Ysaak Wisdom, BCJA accountant, who was instrumental in the school participating in this league; Ron Meredith, assistant coach this year; and Curtis Smith, BCJA athletic director.

God rewards His faithful, and this experience is a reminder to all youth, young adults, and parents that all can stay faithful without compromise, and still come out on top! 🏆

BY PATRICK T. CARTER

# OAA Graduate Named as Gates Millennium Scholar

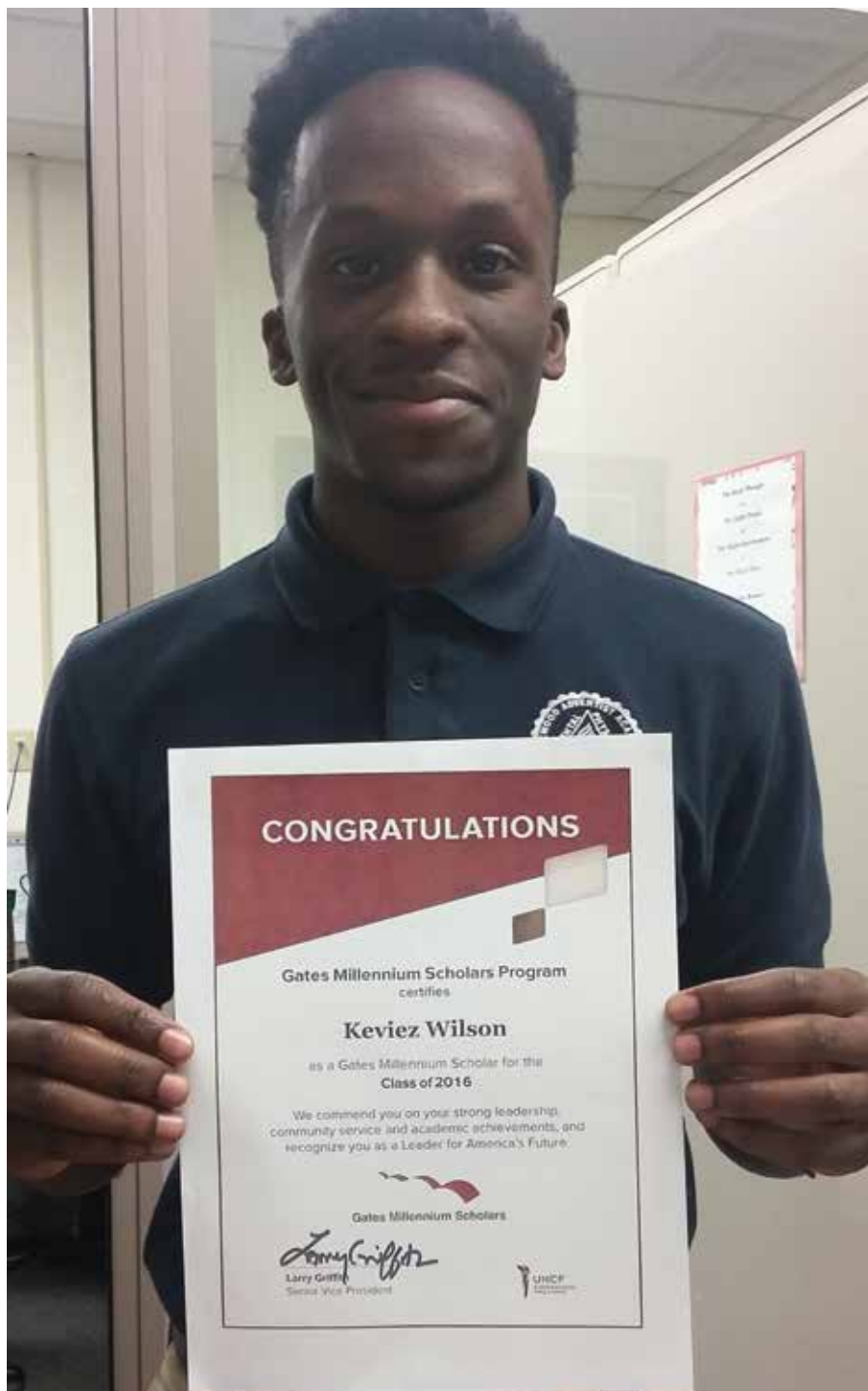
**K**eviez Wilson, a recent graduate at Oakwood Adventist Academy (OAA) in Huntsville, Ala., was named as a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholar. This prestigious award is only granted to 1,000 out of approximately 3.1 million high school graduates throughout the country. It provides recipients with a full scholarship to any accredited college or university they choose to attend for a period of 10 years (up to their Ph.D. or other terminal degree), as long as the student continues to meet the academic requirements.

Wilson is a talented musician, model citizen, and a God-fearing young man who served as president of OAA's Student Association. He was also recently recognized by the Huntsville Chapter of 100 Black Men of America. Despite being able to choose any school in the country, Wilson chose Oakwood University as his preferred institution of higher learning, and plans to pursue a career in the medical field. Wilson's mother, Jacqueline, moved her family to Huntsville from the Atlanta, Ga., area as an act of faith to raise her sons in a more Christian environment. 📍

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BY **KELLI DULAN**

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Keviez Wilson is one of 1,000 seniors in the entire United States to receive this award.

# Emmanuel Christian Academy Holds First Fundraising Gala



Emmanuel Christian Academy's students stand with U.S. Senate Chaplain Barry Black, Ph.D. (back row, right).

Emmanuel Christian Academy in Mobile, Ala., held its first major fundraiser on April 23, 2016, in Byrne Memorial Hall on the Spring Hill College campus in Mobile. It was to the students, faculty, friends, and families of the Academy that the chaplain of the United States Senate, Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, Ph.D., USN (Ret), spoke words of inspiration, reminding everyone that when God is in the mix, there is no such thing as failure.

The recent history of Emmanuel Christian Academy is fast paced. The Academy more than tripled its enrollment during the 2013-14 school year. When the Christmas break began in December 2013, there were 15 students enrolled. In mid-January 2014, those 15 students were joined by 65 more. Needless to say, Emmanuel Christian Academy was buzzing like bees trying to accommodate a student body of 80, as well as new faculty and staff. The new addition of students, faculty, and staff had come to fruition as a result of the Alabama Opportunity Scholarship Fund. This fund provided financial assistance to students who were attending failing schools in Alabama, with an opportunity to attend the

school of their choice.

The remainder of the 2013-14 school year, and the 2014-15 year, were spent in close quarters provided by the Emmanuel Church. It has only been the present school year, 2015-16, that the Academy has found room to breathe by relocating to the old yellow school building at 520 Gilbert Street in Prichard, Ala.

The Gilbert Street location has been valuable in allowing the students, teachers, and staff to stretch their arms without touching each other, and to get a realistic feel for school activities. The enrollment has mellowed to a steady 53 students as the Academy sets its target on the goal of having its own building and facilities for the students. The vision for Emmanuel Christian Academy includes having a campus that houses a school and gymnasium, as well as a community outreach center.

Emmanuel Christian Academy has made a difference in students' lives, and this was showcased by three students, Ashlynn Jackson, Tamiracle Leatherwood, and Melody Reese, who gave outstanding renditions of excerpts from the school's Black History

program. They received standing ovations for their performances.

There were other students present who were able to experience the semi-formal gala event. They sat poised as little ladies and gentlemen while they enjoyed the color guards from Davidson High School.

The key to the city of Mobile was presented to Black by Levon Manzie, city councilman. The gala room was surrounded by decorated tables with catered food by the Culinary Department of Spring Hill College. It was fitting that Black was the speaker for this first gala event, as he too received a Christian education in the mist of adversity.

The long-term plans of Emmanuel Christian Academy are to continue to secure venues to raise funds toward its vision of a campus home. In addition, there will be one major yearly gala event. It is Emmanuel Christian Academy's prayer that God will help it to press forward toward its goal of training outstanding students who will be equipped to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. 📌

BY JOYCE SAMPSON-ROBINSON

# Oakwood Listed in Top 50 HBCUs

Recently, College Choice ranked Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., as one of the “Top 50 HBCUs.” College Choice is an independent online publication dedicated to helping students and their families find the right college.

They publish rankings and reviews that make choosing the best college easier, as well as resources to help students get into, pay for, and thrive at the college of their choice.

There are 107 HBCUs (historically black

colleges and universities) in the United States, including public and private institutions, community and four-year institutions, and medical and law schools. ❶

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# Education Department Receives Reaccreditation

The Department of Education at Oakwood University was recently notified that the Selected Improvement Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation has decided to continue the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation at the initial teacher preparation level.

This accreditation decision indicates that the education preparation provider and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the

professional education community. Standards that are assessed by NCATE include 1) Candidate Knowledge, Skills, and Professional Dispositions; 2) Assessment System and Unit Evaluation; 3) Field Experiences and Clinical Practice; 4) Diversity; 5) Faculty Qualifications, Performance, and Development; and 6) Unit Governance and Resources.

According to the official notification, “special congratulations are in order because the Commission cited no areas for improvement relative



The education building is housed at Anna Knight Hall.

to any of the standards.” ❶

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# Oakwood Faculty Published in Award-winning Journal

Two Oakwood University professors from the Education Department, Deril Wood, Ph.D., and Jeannette R. Dulan, Ph.D., have published an article titled “Inquiry Teaching in Higher Education: A Critical-thinking Context” in The Journal of

Adventist Education’s February/March 2016 special issue on Critical Thinking and Inquiry.

The issue was coordinated by Carol Campbell, Ph.D., associate director of Education at the North American Division in Silver Spring, Md. The Journal of Adventist Education® is

an award-winning professional journal for Christian teachers, administrators, and others interested in Christian education and K-Higher Education. ❶

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# USM President’s Manuscript to Appear in *Guide* Magazine

Gabriel Carter, 2016-2017 United Student Movement president, was recently notified that his manuscript, “I Met Jesus on Capitol Hill,” will appear in an upcoming issue of *Guide* magazine.

*Guide* publishes nonfiction stories that show children ages 10 to 14 how to walk with God now and forever. *Guide* is published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association in Nampa, Idaho.

Part of Carter’s story talks about his summer experience working in Congressman John Lewis’ office. “Working in the office of congressman John Lewis was one of the greatest experiences of my life. It taught me the importance of humility, kindness, and work ethics.

“I am truly humbled by the opportunity to share my experience in *Guide*, and hopefully inspire someone out there like Congressman Lewis inspired me.” ❶



Gabriel Carter is the Oakwood University 2016-2017 United Student Movement president.

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# Campus Cooking Class Helps City With Healthy Living Initiative



Professor Crystal Whitten (left) offered instruction on healthy, affordable cooking during a sold-out community event in Southern's culinary arts kitchen and classroom space.



taining enthusiasm after the event. Each recipe was vegetarian and some were vegan. With sponsorship help from the Village Market (Southern's grocery store) and Publix, attendees paid only \$10 per person for the class. Guests left with recipes and tips on cooking healthy meals, and a new community of friends on a similar journey toward wellness.

Garver said the city's partnership with Southern made perfect sense, and he is already making plans for future collaborations.

"The community looks to the University for leadership in all areas of lifestyle," Garver said. "They realize Southern has the personnel and resources for these kinds of events, and that its mission is service. It's a win-win situation all around!"

Southern is the only Adventist school in North America offering culinary arts, and is one of just a few colleges or universities in the country providing training focused on the preparation of vegetarian and vegan foods. For more information about Southern's vegetarian culinary arts program, visit [southern.edu/culinary](http://southern.edu/culinary). ●

It was a full house in Southern's shiny new culinary arts facility on Sunday, May 22, 2016, as community members gathered for a two-hour healthy living event where Crystal Whitten, professor, taught attendees how to prepare simple, nutritious meals on a budget. This public event, sponsored by the City of Collegedale, was an important step for the city toward earning the Healthy Community honor from the Governor's Office of Tennessee.

City administrators decided to follow in Southern's footsteps and pursue the Healthy Community title; the University has already earned a similar Healthy Workplace designation from the state. Requirements for the program include at least three sustained initiatives that enable

and encourage more physical activity, at least three sustained initiatives that focus on healthy eating, and at least one no-tobacco initiative.

Phil Garver, city commissioner and retired professor from Southern's School of P.E., Health, and Wellness, knew the campus had ample resources to help, and decided to reach out. The first result of this collaboration was the sold-out cooking class.

"Events such as this strengthen the perception of our Church's mission, to make man whole," Whitten said. "It encourages people to make positive changes, and gives them the tools to do so."

In addition to learning, guests were able to taste-test the meals, a critical component for growing their interest and main-

BY JULIA BONNEY

# Campaña de Cosecha en Carolina del Norte

**D**urante 9 meses las iglesias de Raleigh, Getsemani, Durhan y Cary de las asociaciones South Atlantic y Carolina, trabajaron en una campaña que incluyó seminarios, una marcha contra la violencia familiar, ferias de salud, y reuniones mensuales para incentivar a los laicos espiritualmente y en la labor misionera. Se visitaron numerosos interesados. Los nombres eran provistos por Ramón Garay, José Luis y Lucas Gómez, quienes se encargaban de juntar esta información. La campaña cerró en Raleigh con una semana de predicaciones a cargo del pastor Roger Hernández. La misma se llevó a cabo entre el 19 y 26 de marzo. La asistencia fue de entre 240 y 300 personas por noche. José Medina entonaba alabanzas que elevaban el



espíritu de las reuniones al trono de Dios. Como resultado del esfuerzo, más de 70 almas se entregaron a Cristo, y muchas más continúan estudiando la Biblia. 📖

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EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO,  
ASOCIACIÓN SOUTH ATLANTIC

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# Ahora o Nunca



**E**l sábado 30 de abril la iglesia de Saint Pauls disfrutó de una emotiva celebración. Doce personas se unieron al reino de Dios por medio del bautismo luego de la campaña de cosecha “Ahora o Nunca.”

El programa fue especial. La iglesia estuvo colmada de amigos y visitas quienes se unieron y compartieron la alegría de la congregación.

El director misionero José Moreno, juntamente con el invitado especial pastor Carlos Uribe visitaron esa semana a muchas personas interesadas con el propósito de animarlos a dar el paso de entregar sus vidas a Jesús. La iglesia se gozó al ver cómo estas almas sellaron sus

vidas a través del bautismo. Es maravilloso apreciar el énfasis que esta hermandad pone en la gracia salvadora del cielo en todas sus labores de evangelismo.

El director misionero y los laicos continúan trabajando con las muchas personas interesadas que noche a noche respondieron a la invitación de entregar sus corazones a Dios, preparándolas para la campaña a llevarse a cabo dentro de unos meses. Ellos tienen la certeza de que la gracia del Señor Jesucristo continuará avivando su obra y añadiendo nuevas almas para el Reino Eterno. 📖

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ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

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# Viaje de F.I.E.L a la Cuna de la Iglesia en Michigan

**A** los efectos ampliar los conocimientos que se están impartiendo en la clase Desarrollo de la Teología Adventista, que analiza entre otras cosas la historia de los comienzos del movimiento, el instituto laico F.I.E.L organizó un viaje a la cuna de la iglesia en Michigan. El mismo se llevará a cabo del 29 de septiembre al 2 de octubre. El escuchar los relatos en el sitio donde sucedieron será de inspiración, y una vez más confirmarán que Dios ha guiado siempre a su pueblo.

Entre los lugares que se visitarán se encuentra el hospital que en su momento fue dirigido por Harvey Kellogg, y durante la segunda guerra mundial fue adquirido por el ejército de los Estados Unidos. En el mismo se conservan sectores en su estado original en donde los enfermos recibían tratamientos acorde a los consejos sobre salud inspirados por Dios, y comunicados a Elena de White. Luego de esta visita el grupo se trasladará a la casa de verano de W.K Kellogg, situada en el lago Gull. Antes de la recepción del sábado se recorrerá el cementerio donde descansan muchos de los pioneros incluyendo a Jaime y Elena White.

El día sábado el grupo asistirá al tabernáculo construido por sugerencia de Jaime White



Hospital originalmente dirigido por Kellogg

Villa de los Pioneros, Battle Creek, Michigan

con donaciones de 10 centavos, e inaugurado el 20 de abril de 1879. El mismo era uno de los templos más grandes de la época, ya que podía albergar a 4000 personas.

Durante las horas de la tarde se visitará la villa en donde se han trasladado y restaurado las casas de algunos de los fundadores de la iglesia. Entre ellas la casa de los White, que conserva los muebles originales, y en donde se puede apreciar el lugar en el que Elena se sentaba a escribir las páginas inspiradas. Desde allí el grupo se trasladará

a Benton Harbor para descansar, y al día siguiente visitar la Universidad Andrews en donde se recorrerán la biblioteca Jaime White, la Capilla de los Pioneros y el seminario teológico S.A.L.

Es el deseo de la directiva del instituto que todos los alumnos puedan participar, y vuelvan incentivados para terminar la obra por la que estos dedicados pioneros hicieron tanto. 🕊

ROLANDO DE LOS RÍOS, DIRECTOR DE F.I.E.L

# Conversiones en el Mar

**L**a iglesia de Canton, GA, llevó a cabo el primer retiro familiar del 08 al 10 de abril. El encuentro tuvo lugar en Panama City Beach y fue titulado “Familias sólidas con la ayuda de Dios.” Al mismo asistieron más de 200 personas entre las que se contaban miembros de iglesia y un gran número de visitas. Todos fueron impresionados por el Espíritu del Señor.

El sábado después del culto divino 6 personas decidieron unirse a Cristo Jesús por medio del bautismo en las aguas de mar.

Dios está deseoso de ver almas en su reino y la misión de la iglesia es vengar la muerte de nuestro Señor predicando y bautizando. 🕊

RICHARD URDANETA, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Vista parcial del grupo en los momentos previos al bautismo

# Un Giro Inesperado

El 7 de mayo, la iglesia Hispano-Americana de Collegedale, TN, organizó la primera clínica ambulante de salud del 2016, como medio para compartir el amor de Cristo con la comunidad de Chattanooga. El evento fue planeado con meses de anticipación, pero las cosas dieron un giro inesperado a medida que el gran día se acercaba. Cinco días antes, luego de haberse repartido volantes, invitado personas y hecho publicidad, Irma Liriano, directora de Ministerio Personal, junto con Luis Andrade, coordinador de la clínica, decidieron visitar a la señora que había autorizado que el proyecto se llevara a cabo en un área donde se concentra una gran población hispana. Allí descubrieron que por alguna razón, esta señora se había retractado de lo que habían acordado. Nadie entendía qué era lo que había sucedido. Parecía que todos los planes habían sido frustrados.

Irma y Jorge no sabían qué hacer en ese momento. No obstante, decidieron poner toda su confianza en Dios. Llamaron a Joel Barrios, pastor de la iglesia, y juntos fueron a dar una vuelta por el área mientras pensaban en otro lugar donde ubicar la clínica. Una cosa tenían en claro: el proyecto debía llevarse a cabo.

Mientras manejaban, Irma vio un terreno vacío con suficiente lugar para instalar la clínica. El mismo era espacioso y estaba arbolado, lo cual haría que el lugar estuviera fresco. Mientras miraban el área y conversaban un hombre pasó en bicicleta. Ellos le preguntaron si sabía a quién pertenecía esta tierra. Él les señaló una casa grande, diciendo que allí vivía el dueño. El pastor Barrios, Irma y Luis, decidieron visitarlo para preguntarle sobre la posibilidad de poner la clínica en ese lugar. Tocaron el timbre, y al abrir la puerta, el hombre tenía una mirada de desconfianza. El pastor se presentó, y sin rodeos le hizo el pedido. A lo que el hombre contestó amablemente: “yo conozco a los adventistas. Sé quiénes son. Mi esposa pertenecía a esa iglesia.” El hombre tenía una idea positiva de los adventistas, y él mismo era un cristiano bondadoso. Mostró interés en el proyecto, y sin objeciones,



Jóvenes de la iglesia anunciando el funcionamiento de la clínica



Algunos de los puestos de atención de la clínica

autorizó la instalación de la clínica.

Llegado el día, todos fueron bendecidos. Las personas que recibieron servicios de la clínica, y los que trabajaron ayudando en la misma. José Bolaños, residente de Chattanooga, dijo: “recibí una atención maravillosa. Me evaluaron los niveles de azúcar, el peso, los signos vitales y tuve una consulta médica gratuita. Creo que estas cosas deberían organizarse con más frecuencia en la comunidad. Gracias por mostrar interés por nosotros.”

Miembros de iglesia y estudiantes de la universidad Southern trabajaron juntos en este proyecto ayudando en la registración, entregando literatura, orando, ofreciendo servicios de consejería, consultas sobre temas de inmigración, compartiendo

comida, ropa, y organizando actividades para los niños. Todos fueron bendecidos. Al terminar el evento, el pastor Gonzalo Monroy, miembro de la iglesia, oró: “Gracias Dios por este sábado diferente. Gracias porque vinimos a este lugar con la misión de testificar nuestro amor hacia ti, y servir a nuestros semejantes, y fuimos altamente bendecidos.”

La iglesia está planificando otra clínica para el mes de julio, y desea organizar eventos de ayuda comunitaria en forma continua. 📍

CAROLINA BONILLA, DIRECTORA DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE COMUNICACIONES DE LA IGLESIA



# “Abriré las Ventanas de los Cielos



Oswaldo, Melanie, Yaimé y Melina Ayala

En la iglesia Primera de Atlanta, tiene desde hace muchos años un segmento que se presenta antes de la hora del sermón, denominado Prueba con Jesús. Todos los sábados se le pide a un miembro que relate alguna experiencia en la que puso su dinero, tiempo, o lo que fuere, como prueba de confianza en Dios y Él respondió en forma clara con una bendición. Uno de los sábados del mes de marzo, se presentó la siguiente experiencia:

Melanie, una niña de 7 años, tiene en su casa la tarea de recoger el correo todos los días, ordenar, y repartir las cartas a los miembros de su familia. Sus padres, Oswaldo y Yaimé, le prometieron que le pagarían 1.00 dólar por vez, y que si ella los ahorra, el día de su cumpleaños en febrero le darían la misma cantidad que hubiese ahorrado hasta el momento. De esa forma, ella tendría el doble de dinero para comprarse un regalo de cumpleaños de su elección. Melanie es una niña muy inteligente, y entendió el beneficio de trabajar y guardar su dinero, y lo hizo con entusiasmo durante todo el año 2015.

Un sábado a principios de diciembre a la hora de la historia de los niños, la persona encargada hizo algo diferente: relató una historia sobre el gozo de dar, y les explicó a los pequeños que esa navidad, en lugar de que los miembros de iglesia trajeran regalos para poner en el arbolito para ellos,

se iba a coleccionar dinero que sería enviado a una iglesia muy pobre en la República Dominicana a fin de que los niños de ese lugar pudiesen disfrutar de una linda navidad. Los pequeños de la iglesia Primera de Atlanta, esperan con ansias esta fecha, ya que por lo general los regalos que se reparten son atractivos. No obstante, parecían estar de acuerdo con el plan. Melanie escuchaba atentamente todo lo que se decía. Personalmente me preguntaba si estos pequeñitos habrían entendido

realmente que esa navidad no recibirían nada de parte de la iglesia.

En la hora del almuerzo, para sorpresa de Yaimé y Oswaldo, Melanie dijo: “quisiera donar todo el dinero que he ahorrado durante el año para que los niños pobres de la República Dominicana tengan regalos de navidad.” Oswaldo, altamente sorprendido, le explicó que si ella hacía eso, no tendría regalo de cumpleaños. La instó a que lo piense cuidadosamente. Ella respondió con toda seguridad: “Yo sé que si doy a Jesús, él me devuelve lo que le doy.” Oswaldo, preocupado por lo que ella entendía al respecto, y no queriendo que su fe tierna se vea desilusionada, le dijo que a lo mejor las cosas no funcionarían de la manera en que ella imaginaba, y que Dios la podía bendecir de otras formas. Le insistió que piense su decisión con tranquilidad. Melanie con certeza le dijo que ella estaba segura de lo que quería hacer, y así se hizo. Puso todos sus ahorros en un sobre, y el sábado siguiente los llevó muy feliz al templo.

Luego de la navidad, la iglesia recibió fotos de los niños de República Dominicana mostrando sus regalos. Las mismas se exhibieron en el rincón infantil antes del sermón.

El cumpleaños de Melanie llegó en febrero, y no hubo regalo de parte de Yaimé y Oswaldo. Como amantes padres, sentían temor de que ella estuviese arrepentida de

su acto de generosidad. No obstante para sorpresa de Melanie, el día anterior llegó un paquete a su nombre. Al abrirlo vio un hermoso vestido con un saco haciendo juego. Una miembro de iglesia, que sabía lo que ella había hecho en la navidad, y quería que su generosidad fuera premiada, decidió hacerle ese regalo. Melanie estaba muy feliz. Dijo que era el regalo más hermoso que alguna vez hubiese recibido. Por su parte, Oswaldo pensaba que si bien Melanie estaba feliz, este regalo había sido hecho por alguien que sabía lo que ella había hecho, y probablemente como él y su esposa, tenía temor de que la niña se sintiera triste. Apreció el gesto, pero no estaba convencido de que esa era una respuesta de Dios. Pero el Señor quiso dejar claro en las mentes de todos, el hecho de que Él siempre cumple sus promesas.

Melanie fue a la escuela ese día. Es costumbre en su clase, que siempre que un niño cumple años se le hace algo especial en el aula. Ella lo sabía, pero la sorpresa que le dieron a ella fue realmente inesperada. Sus compañeritos la estaban esperando en la puerta con una corona. Se la pusieron y la llevaron al lugar en donde habían preparado la fiestita más linda a la que ella había asistido en la escuela, con tantos regalos como nunca Melanie había visto en su clase. Es más, continuó recibiendo regalos por 2 días. A la tarde al llegar a su casa, no cesaba de repetir que ese había sido el cumpleaños más feliz de su vida.

Esta historia fue una lección para Oswaldo y Yaimé, para mí en forma personal, que no confiaba en que los niños estaban entendiendo el concepto de lo que se estaba pidiendo para esa navidad, y para toda la iglesia. Dios insta en su palabra que seamos como niños, con esa confianza sin límite. Dice que “a Jehová presta el que da al pobre, “ Prov 19:17 y promete: “probádmeme ahora en esto, y os abriré las ventanas de los cielos hasta que sobreabunde.” Mal 3:10

# La Salvación Llevada a Muchos

El departamento hispano de la asociación invitó 18 evangelistas de Méjico y Nicaragua para un esfuerzo evangélico que se llevó a cabo desde el 16 hasta el 23 de abril. Al finalizar, 110 personas entregaron sus almas a Jesús por medio del bautismo, y la semana siguiente, 10 más se unieron a los

nuevos conversos. En lo que va del año, se han registrado 175 bautismos.

Para este verano, se invitaron 16 estudiantes provenientes de la República Dominicana. Ellos tienen una meta de 960 estudios bíblicos, y esperan con la ayuda de Dios tener un gran bautismo en Campo Alamisco.

El Señor está obrando maravillas en este campo, ya que líderes, pastores y miembros de iglesia se han puesto en las manos de Dios para hacer lo que sea necesario en aras de terminar la obra encomendada. 📌

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MARIEL LOMBARDI, EDITORA

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# Retiro de Varones

El retiro anual de varones se realizó entre el 15 y 17 de abril y contó con 162 asistentes.

El orador invitado fue el pastor Bismarck Castillo y los pastores Ismael Uribe y Juan Reyes ubicaron a los acampantes en los lugares de hospedaje asignados. Asistieron 12 visitas a quienes se les obsequió un libro como muestra de alegría por contar con su presencia. 📌

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EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

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Vista de los asistentes al retiro de varones de la asociación

# Compañía de Batesburg

El 9 de abril pasado el presidente Winston organizó la nueva compañía de Batesburg, Carolina del Sur. La misma forma parte del distrito del pastor José Reyes, quien tiene a su cargo las iglesias de Saluda, Columbia, Conway y las compañías en Rock Hill, Pageland, Newberry y Greenwood.

La ceremonia coincidió con la finalización de conferencias que tuvieron inicio el 2 de abril y estuvieron a cargo del pastor Gustavo Díaz. El pastor Poloche tuvo el privilegio

de bautizar 3 personas, quienes pasaron a ser miembros de la nueva compañía. La participación musical fue notoria, y dieron una importante nota espiritual a la celebración. A la mañana se disfrutó de la música de un grupo proveniente de Newberry, y de los jovencitos de Batesburg. A la tarde Deylis Reyes presentó un concierto con melodías inéditas. 📌

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Coro infantil de Batesburg

# Bautismos en Carrolton



Grupo de candidatos de bautismo

Después de una semana de evangelismo a cargo del pastor Ramón Escalante, director del departamento hispano de Allegheny East, 11 personas entregaron sus vidas a Cristo y se unieron a la iglesia de Carrolton, GA. 📍

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# Evangelismo en la Iglesia Central



Momento de los votos bautismales

Del 19 al 26 de marzo se realizaron las conferencias de Semana Santa en la Iglesia Central a cargo del pastor Luis Espinosa, con un resultado de 7 bautismos 📍

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# Wilson Pasa a ser Iglesia

El 12 de marzo se llevó a cabo una ceremonia en la que el presidente de la asociación, pastor William Winston, organizó el grupo de Wilson, NC, como iglesia.

El programa fue preparado por el pastor Ismael Uribe y su esposa Lady, y más de 37 personas firmaron el libro como testigos de este feliz evento.

Estuvieron presentes el pastor Efraín Poloche, líder del departamento hispano de la asociación y su esposa Xiomara. Poloche invitó a los miembros a continuar el crecimiento de esta iglesia hasta el retorno de Jesús. 📍



Membresía de Wilson

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# Día Nacional de Oración

Las asociaciones del Sureste (Southeastern) y de La Florida se unieron para celebrar el Día Nacional de Oración, y orar por quienes dirigen este bendecido país.

La iglesia Los Peregrinos congregó a líderes comunitarios, capellanes, miembros del clérigo del sur de la Florida y de la comunidad, para juntos elevar sinceras plegarias. El comandante Fernando Villa representó al departamento de policía de la ciudad de Hialeah y recibió el reconocimiento de la iglesia y la comunidad hispana por los sacrificios que hacen los oficiales en aras de mantener el orden en las calles y velar por la seguridad de la gente. El pastor Eddie Rivero, capellán de la policía, ofreció una oración por ellos. Freddy Sánchez, capellán de las fuerzas armadas, división 94, 5ta Brigada, oró por todas las ramas del ejército. Los pastores Roger Álvarez y Arnaldo Cruz ofrecieron oraciones por los líderes gubernamentales. 📌



**ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO**

# Transformando y Educando Embajadores de Misiones y Servicio

El trabajo misionero como estaba planteado en el pasado, fue vital para el establecimiento de la iglesia adventista en forma global. No obstante, los

tiempos han cambiado y ha sido necesario desarrollar nuevas estrategias para llegar a las personas en la actualidad. Este tema es importante para los estudiantes a

graduarse en la Maestría en Desarrollo de la Comunidad Global. En el mes de julio, del 14 al 17, el Foro TEAMS (Transformar y Educar a los Embajadores de Misiones



Los estudiantes del programa de maestría Albert Hernandez, izquierda, y Breck Lang, trabajaron con ADRA en un campo de refugiados en Tanzania como parte de su trabajo académico en el programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad Global.

y Servicio) de Southern, abrirá las puertas para que otros puedan unirse a este planteamiento crítico. No es una tarea simple, pero se puede ver con satisfacción que año tras año las iglesias implementan estrategias más afines a las necesidades actuales.

Southern está ansiosa de poder apoyar a las congregaciones que trabajan capacitando misioneros y entrenando líderes para el futuro por medio de la Maestría en Desarrollo de la Comunidad Global. Este es un programa de dos años que consiste en clases por medio de Internet, y prácticas en la comunidad. Los administradores están satisfechos porque el

Foro TEAMS es otra avenida por donde la universidad puede usar sus recursos en servicio de la iglesia mundial.

Los temas cubiertos durante el Foro TEAMS incluirán: prácticas en ingeniería e infraestructura, agricultura y alimentos no contaminados, empresas y mantenimiento de las mismas, capacitación en caso de emergencia, derechos humanos y justicia social, salud y bienestar, ministerios urbanos, y logística.

Quienes tengan interés en aprender cómo trabaja y se actualiza un misionero del siglo 21, y deseen informarse acerca del programa, deberán contactarse con la División Norteamericana.

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SHARON PITTMAN, EDITORA DE SAU

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## Puestos Interinos Para Estudiantes Ministeriales

La universidad Southern en conjunto con La Unión del Sur (Southern Union) y las asociaciones locales, ofrecen un programa de verano en el que los estudiantes de teología de Southern tienen la oportunidad de trabajar tiempo completo bajo la dirección de un pastor. Aparte de la experiencia que se adquiere, el programa representa una forma de ganar dinero para una beca escolar.

Este plan fue puesto en práctica el verano pasado por la asociación Gulf States con muy buenos resultados. En la actualidad, 14 estudiantes están trabajando entre 8 y 12 semanas en iglesias del territorio de la Unión del Sur que proporciona fondos para llevar a cabo este emprendimiento

De los alumnos de teología de tercero y cuarto años que solicitaron participar en el 2016, cinco han sido aceptados para trabajar en la asociación Georgia-Cumberland, dos en Florida, uno en la asociación Kentucky-Tennessee, cuatro en Gulf States, y uno en South Central.

Las responsabilidades incluyen dar estudios bíblicos, predicar, y ayudar en las actividades de alcance evangelístico para la iglesia y la comunidad.

Greg King, PhD, decano de la Escuela de Religión, expresó algunos de los beneficios de trabajar como pastor interino: “Los estudiantes obtienen una experiencia excelente en el ministerio, tienen la oportunidad de confirmar su vocación

y llamado, y pueden obtener una visión previa en el mundo real, de lo que harán en su carrera. A su vez, las iglesias locales prosperan debido al entusiasmo, energía, y compromiso espiritual de estos ministros jóvenes. El programa ofrece a los directores del ministeriales de las asociaciones, la oportunidad de evaluar a los estudiantes y ver como podrán adaptarse al ministerio en el futuro.” Dijo.

Este programa es una bendición para todos los que están involucrados,” expresó King. “¡Estoy muy emocionado por las oportunidades que estamos brindando a los estudiantes!” 📍

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To reserve a campsite, go to [www.stonemountainpark.com/lodging-camping/camping.aspx](http://www.stonemountainpark.com/lodging-camping/camping.aspx) or call 1-800-385-9807

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:**  
For those of you with small children who would like to attend the seminars on Thursday evening and Friday morning, we will provide child care for children, ages 4-11. There is also a Friday evening, Sabbath School, and a church program.



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FOR COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND ACCREDITATION STATEMENTS, GO TO [WWW.SOUTHERNUNION.COM/MEDICALDENTALCONVENTION](http://WWW.SOUTHERNUNION.COM/MEDICALDENTALCONVENTION)



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OR CALL ADVENTSOURCE/PLUSLINE AT 800-732-7587

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEE UP "FORE" KIDS EDUCATION GOLF CLASSIC - July 8.** The Friends of DAJA Foundation wish to invite you to their first Education Golf Classic fundraiser. DAJA is trying to raise funds for a new Mac lab, a STEM-ready science lab, and scholarship money for the Worthy Student Fund. Come join us for a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The event will be held at Heritage Golf Links in Tucker, GA. The cost is \$150 per person, \$500 per foursome. Details: 404-284-6908 or decatursdachurch@gmail.com.

**NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES FEDERATION - Sept. 30-Oct. 2.** "God on the Mountain is God in the Valley Retreat." Lake Junaluska Resort, Lake Junaluska, N.C. Hands on workshops for home remedies, music, and great fellowship. Contact Joyce Crawford, 828-298-5436 or Barbara Grier, 704-396-6680 for an application.

**FLETCHER ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEK-END - Oct. 7-9.** FA Campus. Please update your contact information at agibbs@fletcheracademy.com, 828-209-6704. We will celebrate landmarks for all classes ending in 1 or 6, most notably the special honor classes of: 1966, 1976, 1991, and 2006. Details: www.fletcheracademy.com.

**SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST COMMUNICATORS 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION - Oct. 13-15. SAVE THE DATE** — Celebrating 27 Years of Communication Excellence! Theme: "Keep Climbing." Hyatt Regency in Denver, Colorado. Join Seventh-day Adventist communication professionals and university students from all around the North American Division for training, networking, and spiritual renewal opportunities. Additional details: www.adventist-communicator.org.

**APOPKA CHURCH CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE - Oct. 28, 29.** Guest speaker: Mike Cauley, president of the Flor-

ida Conference, and a musical concert by Charles Haugabrooks. All are welcome to attend the Celebration in Apopka! Details: www.apokkasdachurch.com, or apokkasyda@gmail.com, or 407-889-2812.

**MADISON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** wants to include any graduates, attendees, or friends who may not already be on its mailing list to receive the quarterly newsletter and any other communications. Please write to: P.O. Box 1735, Madison, TN 37116, or send your contact information by email to: madisoncollegealumni@gmail.com.

# Legacy of Generosity

The late Carles Edward Dudley Sr., and his companion of 62 years, Etta Maycock Dudley, were faithful followers of Christ. Both left a legacy of generosity, giving of their means and themselves for the Gospel and their family. They were strong supporters of the Church and Christian education. Charles, in the 1940s, sang in Oakwood's quartet that travelled nationwide to raise funds in support of Oakwood College (now Oakwood University). His legacy also includes a trail of mentored pastors who served under his administration and influence, some becoming conference presidents. Sadly, both Elder and Mrs. Dudley have passed, but their legacy in family and shared values lives on. His family continues these Christ-centered values by establishing an endowed scholarship fund in his memory to benefit and encourage ministerial students until Christ returns.

▶ To learn how you can control your assets, contact your local Conference or University Planned Giving and Trust Services Department today!

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**CAROLINA**

**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.florida-conference.com/events/](http://www.florida-conference.com/events/)  
**Singles' Ministries Events.** Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. Details: [djmiller4000@gmail.com](mailto:djmiller4000@gmail.com) or 407-703-3050.  
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**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)  
**Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule**  
 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.)  
**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.  
**SONScreen | Ignite** – Aug. 13-14. Florida Conference Office, 351 S. State Road 434, Altamonte Springs. This workshop is a weekend networking and learning opportunity for all Christian filmmakers who desire to use film for ministry. Featured guests: Chris

Lang, Tami Cinquemani, Derek Morris, Nathan DeWild. Cost: \$45. Registration deadline: Aug. 11. Details and registration: [www.floridaconference.com/sonscreenignite](http://www.floridaconference.com/sonscreenignite)  
**Planned Giving Clinics**  
 Oct. 1. West Palm Beach Spanish Church.  
 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 Camp**  
 July 10-17. Teen II, Rock Solid Teen II, Golf Camp II, Soccer Camp, Wakeboard Camp II, WIT.  
 July 17-24 Surf Camp. July 19-24 Family Camp, all ages. <http://www.cs-yc.com/>  
**3 Point Play Basketball**  
 July 11-14. Cairo, GA.  
 July 18-21. Douglas, GA.  
 July 25-28. Jefferson City, TN  
**Summer Salt** – July 13-17. Visit [southern.edu/salt](http://southern.edu/salt) for info.  
**Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) Online Training** – July 20. See [www.acfgcc.org/](http://www.acfgcc.org/) for more information, or call 865-522-3193.  
**Singles' Ministries Potluck, Picnic, and Walk** – July 23. 5-8 p.m. Enterprise South Nature Park, Ooltewah, TN.  
**Extreme Makeover: Church Edition** – July 25-30. First ever GCC domestic in-Conference young adult mission trip. Ages 18-35, \$100 per person. Contact Betza Roman at [broman@gccsda.com](mailto:broman@gccsda.com) or 706-629-7951, ext. 382. Waycross, GA.  
**Summer Ministers' Meeting** – July 31-Aug. 3.  
**Hispanic Men's Retreat** – Aug. 5-7. Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Crandall, GA.  
**Health Rally** – Aug. 6. 2-5 p.m. Cedartown Church, GA.  
**Southern Deaf Camp Meeting** – Aug. 10-14. Speaker: Paul Kelly. Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Crandall, GA.  
**Personal Ministries Rally** – Aug. 13. 2-5 p.m. Milledgeville Church, Eatonton, GA.  
**Atlanta Braves Family Game Day** – Aug. 21. 1:35 p.m. Braves vs. Washington Nationals. Multi-generational event sponsored by Pathfinders, Youth, and Young Adults. \$5 from every ticket supports with Pathfinders, the Cohutta Springs Campership Fund, or Young Adult Ministries. You choose. Contact Betza Roman for more details at: [broman@gccsda.com](mailto:broman@gccsda.com). Some events require pre-registration; details at [registration.gccsda.com](http://registration.gccsda.com)

**GULF STATES**

**Camp Alamisco Family Camp** – July 4-9.  
**Youth Mission Trip** – July 16-Aug. 3.  
**Pastors' Meetings** – Camp Alamisco. July 17-20.

**Literature Evangelists' Retreat** – Aug. 5-7.  
**Pathfinders' / Adventurers' Leadership Training** – Aug. 12-14. Camp Alamico.

**KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE**

**Conference Executive Committee** – July 19. Sept. 27. Conference Office.  
**Ministers' Meeting** – July 31-Aug. 3. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Leading Edge Leadership** – July 7. Paradise Ranch & Retreat.  
**Teachers' Convention** – Aug. 7-9. Conference Office.  
**50+ Camp** – Aug. 9-14. Indian Creek Camp.  
**LE Summer Retreat** – Aug. 11-14. Pennyrile State Park.  
**Highland Academy Board** – Sept. 8. Highland Academy.  
**Young Women's Retreat** – Sept. 9-11. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Women's Retreat I** – Sept. 16-18. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Youth POWER Event** – Sept. 21-24. Manchester, KY  
**Women's Retreat II** – Sept. 23-25. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Hispanic Women's Retreat** – Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Hispanic Women's Retreat II** – Oct. 7-9. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Men's Conference** – Oct. 21-23. Indian Creek Camp.

**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 [southern.edu/salt](http://southern.edu/salt) or call 423-236-2034.  
**SmartStart Begins** – July 25. New students at Southern can earn 3 credit hours for free during the summer (a savings of nearly \$2,000), and choose from a variety of courses. To learn more, visit [southern.edu/smartstart](http://southern.edu/smartstart).  
**Academic Summer Camps** – July 25-27. Southern is hosting camps for high school students in chemistry, computing, English, filmmaking, modern languages, and math/physics. Registration is \$100 for commuter students (\$150 if housing is needed). For more information, visit [southern.edu/camps](http://southern.edu/camps).

**SOUTHERN UNION**

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



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