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The Power of Your Personal Testimony

The Athens, Georgia, Public Evangelism Experience



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We often speak in reference to the testimony of so many who have found their way to Christ through the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I am most inspired and motivated when I hear the personal experiences of so many people's journeys from former lives without Christ into a new life with Christ. Some of the most riveting and effective sermons are over-arched and under-girded by a personal testimony of discovering a meaningful relationship with Jesus for the first time. The experience of participating in a public evangelistic initiative provides an up-close-and-personal observation of the light bulb of true deliverance from darkness blinking on in the countenances of so many people. I can personally attest to the reality that there is nothing in this world more gratifying to me than seeing men, women, and younger people taking a victory walk down the aisle of an auditorium or other venue for Jesus.

In Athens, Georgia, during the month of January 2019, the experience of seeing 92 people accept Jesus Christ and join the Seventh-day Adventist Church through baptism was a miracle. The more meaningful dimension of this evangelistic initiative was the group of dedicated members and Bible workers who intentionally shared their personal testimonies with men and women in the Athens community where the University of Georgia is located. A battery of university students, community residents, and Adventist church members attended the "System for Survival" community initiative for three consecutive weeks of nightly meetings (except Tuesdays and Thursdays) at the Mount Olive Church in Athens. More significant than the nightly meetings was the daily "System for Survival Evangelism Field School," also conducted on the premises of Mount Olive by the Southern Union officer group.

Amidst the myriad of evangelistic modalities afoot in our World Church and North American Church, we, during the daily two-hour field school emphasized, "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people," *Ministry of Healing*, 143. More specifically, we sought to unpack this in our morning orientation meetings:

- Jesus went where people were.
- Wherever Jesus was, He sustained focus on eternal things.
- The work of Jesus was mostly on a one-to-one basis.
- Jesus spoke words of sympathy and kindness and encouragement, sharing people's burdens.
- Jesus passed by no human being as worthless or hopeless.
- Jesus taught that all had talents to be used to God's glory.
- Jesus ministered to the poor and rich alike.
- The humility and gentleness of Jesus' use of power won hearts.
- Jesus was adept at understanding social issues and was relational.

We enjoyed a substantive and meaningfully relevant orientation daily, followed by a delightful meal, before hitting the field of labor — the surrounding community of students, residents, and other people who had expressed an interest — for souls.

We sensed the most important element of our ministry to community people and other interested individuals was the construction and development of our personal testimonies. Each of us wrote, rehearsed, and prayed over our personal testimony before sharing it with the group. We followed this brief outline:

- My life before I found Christ: What was it like? Lonely, guilt-ridden...
- How I found Christ: Tell how it happened.
- My life since I found Christ: Tell of the change.

The delivery of our two- to three-minute personal testimonies in Athens gave us the opportunity to allow our cheerful and encouraging words to show that we have certainly found the higher way.

I wish I possessed the tongue of many angels to convince you of the joys of public evangelism, and to invite you to experience the thrill of a lifetime by participating in or conducting a reaping meeting during 2019. Do not worry about the numbers, but go for the spiritual exercise of calling people to Jesus and Church membership through baptism. ①

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COVER PHOTO: Spiritual wholeness screenings are fostering a more intimate, deeper level of care across AdventHealth's outpatient facilities.



Do You Have Someone That
**LOVES AND CARES
FOR YOU?**

BY MARIO ROBERTS AND JASON RUITER

On the phone, a grandparent is at his wit's end. He is struggling to understand his grandchild's condition. "I asked him if he had access to the internet, and he let me know that he wasn't good with those things," said Tom Kelly, an e-spiritual caregiver at Advent-Health, speaking to a church-going grandparent over the phone as part of his work in the organization's E-Spiritual Care Center.

With a quick online search, Kelly found a nearby support group for parents with children dealing with the same condition as the man's grandchild. But, because it wasn't free, he suggested that the man on the phone reach out to his church for additional support.

"You can hear it in their voice," Kelly said. "All of a sudden there is an uplift to their voice — a sense of joy they didn't start with."

Kelly and a team of other e-spiritual caregivers that staff the E-Spiritual Care Center spend their days in phone conversations like this. This isn't a call center that reminds patients of upcoming appointments or follows up with them on billing issues; it's something unique and different. As part of the health system's increased focus on spiritual care in the outpatient setting, e-spiritual caregivers like Kelly are providing an uncommon but much-needed level of care.

Back in 2017 at the organization's annual Conference on Mission, Terry Shaw, president/CEO, challenged the health system to deliver on its mission in a new way, to advance its commitment to whole-person care and make it easier for patients to get the care and resources they need to experience wholeness through various mission-centered programs and initiatives that foster the delivery of transformative care for body, mind, and spirit.



Just two years later, AdventHealth is well on its way to answering this challenge. One way it is doing this is by making spiritual care a bigger part of the outpatient care experience. As a faith-based health system, AdventHealth has long-recognized that a person's spiritual health plays a big part in their overall well-being.

The organization already has a robust spiritual care program and chaplaincy infrastructure in its hospitals, but with more than 90 percent of its patient interactions taking place in the outpatient setting, Shaw saw the need to provide more spiritual support throughout its physician practices, urgent care facilities, rehabilitation centers, and other outpatient touchpoints.

The E-Spiritual Care Center is one aspect of this ambitious program around spiritual care in the outpatient setting, which is

led by AdventHealth's clinical mission integration team. The organization's substantial commitment to providing resources and support to address patients' spiritual health has also included hiring and training more than three dozen clinical mission integration specialists who support providers and front-line staff in the delivery of spiritual care in the outpatient setting, while also focusing on the spiritual well-being and engagement of physicians and staff themselves.

"What's amazing is that physicians are saying, 'I have been with this organization for X amount of years, and I have never felt more connected to the mission than I do now because of this initiative. It's allowing me an opportunity to engage with my patients about their spiritual well-being, and this is something that I have always wanted to do, but just didn't know I had the



Clinical mission integration specialists

platform to do it on,” said Brian Jones, a regional director for AdventHealth’s clinical mission integration team.

These clinical mission integration specialists play a key role in onboarding the providers who facilitate the referrals that generate the phone calls made by Kelly and team. How is a referral for spiritual care generated? It is a simple and straight-forward process. When a patient goes to get care at one of AdventHealth’s outpatient sites, they are given a spiritual wholeness screening, which consists of questions on the intake form based on key “spiritual indicators” — love, joy, and peace.

The questions:

- Do you have someone that loves you and cares for you?
- Do you have a source of joy in your life?
- Do you have a sense of peace today?
- Do you have religious beliefs that influence your medical decisions?

To help determine whether a patient has spiritual needs, AdventHealth turned

to the true source of faith, the Word of God. Because when it comes to assessing, appraising, and discerning these needs, Scripture presents a basic principle: “spiritual things are spiritually discerned.” The spiritual indicators derive from the text in Galatians 5:22-23 NASB, which reads, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

If a patient does not want to answer the questions, they are not forced to do so. However, any answer of “no” or “not sure” to the questions triggers a referral and a call from one of AdventHealth’s e-spiritual caregivers. This is when e-spiritual caregivers like Kelly connect with patients for the appropriate follow-up engagement. Depending on the conversation and the patient’s specific needs, they could be referred for additional resources that might include support from local Adventist or other faith communities, family or grief support groups, food banks, or housing assistance programs. For some, a prayer or conversation is enough.

As society deals with increasing cases of depression, opioid abuse, suicide, violence, and loneliness, accounting for the unaddressed spiritual issues that may be troubling people on a daily basis can make a huge difference in the lives of patients and their families. And, by adding the spiritual wholeness screening questions to the patient care process, those who have spiritual or emotional issues have the opportunity to open up in an environment that is confidential and safe.

“The spiritual and emotional needs of patients often intersect,” said Ted Hamilton, M.D., senior vice president and chief mission integration officer for AdventHealth. “Often times, these indicators can be mapped out and correlated to specific physical and emotional issues that can affect a patient’s overall health and well-being. Providing an infrastructure in health care that meets patients right where they are spiritually, through a purposeful and meaningful focus on their spiritual health, can really be difference-making, and I think we are starting to see that already.”

AdventHealth’s emphasis on spiritu-



E-Spiritual Care Center

al care is supported by years of outside research, which shows that people who are more religious or spiritual have better health compared to those who are less so. Research also shows that many patients would welcome discussing their spiritual health with their caregiver.

Knowing that patients would benefit from and be open to spiritual care, AdventHealth conducted its own year-long study, in partnership with Duke University, to examine the attitudes and practices of care providers as they relate to the integration of spirituality in patient care. The study showed that a majority of providers were willing to assess the spiritual needs of patients, and that providers who receive training on how to appropriately engage patients on spirituality are twice as likely to regularly conduct spiritual assessments.

The spiritual needs of patients are an often-under-addressed aspect of their health across the industry. With the study's findings and inspired by its mission, AdventHealth has made this intimate, deeper level of care part of one of

its cornerstone imperatives to engage consumers more closely across the care continuum.

On the heels of a systemwide brand transformation, in which the organization and its wholly owned care sites adopted the AdventHealth name, leaders and team members across the company have galvanized around a new name and brand promise, guided by its unchanging mission of "Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ."

The new name conveys an expectation of things to come in health care, while expressing a strong connection to the organization's rich Seventh-day Adventist roots. In a nutshell, AdventHealth, which is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is doubling down on its mission and at the same time becoming a much more consumer-centric company by simplifying the health care experience.

And for AdventHealth, making it easier for consumers to find and identify care sites and services across its network means the organization can share Christ's love, through healing and hope, with

more people in the communities it serves. Efforts to enhance the delivery of spiritual care in the outpatient setting, and others, are tangible examples of how AdventHealth is working to fulfill its brand promise of wholeness.

Meanwhile, e-spiritual caregiver Tom Kelly continues following up with patients. Each day, he makes about 20 phone calls to patients that he has received referrals for.

"Hi, this is Tom. I'm calling from the E-Spiritual Care Center on behalf of your doctor," he starts. "The reason that we called is that we understand life can be difficult or stressful, and we are here to lend emotional or spiritual support."

He never really knows what the next call will bring. Some calls last less than 60 seconds. The longest on record is 90 minutes. Some have turned him away, others have offered to buy him dinner. Kelly says the phone calls alone have an impact.

"People often say it was a huge help just to have people who listen," he said, "to have people who care."

Though AdventHealth is still early in this journey, its heightened focus on outpatient spiritual care is already proving to be beneficial. To date, more than a million patients across the system have received a spiritual wholeness screening, while the E-Spiritual Care Center has fielded nearly 7,000 patient referrals for spiritual care.

As those numbers continue to increase, the introduction of outpatient spiritual wholeness screenings provides another doorway to address the emotional and spiritual needs of patients.

"Whether it is a phone call from one of our e-spiritual caregivers or an in-person visit at one of our facilities, we want to make every interaction a spiritual interaction," added Hamilton. Through the care we provide, we want to be a reflection of God's love. This is the essence of our mission of 'Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ,' and this is how we can help people experience the wholeness that awaits them." ■

Grand-Jean Brothers LISTENED TO GOD

BY TAMMY WOLCOTT FISHER

Haitian brothers Ammishaddai and Nashbi Grand-Jean from Jonesboro, Georgia, listened to the voice of God. Older brother Ammishaddai is currently a fourth-year political science/economics major. High school valedictorian, he is student government president at the University of Georgia (UGA) in Athens. Interestingly, Ammishaddai didn't want to attend UGA. He was considering several Ivy League schools. One Sabbath listening to an elder preach, Ammishaddai was tuning out when he heard a voice say, "Ammishaddai, I want you to apply to UGA."

Ammishaddai wasn't excited, and honestly didn't know very much about UGA. He intended to be the first from his high school class to be accepted to a "great" university, not UGA. A few weeks later, Ammishaddai heard God speak, saying, "I only want you to apply to UGA!" Upset, he asked why? He heard, "There is something special there that I have for you at UGA, and you will miss out."

Ammishaddai applied early and only to UGA, assured that he would be accepted.

God had other plans. He was deferred. "It was hurtful, frustrating," said Ammishaddai who was set to preach a week later on 2 Corinthians 10, about "not to boast, but to boast in the Lord."

Ammishaddai was the last person from his high school class accepted to college. He went on to become president of his freshman resident hall, and a senator and campus leader. Actively involved with Bible study and his church, he says, "By the grace of God it all worked out." He also became connected to Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) after he lost his first try junior year for student president, instead winning that position his senior year. He serves as a vice president with ACF, planning events and inviting friends. Ammishaddai has been asked to become a church elder. He also says, "Pray about whatever you are doing;



PHOTO BY: TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Listening to God's promptings, both Grand-Jean brothers are now faithfully serving God from a different seat in leadership. Ammishaddai (left) and Nashid Grand-Jean are intentional about God's leading in their lives. Ammishaddai currently serves as student government president for the University of Georgia as well as vice president for Adventist Christian Fellowship; Nashid is working in an internship for Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, and serves as president for ACF at Georgia State University.

He will answer and follow through."

Ammishaddai's brother, Nashbi Grand-Jean, a junior journalism/political science major at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, shares things in common with his brother. With a father as a pastor, Nashbi felt convicted that maybe he should study theology, yet he hoped to be a news anchor and musician.

To be open to God's leading, Nashbi applied to Georgia State University as well as Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, and Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. After crunching the numbers, Georgia State came out on top. The next step was choosing a dorm room. Nashbi prayed for guidance on which room to choose, not wanting crazy experiences. He sought roommates who would be like brothers.

He chose to see what the book of Psalms said for each room, finally choosing room 328, using Psalm 32:8 NIV, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way

you should go: I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

As a musician he continued to use Psalm 32:8, putting out an album early in 2018 called 32:8, and blessed by God with several performances on his music.

His brother advised finding something other than music for the summer of sophomore year, and from connections as an ambassador with the 1913 Society at Georgia State, Nashbi interned with the communication director for Georgia State. This led to another internship for the governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp. "Serving on the hill: It is crazy what God is doing," says Nashbi.

Nashbi is also active in ACF. He is the Georgia State chapter president, and still clings to the 32:8 verse of Psalm, which led to a dorm room, album, and recently a BMW — yes, a 328. 📌

Tammy Wolcott Fisher is the communication director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in Calhoun, Georgia.

CHURCH MAKES IT EASY

for Young Families to Attend

BY SHANE HOCHSTETLER

What started by accident has become a critical factor in the intentional outreach to young families. About a year ago, Steve Severance, pastor of the Birmingham, Alabama, First Church, presented a few sermons that were shorter than he usually preached. Traditionally, Severance had operated under the impression that longer sermons were acceptable, provided the content was excellent. However, preaching the shorter sermons, which allowed the church service to conclude before noon, gained some positive remarks. A member with a young family commented on how much they appreciated his consistency with planning the service to end by noon. Admittedly, Severance hadn't planned those services to be so punctual, but immediately saw the benefit of doing so.

For young families, keeping children content and engaged for lengthy periods in an environment that is supposed to be calm and quiet can be quite challenging. Additionally, with many families opting for consistent routines in their homes with meals, naps, and play time, the timing of the church worship service would often conflict with what the family experienced the other six days of the week. While going to church does allow children to learn the importance of reverence and more, doing so in a consistently timed environment is even more helpful.

Witnessing the young families benefitting from this reliable worship service, church leadership explored other ways to make church easy to attend. Pre-filled Sabbath bags were made available for children, featuring animal toys that don't make noise, along with coloring pages and other appropriate activities for children to utilize during the service. Additionally, Severance began to make it a point to keep the sermons understandable for young minds, a quality he found is al-



PHOTO BY: SHANE HOCHSTETLER

Children gather at the close of the Birmingham Family Festival.



Children of all ages studied about the armor of God during the family festival activities.

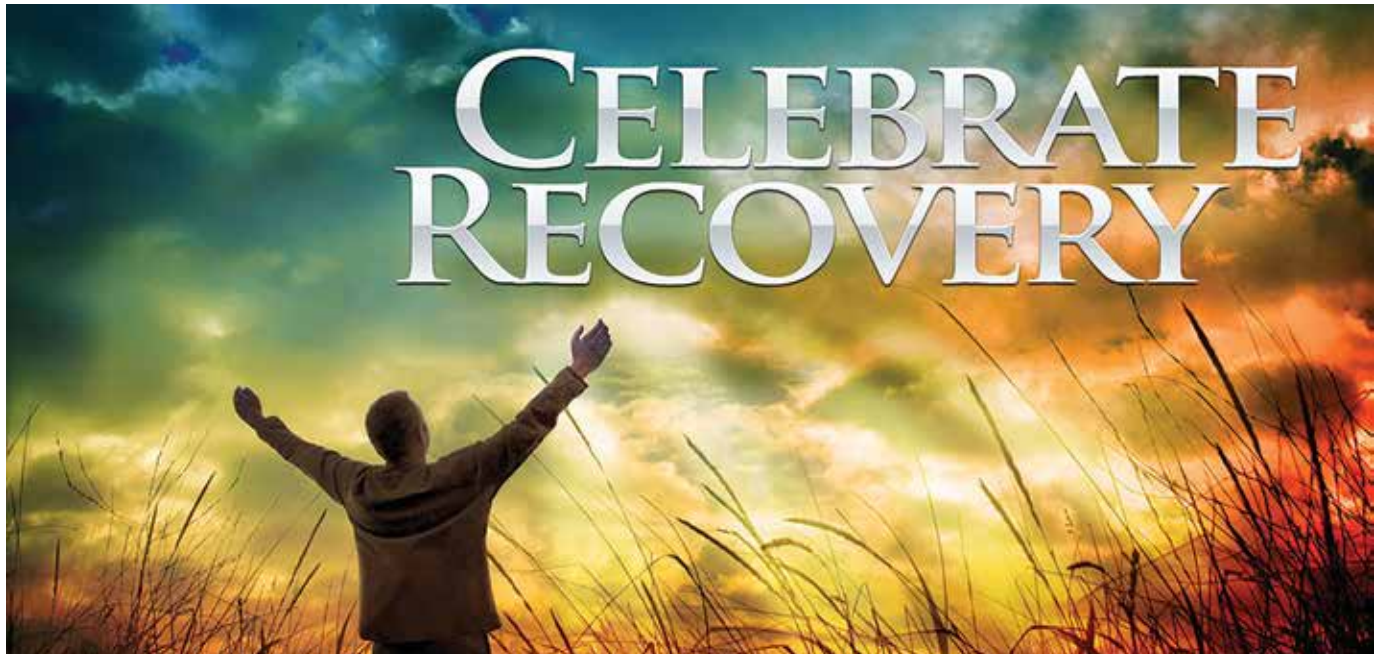
so appreciated by the adults. Earlier this year the church organized a family festival Sabbath where they offered a children's church while Severance preached a sermon focused on godly parenting. Following the church service, attendees were provided with a free lunch, and then the children continued their Vacation Bible School-styled programming, moving from station to station and learning about the armor of God. The parents were treated to a practical parenting seminar from

Lori and Michael Abbott, principal and teacher at Hoover Christian School in Hoover, Alabama. The event concluded with each age group of children marching into the sanctuary wearing armor created from balloons. The children recited memory verses, and sang songs they learned throughout the day.

Planning for worship can have a positive impact on your local church. Operating in a manner that is consistent and timely, and making an effort to make church easy to attend for young families, has become a goal for the Birmingham First Church, and the results have been inspiring. Attracting young families during a time where more young people, including those with families, are departing from the Church for good is a significant accomplishment. Prioritizing this group of people in all churches, making it easy for them to attend and be blessed, could provide the life and vibrancy the Church needs to finish the mission God has placed on all. ●

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

BY RAY CLENDENEN



Each Monday night, “Celebrate Recovery” is held at Madison Campus Church in Madison, Tennessee. The group meeting includes some who attend Madison Campus Church and some who do not. Some who attend now were introduced to the church through Celebrate Recovery.

Almost any night of the week, groups of all kinds of people meet in all kinds of churches throughout the Nashville area and in every city in the United States and a few foreign countries for “Celebrate Recovery.” They are people who have felt God’s loving mercy in Jesus Christ reach down to them in their pain, frustration, and loneliness. They are people who have suffered years of abuse or the debilitating echoes of abuse. They are people who have tried for years without success to change a habit that controls them. They are people who have suffered a devastating blow such as the loss of a loved one, a marriage, a job, or a reputation. They are people who have come to realize that they cannot handle the demands of life on their own. They have come to

believe, or maybe just desire and hope, that Jesus Christ knows and cares about their pain. Some of them are not regular church attenders, but they are open to Him. They are people with secrets that Satan has been using to isolate and control them, but they have chosen to look away from the darkness into the light of the face of Christ. They are people on the road to recovery, and that is why they are celebrating.

They are also celebrating that they are no longer alone with their pain. They have found understanding and acceptance by a group of people traveling the same road to freedom and peace in Jesus Christ. Some of them are wealthy; some are poor. Some are young; some are old. Some have been on the road for a long time, have seen amazing changes in their lives, and have learned to share their wisdom and strength with others. Some have only taken a few steps and have yet to see what blessings are in store for them, but they are hopeful.

Each Celebrate Recovery is about the same. They eat together, and then they wor-

ship together with music. They rehearse the principles of recovery based on Scriptures that instruct, encourage, and comfort. Then they hear someone teach a lesson on some aspect of recovery, or bear testimony to how Jesus Christ entered their life and brought light and peace for their journey. They do a lot of applauding and hugging, because it takes courage to admit that they have flaws and need encouragement. After ending worship with a prayer for serenity, many of them go to gender-specific “open-share” groups, where each person owns three to five minutes of everyone else’s attention to praise, reflect, and unburden. Somewhere along the way, there are often tears.

Other optional aspects to Celebrate Recovery are study groups, annual “Summits,” outreach events in the community, and a “Broken Chains” group for those who love motorcycles and ministering to people who love motorcycles. Who is Celebrate Recovery designed for? It’s for anyone who admits he or she has flaws and needs to grow in faith, love, and godliness. ●

The Little Church THAT COULD

BY YVES MONNIER



The Lancaster Church members pose for a photo one Sabbath after sending a large It Is Written mailing to their community.

Even pastors need to learn little lessons in faith and holy boldness every so often. Earlier this year, it was my turn. It happened in a little church in Lancaster, Tennessee.

In January 2018 the Lancaster Church had about 20 members in attendance. The church's last big, successful evangelism endeavor had been in 1996. For the last 22 years, the attendance had plateaued.

Dissatisfied with the status quo, the church members decided to do something about it. First, they fervently prayed. Then, they contacted It Is Written to arrange for a Bible study request card mailing in their area.

So far, so good

Once they had arranged for the mailing, they connected with me to get some tips on how to follow up on the cards. I asked them how many cards they had mailed out, and their response floored me. Almost 10,000 cards were mailed.

I was speechless as I quickly did the math in my mind. The average response rate for

It Is Written Bible study request cards is 10 requests per 1,000 cards mailed. Thus, my friends in Lancaster could expect to receive about 100 cards. One hundred cards for 20 members to follow up! How on Earth could they do that, especially since those cards were scattered over four counties?

At that moment, I was a present-day doubting Thomas. I shared with them my reservations. They responded, "Don't worry; we'll get it done."

As time progressed, I was proven wrong on two counts. First, the church did not receive 100 cards. It received in excess of 140 cards!

Second, the members organized themselves for work and diligently began to follow up every single card. Today, every card has been followed up on, many Bible studies are taking place, and the attendance at church has jumped to about 30. That is a 33 percent growth rate in less than a year.

Amazing

"Jane" is one of the new people attending the Lancaster Church as a result of

the mailing. She began weeping when a couple of the church members knocked on her door to deliver the Bible lesson she'd requested.

She explained to them that she had been waiting for a long time to really study the Bible. She now participates every week in a Bible study and is very happy to have found a loving church that she can call home.

The church family is extremely energized by what they are experiencing and have no plans to slow down. They're preparing to do another mailing in two more zip codes. They're eager to find more people who are seeking and searching for something better in life.

I learned my lesson. Never underestimate the power of God working through church members who rely on Him. Indeed, the Lancaster Church is the little church that could. 🙏

Yves Monnier is the evangelism director for It Is Written Ministries.

IMPACT has Record Attendance

The record attendance of the fourth annual Evangelism IMPACT on February 7-10, 2019, forced the Carolina Conference Evangelism Department to change to a bigger venue this year in Myrtle Beach, S.C. They also had to upgrade their translation technology to accommodate the increase in Hispanic attendees. While some may look at these modifications as an annoyance, the Conference saw it as an answer to prayer. They knew these changes came from a hunger for training lay members to reach the world for Christ.

The three general session speakers — Ivan Williams, D.Min., director of the Ministerial Department at the North American Division; Roger Hernandez, director of the Ministerial Department and Evangelism at the Southern Union; and Richie Halvorsen, senior pastor at Bowman Hills Church in Cleveland, Tenn. — were powerful presenters who motivated even the most introverted to get out of their comfort zones. In between each of these general sessions, the breakout seminars continued to fuel the passion and excitement that was growing throughout the weekend.

On Sabbath morning, Jennifer Maggio, founder of Single Mom’s Ministries, shared her incredible testimony of navigating life as a sexual abuse victim, being a single mom, and ministering to those who are currently in those situations.

Roger Hernandez, who spoke Sabbath evening, received a strong feeling he should make a call at the end of the night for anyone who was accepting Jesus for the first time. He fought this feeling because this was not an event for the unconverted, but rather for Adventist Christians who wanted to spread the Gospel. But, he decided to make the call, not knowing that one of the attendees had seen a man in the lobby and invited him to come up for the meeting. When Hernandez made the call, that man jumped up and came forward. This event could have ended the week-



PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

Ivan Williams, director of the Ministerial Department at the North American Division.



PHOTO BY: REBECCA CARPENTER

Richie Halvorsen charges the attendees in the final general session to go back to their churches and eliminate the apathetic mindset.



PHOTO BY: REBECCA CARPENTER

Roger Hernandez makes a call at the end of his last general session presentation.

end and everyone would have left Myrtle Beach on a spiritual high; however, the attendees left with even fuller hearts after Richie Halvorsen closed the event with Sunday morning’s general session.

If you have never attended a Carolina Conference’s Evangelism IMPACT,

watch for the calendar, and plan to attend the 2020 Evangelism IMPACT in Myrtle Beach. Be inspired, be reinvigorated, and make an IMPACT! 📌

BY COURTNEY HEROD

ReGenerate Church Revitalization Conference Inspires

The desire was to inspire churches in all stages of growth to take their efforts in soul-winning to the next level, and the second annual ReGenerate Church Revitalization Conference did not disappoint. The Charlotte, N.C., University City Church was packed with worshippers eager to learn ways to advance the mission of their local church on February 22-23, 2019.

Brad Cauley, church planting director for the Carolina Conference, invited Joe Kidder, professor of Christian Ministry and coordinator for doctor of ministry degree evangelism and church growth concentration at Andrews University, and Gary Blanchard, director for youth ministries at the General Conference, to speak for the weekend.

Kidder shared his powerful, interesting conversion testimony on Friday night. Born in Nineveh (currently Mosul, Iraq, 250 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq), he came into the Adventist Church while living there. He is currently raising money for and working with a church plant in his hometown in Iraq. Kidder encouraged the participants to interact with him during the morning lesson on Sabbath. He shared methods that do and do not work for reaching modern communities, and then said, “Now how are you going to use what you have learned?”

When Blanchard stood up to speak during the main worship session, he was especially excited to be there, and he delivered his message with contagious conviction. As he preached about the Adventist unique message from the three angels, and how all need to proudly proclaim it as they have been exhorted to do, he shared examples of the miraculous intervention of God when many are willing to be His hands and feet.

After lunch there was a panel discussion with Blanchard, Kidder, Marc Lien, and Randall Sargent. They took



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questions from the audience about the topics of small groups, church planting, and church growth, sharing their personal experiences on effective ways to be successful in those areas.

Lien, a pastor and small groups expert from San Antonio, Tex., was also one of the breakout session speakers on Sabbath afternoon. In 18 months, one of his small groups grew to 220-plus people attending every week, and has branched off into other small groups. Sargent, another breakout session speaker, is current-

ly a member of the Durham Five Oaks Church in North Carolina. His testimony was on the power of prayer, how he became an Adventist, and how God worked on the church growth of his church in San Anselmo, Calif. Located in an area that is secular and antagonistic against God and Christians, his church was basically dead, with only four members in attendance. In a year, the church grew from four to 65 members through literally praying them through the door.

There are three kinds of churches: those that are dying, those that are simply maintaining the status quo, and those that are thriving and growing through the grace of God. God wants every single church to be that third kind, but what makes the difference? What makes some churches do well, and others just wither and fade away? The difference is you. Will you ReGenerate your church? 🙏

BY REBECCA CARPENTER

Personal Lifestyle Changes Made at Inverness



Carole Bear and Jane Baker demonstrate recipes at Inverness StepFast Lifestyle meetings.

The Inverness Church in the quiet neighborhood of Eden Gardens, Fla., was pressed with need for the health message within their church and community. Multiple members of the church got together and decided to present a 12-week StepFast Lifestyle video series to promote optimal nutrition and physical activity. There were great support and dedication within the church to make the video series a success.

On opening night the StepFast team brought in a physical therapy assistant and an occupational therapy assistant to demonstrate the importance of stretching. The fellowship hall was filled with the community stretching using TheraBands.

Week after week, the StepFast team members introduced the importance of personal lifestyle changes with a focus on a different topic each week and how lifestyle and disease interact. The meetings led to a group walking together once a week.

Each week, Carole Bear, the StepFast kitchen coordinator, demonstrated a simple plant-based recipe according to the teachings of Ellen G. White. “Cooks should know how to prepare simple food in a simple and healthful manner,” said White in *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 186.



Three Inverness women assist in the StepFast Lifestyle presentations by serving samples and helping with kitchen clean-up: Crystal Day (left), Laura Zummach, and Lois Gadway.

Week eight was very special to Carole as she enjoys making bread. She not only demonstrated how to make her bread recipe, but baked enough bread for 50 people to sample it, and made five extra loaves to give away. The attendees learned how to find healthy breads in the grocery store and search tools to use when looking for whole grain products.

The StepFast presentations also presented the vegetarian diet for optimal nutrition, with a completed resource guide binder by the end of the program filled with a fitness manual, handouts, and recipes. The series brought together new community faces

and many faithful church members.

“Many attendees discovered the church’s food store,” reported a church member. The team members are looking forward to another health message meeting in the future.

Robin Holloway, the program facilitator, was impressed with the commitment to lifestyle changes made during the 12 weeks. The program would not have been a success if it were not for the dedication of Mare Holloway and the guidance of the late Bob Scarborough. 🍷

BY ROBIN HOLLOWAY

Lauderhill Church Holds Restoration Gospel Project

Nothing could have prepared the Lauderhill, Fla., Church, congregation for the blessings received from the Restoration Gospel Project. Nigel G. David, chaplain at Vacaville Kaiser Hospital, Vacaville, Calif., was the guest speaker for this fall evangelistic series.

His introductory sermon, “Scandal,” was presented the morning of the start of the series. It made such an impact that on opening night the venue was packed with members and visitors alike. The series consisted of 13 sermons and two anointing services over the course of two weeks.

Although the services were streamed live, most people opted to attend in person for the full experience. Each night began with lively music and a special feature. Young and old came forward by the calling of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes through tears of recommitment, of joy, and of peace, people poured to the altar.

Michelle Allen was one of 14 who made a decision for baptism and to live for Christ. She felt spiritually pressed with the need to call out to God. He heard her cries. He removed habits from her life that were holding her back. He brought people into her life from whom she could learn, and He led her to the Restoration Project series through an online search for a church. “I felt a huge amount of repentance, a huge amount of love The Holy Spirit was inside this church,” Allen shared after her baptism.

Charmaine Thomas, a survivor of stage four cancer, made an oath to God that if He would spare her life, she would give Him her all. She prayed to God to lead her to a church, especially one that was having an evangelistic series. He brought her to Lauderhill Church through the invitation of a family member. She admitted that, “I was so happy because I know once I come to church and a crusade is going on, I’m going to give my life to God.” Af-



Baptismal candidates and those who participated in the service: Ezra Quarrie, head elder; Shane Michael Andrew; Latesha Reid; Michelle Allen with her son; Charmaine Thomas; Alvin Mitchell; Camille Philogene; Ena Smith; Leilani Mattison; Najhae Jones; Garry Gordon, senior pastor of Lauderhill Church; Elisa Rahming, CFO of Florida Conference; and Neville Williams, lead Bible worker. Not shown: Trevor Lopez Sr., Trevor Lopez Jr., Juliet Reid-Lopez, Opeyeme Oyelese, and Nicole Taylor.



Michelle Allen (holding her son) and Charmaine Thomas share their conversion stories with the congregation before their baptism.

ter baptism, Thomas has vowed to make good on her original promise to give the Lord her all and to never look back.

The series is over, but these lives and

many others have been changed for the better. 📌

BY SHELLY PINNOCK

LaFollette Company Ministers in Appalachia

The LaFollette, Tenn., Church Company started as a church plant by the Jellico, Tenn., Church in 2000. At that time, 12 members were meeting in the home of head elder David and Judy Tate. From those humble beginnings and the faithfulness of God, this company has grown to 54 members; operates an FM radio station, WGND-LP (With Good News Daily), at 101.7 broadcasting the Gospel message 24/7; and is very active in the community of about 11,000 people. The church is currently meeting in a rented space in a strip mall, but is actively working toward a permanent worship and outreach center

Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods, according to *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 9, p.30. Mission outreach is the primary focus of this tiny church, and Campbell County, Tennessee, has all the challenges of a foreign mission field in the heart of Appalachia. Set against a backdrop of the idyllic Cumberland Mountains and Norris Lake, poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, substandard housing, chronic health problems, and drug/alcohol/tobacco abuse are among the highest in the nation. Spiritualistic beliefs and traditionalism add to the already difficult mission work.

The radio station first started broadcasting in 2007, and while people may turn away a stranger from their door, they will turn on the radio and welcome the Good News into their home. Several members have been added to the church as a direct result. Additionally, the church holds a Reversing Diabetes class twice per year, as well as stop-smoking clinics. The church maintains a booth at public school system health fairs, hands out literature, and conducts blood pressure and body mass index screenings during National Night Out in August.

The community has taken notice of the



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The LaFollette, Tenn., Church Company has been a steady, consistent outreach in their community. They began with small numbers, yet their work is life changing for many. Through their radio station and health ministry, they are making a difference in their small community, and steadily growing in many ways.



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church's burden for the ailing, and the county health commission has even asked them to be a member of their board.

Finally, the church began providing a weekly meal at a city-run warming center, set up to provide shelter during the winter months. The church plans to continue providing a meal at their current location once the warmer weather arrives and the shelter is closed. The completion of a worship and outreach center will provide a place to meet the needs of more people, including a clothing closet and food pan-

try, and will offer an easy transition into the worship service.

Ellen White counsels every company of believers to build a house of worship, and encourages other churches to help (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, p.100,101). The LaFollette Worship and Outreach Center was started with a land donation, and the church members have since raised funds and erected a building.

While the exterior of the new church building is complete, only wall studs provide a clue as to the potential this center will offer. A large community service room and fellowship hall will serve to meet the needs of the community. Six classrooms and a larger sanctuary will minister to the current members, and provide a home to new believers to grow in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord. 🕊

BY ANDREW AND STACY SHANAHAN

Dobson Ortho Lab on “How It’s Made” TV Show



A smalltown business, Dobson Ortho Laboratory in Gainesville, Ga., was greatly blessed for their faithful Sabbath observance and ethical standards recently featured on How It’s Made.



The Dobson family includes John (left), Wendy, James, Michelle, Josh, Connie, Jeremiah (front), and Emma.

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hibitors. God has proven to be faithful.

Honesty is also a core value of the company. Shortly after opening, the lab wanted to create a video like How It’s Made, to demonstrate what they make and how they do it. It was easy to find the show’s theme song and logos online, but would it be ethical to just use it? They were a small company and off the radar. Two of the Dobsons attended a communications training session at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference office centered on copyright and trademark law, and knew the answer was no. They contacted the How It’s Made office and asked for permission. The answer was no.

However, the producers were intrigued by what Dobson did, and both parties agreed to allow the show to film the Dobson process, to be produced into a segment on How It’s Made. The segment was filmed in December 2017 and aired in both the United States and the United Kingdom in February 2019. The honesty and integrity of Dobson Ortho Laboratory allowed for this rare opportunity. Their Christ-like values led to showcasing their God-given talent worldwide.

Watch their show on How It’s Made, Season 23, Episode 16 on iTunes, Google Play, and Amazon. Read the behind-the-scenes story at howitsmadelab.com. 📺

BY JOSH DOBSON

A small start-up orthodontic laboratory in Gainesville, Ga., represented their industry via the “Orthodontic Retainer” segment on the How It’s Made TV show on the Science Channel on February 14, 2019 at 10:30 p.m.

Dobson Ortho Laboratory may be the only Adventist-run commercial orthodontic laboratory in the country. Its business practices also observe Sabbath-keeping. In an industry where Saturday work is almost mandatory, Dobson’s doors remain locked. In a time where 3D printing technology allows work to be done by a machine after hours on Friday, Dobson’s 3D printers are off. In a world where a workforce is working frantically to invoice and ship finished appliances to customers, the lab’s employees have already left for the day. These are non-negotiable terms. The owners are Seventh-day Adventists.

In May 2016, just a month after their first day of business, Dobson Ortho took a risk and invested in a booth at the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)

Annual Session in Orlando, Fla. This is the largest trade show in the orthodontic industry and runs for four days ... starting on Saturday. The rules clearly state exhibitors must occupy their booth on all days of the show. This was a problem, but also not an option. After contacting the AAO directly, they allowed Dobson Ortho to be absent on Sabbath due to their religious beliefs. Past history showed that the highest attendance for the show was Saturday.

Everyone said they were crazy. On that first Saturday the lab appeared at the AAO, they posted a sign, “Due to religious beliefs we will not be showing on Saturday ... we look forward to seeing you on Sunday!” It was surely a big risk, but the family thought it would be better to be a good witness than to market on the Sabbath, and this has always been their policy. In fact, the lab has now shown at three of the AAO Annual Sessions, and their biggest day is usually Monday, a day that is traditionally slow for the other ex-

Andalusia Fills Backpacks for Neglected Children



The adult Sabbath School class enjoyed filling the bags for the children in need.



Kaci Perry, executive director of the Covington County Child Advocacy Center, and John Newsom, treasurer of the Andalusia Bible study group

The last quarterly mission outreach goal of 2018 may have seemed a daunting task, but to the Andalusia, Ala., Church, it was an opportunity to rally together. In their weekly Sabbath study group, eight to 15 members set aside the first 10 minutes of each lesson to discuss the needs in their community. Within the first month, the project was set. The group's members chose to step out in faith to assist the Covington County Child Advocacy Center in providing backpacks to the children involved in their programs. There was no specific number of bags set; the only goal was to serve God and their community. Gradually, information was shared about the Advocacy Center in the church's weekly mission update. The church learned that the center has a

neutral, child-friendly setting, where child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect can receive a wide range of services. The Center brings professionals and agencies together in a multidisciplinary team to create a child-focused approach to assist with child abuse cases. The church was excited to learn that each backpack should have a Bible and *Bible Stories* book placed in it. Other necessary supplies included crayons or colored pencils, coloring and activity books, notebook paper, pencils and sharpeners, stuffed animals, and other small toys. A specified age range of four to 12 years of age was suggested for the backpack contents. The backpacks could be universal or gender-specific; however, some of the church women just could not pass up the lovely

pink packs, and contrasting that with camouflage seemed necessary too. In early December the church was ready to stock their backpacks. One Sabbath afternoon after Bible study, the group gathered to fill the packs. A total of 20 backpacks or totes for the special children of the Advocacy Center were supplied. Their pack project was delivered to Kaci Perry, executive director of the Advocacy Center. She was surprised and elated to receive so many well-stocked backpacks. The church could do nothing else but praise God that their small Sabbath study group could bring joy to the hurting children in their community. 🕊

BY LOTTIE ALFORD

University Parkway Women Perform Dramatic Bible Skits



Jennifer Hubbard (left), Patty Tennant, Kathy Brennan, Victoria Robinson, Rebecca Jarrard, and Edith Beans participate in the Sabbath presentation.



Kristin Pettibone (left), holds a map of Germany with Heidi Giles.



Women gather around a table during brunch to discuss their international origins.

The women of the University Parkway Church in Pensacola, Fla., recently performed dramatic skits portraying women in the Bible who met Jesus, speaking of their life-changing experience. Church members acted out the stories of Mary, the Mother of Jesus; the woman healed by touching His garment; the woman at the well; Martha; and Mary Magdalene. Sponsored by women’s ministries, the Sabbath program highlighted the important roles women played in Jesus’ life and the church as a whole. The congregation was focused on each woman who told her personal story. “People were mesmerized by the personal, heart-wrenching portrayals,” said Jan Hussong, one of the planners. Soloist Maria Nelson performed favorite songs, like “He Touched Me,” between the stories. Rebecca Jarrard, wife of Dan Jarrard,

pastor, noted, “Jesus broke all bounds while here on Earth to save not only men but women as well. There are truly no bounds in His love for the world.” In addition to the Sabbath program, many women attended a follow-up Sunday brunch with the theme “Connected in Christ.” The focus of the brunch was the international makeup of the church, and the worldwide mission. After enjoying delicious international vegetarian dishes, attendees heard from members who spoke about their respective countries. Heidi Giles and Kristin Pettibone talked about the church and their experience in their native Germany. Pettibone’s grandfather, Manfred Boettcher, was a leader of the Adventist Church, and served as president of the East German Conference before the reunification of Germany in 1990. At that time, religion was prohib-

ited, and any communications with the Church had to be sent in secret by courier. Giles only heard about Adventists after she married her American Marine husband, Skip, and moved to California. “In Bavaria, all I knew about were Catholics and Lutherans,” she said. She wasn’t feeling well one day at her home in California when a literature evangelist knocked on her door. When she saw the children’s Bible story books, she told him that she had been waiting for him. Her children enjoyed reading the display books at the doctor’s office, and she wanted to purchase them but could not find them anywhere. Afterward, she and her husband took Bible studies and are now part of the Church. 📌

BY GLENDA HASS

Highland Church Helps Where It's Needed

Harvest Sabbath was held December 8, 2018, sponsored by Community Services at the Highland Church in Portland, Tenn. Hundreds of canned goods, fresh vegetables, and Christmas treats were gathered in the church foyer. The next day, Community Services volunteers met and compiled 56 boxes of food, and distributed them to 35 needy families in and around Portland. The boxes also included gifts for children and grocery gift cards. ❶



BY ELAINE CANTRELL

Pictured are donations collected and the volunteers.

Mt. Juliet Mission Group Achieves Company Status

The Mt. Juliet mission group officially became a company on Sabbath, January 26, 2019, a milestone in the ongoing story of the young church plant. It was a time of celebration for what God had done.

Their story began with the conviction from Conference leadership to plant a new church in the greater Nashville area. Jon Remitera, the pastor fresh out of the seminary, was tasked with the endeavor. With little experience in church planting, Remitera set out by reading books, attending conferences, and getting advice from leading church planters. He realized that church planting was a lot bigger than him. It had to be more than just establishing another church service. It was about fulfilling the call of Christ to go and make disciples of all nations.

The vision was cast at the mother church, Nashville First in Nashville, Tenn., to answer the call to plant a new church. Many answered the call, but a small group of young adults emerged as the leaders. They gathered on Sabbath afternoons and prayed for God to lead them where He wanted the church



Charter members of the Mt. Juliet Company

planted. They surveyed the greater Nashville area and felt called to plant in Mt. Juliet.

While it started with great enthusiasm and fervor, it almost ended not long after. The mission group leadership team dwindled until there were less than 10 people. Discouraged and contemplating quitting, the leaders prayed and fasted for God's guidance. They were impressed to keep going, and they continued forward and launched

in 2016. Since then, God has brought new leaders and members that have caught the vision and believe in the mission to reach the community for Christ! The difficulties of church planting have revealed some of God's greatest blessings, and He's not done yet! With His blessing, they anticipate becoming a church in two years. ❶

BY JON REMITERA

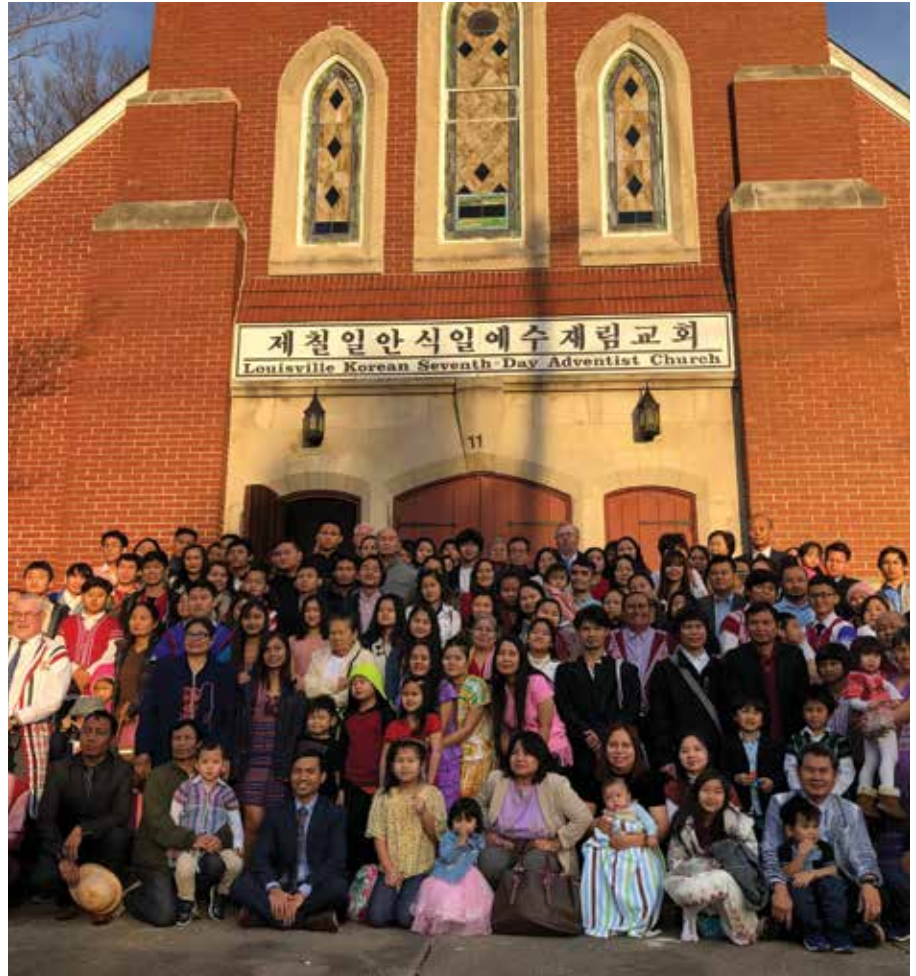
Louisville Karen Church Organizes

Karen Church in Louisville, Ky., celebrated a happy occasion on Sabbath, February 16, 2019, as their company was officially organized as the Louisville Karen Seventh-day Adventist Church, with 76 charter members. They were welcomed as the 99th church in the sisterhood of churches in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Steve Haley, Conference president, and Steve Rose, vice president for administration, presided over the celebration. Stanley Chit, an ordained pastor with 40 years experience in the Myanmar Union, has been their pastor since 2018. He is assisted by head elder Be Hsee Arrow, and treasurer Mee Mee Tun.

The Karen people began arriving in Kentucky as refugees and immigrants from Myanmar, also known as Burma, 10 to 15 years ago. They tried worshipping at English-speaking churches, but did not clearly understand the language. Members contacted Jimmy Shwe, who had been their pastor with the Thailand Mission and is now a spiritual mentor of the scattered refugee Adventists in North America, and asked him to visit them in 2012. Training was held, and members were organized to worship in their own language.

By 2013 they were recognized by the Conference as the Louisville International Company with about 40 members. They were warmly welcomed to worship at the Louisville Korean Church. With the assistance of local Karen leaders, dedicated volunteers, and Korean brethren who gave both spiritual and financial support, the group has grown to include about 100 in attendance each Sabbath. The average age of this congregation is well below 40, and it includes almost 60 children and youth. None of these youth have yet had the privilege of attending Adventist schools.

Due to a long civil war, many Karen people fled to primitive refugee camps on the Thailand border where they lived for decades. Their children grew up knowing only refugee life. Between 2005 and 2010, thousands of Karen refugees were accepted for resettlement to the United States,



Attendees celebrate the organization of the Louisville Karen Church.

which included hundreds of faithful Adventist believers. They have had to learn a new way of life in the United States, including a new language. Their faith and the response of the Adventist Church in North America has helped in this transition. Karen refugees can be found scattered across North America, and Adventist Karen believers have 55 worship groups in 23 states and Canada. The Louisville group is the fourth to be recognized as an official conference church. These groups grow in numbers, tithe, and offerings when they are empowered to worship in their language with their own leaders.

Traditionally, the Karen refugees were spirit worshippers or Buddhists, but large

numbers responded to the Gospel message given by pioneer missionary Eric B. Hare, who established schools and training centers. Today many Karen refugees are faithful third- or fourth-generation Adventists. They are one of many people groups in Southeast Asia who have a distinct language and culture, but do not have their own country.

Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries (ARIM) assists church planting efforts in North America among refugee and immigrant groups from the least reached parts of the world. 📞

BY JIMMY SHWE

Bethany Christian Academy Extends Passion for Panama City

The Bethany Christian Academy students of Montgomery, Ala., continue to rejoice about the opportunity to send three shipments of hurricane relief to many in Panama City, Fla. God richly blessed the efforts of mission-minded students, Bethany Church family, and contributing community members. Hurricane relief supplies were sent directly to the severely damaged Panama City Adventist School, where the principal, Mark Grice, and the students were truly grateful.

The collected items included a printer; school supplies; and more than 200 cases of water, toiletries, clothing, and household goods. The third and final shipment was designated as “Holiday Happiness,” and was filled with toys and toiletries donated by the Salvation Army, as well as water, clothing, and self-care kits. This final shipment was delivered to the Maranatha Church, which also serves as a citywide Hurricane Relief Distribution Center. Special gratitude was bestowed upon Bethany Christian Academy’s custodian and retired long-distance truck driver, James Shipman, deacon, for making all three of the deliveries. Bethany Christian Academy’s mission, “To prepare productive Christian citizens for exemplary service to God and man in this world...” was TRULY exemplified in this triple-tiered outreach activity. The entire Bethany Christian Academy community is grateful for the honor of giving and serving when Jesus calls, and is presently poised to excitedly continue outreach efforts in 2019! 📌



Packing trailer to deliver the items to Panama City, Fla.



Items donated for Panama City



Bethany students

BY REGGENIA W. BASKIN

“Christmas in June” Ministry Flourishes

Each June since 2006, Linda Branch and a group of Mt. Calvary Church members in Huntsville, Ala., have brought Christmas joy to the Women’s and Children’s Department of Huntsville Hospital. This ministry was birthed out of Branch’s childhood

experience of numerous hospitalizations due to health challenges. Her parents, overwhelmed with the prognosis that she would not live to see her teenage years, felt that it was best to leave her in the care of the hospital. Even now, Branch vividly remembers her

only visitor, “Ronald McDonald.”

Through God’s grace and mercy, Branch grew to adulthood and got married. But, she never forgot her experiences, which led her to ask the Lord what she could do to help sick, hospitalized children. She made

this a matter of prayer. One night 13 years ago, God place upon her mind to visit hospitalized children and make them smile. Her ministry began very small, with help from a few church members, to give gifts in the month of June to hospitalized children.

Today Branch's project has grown, and her group of volunteers continues ministering to children from the age of 1 month to 18 years. Through the generosity of church members, Branch is able to buy toys, school supplies, and even books. With the help of the hospital staff, toys are displayed where sick children and their parents can come and choose gifts that bring joy and the biggest smiles to suffering children and their families.

After giving away toys in the playroom, church members visit and distribute gifts to children who are confined to their rooms. The members also pray with the children and their families. While some members are spending time in the children's unit, others visit the labor and delivery unit to donate blankets.



Linda Branch stands with a patient who received a gift.



Mt. Calvary's former pastor, Rupert Bushner, D.Min., and Linda Branch stand next to the donated toys.



Many toys were donated.

The children and their families share how much they appreciate the selflessness of this outreach ministry. Branch feels blessed to be able to impact the lives of these little ones. God impressed upon her mind, which she obeyed, and her ministry is go-

ing strong. She focuses on Jesus' words, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," Matthew 19:14. 🕊

BY LORNA KNIGHT

Riverside Chapel Ordains Three Elders

The number three is associated with certain of God's mighty acts," *The New Bible Dictionary*. A mighty and divine act took place as three servants of God, Sarah Monk, Shirley O'Giste, and Janice Johnson Browne, Ph.D., were ordained as elders in the Riverside Chapel Church. The servants of God were given the vow of commitment and consecration, a pledge of service and agreement of congregational support, by Chris Marshall, associate pastor, and the prayer of dedication by Furman Fordham, senior pastor at Riverside Chapel Church.

The congregation was invited to stand and given a charge to accept the new elders as Christ's gifts to the church, recognizing them as the Lord's provision for a healthy congregational life — to hold them in honor, take their counsel seriously, respond to them with obedience and respect, accept



Newly ordained elders include Shirley O'Giste (left), Janice Johnson Browne, and Sarah Monk.

their help with thanks, wholeheartedly participate in the ministry into which they lead them, sustain them in prayer, encourage them with support (especially when they feel the burden of their office), and acknowledge them as the Lord's servants among them. The members stood and wholeheartedly accepted the charge, and

pledged to receive the three new elders.

Family members and friends from far and near were in attendance. Elders from Riverside Chapel Church, visiting elders from other churches, and ordained and lay pastors were invited to lay hands on the three ordained elders as Fordham prayed a spiritually powerful prayer of consecration. In his prayer he acknowledged gifts from God given to the new elders, for them to be further filled with the Holy Spirit, and for their diligence and courage. He prayed for them to be under-shepherds looking for and strengthening the people of God. And finally, he prayed for the new elders, their families, and those they serve to be saved when Christ comes again. He thanked God for adding three gifts to the church. 🕊

BY JANICE JOHNSON BROWNE, PH.D.

Celian Hunt's 98th Birthday is Celebrated

In 1920 women could not enlist in the military. They could not hold certain jobs. It was the year that President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the first minimum wage of 25 cents an hour. It was also the year when life changed for women; they could now vote. That was the year that Celian Adian Hunt was born on the island of Nevis. She was the seventh child of Ellen and Peter Griffin.

She celebrated her 98th birthday on November 6, 2018, surrounded by her son, Almenis; daughter, Lydia; grand- and great-grandchildren; friends; and other family members. She is a member of Perrine Church in Miami, Fla., and has been a Seventh-day Adventist for most of her life, after being baptized as a result of a tent meeting. She worked as a colporteur and loves witnessing to others. She believes in the power of prayer



Celian Hunt celebrated her 98th birthday on November 6, 2018.

and daily prays for her family. She says the highest point in her life is “getting to know God for herself.” Her favorite text is John 3:16. Hunt still attends church regularly with her daughter, Lydia. She is still the life of the party.

Hunt has lived through 18 United States Presidents, the Great Depression, WWII, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, the Gulf War, the Iraq War, and the Afghan War, and has witnessed a multitude of changes, but through it all has remained faithful. She wants to be ready to go home with her Savior when He returns.

In addition to her family and friends, her church family was present to celebrate her 98th birthday! 🕊

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Two Conferences Collaborate in “Lord Transform Me ” Evangelistic Initiative

The Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists launched a massive “Lord Transform Me” evangelistic initiative across many of its territories, including the Atlantic Caribbean Union from February 2 to 9, 2019.

The four fields in the Atlantic Caribbean Union, South Bahamas, North Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Cayman Islands Conference, have fully engaged in the preaching of the Gospel in campaigns ranging from one to three weeks.

Members in the Cayman Islands are

thankful and excited to have three pastors from the Southeastern Conference in Mt. Dora, Fla., to preach at three of the seven evangelistic sites.

Prince Lewis, pastor, preached at the George Town Church following the ministry of John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director. Thirteen individuals were baptized in that effort. Derrick Moffett, pastor, preached at the Kings Church, where nine individuals were baptized, and another baptism is planned. Roger Alvarez, pastor, preached at the Filidelfia Church, where 11 individuals

were baptized, and another baptism is also planned.

The Cayman Islands Conference administration expressed gratitude to the Southeastern Conference administration for sending three pastors to their field to help lead men and women into a saving relationship with Christ. They trust that the relationship and collaboration will be strengthened in years to come. 🕊

BY JEFF JEFFERSON

Southeastern Pastors Conduct Evangelistic Crusades in Cap Haitian



PHOTO BY: NICOLAS LOUIS

Three pastors from Southeastern traveled to Cap Haitian to conduct a 10-day evangelistic crusade, January 18-28, 2019. Added to the Church were 205 individuals, and 12 couples were married prior to being baptized.

In partnership with the North Haiti Mission, three pastors from Southeastern Conference traveled to Cap Haitian to conduct a 10-day evangelistic crusade, January 18-28, 2019. Nicolas Louis, pastor and Southeastern Conference Haitian coordinator, conducted a crusade at the Bethlehem Church in Cap Haitian, and 101 individuals surrendered their lives to God. The Temple 2 Church was blessed by the ministry of Roosevelt Alexis, pas-

tor from south Florida, and at the end of his campaign another 47 were baptized. Arnold Beauvais, pastor from southwest Florida, ministered to the Horeb congregation, and 57 more committed their lives to the Savior. The harvest was ripe; not only were 205 members added to the Church, but also within this number, 12 couples were married prior to being baptized. The Haitian community is grateful for the large financial support provided

by the Southeastern Conference, and they praise God for adding these individuals to His Kingdom. 🙏

BY NICOLAS LOUIS

AHU Explores Immersive Tech as Part of Future of Healthcare Education

AdventHealth University (AHU) was faced with a challenge. Radiography students at their Denver, Colo., satellite location didn't have access to an exclusive piece of portable x-ray equipment at the Orlando, Fla., campus. Students in Denver view class lectures via Polycom live streaming provided through the University's Center for Educational Technology (CET).

So, how could the team still give students the opportunity to effectively experience and understand how the equipment worked? The team turned to a solution in virtual reality (VR) and 360-degree video technology.

Dan Lim, Ph.D., vice president of educational technology and innovation, and his team at the CET developed a 7-minute, 360-degree video that would be viewed through a Samsung Gear VR headset. This method fully immerses the viewer in the video, blocking out visual and auditory distractions. The team collected data based on student feedback, and concluded that this mirrored the learning experience of the students in Orlando.

Intrigued by the results, Lim and his team restaged the project in Orlando to test the retention of information delivered via VR and 360-degree video. The results were positive, with students reporting higher engagement and recall of the material they viewed. Lim hypothesized, "The feeling of receiving a one-to-one demonstration may increase the attentiveness of the student. It also leaves less opportunity to be distracted by things you might see or hear in a normal classroom setting."

The potential for VR in education is broad. Anything that can be filmed or replicated in 3D can be turned into an application that students can either view or even directly interact with depending on the format. The team continued to develop new projects, including 360-degree video orientations of clinical sites for nurse anesthesia students, and a 3D interactive experience for students that simulates using a machine in the hospital that dispenses medication. Both are still



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Robert Down, RN, graduate research assistant in AHU's Immersive Technologies Lab, demonstrates the Stanford Virtual Heart application on the lab's Oculus Rift system.

working on official release, but as new projects continued to develop and succeed, the CET team realized that a dedicated working and research space was needed. This led to the opening of the Immersive Technologies Lab on campus. The lab is intended to be a research hub for projects utilizing VR and 360-degree video. Additionally, it serves as an incubator for faculty and students to share ideas and explore unique solutions to challenges in healthcare education and AHU.

The lab recently partnered with Stanford University to be one of 15 research sites for their Stanford Virtual Heart application. Developed by a pediatric cardiologist, the VR app presents a digital rendering of different hearts presenting a variety of illness and defects. The application allows the player to pull up each heart and expand it to look in depth at each part in a way that can't be replicated in real life. They can even run simulations of different surgical procedures.

Feedback from users will be gathered and sent back to Stanford University to help refine the app. As part of the agreement, AHU's immersive tech team can conduct their own research and publish findings based on the Stanford Virtual Heart App.

Graduate program students join chaplains on their rounds at hospitals to experience the journey of patients and their families. It's an impactful part of the program,

but with a shortage of available chaplains there is difficulty in coordinating schedules to make this happen more frequently.

The team sees a potential solution in an immersive VR experience, which would supplement chaplain shadowing. Working with Don Williams, Ph.D., assistant to the president for mission, they've been brainstorming ways to effectively implement this by staging scenes with actors, creating realistic environments, and even finding a way to link multiple users into the same VR scenario simultaneously.

This project is still in the concepting stage, but this demonstrates that VR and 360-degree video technology can reach into any area of a student's educational journey — from classroom lectures and clinicals to spiritual growth.

Better healthcare professionals build stronger communities. AHU's mission to develop skilled professionals who live the healing values of Christ means continuously looking for innovative methods to ensure students graduate as confident healthcare leaders. The Immersive Technologies Lab will continue to explore these emerging technologies, and incorporate them in a way that blends AHU's faith-based mission with its goals for academic excellence. ●

BY LISA MARIE ESSER

University Hires Furloughed Alum During Government Shutdown

The partial government shutdown this winter brought about an unexpected, mutual blessing to Southern Adventist University and a furloughed alum.

Lonnie Maize, '78, is a certified arborist and historic preservationist who currently works for the Channel Island National Park in Ventura, Calif. During the shutdown, Maize used frequent flyer miles to visit his mother and sister, Pam (Maize) Harris, professor in Southern's School of Journalism and Communication, in Collegedale, Tenn.

While in the area, Southern reached out to Maize and asked if he would use his expertise to help the University short-term. He agreed, and Southern hired him to identify hazardous trees along the Sabbath Trail and offer training on correct chainsaw techniques. He also planted dozens of dogwood trees along the trail. "My experience here was kind of surreal, to be back at Southern working on trails I had hiked 41 years ago,"



Southern alum Lonnie Maize planted dozens of dogwood trees for Southern during the partial government shutdown.

Maize said. "It brought back memories I hadn't thought of for years. One part that was pleasing to me was imagining that some dogwoods I planted may provide beauty to individuals walking life's path behind me."

Marty Hamilton, associate vice president for financial administration, helped

coordinate the details, using allocated donor contributions to fund the work done by Maize.

"I think the Lord impressed me to see if Lonnie was willing to work for us," Hamilton said. "It helped him out, it helped the University out, so it was a win-win for both of us. Landscape Services told me that it was an awesome experience to have him here."

Even after the shutdown ended, Maize decided to stay for a few more days to finish up the work, using his personal vacation time.

"I always say, 'you never know what a day brings,'" Maize said. "I never dreamed I would find work at my alma mater while being laid off from a government shutdown. Friends of mine who work at Southern saw an opportunity for me to use my special skills in areas where Southern needed help. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity." ●

BY TIERRA HAYES

Vegetarian Culinary Arts Program Meets Growing Demand

The number of individuals in the United States who consider themselves vegetarian or vegan has greatly increased in recent years. The graduates of Southern's Vegetarian Culinary Arts Program are well-prepared to cater to this growing demand. Southern is one of the few programs in the country that offers a meatless culinary degree, and it is the only Adventist institution with a degree in culinary arts.

"I'm getting more and more emails from people wanting our students to come work for them," said Bonny Musgrave,



Students like Breanna Cenecharles, sophomore vegetarian culinary arts major, prepare to fill the growing need for vegetarian chefs.

culinary professor, "— more than I could ever fill."

Since the program's start in 2013, it has opened doors for many young people.

"When I discovered that Southern had a culinary program, I got really excited," said Jessica VanBeukering, recent graduate from the program. "It has given me the opportunity to take an internship in Colorado, and to connect with some really awesome people who have the same love of food that I do." ●

BY RACHEL BEAVER



LABAR, CHARLENE W., 89, was born Nov. 4, 1929 in Albany, NY, died February 23, 2019 in Loma Linda, CA. She was a lifetime member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, most recently in Bonifay, FL, and Loma Linda, CA.

Charlene was a registered nurse who graduated from New England Sanitarium & Hospital in 1951. She worked in Labor and Delivery, Cardiac ICU, and long-term care for more than 40 years. Her denominational employment includes New England Sanitarium, Palatka Hospital, and Hialeah Hospital as an RN and charge nurse. In addition, she worked as an RN in a non-denominational hospital and nursing home facilities.

She served as a children's Sabbath School teacher, sang in the church choir and women's chorus, and was a faithful church pianist for more than 50 years.

She loved to laugh and had an amazing joy for life. She was an adventurer, and was up for any challenge. She dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren; was an accomplished seamstress,

knitter, and quilter; loved table games, animals, and traveling, especially on Gaither cruises. She was a good cook and hostess. She loved to shop and she instilled her musical talent in her children, and attended countless thousands of hours of rehearsals and performances.

She married Lewis LaBar in 1951, who predeceased her. He worked in denominational hospital administration in Massachusetts, Florida, and Tennessee before going into long-term care administration. She is survived by their three children: Sandy Calvert, Pikeville, TN; Brenda LaBar, Loma Linda, CA; and Gary LaBar, Cleveland, TN; four granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service was held March 30, 2019 in Cleveland, TN, where she is resting until Jesus returns on that great morning when she will hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

GOODALL, DOROTHY J., 83, born May 1, 1935 in Hartford, CT, died Nov. 16, 2018 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Church. She was employed by the Northern New England Conference in Portland, ME, as an administrative assistant to the treasurer for approximately 10 years. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Ronald; two sons: Dannie Ragsdale of Portland, TN, and Frank Ragsdale of Miami, FL; one daughter, Valorie Fanning of Miami; one brother, Ralph Clifford of Jonesboro, TN; four sisters: Marilyn Alden of Amston, CT, Vernita Froom of Avon Park, Valorie Knowlton of Sarasota, FL, and Faith Tillbrook of Parrish, FL; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor George W. Brown at the Avon Park Church. Interment was in Randolph Center, VT.



JENNINGS, ADELE L., 68, born Sept. 15, 1950 in Providence, RI, died Oct. 2, 2018, in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte Church for 32 years. She was an elder, Sabbath School teacher, and served in other capacities as asked. Recently, she volunteered at the Community Service Center.

She followed in her mother's footsteps and always knew she wanted to become an elementary teacher. She received a B.A. degree in elementary education from Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, MA. She began her teaching career at Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan, and then spent a brief tenure teaching in Africa and Viet Nam. She returned to the United States and taught at Spencerville Adventist Academy in Maryland, and at Garden State Academy in Tranquility, NJ. She then began teaching at Port Charlotte School for 30 years. She retired two years ago.

Adele received the prestigious Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award. Her heart and soul were in Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education. She loved her students, and was passionate about teaching.

She was creative in teaching in a variety of ways. She would travel in the summer and come back to

Florida with new lesson plans and items to decorate her classroom.

Her greatest desire was to see her family, students, classmates, and friends in God's Kingdom. She is survived by one sister, Marian (Paul) Richards; and two nephews: Kevin and Brian. The service was conducted by C. Lee Huff at the Port Charlotte Church.

PARRISH, D. MERLE, 86, born April 12, 1932 in Richville, MN, died Feb. 10, 2019 in Portland, TN. The youngest of four children, her father died when she was six. The family moved to Nebraska, then to the Highland community near Portland, TN, in 1949 when she was a teenager.

Merle retired from the position of secretary to the president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in Goodlettsville, TN. She also worked at Highland Hospital and Highland Academy in Portland. She was an active member of the Highland Church for most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Bernard "Ben" Parrish; parents: Garner and Vivian Johnson; and oldest son: Rob (Susan) Parrish. She is survived by one daughter: Tanya (Marty) Crum of Springfield, TN; one son, Todd (Lisa) Parrish of Portland, TN; six grandchildren: Josh (Leslie) Parrish, Mandi (Brad) Nicks, Emily Harris, Benjamin (Brittany) Parrish, Rachel Parrish, Levi Parrish; and several great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service for family will be held later.



PINEIRO, ARACELY (CHELY), 94, born June 22, 1924 in Candelaria, Cuba, died Jan. 31, 2019 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 51 years. She was a psychiatric tech at Madison Hospital from 1958 to 1968, and at Florida Hospital from 1968 until retiring in 1989.

She is survived by one son, Eduard Pineiro; one brother, Guillermo (Palmira) Leon; and one sister, Aurea (Rafael) Prado. She was predeceased by her husband: Efrain Pineiro; and one daughter, Jeannie Sue Pineiro. The service was conducted by Pastor Barb McCoy at the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka. Interment was at the Chapel Hill Cemetery in Orlando, FL.

BABB JR., LLOYD. W., 74, born Aug. 23, 1944 in Port Arthur, TX, died Jan. 21, 2019 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, and an Adventist for 40 years. He was a master gardener who taught many classes on various aspects of gardening. He called this mission outreach "Gardening for God." He often donated his time to the church's Gift and Thrift store. He is survived by one son, Aaron of Barstow, FL; one daughter, Karlie (Aaron) Mills of Barstow, FL; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Katherine, in 2018. The service was conducted by Dr. Alan Jones at the Forest Lake Church in Apopka.

BROWN, BARBARA E., 87, born Dec. 10, 1931 in Naugatuck, CT, died Dec. 16, 2018 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Dunnellon, FL, Church since 2012. She was a faithful member coming to church whenever she was able and was a good inspiration to everyone. Her career was spent in nursing between Connecticut and in Marion County, FL, for more than 40 years. She is survived by two sons: Calvin Brown of Connecticut, and Jason (Alice) Brown of Ocala; three daughters: Christina (Robert) Raynes-

ford of Arizona, Michelle (Doug) Towne of Connecticut, and Cynthia Keith of Ocala; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Robert Calvin Brown. The service was conducted by Robert Ramoutar and John Ryals, Dunnellon Church elders, at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ocala, and interment was at the same location.

FERNÁNDEZ, MELIDA, 70, born May 20, 1948, in Utuado, Puerto Rico, died Nov. 28, 2018 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Church. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Oscar; one brother, José Vega; and one sister, Luz Vega-Hidalgo. The service was conducted by Pastor Abner Gómez at the Chapel of Avon Park Church.

HICKSON, CORRINE, 77, born July 20, 1942, the youngest child to the late Preston Hightower and Louise Barnes in Williston, SC, died Feb. 6, 2019 at Aiken Regional Medical Center. Corrine received her education in the public schools of Aiken County. At an early age, she joined the Thankful Grove Baptist Church. In the early 1980s, she joined a Bible study where she learned additional truths about the Bible, and then

made the decision to join the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church. She served faithfully at New Life as head usher, adult choir member, deaconess, community services leader, nursing home ministries leader, and children's choir director. In 1958, she was united in holy wedlock to Neviah Sapp. To this union four children were born. Rina, as she was affectionately called, was well known for her expert cooking skills. She worked at many restaurants in Aiken. She was always leading out in the fellowship meals at New Life Church. She coordinated the annual church Community Christmas Dinner, which included planning the menu and cooking most of the food. She loved family gatherings and the opportunity to bask in the many blessings the Lord had given to her through her family. She was a very independent woman who loved her family and would do anything for them and anyone else. She often opened her home to those who were without shelter. Those left to remember what she taught, modeled, and they gratefully cherish her memories: one son, Eddie (Brenda) Sapp, Batesburg, SC; two daughters, JoAnn (Tina) Butler, Aiken, SC, and Lisa Marie Holloway, Warrenville, SC; daughter-in-law, Sonia Sapp of Aiken,

SC; one brother, Anthony “Bubba” Hightower, Brooklyn, NY; 25 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; a host of other relatives; and friends. Loved ones who preceded her in death include her parents; two children: Ollie Sapp and April Reed; two grandchildren: Chamella Sapp and Terry James (TJ) Sapp; and nine siblings: Preston Hightower, Cody Hightower, Jesse Hightower, Ollie Hightower, Annie B. Walker, Ora Lee Shelton, Louise Holston, Rosa Lee Stevenson, and Cora Lee Hightower.

HOWELL, GWEN J., 92, born Aug. 31, 1926 in Mt. Pleasant, MI, died Jan. 25, 2019 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka for 13 years. She is survived by one son, Dennis (Rose) Howell of Bellbrook, OH; one daughter, Sheryal VanDenberghe of Apopka; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Arthur Herbert Howell. The service was conducted by Pastor Steve Sherman at the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, and interment was in Brandon, FL.

KENDALL, DR. CHARLES NORMAN, 81, born May 24, 1937 in Madison, TN, died on Jan. 7, 2019 in Murfreesboro, TN. He graduated from Madison College Academy, studied pre-med at Madison College from 1954 to 1957, and then went to George Peabody College for Teachers (now part of Vanderbilt University) in Nashville, TN, and Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1963. Post-graduate training included an internship at Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver, CO, and a Radiology Residency at George Washington University Hospital, Washington, DC. Lt. Commander Kendall entered service in the U.S. Navy on Jan. 3, 1967, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, the start of a life-long love affair with flying. LCDR Kendall became a pilot and then a flight surgeon. While serving in the U.S. Navy, LCDR Kendall earned the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. After being honorably discharged from his U.S. Navy duties on June 30, 1969, Dr. Kendall continued to serve in the U.S. Naval Reserve an additional five years. Kendall began his private medical practice in California. He was licensed to practice in Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Washington, DC. His private practice included various locations: Weed Army Hospital, Ft. Irwin, CA; South Pittsburg Municipal Hospital, South Pittsburg, TN.; Wildwood Sanitarium, Wildwood, GA; Smyrna Medical Center, Smyrna, TN; and the Alvin C. York Medical Center in Mur-

freesboro, TN. Kendall was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was also a member of the American Board of Radiology, American Board of Nuclear Medicine, VFW, and Aircraft Owners & Pilot’s Association. He is survived by his wife, Claudia R. Kendall; one son, Charles N. (Graciela Avila) Kendall Jr.; two stepsons: Glenn M. Elrod and Paul B. Elrod; five grandchildren; numerous nieces; and nephews. Kendall was preceded in death by his parents: Dr. Cyrus E. and Esther C. (Jensen) Kendall; two brothers: Dr. Robert Leon Kendall and Dr. Douglas Warren Kendall; and one son, Glenn Michael Kendall.

KURZYSKE, ROBERT C., 80, born Jan. 7, 1939 in Nashville, TN, died Jan. 18, 2019 in Nashville, TN. He attended Highland Academy in Portland, TN, and graduated from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, with a B.A. in biology. He began his professional career as a transportation planner, and served 28 years for the Metro Planning Commission, and 10 years with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. He was a faithful member of the Ridgetop, TN, Church for more than 50 years, and served in many capacities including church elder, chairman of the church finance committee, Sabbath School superintendent, and religious liberty secretary. He had a deep interest in Adventist education and supported the local church school as a school board member, and as board chairman. He and his wife, Mary, both volunteered at the school helping serve hot lunches. He also was president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Business and Professional Foundation. A serious illness in 2001 necessitated him being in a wheel chair, but he continued to serve both in the church and in the community, volunteering at Skyline Medical Center, WPLN Radio, and the Great Smoky Mountains Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Peek Kurzynske; two daughters: Terryn (Kevin) Shaw and Michelle (Donald) Chase; three brothers: Rick (Janet) Kurzynske, Mark (Teresa) Kurzynske, and Todd (Melody) Kurzynske; one sister-in-law, Julie (Doug) Mittleider; five grandchildren: Tyson (Esther) Shaw, Tristan (Liz) Shaw, Marilee (Adam) Rego, Greg (Beth) Chase, and Laura Chase; four great-grandchildren; many nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and nephews who knew him as “Uncle Bob.” He was preceded in death by his parents: Frank and Edna Kurzynske; and one brother: Kevin Kurzynske. Pastor William Little officiated the service. Burial was at Spring Hill Cemetery in Nashville.

LAMB, RICHARD LEON, 80, born Sept.

27, 1939 to the late Ray Van Lamb and Laberta Louise (Brown) Lamb, died Jan. 19, 2019 in Hendersonville, NC. Leon was a graduate of Dana High School, and completed F.B.I. training. He received and operated his father’s service station and grocery store, known as “Lamb’s Grocery.” He was fondly known as the “Mayor” of Brookside Camp Road, where the store was located for 40 years. He’s survived by his wife, Ellen (Sweeney) Lamb of Hendersonville; two step-children: Phillip (Karen) Pearson of Hendersonville, and Tami (Richard Blomgren) Pearson of Asheville, NC; three grandchildren: Nicholas Pearson, Laura Dixon, and Edwin “Wynn” Barringer; three great-grandchildren: Gavin, Gabriel, and Brooklyn; three siblings: Flaughn Lamb, Shirley Nicholson, and Lynn Lamb all of Hendersonville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray Van Lamb and Laberta Louise (Brown) Lamb; one brother, Ronald Lamb; two children: Richard and Belinda.

MINESINGER, CALVIN LEE, 78, born Oct. 26, 1940 in Pughtown, WV, died Jan. 11, 2019 in Springfield, TN. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and received the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He later worked as a real estate sales agent. He was a faithful, supportive member of the Ridgetop, TN, Church, and was usually the first person at church on Sabbath morning, opening the doors and turning on the lights. He is survived by two sons: Calvin Lee (Lonnell) Minesinger Jr., and Jacob “Jake” (Jessica) Minesinger; one sister, Esther (Howard) Sutton; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Norman and Ruth Minesinger; two brothers: Robert Minesinger and David Minesinger. Pastor William Little officiated the service in Ridgetop, TN. Burial was at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Pegrarn, TN, with Military Honors.

MOREY, CARYL ANN, 82, born Aug. 30, 1936, died Feb. 6, 2019. Caryl was a retired registered nurse and a member of the Louisville Church. She is survived by numerous cousins; three stepchildren; dear friends; and her dog, Little Missy. She is preceded in death by her parents: George and Alberta Maddox; and her husband, Keith Morey.

PHILLIPS, ELMER, 86, born June 16, 1932 in Cocke County, TN, died Sept. 12, 2018 in Gallatin, TN. Elmer was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 56 years and held various positions. He was a spiritual leader to his family and an inspira-

tion to those who knew him. He was an avid birdwatcher and fly fisherman. Elmer played guitar, mandolin, and the harmonica. He also loved gardening, rock collecting, and his dogs. Elmer married Betty June Hunter on Aug. 24, 1951. They had four children: Kathy, Terry, Genella, and Euel. He worked as an automobile mechanic for Waynesville Transmission Service; a production worker for Harris Pine Mills, Candler, NC; and later as a truck driver for Angelica Healthcare Corporation, Collegedale, TN, where he worked until his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty June; three children: Kathy Tyler of Crossville, TN, Terry Phillips of Waynesville, NC, Genella Hoover of Hendersonville, TN; 13 grandchildren: Jereme, Nathan, Jonathan, Mandy, Amy, Daniel, Adelina, Mason, Marlena, Sarah, John, and Lilly; six great-grandchildren: Gallen, Seth, Caleb, Hannah, Kezzia, and Sydney; five brothers: Ernest, Zeb, Jack, Kelly, and Mitchell; three sisters: Corena, Colene, and Lorena. He was preceded in death by his parents: Elbert and Otta Phillips; one son, Euel; one granddaughter, Valerie; two brothers: Burton and Beecher; and one sister, Nora. Memorial services were held at the Hendersonville, TN, Church. Pastor Jerry

Rimer of the Hendersonville Church officiated. There was also a Memorial Service at the White Oak Baptist Church in Waynesville, NC. The visitation was officiated by Elder Brian Myers of the Waynesville Church. Elmer's favorite Bible verse: Psalms 17:15 "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness."

RICKERT, SHIRLEY ANN, 74, born Nov. 11, 1944 in Nashville, TN, died Jan. 22, 2019 in Madison, TN. She was a member of Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. She is survived by her husband, Arnold Rickert; five sons: Troy King, Terry King, Matthew Rickert, Mark Rickert, and Andrew Rickert; two daughters: Angela Dickens and Kitty DeFazio; 17 grandchildren: Ashley, Summer, Terry Jr., Crystal, Brandon, Kitty, Aurora, Brandon, Matthew, Sarah, Claire, Andrew, Jacob, Joshua, Mark, Lucas, and Rowan; and five great-grandchildren.

SNYDER, DOROTHY "DOT" PARIS, 91, born Oct. 3, 1927, died Feb. 11, 2019. She was a member of the Louisville, KY, First Church where she served and was an active member for 89 years. She was a retired book-

keeper of 30 years for Modern Radio and Television Service, and a retired switchboard operator of more than 25 years for Norton Hospital Suburban. Dot is survived by three sons: Dr. Steven Paris Snyder, William Scott (Kimberly) Snyder, John Stuart (Shirley) Snyder; one daughter, Sally Gaines Snyder Jewel; four granddaughters: Emily Thomas Parker Jewel, Kelsey Jordan Snyder, Megan Elizabeth Snyder Jewell, and Mackenzie Landon Snyder; nieces; nephew; great-niece; great-nephews; and one great-great-nephew. She was preceded in death by her husband, Williams John Earl Snyder; parents: Emmett Gaines Paris, Thyra Hudson Paris; and one sister, Marjorie Jean Paris Franklin.

STREETER, CHERYL L., 57, born Feb. 22, 1961 in Avon Park, FL, died Jan. 12, 2019 in Douglasville, GA. She loved her grandchildren, planting flowers in the garden, taking walks on the beach, and her boxers. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Dan; two daughters: Amanda Streeter of Douglasville, and Jennifer Shaputis of Rockvale, TN; her mother, Ruth Evelyn Hughes of Avon Park; one sister, Shelley Vidaud of Sebring, FL; and three grandchildren.

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SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY seeks a **Director of Institutional Research and Planning**. The director coordinates a comprehensive, university-wide program of data evaluation and analytics to support the evaluation of success in achieving the institutional mission, vision, values, and goals. A master's degree is required, doctorate preferred, with course work in higher education, research and statistics, educational research, data analytics, or related field. Applicants must evidence strong research, analytical, technical, and evaluation skills; possess a solid grasp of issues and trends in higher education; and demonstrate competencies in oral and written communication and interpersonal relations. The successful candidate will be a member in good and regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more information and to apply for the position contact: Robert Young, Senior Vice President for Academic Administration, Southern Adventist University, PO Box 370 Collegedale, TN 37315. [4]

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY seeks **full-time graduate faculty** to join our mission-focused team. Teaching responsibilities will be primarily at the MSN and DNP levels. Candidate must hold current acute care NP certification. Requisite qualities include advanced practice nursing experience, interest in research, successful teaching, flexibility, and commitment to SDA education. The candidate must be a member in good and regular standing in the SDA Church. Doctorate strongly preferred; MSN required. Send curriculum vitae or inquiries to search committee chair, Christy Showalter, cshowalter@southern.edu in the School of Nursing, PO Box 370, Collegedale, TN 37315. [4]

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE is seeking candidates for our Nursing program for the following positions: Department Chair - Associate or full professor of Nursing, associate or assistant or full professor of Nursing with adult clinical focus, Leadership-Preceptorship, and associate or assistant or full professor of Nursing- Adult Clinical. Master's degree or Doctorate preferred for Professor of Nursing positions. Doctorate required for Department Chair position, as well as experience in management or administrative position in a professional program in Nursing education or related field. California RN license by expected start date, preference for candidate with experience in teaching. *For more information or to apply, please call Human Resources at 707-965-6231 or visit <https://www.puc.edu/v/campus-services/human-resources/current-job-postings>* [4]

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC) of SDA's Office of General Counsel is seeking a **law student** for an 8-10 week paid summer clerkship. This position is not a full-time, hire-track position and is best suited for 1Ls. Duties include legal research and other projects, emphasis is on religious liberty and First Amendment work. Must be SDA church member. Interview and/or relocation expenses will be applicant's responsibility. *Send resume, writing sample, and transcript to karnikd@karnikd.com* [4]

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SAVE THE DATE - Uchee Pines Institute's 50th Anniversary, June 23-29, 2019. Speakers include Mark Finley and John Bradshaw. *ucheepines.org or 877-UcheePines.* [4-5]

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CAROLINA

ADVENTURER FUN DAY #1 - April 7. NPR.
MPA ALUMNI - April 19-21. MPA.
MPA ACADEMY DAYS - April 26-28. MPA.
PATHFINDER SPRING COUNCIL - April 26-27. NPR
ADVENTURER FUN DAY #2 - April 28. NPR.

FLORIDA

COMPLETE CALENDAR ONLINE - florida-conference.com/events
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FLORIDA ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER EXPRESS DELIVERY SCHEDULE - Avoid shipping costs by placing an ABC order to be delivered to a scheduled location. Orders must be made by phone or e-mail before noon on the Thursday prior to a scheduled Sunday delivery.
 April 28. Inverness, Tampa First, Brandon, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Sarasota, North Port, Port Charlotte.
 April 30. Kendall, Miami Temple, Miami Springs, Eden in Miami, Maranatha in Miami Gardens.
FAMILY LIFE TRAINING WEEKEND - May 3, 4. Silver Springs Shores Church, 1345 Pine Rd., Ocala. Details: judy.smith@floridaconference.com or 407-618-0284.
CREATIVE MINISTRY TRAINING - May 11, 2-5 p.m. Pompano Beach Church, 3401 NE 3rd Ave. Creative ideas for teachers in Beginners through Earliteen, for all interested in creative ministry, show & tell, networking, and hands-on experiences. Details: judy.smith@floridaconference.com or 407-618-0284.
 Red Zone - May 24-26. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Year-end celebration of Adventurer and Pathfinder club ministries. Worship experiences, award ceremonies, playtime, competitions, and time together as a state family. Details/registration: kulaqua.com/2019-red-zone-pathfinder-kulaqua-retreat-conference-center or 386-454-1351.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

WOMEN'S & TEEN GIRLS' SPRING RETREAT - April 12-14. Women's speaker is Camille Brace. The theme is "Live It! Beyond Hello." Teen I speakers are Julie MacLafferty and Sonja Cartwright. Teen II speakers are Morgan Nash and Karen

Sardar. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

ATLANTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY ALUMNI SABBATH - April 13. 40 Years of Walking By Faith. Register online: <https://www.aaa.edu/alumni-sabbath>. Carver Bible College, Atlanta, GA.

HOW TO CONDUCT A REVERSING DIABETES SEMINAR - April 13, 14. A training for health professionals, health leaders, and others who want to learn how to present this effective, award-winning six-week program. Register by March 25. Fee is \$25. Presented by Stephen Wickham, MPA, RN, and Karen Wickham, RN. Pooler, GA.

PATHFINDER CAMPOREE - April 25-28. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

COHUTTA SPRINGS APPRECIATION WEEKEND - April 26-28. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

MEN'S MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - April 26-28. Join with other men's ministry leaders to prayerfully seek God's guidance to develop a mission for your church. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

HEALTH RALLY - April 27. Join EW Dempsey from 2-5 p.m. Auburn, GA.

HEALTH RALLY - May 11. Join EW Dempsey from 2-5 p.m. Morristown, TN.

HISPANIC COUPLES' RETREAT - May 17-19.

KOREAN CAMP MEETING - May 17-19. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

Register for events on the conference website, www.gccsda.com

GULF STATES

ALAMISCO CAMP MEETING - Hope Heals - April 5, 6. John Bradshaw of It Is Written will be the keynote speaker for this weekend event at Camp Alamisco. www.gscsda.org/events

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - April 11-14. Camp Alamisco. www.gscsda.org/youth-ministry-events

BASS MEMORIAL ACADEMY DAYS - April 26-28. Bass Memorial Academy. www.gscsda.org/events

BASS CAMP MEETING - Hope Heals - May 22-25. Mike Tucker will be the keynote speaker for this event at Bass Memorial Academy. www.gscsda.org/events

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - May 31-June 2. Bass Memorial Academy www.gscsda.org/events

SUMMER CAMPS - June 2-July 12. Camp Alamisco. www.campalamisco.org/summer-camp

TEEN INVITATIONAL: CANOEING - Sept. 8. www.gscsda.org/youth-ministry-events

FACE TO FACE YOUTH RALLY - Sept. 28. Cody Road Church, Mobile, AL. www.gscsda.org/youth-ministry-events

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

CAMPUS CATALYST PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY - April 5-7. Memphis, TN.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - April 11. Conference Office.

HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD - April 25. Highland Academy.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT - April 26-28. Indian Creek Camp.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DAY - April 28. Paradise Ranch.

CAMP MEETING - May 24-June 1. Highland Academy.

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - June 7-8. Highland Academy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - June 11. Conference Office.

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT - April 7. Under the direction of Ken Parsons, Southern's Wind Symphony will present a concert themed "With Liberty and Justice for All" at 7:30 p.m. in the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists. To learn more about School of Music events, visit southern.edu/musicevents.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC CHOIRS SPRING CONCERT - April 14. Southern's choral ensembles, under the direction of Genevieve Brown-Kibble, will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Ackerman Auditorium.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT - April 23. With Laurie Redmer Minner conducting, Southern's Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists. This and many other musical events are also broadcast at southern.edu/streaming.

SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN - May 6. Numerous online courses are available for both undergraduate and graduate curriculums. Prospective students must apply and be accepted before registering. Start the process at southern.edu/apply.

ACADEMIC SUMMER CAMPS - June 17-19. Southern is hosting camps for high school students in automotive repair, business entrepreneurship, computing, creative writing, filmmaking, journalism, outdoor adventure leadership, photography, premed, psychology, social work/missions, and vegetarian culinary arts. Registration is \$150 for day students or \$200 for overnight campers staying in residence halls. For more information or to register, visit southern.edu/camps or call 423-236-2781.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL CHURCH 75TH ANNIVERSARY - April 5, 6. The theme for the celebration is "In Pursuit of the Promise." Come and celebrate with us. Elder Mike Edge will be the divine hour speaker. Address: 2229 North Terrace Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202. For details, call 414-982-9976.

HOOVER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL/ BRAKEWORTH JR. ACADEMY ALUMNI SABBATH - April 6. All alumni/attendees and former staff are invited. Details are available by calling 205-987-3376 and visiting www.hooverchristianschool.org or Hoover Christian School's Facebook page.

LAURELBROOK ACADEMY ALUMNI - April 5-7. Honor classes '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, and '14. For questions, email alumni@laurelbrook.org or call Jean Talley at 423-599-4682.

ADVENTIST-LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES SOUTHERN UNION CHAPTER - April 12. Will hold the annual Business Meeting in Gatlinburg, TN, at the Spring Retreat at 6:30 p.m. 2018-2019 Member constituents are asked to attend. Officers and Nominating Committee will be elected.

ENTERPRISE/GREAT PLAINS ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - April 12, 13. Enterprise SDA Church, Enterprise, KS. Honor Classes/Graduating Years ending with 4s and 9s. For more information email: ea.gpa.alumni@hotmail.com or check the school website: ea-gpa-alumni.com

ACADEMY DAYS AT OKLAHOMA ACADEMY - April 12-14. If you are a student who is serious about your walk with the Lord and His mission for your life, Oklahoma Academy may be the place for you; attend Academy Days weekend and find out. Call 405-454-6211 to make your reservations today! Also, visit www.oklahomaacademy.org.

MIDPORT CHURCH CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY - May 18. Address: 1800 SE Veterans Memorial Parkway, Port

Saint Lucie, FL 34952. "The Faith of the Few," is the theme for the celebration including: 9:30 a.m., Sabbath School Lesson; 10 a.m., history of the church with speakers, slides, and musical interludes; 11 a.m., worship service with former conference president, Mike Cauley; 12:30-2:30 p.m., luncheon; and 3 p.m., Charles Haugabrooks concert. For further information, call 772-398-3225 or 772-209-1030.

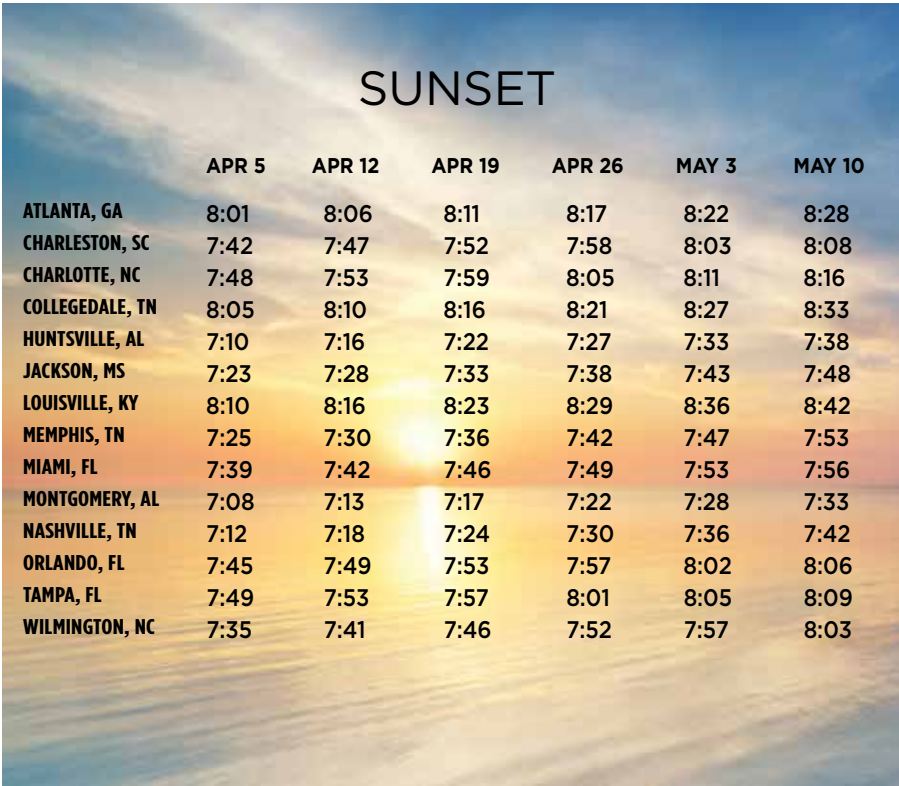
RAMAH JUNIOR ACADEMY ALUMNI REUNION - May 3-5. Celebrating 105 years of Christian Education in Savannah, GA. On Sabbath, May 4, Dr. Ron C. Smith, president of the Southern Union Conference, will be the guest speaker. On Sunday, May 5, renowned recording artist, Whitley Phipps, will be in concert, featuring Angela Moore Corinthian, along with Pastor David A. Smith, executive secretary of the South Atlantic Conference.

"YE OLDE" CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY REUNION - June 7, 8. For alumni and classmates at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Michigan. Honor classes: 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969. For

further information, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit <http://www.glaa.net>.

ANDREWS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY AND THE CEDAR RAPIDS IA SDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - June 14, 15. Come celebrate 100 years of Adventist Education in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, especially if you are alumni. More information at www.andrewsca.org or email Centennial @ andrewsca.org.

ADVENTIST ENGLISH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (AEA) - June 20-23. Southern Adventist University and Oakwood University will address the theme, "Diversity in Adventist English Education." How is the Adventist English teacher's work impacted by the current social, political, and religious context? Don't miss your chance to join the conversation! If you are interested in attending or presenting at the Conference, visit our website adventistenglishassociation.org and see the Call for Papers.



SUNSET

	APR 5	APR 12	APR 19	APR 26	MAY 3	MAY 10
ATLANTA, GA	8:01	8:06	8:11	8:17	8:22	8:28
CHARLESTON, SC	7:42	7:47	7:52	7:58	8:03	8:08
CHARLOTTE, NC	7:48	7:53	7:59	8:05	8:11	8:16
COLLEGEDALE, TN	8:05	8:10	8:16	8:21	8:27	8:33
HUNTSVILLE, AL	7:10	7:16	7:22	7:27	7:33	7:38
JACKSON, MS	7:23	7:28	7:33	7:38	7:43	7:48
LOUISVILLE, KY	8:10	8:16	8:23	8:29	8:36	8:42
MEMPHIS, TN	7:25	7:30	7:36	7:42	7:47	7:53
MIAMI, FL	7:39	7:42	7:46	7:49	7:53	7:56
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:08	7:13	7:17	7:22	7:28	7:33
NASHVILLE, TN	7:12	7:18	7:24	7:30	7:36	7:42
ORLANDO, FL	7:45	7:49	7:53	7:57	8:02	8:06
TAMPA, FL	7:49	7:53	7:57	8:01	8:05	8:09
WILMINGTON, NC	7:35	7:41	7:46	7:52	7:57	8:03

2019 CAMP MEETINGS SCHEDULES

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting
 English.....May 26-June 1.....Theme: *Homesick for Heaven*.....Lake Junaluska, NC
 Sunday-Wednesday Speaker: Dan Jackson
 Thursday-Sabbath Speaker: Bob Folkenberg Jr.
 Hispanic 1..... May 3-5.....José Espósito..... Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 Hispanic 2.....Sept. 6-8.....José Espósito.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 Eastern CarolinaOct. 19.....Summerville Community Church.....Summerville, SC
 Speaker: Richard Halverson

FLORIDA

English.....April 11-14.....Theme: *Walking Together in Faith, Hope, and Love*
 Speaker: Mark Finley.....Camp Kulaqua, FL
 Accommodation/Meal registration and archived sermon video:
floridaconference.com/campmeeting
 Spanish.....April 26-28.....Theme: *Caminando Juntos en Fe, Esperanza, y Amor*
 Speaker: Oscar Lopez.....Camp Kulaqua, FL
 Accommodation/Meal registration: floridaconference.com/campestre

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Details: www.gccsda.com
 Korean.....May 17-19.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
 Collegedale.....May 29-June 2.....Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
 Theme: *Growing Young*
 Speaker: Ty Gibson
 Olde Time.....June 6-8.....Meister Memorial Church, Deer Lodge, TN
 Theme: *Growing Young*
 Speaker: Chester Clark
 Deaf Fellowship.....Aug. 7-11.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
 Theme: *Is There a Doctor in the House?*
 Speaker: Dr. Schubert Palmer
 Hispanic.....Sept. 1-8.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
 Theme: UN12
 Que gocen de una unidad tan perfecta que el mundo sepa.....Juan 17:23
 Northeast Tennessee.....Sept. 20-21.....The Oaks Retreat, Greenville, TN
 Theme: *Growing Young*

Sabbath in the Smokies.....Sept. 27-28.....Cades Cove, TN
 Church Ministries Training.....Nov. 16.....Wimbish Road Church, Macon, GA

GULF STATES

Details: www.gscsda.org/campmeeting
 Theme: *Hope Heals*May 22-25 Bass Memorial Academy
 Wednesday and Thursday Speaker: Susanne Vyhmeister
 Friday and Sabbath Speaker: Mike Tucker

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Theme: *Our Greatest Need*.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 English.....May 24-June 1
 Speakers: David Smith, Douglas Na'a, Ron Halverson Jr., Ken Wetmore, and Steven Mosley
 Hispanic.....June 7, 8.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 6-15.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC

SOUTH CENTRAL

Latino.....May 23-25.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 Haitian.....June 7, 8.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 English.....June 7-15.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL

SOUTHEASTERN

English- Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 19-29.....Hawthorne, FL
 Youth Pavilion..... June 19-29.....
 Hawthorne, FL

2019 SUMMER CAMPS SCHEDULES

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 Register online at www.nosoca.org
 Horse Camping TripMay 26-June 2
 Summer CampMay 26-July 7
 SIT Camp.....June 9-21
 Adventure Camp June 16-23
 Water Sports Camp June 16-23
 Horsemanship I June 16-23
 Junior Camp..... June 23-30
 Horsemanship II June 23-30
 Teen Camp June 30-July 7
 Horsemanship III..... June 30-July 7
 Family Camp..... July 15-19

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 Details: www.campkulaqua.com
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 2-9
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) June 2-9
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17) June 2-9
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-16)June 2-9
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 9-16
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)June 9-16
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 9-16
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-16) ... June 9-16
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 16-23
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)June 16-23
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17)June 16-23
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-16)June 16-23
 Family CampAug. 30-Sept. 2

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Youth Camps, Crandall, GA
 Online registration and details at www.cs-yc.com
 Camp Staff Training.....May 30-June 8

Regular Camps

Junior June 9-16
 Junior I June 16-23
 Adventure June 23-28
 Junior III/Tween..... June 30-July 7
 Teen I.....July 7-14
 Rock Solid Teen I July 7-14
 Teen II July 14-21
 Rock Solid Teen II..... July 14-21
 Family Camp..... July 23-28

RAD Camps

Paintball Camp I.....June 9-16
 Lifeguard Camp.....June 9-16
 FitLife Camp.....June 9-23
 DiscipleTrek Camp.....June 9-30
 W.I.T. Camp (every week except June 23-30).....June 9-July 21
 Ultimate RAD Camp.....June 16-23
 Paintball Camp II June 16-23
 S.I.T. Camp..... June 16-23
 RAD Horse Trip..... June 23-30
 Wakeboard Camp I..... June 23-30
 C.I.T. Camp June 23-30
 Paintball Camp III June 30-July 7
 Basketball Camp.....July 7-14
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp..... July 7-14
 Wakeboard Camp II July 14-21

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 Details: www.campalamisco.org
 Aquatics Camp (ages 13-17) June 2-9
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-11)..... June 2-9
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13) June 9-16
 Teen Camp (ages 12-16)..... June 16-23
 Family Camp 1 (all ages) July 1-7
 Family Camp 2/Young Adult (all ages)..... July 4-7
 Family Camp 3 (all ages) July 7-11

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Staff-in-Training (ages 15½-17)..... June 2-7
 Junior Camp 1 (ages 8-12) June 9-16
 Junior Camp 2 (ages 8-12) June 16-23
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 23-30
 Family Camp 1 (all ages) July 2-7
 Family Camp 2 (all ages) July 7-14
 Family Camp 3 (all ages) July 14-21
 Lifeguarding Camp (ages 15-17)..... July 22-26
 Teen Adventure Camp (ages 13-17) July 22-26
 Teen Gymnastics Camp (ages 13-17) July 22-26

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17)..... TBD

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 Orientation/registration/details: www.scc-adventist.org/summercamp
 Camp Staff TrainingTBD
 Cub Camp (ages 6-12) TBD
 Friendship Camp (ages 8-17).....TBD
 Sports Camp (ages 7-17)..... TBD

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Junior/Summer Camp..... TBD

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