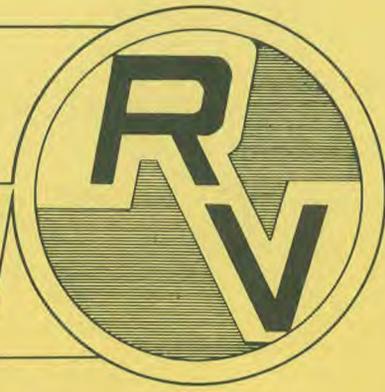


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VOICE CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

by L. A. Paschal

For the last five years (since June of 1979) the *Voice* has become a fixture in the homes of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists. The first five years have been challenging and very rewarding. They have taught us real lessons of faith, perseverance and diligence.

When the idea of the *Regional Voice* was conceived, it was predicted that we wouldn't publish beyond six months. Five years have now passed and we are a strong, viable magazine.

We have certainly had our struggles and tribulations. These circumstances have given us resilience and helped strengthen our resolve to continue to carry out the sacred duties entrusted to us. Every issue has been a triumph of faith.

The editorial staff has travelled in Communist Europe, the Middle East, Western Europe and Africa to give us a global perspective of our church.

We have certainly grown and expanded our leadership. We now have readers in 40 states and 7 countries. President Reagan has been a recipient of the *Voice*. John H. Johnson, publisher of *Jet/Ebony*, Lerone Bennett, a black historian, ambassadors and government officials have also received the *Voice*.

Martin L. King, III, son of the slain civil rights leader, and Michael Manley, prime minister of Jamaica from 1972-80, are among the people we have interviewed for the *Voice*.

We have sought to distinguish ourselves not as merely a news magazine to disseminate information, but rather a medium to edify, strengthen and encourage our readers to work for the second coming of our Lord.

We have achieved this purpose by presenting timely articles on the work that black SDAs are doing. It is our hope that many would also seek to accomplish great things as a result of reading articles in the *Voice*.

Secondly, by presenting the lives of men and women who have made an extraordinary contribution to the church: Matthieu Bermingham, C. A. Dent, B. W. Abney, Mattie Johnson and O. W. Mackey.

In a number of issues we have presented historical information of the black SDA church that our readers may comprehend the mighty way God has led His people. The recounting of black Adventist history has been one of the top priorities of the *Voice*. We know that unless a people have an understanding of their history, it is impossible to press forward in the future with hope and courage.

When we review the history of the *Voice* and the Advent movement, we know that God has been at the helm safely guiding us to our desired haven.

We would publicly like to thank you our readers for your strong support and prayers. You have provided the material and inspiration for the *Voice*. Remember, you are the *Voice*. We cannot exist without you. We gladly welcome your comments, suggestions, articles and manuscripts. If you are visiting the New York City area, please feel free to stop by. We would love to meet you.

I would like to add a special thanks to the black conference administrators for having the courage and the vision to underwrite such a venture.

Most of all, we must publicly express our gratitude to God for sustaining us throughout the year. By His grace we certainly hope to publish the *Voice* until He comes.

We look forward to the future and are now working on a number of stories and special issues that we hope will prove edifying. We also hope to expand the coverage of the *Voice* to include Caribbean and African countries.

Once again, let me reaffirm our commitment to a higher standard of excellence.

A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

We acknowledge that all wisdom and knowledge comes from God. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to make Him the center of our editorial work.

We are entrusted with a sacred responsibility to educate, inform and uplift our readers, to make them sense the urgency of the times. Therefore, we will continue to let the Holy Spirit lead us in presenting articles that are transforming, ennobling and elevating.

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." Therefore, in accordance with this belief we will continue

to write and research our heritage. We know that the very life forces of our church lie with the importance we place on the past.

We are committed to a greater vision, for where there is no vision, the people perish. We will continue to broaden our horizons and take the path where no man has trodden.

We, the staff of the *North American Regional Voice*, will not compromise when it comes to principles and standards. We wholeheartedly pledge ourselves to maintain the highest standard of excellence.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland.

CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY: BLACK PASSOVER—PART II

The black man came early to this continent. Four hundred blacks accompanied 200 whites from Haiti. Indians and mosquitoes decimated the whites. The blacks married Indians and became settlers in Florida. Blacks were with Balboa and Vasco De Gama. They also accompanied Cortez into Mexico. Twenty blacks landed at Jamestown, Virginia, in those early days. We have the names of three of them: Anthony, Isabella and Pedro. Anthony married Isabella, and their son William was the first black born (officially) on American soil.

Europeans later went into slave-trading, and the continent of Africa was raped of its "fittest" sons, who were brought to the Americas by the thousands and placed into a bondage intended to be perpetual. The white man first tried to enslave the Indians, but the Indians died like flies. However, under the same bondage, the African survived

and multiplied. Some mistakenly concluded from this that blacks were ordained of God to be enslaved. They felt that there was some special genetic preconditioning that made them ideal servants. They overlooked the real secret: namely, the Christian religion. The slave discovered, in Christ, a shock absorber. With Jesus a man can survive anything. The Christian experience carried the slave through. Like the Hebrews in Egypt, blacks multiplied.

For many years, men puzzled over what to call the black man. They called him "nigger," Negro, colored and Afro-American. None of these names lasted because they were given to us by others. "Black" will stick because this is what we call ourselves.

The American black is the only race of people on this continent that originated here. The Indian migrated from Asia. The white man came from Europe. The African came from Africa. The Oriental came from Asia. The black man is a product of "fusion." He is Afro-Indian or Afro-European or Afro-Oriental or "Afro-Everything." This then is a new race of people that have named themselves "black." The color-range of this people is striking. We are as white as Adam Powell, as black as Shirley Chisolm, as brown as Martin King and as yellow as Julian Bond. The African blood in all of us is what identifies us as "black." We are further identified by our common experience—one of oppression and exodus. However, in a real sense this is our country, and if ever invited to go back to the land of our origin, we would have to stay here!

The black man fought valiantly in the nation's wars. From the Civil War to Vietnam, our brothers spilled their blood. Five thousand blacks fought in the Revolutionary War. The economy of both North and South was built on the backs of slave labor. To give jobs to the unemployed and train them is a cheap price to pay. Unemployed people are more expensive to the nation than inflation. The choice is not between "guns and butter." We could do with "less guns" and "more butter."

The clear choice is in not permitting the quality of life to decay while building the nation's defenses. For instance, what madness leads us to shut down our steel mills while importing steel from abroad, or to kill our own auto industry while unlimited auto imports flood the American market? In short, what profit is

it in our having an adequate defense and nothing to defend?

What about the quality of life? Fortunately for us, the school prayer amendment to the Constitution was voted down. The heart of that issue was not prayer in public schools, but the right of government to authorize or deny it. The Constitution expressly states that Congress shall make no law regarding the establishment of religion. This law was clearly unconstitutional, but Congress voted 1983 to be "the year of the Bible" (another clear violation of the religion clause in the Constitution). The danger lies not in the President's proclamation, but rather in the Congressional authorization. There is no danger in prayer anywhere, but there is in legalizing it. In short, the church does not need state aid in the enforcement of its requirements, nor may the church unduly influence state activity.

In this connection, the Moral Majority leadership promised to work for the defeat of every leader who voted against the prayer amendment. This kind of coercion is an "ill omen" for the future. In the final hours on the eve of the vote on the prayer amendment, the lobbying was intense. Strong men agonized. The threat of 3,000,000 voters nationwide working for one's defeat is no idle threat.

Still, courage overcame expediency and the line held. "The Constitution is safe—one more day," declared Lowell Weicker. "We will try again," promised Ronald Reagan, and they will try again and again.

This brings us to the point. This is one of "the signs of the times" spoken of in Revelation 13. It was predicted 1900 years ago that earthly governments would, in these last days, begin to legislate in matters of religion. We are witnessing the beginning of this now. Religious leaders are urging governmental intervention in matters of religion. Actually, it is more serious than that. Religious leaders are exerting pressures on "non-cooperative" Congressmen that make resistance difficult. These statesmen need encouragement. They are a dwindling minority.

How much time do we have left? We as a church have been warned that what we fail to do in time of peace must be done under circumstances most trying. Are not these events a clear signal that the saints should be alive and functioning for Christ? We sing an old spiritual, "Don't let him catch you with your work

undone." There is more truth in this song than lyrical beauty. There is an urgency in these times. Where is there to be found comparable urgency in us? "And that, knowing the time, that it is now high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."



Left to right: SDA delegates to the National Assembly of Black Churches—C. E. Dudley, S. H. Cox, R. Barnes, D. Keith, R. C. Brown and L. A. Paschal. (Not pictured: R. Ford.)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF BLACK CHURCHES

A never-to-be-forgotten meeting of all black churches in America was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4-6. Leaders from all denominations came together to discuss ways to bring spiritual strengths, social unity and economic growth to the black community. Seventh-day Adventist delegates to this meeting were S. H. Cox, C. E. Dudley, R. C. Brown, Reginald Barnes, L. A. Paschal, D. Keith and R. Ford.

Organizers of the meeting were James Hurt, the president of Black Churches of America, Inc., Dr. T. J. Jemison, national president of the National Baptist Convention, and Bishop Frank Cummings, secretary of the Bishops Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Churches of America. G. Ralph Thompson, secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, also serves as a member of the advisory board.

One of the chief concepts discussed was the black family; another was the possibility of the establishment of a black church bank to consolidate moneys and help build up the black community.

It was pointed out that black people of the United States spend about \$157 billion annually, of which \$2.7 billion is spent with black-owned business and \$154.3 billion is spent with white-owned business. Plans are being laid to open banks in the black communities to address this concern.



One of the many exhibits at the assembly.

Other discussions and workshops dealt with economics, family life, politics, employment and education. This was the first of such meetings that are to be held among black religious leaders.

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ALLEGHENY EAST



R. L. Woodfork, General Conference field secretary (left), and M. C. Van Putten, newly re-elected president of the Allegheny East Conference, review procedures at the seventh triennial session.

ALLEGHENY EAST TRIENNIAL SESSION

The Allegheny East Conference delegates to the seventh triennial session, held May 6 at the Philadelphia Center, overwhelmingly and enthusiastically voted to re-elect Meade C. Van Putten to his second term as president of the Allegheny East Conference.

The more than 900 delegates of the Columbia Union's largest conference were informed as well as entertained by the unique video presentation, "The Allegheny East Conference Triennial Report for 1981-1983." The video presentation took the place of the departmental reports and featured Pastor Van Putten interviewing departmental directors.

Another unique feature of the video was the interviewing of pastors and lay

The Editor's Desk



Dianne Harrison, vice president of Fisk University, receives a check from X. L. Butler, pastor of the Riverside church in Nashville, Tennessee. Fisk University, like Riverside Hospital, was established by whites for blacks during the segregation era. Like Riverside Hospital, the university has had financial difficulties. It could not pay its gas bill and so the gas was cut off. Unlike Riverside, Fisk received enough money to remain open while Riverside Hospital was closed. The only hospital established for blacks by the Adventist Church has been sold, but the Riverside church was happy to help Fisk University stay open.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	July 27	Aug. 3	10	17
Boston, Mass.	8:09	8:02	7:53	7:43
New York City	8:19	8:11	8:02	7:52
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:42	8:34	8:25	8:15
Atlanta, Ga.	8:42	8:36	8:30	8:22
Miami, Fla.	8:10	8:06	8:01	7:55
Charlotte, N.C.	8:31	8:25	8:18	8:10
Birmingham, Ala.	7:51	7:45	7:39	7:31
Jackson, Miss.	8:02	7:57	7:51	7:43
Memphis, Tenn.	8:07	8:02	7:55	7:47
Louisville, Ky.	8:57	8:51	8:43	8:34
Detroit, Mich.	8:58	8:51	8:42	8:32
Chicago, Ill.	8:14	8:06	7:58	7:48
South Bend, Indiana	8:09	8:01	7:52	7:43
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:46	8:38	8:28	8:17
St. Louis, Mo.	8:15	8:10	8:02	7:53
Kansas City, Mo.	8:35	8:28	8:20	8:11
Denver, Co.	8:18	8:11	8:03	7:54
Little Rock, Ark.	8:15	8:10	8:03	7:55
Dallas, Texas	8:30	8:24	8:18	8:11
New Orleans, La.	7:57	7:52	7:46	7:40
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:14	8:08	8:01	7:53
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:38	8:32	8:25	8:17

Add one minute for each 13 miles west; subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.



Lawrence Martin, assistant treasurer of the Allegheny East Conference, gave the association report to the constituency.

persons responsible for building new churches or starting new congregations. The interviews were conducted by Charles Cheatham, pastor of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, and Carol Cantu.

An outstanding feature of the video was the professional job done by Alvin Kibble as anchorman of the magazine-type production.

The video was interrupted on several occasions so that reports from the nominating committee could be read. On its second trip in to the delegation, the nominating committee read the name of Alvin Kibble as the new executive secretary.

Earlier in the day, Van Putten had presented Paul Cantrell, the former secretary, with a plaque of recognition for 40 years of service. Cantrell retired from active service after his duties were completed on Sunday.

Bennie W. Mann, Sr., was re-elected to serve as treasurer for the triennium. In his report to the delegates, Mann indicated that the Allegheny East Conference had made tremendous financial growth during the last triennium.

According to Don Russell, Columbia Union Conference treasurer, Allegheny East Conference has shown the greatest financial growth in the union with a phenomenal 36 percent increase in tithe receipts despite the national recession.

Two notable changes were made in the conference's departmental staff. Carol Cantu was elected as the director of education. She formerly served as associate director. Robert Booker was elected to serve as director of the Sabbath school department. Booker formerly served as director of education.

The delegates returned all other departmental directors to their former positions: D. L. Davis, Adventist youth, Pathfinders and N.S.O.; C. L. Cheatham, audio-visual ministries and inner-city; M. W. Ogburn, auditor; Paul Bridgeford, communication associate and printing;

Gwendolyn Foster, health and temperance; R. W. Newman, industrial relations, religious liberty and trust funds; James Winston, M.D., medical; Alfred Jones, community services and family life; Noah Beasley, publishing; Harold Lee, stewardship; and Lawrence E. Martin, assistant treasurer.

Robert L. Woodfork, general field secretary for the General Conference, was the devotional speaker for the session.

Van Putten's challenge to the delegates was to keep marching to bigger and better accomplishments for God until we have finished the work given to the Allegheny East Conference.

Robert L. Booker
Director of Communications



Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones.

ALLEGHENY EAST FAMILY LIFE DIRECTORS

A. R. Jones, D.Min., and Doris Ewell Jones, M.A., M.N., are the directors of family life ministry for the Allegheny East Conference. As a team, they conduct five vitally important seminars for total family enrichment:

1. Marriage encounter and affirmation seminars for married couples who desire to increase their marital bliss.
2. Premarriage education seminars for single or engaged persons to aid them in making a constructive approach to a possible marriage relationship.
3. Divorce recovery seminars designed to offer support to those who are often feeling hurt, neglected, even ostracized and abandoned. We offer healing and support toward the rebuilding of their lives.
4. Parenting seminar—both for mar-

ried and single parents—to give direction, teach skills in principles of effective parenting and enriching child development.

5. They are currently being trained for Homosexuals Anonymous Seminars to help our brothers, sisters and community members recover and find love and acceptance that's new in Christ.

Interested persons may contact the family life department of the Allegheny East Conference, P.O. Box 266, Pine Forge, PA 19548 (215) 326-4610.

GERMANTOWN CORNERSTONE ADOPTS A CHILD

"Adopt a child; what do you mean?"

When leaders Roy Willis and Kenneth Green first presented the idea of adopting a child to their Germantown SDA Cornerstone Connections class in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, members were puzzled. However, as they understood more about how the program operates, they were filled with excitement and interest.

By sacrificing just one dollar per month per member, the class has been able to sponsor an eleven-year-old Indian girl. Their contribution provides a Christian education and three meals daily for "their child."

Several months later the Cornerstone class members are just as enthusiastic as they were when they first joined the program. They recently received a personal letter from "their child."

Adopting has been an experience in unselfishness and has also provided an opportunity for each class member to see how privileged he is to live in the United States of America.

Ilmajean Willis

EPHESUS CHURCH HOLDS YOUTH PRAYER WEEK

The Ephesus SDA Church in Jacksonville, Florida, had its annual Youth Week of Devotion March 18-24.

The guest speaker was Pastor Ernest Young of the Florida City and Key West districts.

The theme for the week was "Let This Mind Be in You." Janenita Brooks is the A.Y.S. leader and Theus Young is the pastor.

G. W. Bateman



Pastor E. F. Carter, stewardship director for the Central States Conference.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS WEEK

Pastor E. F. Carter, stewardship director of the Central States Conference, recently directed a week-long stewardship series at the Community SDA Church in Denver, Colorado.

He presented a different topic each night, followed by a question-and-answer period. Nightly attendance was good.

The week concluded on Sabbath afternoon with Carter's final topic, "A Covenant Relationship With God." He told the congregation that "God is able to help us and keep us," based on these principles: what a man has (a willing mind), common interest, faith and love.

Financial commitments were later pledged by members, as well as a recommitment of their bodies and minds as a living sacrifice to be used in God's service to mankind.

Etta Collins
Communication Secretary



Pastor Richard Long, week of prayer speaker at the Northside church.

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER AT NORTHSIDE

The Northside A.Y. department held its spring youth week of prayer March 10-17 at the Northside church in St. Louis, Missouri. Guest speaker was Pastor Richard Long of the South Atlantic Conference.

Pastor Long brought out the theme of the week, "Let Go and Let God," with power and conviction. Long gave practical ways each young person could make the theme of the week a reality in his or her life. His topics ranged from "Slight Deviations" to "I Can't Hardly Wait" (to get to Heaven).

Rap sessions were held for three consecutive nights with the teens, singles and married couples of the church. Youth Day concluded the week of prayer with young people working in every official function of the church. The A.Y. society put on a play entitled "Mr. Temptation."

The vesper service was given by Pastor Long.

Stephanie Carter
Communication Secretary

CHURCH HOSTS SERIES OF ACTIVITIES

March proved to be an eventful month for the family and friends of the Philadelphia church in Des Moines, Iowa.

A baby blessing ceremony was held in honor of three-month-old Corryna Rose Hines, daughter of Arlene and Addison Hines, who was presented to the Lord in dedication by Pastor Edwin A. Hyatt.



Corryna Hines being dedicated to the Lord by Pastor Hyatt.



Pastor Hyatt speaks at Community Guest Day.

Standing with her during the dedication were Danelia Robinson and Ms. Harper.

An all-night prayer meeting that covered many aspects of prayer was held at Philadelphia. Several groups of speakers presented readings and many truths were brought out in regard to prayer.

For Youth Day Allen Hay, a student from Andrews University in Michigan, presented a very fine message. Accompanying him was his wife and children.

On Community Guest Day Pastor Hyatt burned a message into the hearts of many friends and guests who were present to share a Sabbath blessing with the Philadelphia congregation. A social ended the Guest Day festivities at Willkie House, Inc., of Des Moines with a pizza-tasting contest, basketball and volleyball events. Marcus Lewis made the winning pizza, which he called "The Garden of Eden."

The youth week of prayer was held March 19 through 23. The speakers were Terrill Terrill, DaMar Willis, Andrea Willis, Johnetta Jackson, Teresa Turner and Diane Humphrey.

Sharon Tate
Communication Secretary



A representative from the elementary school, Brian Johnson, prepares to tell what the week of prayer meant to him. Charles Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, was guest minister for the week.

VALUES THAT LAST

Just another week of prayer? When some of the students at Shiloh Academy were polled with this question their responses were, "No, not really. There was something just a little different about this week of spiritual emphasis."

What made it different? First of all, it was conducted by Charles Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference. He spent an entire week talking to and counseling with the students at Shiloh.

Pastor Joseph's first meeting each morning was held with students from the nursery and kindergarten classes through the fifth grade. The second service included students from grades 6-12.

Each day Pastor Joseph related a story to the younger students that contained a lesson each of them could grasp. Each child was quite attentive and each nursery and kindergarten student anxiously awaited his turn to sit on the speaker's lap.

Representatives from older children in this group were usually called to the front of the church to give a summary of the story told the day before. These students responded with smiles, frowns, puzzled looks, laughter and short prayers. They left each service expressing their eagerness to be present the next day.

The students in grades 6-12 were guided through the week, with emphasis placed on a different word each day that

represented some area of the daily experience each had to deal with from time to time. The words Pastor Joseph emphasized from Monday through Friday were love, obedience, self-control, thoughts and honesty. The students were surprised to find that these words were filled with lessons which would benefit them for the rest of their lives. They were also surprised to hear of the various Bible stories which emphasized these specially selected words.

During the Sabbath service, which followed the week of spiritual emphasis, five high school students related to the Shiloh congregation what each word presented during the week had meant to them and their fellow students. They told of the lessons they learned as they listened to Pastor Joseph from morning to morning.

During the Adventist Youth meeting, Pastor Joseph introduced Mark August, a journalist and television newsmen from London, England. He is a former war correspondent and anchorman for the British Broadcasting Company. He has more recently become the editor of a newspaper published in London. August inspired the entire congregation when he related some of his past experiences as a newsmen. He told how many of these experiences helped him to keep his views fastened on the Saviour.

Other special guests present during the A.Y. meeting were Dr. Douglas Chandler and Dr. Nathaniel Lowe. Both of these men are on the staff at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. They led out in a very open and informative discussion on sexuality.

As the Sabbath ended and closing prayers were given, there was little doubt in anyone's mind that this week of spiritual emphasis was not just another week of prayer. The students at Shiloh had learned many values that will last.

EASTSIDE CHURCH HONORS MOTHERS

The Indianapolis Eastside church held a beautiful Mother's Day program on the evening of Sunday, May 13.

The Wednesday evening preaching class of Indianapolis-Eastside was responsible for this very special evening. The congregation, filled with parents and children, was attentive to the message from the book of Samuel preached en-

thusiastically by Lolita Reed, assistant head deaconess.

The message, which was taken from I Samuel 1 and 2, concerned the plight of Hannah's desire to conceive a child who would be capable of bearing his father's name with the dignity that only a Christian could give. The sermon was fittingly entitled "Look Beyond the Dark Clouds of Circumstances."

As long as Hannah allowed herself to be distraught about not being able to conceive, God could not help her. Only after she put aside her depression and began praying earnestly to the Lord did she find peace, contentment of mind and her husband.

The program was reported to be a success. Many appeared to be touched by the message with a new determination to improve themselves during these final days before Christ's coming.

Carolyn Washington, wife of the pastor, and Bruce Seawood, pianist at the Capitol City church, conducted the song service.

Special music was given by Evie Watson, Sabbath school superintendent, who sang "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood."

Ladies were in charge of the program for the divine worship service. Olean Walker read the Scripture and Evelyn Studmier introduced the speaker.

At the close of the service, members and guests were given an opportunity to give testimonies about their mothers and to thank them for the love they had shared with them.

Following testimony time, the congregation assembled in a prayer circle to dedicate their families to the Lord's work.

Michael Tibbs
Communication Secretary



Charles Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, smiles with satisfaction when he thinks of the success of the week of prayer he conducted at Shiloh Academy. Claude Shaw, assistant pastor at the Shiloh church, looks on.



Pastor Glover and family: Monique, Pastor Glover, Andre and Mrs. Hazel Ann Glover. Older son Andre, a student at Oakwood College, is not pictured.

SHILOH CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Pastor and Mrs. David S. Glover and their family were recently appointed to serve at the Shiloh SDA Church in Springfield, Massachusetts. As a token of the members' gratitude, they held a welcoming party for them at the Greek Cultural Center on January 29.

Representatives of various churches, the Pastor's Council of Greater Springfield, the mayor's office, state department and other organizations were on hand to welcome the Glovers.

Participating in the welcoming program was John Talbert, first elder of the church, who led the congregation during a period of transition and gave the official welcome, pastors Robert Lister, personal ministries director for the Northeastern Conference, Jonathan Thompson of the the Faith SDA Church in Hartford, Connecticut, and Gilbert Foster, formerly of the Mount of Olives church in Brooklyn, New York, where Glover served as assistant pastor, who presented a three-part biography of Pastor Glover's life.

Glover is a former Pentecostal minister who became a baptized member in 1980 and was called to serve with the Northeastern Conference as a minister. He attended Oakwood College.

He is married to Hazel Ann and they are the proud parents of three children: Marc, a pre-medical student at Oakwood College, and Monique and Andre, students in Springfield public schools.

The Glovers acknowledged the kindness of their members. In an interview, Pastor Glover set forth several goals for the church: "My new job as a Seventh-day Adventist minister is interesting and challenging," he said. "I hope to strive for a growth in membership and to support community-minded programs."

Myrtle M. Miller
Communication Secretary



Pastor Caleb Rosado lectures on cross-cultural ministry.

NORTHEASTERN HOLDS TRAINING COUNCIL

by Stephanie D. Johnson

Approximately 250 church officers attended Northeastern's second annual Departmental Training Council February 20-22 at Albany, New York. A number of General Conference, union and local conference officials and laymen were present to train these church leaders.

According to the coordinator, Pastor J. P. Willis, Sabbath school and religious liberty director of the conference, the council had a two-fold purpose: to train local church officers to effectively perform their duties and to "bring church leadership into (a) union." This was accomplished by a number of joint meetings conducted for the benefit of strengthening the church.

Pastor G. R. Earle, president of the conference, daily presented an outline study of Christian service by E. G. White. "Songs of Hope" by Edwina Humphrey elevated the officers to a higher plateau.

The daily devotional speakers—Ronald Oden, pastor of the Capital City SDA Church in Albany, New York, Pastor Howard Rampton, Sabbath school director of the General Conference, and Pastor Walter Starks, former stewardship director of the General Conference, provided the spiritual nourishment offi-

cers needed to accomplish their tasks.

The highlight of the council was Pastor Caleb Rosado's daily presentation on cross-cultural ministry. It is a vital and profound concept that teaches members to reach across cultural, linguistic and racial lines to present the gospel. Rosado is pastor of the All Nations church in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

One of the group seminars was Temperance, conducted by Pedro Geli, assistant to the president of the Atlantic Union, Pastor Caleb Rosado and the department director, Pastor Carlos de la Pena. Pastor Walter Starks, along with Pastor Leonard G. Newton, conference director, conducted the stewardship workshop.

Pastor Howard Baptiste, executive secretary of the conference, instructed church clerks how to keep records and minutes of the church. The deacons, deaconesses, local elders and ushers seminar was conducted by Pastor S. W. Stovall, ministerial director for the conference.

Church growth, Northeastern's newest department, was taught by its director, Pastor William McNeil. Pastor Lee Kretz, religious liberty director for the Atlantic Union, Pastor Leon Davis, former religious liberty director for the Atlantic Union, and attorney Robert Nixon of the legal services department of the General Conference, presented the religious liberty workshop. Nixon also spoke to the joint meeting concerning the implications of the Vatican affair.

The Sabbath school workshop was divided into divisions. Pastor Rampton conducted the senior division. He gave instructions on effective teaching and suggested ways that superintendents and Sabbath school teachers could make Sabbath school more appealing.

Benjamin Furman, a layman from the Lake Region Conference, conducted the Cornerstone Connection, youth lessons designed to meet the needs of the Christian teenagers.

Pastor E. J. Parchment, Sabbath school director of the Atlantic Union, conducted the Junior-Earliteen division workshop, with child evangelism (Primary, Kindergarten and Cradle Roll) being conducted by Alice Lowe, associate Sabbath school director, and Jim and Karen Triplet of Spangle, Washington. The Triplets are visual aid experts who also shared their knowledge with the teachers.

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Clement Murray, pastor of the Amityville SDA Church in Amityville, New York, speaks at the Berea church in Boston.

“BETHESDA DAY” AT BERE A

March 17 could rightly be described as Bethesda Day at the Berea church in Boston, Massachusetts, for it was this Sabbath (in actuality, the weekend) that a good representation of the membership at the Bethesda SDA Church in Amityville, New York, were the special guests of Berea.

Arriving at their destination on Friday night, they were greeted by church members who opened their homes to them. The Sabbath morning program was conducted by the members of the Bethesda church with Udell Darville serving as superintendent.

The Bethesda choir, under the direction of Clement Murray, pastor of the church, provided music for the divine hour. He was also the guest speaker.

In the evening, Bethesda's A.Y.S. presented a play entitled "Mr. Temptation." After sunset, the evening recreation included a social and basketball game.

James Sullivan
Communication Secretary



Pastor Robert Valerus with his wife Gertha and son Mack.

LOCAL ELDER ORDAINED

Robert Valerus was ordained a local elder for the East New York church in Brooklyn, New York, on March 24. Present by his side was his wife Gertha, who with tears in her eyes watched as this most sacred honor was bestowed on her husband. Visitors and members of the congregation witnessed the ceremony as the pastor, Ralph Williams, and the elders consecrated him for service.

Jose A. Semidy
Communication Secretary

CHILDREN OF GOD CHOIR CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Recently the Lighthouse Tabernacle Children of God Choir from Brooklyn, New York, held its first anniversary concert at the Mahalia Jackson High School in Brooklyn, New York.

The concert was a magnificent event. The children looked beautiful in their pink and white attire.

The ten-voice choir originated in the summer of 1982 under the direction of Debbie Andrews. It has since grown to 54 voices, ranging in age from five to sixteen. They perform with a distinctly sweet sound that is exceptionally appealing and has gained them a wide listening audience.

They were accompanied by pianist Butch Haywood, also a talented composer, of the Institutional Radio Choir.

Don "Early" Allen of WWRL was dynamic in his role as master of ceremonies. The Lighthouse Tabernacle Youth Choir and the Gospel Expositions evoked vibrant and intense tones that added to the evening's enjoyment.

A highlight of the post-intermission segment was beautiful six-year-old Timiney Figueroa, who sang with honesty and ease of style.

Debbie Andrews must be highly complimented for devoting her talents to this artistic endeavor and leading children in this worthwhile musical direction.

L. Clarke
Communication Secretary

A.Y.S. HOLDS YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

The A.Y.S. of the Norwalk SDA Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, held its youth week of prayer March 18-24. The youth

of the church presented the nightly sermons. Each night a different community choir presented special music.

Sunday night, March 18: Mackey Clarke, "Christ Pleads for Innocent Sinners."

Monday night, March 19: George Delmore, "The Dying Thieves."

Tuesday night, March 20: Anthony Prior, "I Thirst."

Wednesday night, March 21: Kenny Purfroy, "The Last Words from Christ on the Cross."

Thursday night, March 22: Reginald Clarke, "It Is Finished."

Friday night, March 23: Joseph Scott, Jr., "It Is Finished."

On Sabbath morning local elder John Delaney summarized all the sermons given during the week. Five young people took their stand for Christ as a result of the week of prayer.

D. MOORE GIVES LECTURE

"Black Health Is Black Wealth" was the theme of an exciting Adventist Youth program on Sabbath, January 28th, at the Ephesus church in New York City. It was pointed out by Dr. David Moore that when one stays healthy, he can keep the doctor away and be wealthy!

The program was full of information to help keep everyone feeling good. Clara Saunders gave some tips on exercise. She emphasized the fact that daily exercise is essential to better health. Saunders gave a brief demonstration of some specific exercises and invited those present to sign up for a future class.

Dr. Moore urged the audience to cut down on fats, saturated and unsaturated. Cancer and heart disease have been directly linked to the use of fats. "Foods can be made to taste good without an abundance of oil," said Moore. He is the medical director of the Living Springs Health Conditioning Center in Putnam Valley, New York.



Dr. David Moore, guest speaker at Ephesus.



Members of the Central Spanish Pathfinders Club.

PATHFINDER CLUB MAKES SMASHING DEBUT

Atlanta's Central Spanish church has prepared a Pathfinder club for a smashing debut. It was on Sabbath, March 3, that the youngsters made their first public appearance at the church's eleven o'clock service. They were in full regalia for the investiture service which followed.

Pastor V. J. Mendinghall, youth director for the South Atlantic Conference, presented the morning's message with Martha Castillo interpreting. His message was taken from Proverbs 6:6, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." From this text he drew some very inspiring, valuable and educational lessons.

The investiture service that followed was quite different and innovative. It was planned by the A.Y.S. leader, Aida Rengifo, Dr. and Mrs. Reuben Castillo, Bezabeel Rengifo, the Pathfinder director, and his Pathfinder staff.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony: (left to right) Ward Sumpter, C. D. Henri, John Evans, Manuel Maloof, Frank Redding, state senator for the 50th district, J. A. Simons and E. W. Moore, pastor.

DECATUR CHURCH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The United Decatur SDA Church in Decatur, Georgia, which was organized on May 23, 1983, celebrated its first anniversary on April 27 and 28.

This was a double-header day because it coincided with the grand opening of

their church home. The congregation was organized from a conglomerate of members from existing churches of the Atlanta area. They started with a membership of 85 in rented quarters, and a year later with a membership of 165, still under the pastorate of E. W. Moore, they bought the same church they had rented from the Trinity Congregational Holiness Church.

This is the first church in the South Atlantic Conference to be organized exclusively in Dekalb County and consist of seasoned SDA members. Among the political and church officials present for this opening were Dekalb County Commissioners Manuel Maloof and John Evans, Georgia State Senator of the 50th District Frank Redding, pastors A. C. McClure and W. D. Sumpter, president and associate secretary of the Southern Union, and pastors R. B. Hairston, C. D. Henri and J. A. Simons, president, presidential assistant and secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference.

Activities following the ribbon-cutting ceremonies were many and varied. Preceding the eleven o'clock message delivered by President Hairston was Sabbath school at 9:30, which was conducted by Pastor G. Herfin Taylor, director of the Sabbath school department of the South Atlantic Conference. Then came a fellowship dinner—a Hawaiian style luau—feeding just more than 550 persons.

The afternoon program consisted of a short history of the church by Dorothy Marsh and Rwanda Wynder, followed by Elizabeth Bell and Caletha McCord as mistresses of ceremony for a musical presentation featuring The Boulevard Four, New Image Singers, Prophetic Songs of Joy, Wondrous Love, Lillian Whatley and special guest artist Roland Gresham, a guitarist from Nashville, Tennessee.

The day's activities were brought to a close with a vesper message from Pastor Ward Sumpter and a rendition of "Bless This House" by Elizabeth Bell.

CHURCH INVESTMENT BREAKS RECORDS

"Unbelievable" was the word used by Louise Kelly, Sabbath school superintendent of the Boulevard church in Atlanta, Georgia, to describe her investment venture that yielded \$200 in profits! Her unique partnership with the Lord indeed proved to be a two-fold blessing.



Stanley and Ruth Robinson are both credentialed literature evangelists. Their Investment project yielded them over \$600 to swell their Sabbath school investment goal.

Kelly, who has been in the field of children's care services for more than nineteen years as teacher, director and now owner-operator, was far short of the desired enrollment for her newly-opened center. Acting upon the advice of Investment Secretary Desiree Goodman, she and her partner, Emma Peterson, a non-Adventist, began "investing" in their children.

With enthusiasm and confidence, the two partners launched their "investment" program and waited for the Lord's blessings. It was not long before the returns began pouring in.

"Honestly, it was like the windows of Heaven opened! In just one day, we enrolled six new children. They came and came and continued to come," Kelly recounts. For each new enrollee, they had pledged a certain portion to the Investment project.

The returns were unbelievable! Within four short months Kelly had reached her initial pledge of \$100. By the year's end her enrollment had increased beyond expectation, the day care center had prospered greatly, and she had doubled her goal!

Though overjoyed and awed by the successful chain of events, Louise Kelly states that "Reaching and exceeding my Investment pledge was in itself a wonderful blessing, but in addition to that, God gave me a bonus!" Her partner, Mrs. Peterson, was deeply impressed by the effectiveness of the Investment plan and the intensity of her partner's faith. She accompanied Kelly to the tent meetings held last summer in Atlanta. The inspiring messages of faith delivered by evangelist Oscar Lane and the impression of the Holy Spirit upon her heart prompted Peterson to yield her heart to the Lord and be baptized.

According to the Investment secre-

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SOUTH CENTRAL RE-ELECTS DUDLEY TO SERVE 25 YEARS

At the 17th session of the South Central Conference, Dr. Charles E. Dudley was re-elected to serve another three-year term. Already having served 22 years, this will give him 25 years as president of the South Central Conference. This is possibly the longest any president has ever served any conference in the history of the Adventist Church.

In the president's report to his constituents, Dudley gave a brief history of the Adventist work. He showed the beginning of the work for blacks in Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee. These four states, plus ten counties in Florida's panhandle, make up the South Central Conference.

He also gave a summary of black work in the North American Division, then concentrated on work in the South Central Conference for the past three years.

There were 3,732 baptisms, seventeen new church buildings, seventeen new congregations, \$9,346,234.60 in tithe, \$2,233,816.37 for K-8 education, \$426,594 for 9-12 education and \$467,311.73 to Oakwood College, making a total of \$3,117,742.10 given for education.

The leader also reported that a total of \$4,128,411.17 was sent to the General Conference, while the conference received \$1,640,000 from the G.C. and the union for various programs.

Members sat in rapt attention as he concluded his report with thoughts of God's tomorrow and words of gratitude to God, workers and members for making the reported progress.

Other departmental men were re-elected: Pastor F. N. Crowe as treasurer, J. W. McCoy as the conference secretary (The conference has not had a secretary before.), Murray Joiner as Sabbath school and personal ministries director, Steve Ruff as publishing director, Nathaniel Higgs as educational director, I. J. Johnson as stewardship/communication/trust service director and Shelton Kilby as director of music. McCoy was also elected to serve as youth director.

The executive committee has elected some new members. The committee includes C. E. Dudley, J. W. McCoy, F. N. Crowe, William Freeman, James Bell, William Cleveland, E. C. Ward, S. J. Jackson, Isaac Lester and D. C. Hatcher. The laymen include W. E. Coopwood, D. Edwards, J. Harris, Jr., and Benjamin Smith. Others on the committee are M. E. Patterson, C. B. Rock and Xavier Butler.

The 66-page, four-color booklet gave reports and pictures of the work and workers during the past three years in the South Central Conference, and also reports and pictures of world leaders, division leaders, union leaders and a few past leaders. The keepsake booklet gives a summary of the work in the ten regional conferences and the regional work in the Pacific Union.

"THE CONFERENCE OF CHAMPIONS"

The youths of the South Central Conference are ecstatic about events at the recent United Youth Congress. More than 100 official delegates and thousands of other youths from our territory went to Atlanta, Georgia, for the "Renewing of our Minds."

Some of our young people worked very hard to get there. We pay special tribute to Kim Young of Dothan, Alabama, who earned every penny of her expense only to become ill just a few days before the big event and was unable to attend.

During the congress there were three areas of Christian competition among the youths from each conference. These were Bible Bowl, temperance oratory and basketball. The South Central representatives placed first in two of the categories and third in the other. That's two national champions and one third-place finisher. Thanks be to God who gave to us these victories!

Keysa Minnifield placed first in the temperance oratory category and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to Oakwood College this fall. The Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside church team placed first in basketball and the Jackson, Mississippi, Berean church team placed third in the Bible Bowl. Congratulations are in order to these fine groups of young people and the youth departments and churches who so vigorously supported them.

Nashville, Tennessee—Riverside basketball team members: William Claybrooks, Robert Coes, Dwayne Harrison, Marcus Kinzer, Michael Kinzer, Robert Lee, Darryl Lightford, Melvin Lightford, Roger Major, Edward Pelote, James Shelton, Karl Ward, David Wooding and Billy Simons, coach.

Jackson, Mississippi—Berean Bible Bowl team members: Alvin Conway, Charles Lindsey, John Moore and Ruth Patrick.

FIRST SDA CHURCH IN LEEDS OPENS

The first SDA church in Leeds, Alabama—the Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church—was organized on January 15th. Pastor C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, and T. L. Hemingway, pastor of the district, led out on this historic occasion.

The ten charter members, formerly of the Hillsview SDA Church in Alton, Alabama, would travel a considerable distance to worship every Sabbath. After a period of time they decided to establish a church in their city. They have targeted not only the city of Leeds, but also its environs—Odenville, Margaret, Acmar and Shoal Creek.

Members have started a missionary program whereby they distribute tracts to every home. They are now making plans to build a church and have purchased property. The city of Leeds has consented to clear the property and prepare it for construction.

The members believe that through the prayers of His people, God will open an unseen door that will lead to the construction and completion of a house of worship for the Emmanuel Temple.

Nettie Henderson
Communication Secretary

Rejoice evermore.

1 Thessalonians 5:16



Ollie Jackson (Granny), age 106, works in her yard almost every week. She is a member of the Ephesus SDA Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

EPHESUS MEMBER MARKS 106TH BIRTHDAY

Ollie Jackson, who is also known as "Granny," was 106 years old on January 22, 1984. She was honored at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church on January 21 and presented with a beautiful bouquet of red roses by Pastor and Mrs. Theus Young and church elders during the divine worship hour.

This remarkable lady rises at 8 a.m. on most days and loves to work outdoors whenever the weather permits. Granny has a very good mind, keen hearing and remarkable eyesight, for she is still threading her own needles without glasses.

She attributes her longevity to God's blessings, good genes and good health habits. According to Granny, "It will also help if you eat right, talk right and treat other people right."

Granny was born in Clio, Georgia, on January 22, 1878. She attends church regularly and is a faithful member.

Elsia Young



Naz Ree and Josh Ingram displaying books by E. E. Cleveland bought from a literature evangelist in 1973.

"IT SHALL NOT RETURN VOID"

The year is 1973. The city is Fort Pierce, Florida. The characters are Josh and Naz Ree Ingram, local elder and Mrs. Alpheus Forbes, Pastor Trevor Fraser, Pastor R. R. Brown, communications director for the Southeastern Conference, and the principal mover, an unknown, unnamed literature evangelist.

This unknown literature evangelist visits Ft. Pierce, Florida, from Orlando to scatter truth-filled books from house to house in this citrus belt. He meets the Ingrams and sells them two books by Pastor E. E. Cleveland, "Free at Last" and "Ask the Prophets," and a Bible. He leaves.

The Ingrams, originally from Hawkinsville, Georgia, have been residing in Ft. Pierce for 25 years and were members of the Baptist church for over 55 years. In reading the books, they run across the truths of the seventh-day Sabbath, the foods God intends for human consumption, the prophecies relating to the birth of Jesus Christ, and tithing.

They had never attended an Adventist church before and knew none in their community. The unknown literature evangelist does not return and they desire to know more about the keeping of the Sabbath and what to eat. This is difficult in the Baptist church and their pastor cannot help. They pray, asking God for guidance. God intervenes again.

The Macedonia SDA Church is going to have an evangelistic series. Pastor H. L. Cleveland is scheduled to conduct these meetings. His plans are changed. The church is in preparation. The pastor, T. H. Fraser, sends his members to visit throughout the community from door to door with W. C. Scales' Real Truth Bible Lessons.

While awaiting someone to conduct the meetings, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes visit the Ingrams on their assignment to distribute these lessons in preparation for the upcoming evangelism. They leave lessons 1 and 2 with instructions on a Saturday in January of 1984 and promise to return the following Saturday. The Ingrams read the lessons and promise themselves that on the Forbes' return they will question them regarding the Sabbath, tithing and foods.

The following week Josh Ingram, who had concluded that Alpheus Forbes was a preacher, prophet or something, asks him if he is a preacher. Forbes thereupon takes the opportunity to unfold to

him the plans for evangelism, the graduation and certificate awaiting them upon completion of the Real Truth Bible Lessons.

Pastor R. R. Brown, communications director, is asked by President Edgecombe to fill the vacancy created by H. L. Cleveland. He consents. Pastors Brown and Fraser are yoked up with Johnnie Thomas and June Mack in a four-week evangelistic series in Ft. Pierce. The Ingrams attend. In March of 1984 they, along with 36 others, are baptized.

The Ingrams are overjoyed with their newfound fellowship, the love they find in the church, the special blessings God bestows, the delight of the Sabbath and the responsibility of sharing their faith with family members and neighbors. Alpheus Forbes and his wife are their spiritual guardians and the bond of Christian love cemented is what the caring church is all about.

"My word will not return void." A literature evangelist, two books and a Bible, one family doing missionary work, a pastor having his church engage in evangelism, a pastor preaching for four weeks, Johnnie Thomas visiting, June Mack singing, a congregation working and praying and the Word finds lodging. Two souls are brought into the family of God. He said, "The word shall not return void."

R. R. Brown

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PALM BAY BREAKS GROUND

The Palm Bay congregation in Florida held ground-breaking ceremonies on April 29 for its new church. The church was organized in 1978 and for years its members have sacrificed and hoped for a building they can call home. After many days of searching, they were able to acquire 1.4 acres of land for the erection of the church.

Architect J. Jewell has designed a church to seat 200 members. It will have classrooms, a multi-purpose room and a pastor's study.

Pastor Wesley Bruce and members welcomed Palm Bay's Mayor William Madden, contractors J. P. Johnson and D. O. Buckley, architect J. Jewell and conference President J. A. Edgecombe, who led out in the meaningful moment.

Construction began in May of 1984.



Pastor and Mrs. A. L. Teele of the Philadelphia church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

SOUTHWEST WELCOMES NEW WORKER

Pastor Albert L. Teele has served the Glenville SDA Church in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past three years with distinction. He recently accepted a call to the Southwest to serve as pastor of the Philadelphia church in Shreveport, Louisiana. Teele has also pastored in Atlanta, Georgia.

Teele received a B.A. from Oakwood College and an M.S. from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio. He is married to the former Sharon Hall of Buffalo, New York, who is a nurse pursuing an M.A. at Louisiana State University. They have one daughter: Anica, who is 7 years old.



Mayor Sue Youngblood and Corsicana Daily Sun staff writer Sylvia A. Waters stand with the pastor. They were honored at Community Guest Day and received plaques, along with Thelma Moore, retired public school teacher, for 34 years of service. She has also driven from Dallas to Corsicana for 24 years to assist in a small church in Corsicana.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY IN BETHEL CHURCH

The Bethel church in Corsicana, Texas, held Community Guest Day on April 14, when two Corsicana residents and a Dallas resident, a member of the Corsicana church, were honored. They

were Corsicana Mayor Sue Youngblood, Corsicana Daily Sun staff writer Sylvia A. Waters and Dallas retired educator Thelma Moore.

This event provided an opportunity for the community to get acquainted with the church, its pastor and members. It also recognized those who have made significant contributions toward the betterment of the community. Engraved plaques were presented to these individuals for their contribution to the community.

Sabbath school began at 9:30 a.m. with the pastor, E. C. Polite, presenting the lesson study and guest speaker W. C. Jones preaching at the worship service.

The male chorus from Dallas presented music for the day. A fellowship meal was planned, and the day culminated with the male chorus in concert.

Doris Jones



Evangelist Oscar Lane stands with his wife outside Hannah Hall at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas, where he held a series in March.

277 BAPTIZED IN HOUSTON

February is not especially fruitful for a major evangelistic meeting. However, it was in this month that plans were made for a major evangelistic campaign in Houston, Texas.

Oscar Lane, a former Church of God in Christ evangelist converted to the Adventist message within the last three years, was instrumental in conducting a six-week crusade in Hannah Hall on the Texas Southern University campus. Crowds swelled to more than 3,000 when the Sabbath was presented. When the "Mark of the Beast" was given, 625 responded to an altar call.

The meeting ended with 277 baptized in the swimming pool of the local Y.M.C.A., leading to the organization of our ninth church in Houston. Pastor F. S.

Hill of El Paso, Texas, ministers to the needs of the new converts. They have named the new church "The Work of Faith."

The ministers and churches cooperated beautifully for this large harvest of souls. We rejoice over the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



The Philadelphia church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

The nucleus of the church began in a tent on Garden Street in 1914 under the direction of Pastor King. They met in members' homes, since they did not have a place of worship.

In the early 1930s the organization took place for a church and school in a humble building at 1143 Madison Avenue, their present location, with the first teacher, Louisa Longware. Ministers who have served this congregation are Bell, W. S. Lee, E. Dillett, T. Coopwood, M. B. King, Washington Cleveland, J. C. Smith, J. A. James, L. D. Henderson, C. M. Bailey, G. J. Chissell, E. L. Howard, O. A. Jackson and the new pastor, A. L. Teele.

The Philadelphia church in Shreveport, Louisiana, recently commemorated its 70th anniversary. The service began with the church at study by Superintendent Ethel Pugh, followed by Robert Hunter. Mattie Davis presented historical highlights, while Ora Murff gave a report to the many special guests who joined in this grand celebration from the Greater Hope, St. Paul and Galilee Baptist churches.

The new pastor, A. L. Teele, was the anniversary speaker. In the afternoon a gospel concert included a number of guest artists from the city. Members of the Philadelphia church will long remember this grand occasion.

Doris Jones

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

A NEW LOOK AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE

There will be a colorful new look at Oakwood this fall. The board of trustees in its May 22-24 session voted that work become a formal part of the curriculum, and that all students be required to complete at least one-half hour of work-education credit each quarter with a maximum of three credit hours per year allowable.

This work-education plan is a bold and imaginative attempt by Oakwood to more closely comply with the counsel of Ellen White regarding the place of labor in Christian education, while at the same time helping to hold costs to a reasonable limit.

Under this new program, students who work on campus will not be compensated by the hour but will be given scholarships of \$500 to \$1,000 per year. Students who work off-campus will also be provided academic credit (up to one hour per quarter) with supervised coordination between the college and their employer. Students who enroll with special skills or work history may fulfill all or a portion of their work-education requirements by applying for (and receiving) "life experience" credits.

In summary, the program outline is as follows:

Weekly Work Hours	Curriculum Credits
Work Module I 15 hrs. max., 12 min.	3 hours per year/ 1 hour per qtr.
Work Module II 8 hours	½ hour per qtr.
Work Module III 4 hours	½ hour per qtr.
Work Module IV Life experience	½-1 hour per qtr.
Work Module V Off-campus labor	½-1 hour per qtr.

All students entering Oakwood under the 1984-85 bulletin will be required to

complete a minimum of six work-education hours for graduation. Returning or entering sophomores, juniors and seniors will be required to complete one-half credit hour for each of their remaining quarters. There is no registration fee for these work-education hours and they can be added to the regular sixteen-hour full-time class load. This allows the student to acquire up to three credit hours each year without cost while at the same time finishing his/her requirements in the regular four-year period. Individuals who are approved to work more than fifteen hours will be paid hourly wages for the additional time.

All new students for the 1984-85 school year will receive job assignments by mail before arrival in September. Returning students should report to the college work coordinator for assignment.

The faculty, board and college administration will spend much of the summer preparing for implementation of this new plan and anticipate huge benefits for students as well as the institution.

Our students and constituency should address all questions and requests to Johnny Johnson, Work-Education Coordinator, Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL.

"CHRIST OF SCOTTSDALE" AND NOAH'S ARK

The mural pictured here is the work of Alfred M. Lee, chairman of the art department at Oakwood College. It hangs in the chapel entrance of the Pueblo Norte' Nursing Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, a new \$18-million-dollar structure owned and operated by Adventist Health Systems West.

Bigger than life in dimensions, the mural is 7 feet tall and 10 feet wide. As the title suggests, it depicts Christ in a beautifully realistic desert scene, typical of the Midwest.

Lee is known world-wide for his ability to recreate life images on canvas and his skill in capturing them on film. As beautiful as it is, this painting is only one of many in his prolific portfolio. Most recently, he completed the backdrop for the upcoming U.N.C.F. banquet, which is a graphic delineation of the New York City skyline complete with the Statue of Liberty in the foreground, a conventional American setting with extraordinary symbolism. In the other hand of the statue is the U.N.C.F. torch, accompanied by the U.N.C.F. logo. Such profound imagery is typical of Lee's work.



"Christ of Scottsdale," a mural seven feet tall and ten feet wide, is the work of Alfred Lee, chairman of the art department at Oakwood College.

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Personal ministries and the inner cities departments, under the direction of Pastor Robert L. Lister, presented a number of workshops. Pastor Samuel Thomas, director of community services, personal ministry and Sabbath school for the Columbia Union Conference, taught the techniques of door-to-door evangelism.

Pastor Thomas McNealey from the Charleston, South Carolina, district, discussed how to baptize more souls through church fellowship. Pastor E. J. Parchment instructed lay preachers. Pastor Robert Lister, in his inner cities workshop, pointed out ways and means the SDA church can make a positive contribution to the community.

Pastor Owen A. Troy, associate director of the communications department for the General Conference, along with Pastor L. A. Paschal, the conference director, Edna L. Williamson and Antoinette Garrett, assisted by Stephanie Johnson, associate editor of the *Voice*, conducted the communication workshops.

On the closing day Pastor Robert L. Woodfork, general field secretary of the General Conference, was the guest speaker at a luncheon held for the church officers.

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tary, Desiree Goodman, "This was only one of many successful projects that led the Boulevard Drive church to an overwhelming victory. The Robinsons were another example of God's unlimited blessings."

"Veteran investors" Stanley and Ruth Robinson, literature evangelists by profession, are well-acquainted with the rich rewards of a partnership with the Lord. Past church records indicate the Robinsons contributed nearly two-thirds of the total investment amount reported by the Boulevard church in 1982.

Mr. Robinson, formerly an educator in the public school system of North Carolina, and Mrs. Robinson, a former factory worker, heeded the Lord's call to spread the everlasting gospel through the printed page. Working together as a team for slightly more than two years, the Robinsons' colporteur ministry now extends from the clay hills of Georgia to the "dark counties" of the Carolinas.

Specializing in magazine sales, this

conscientious couple pledged one cent for each magazine sold. By "Investment Round-up Day," those pennies had multiplied into more than \$600. This meant they had sold more than 6,000 magazines!

Six thousand contacts, 6,000 opportunities to herald the Third Angel's Message! Who knows how many souls will be won to Christ by their tireless efforts and faithfulness.

In addition to dividends on the magazine sales, they pledged 25 cents for each paid debt. This included utilities, mortgage notes, miscellaneous bills, etc. The Robinsons attribute their success to "putting God first."

For the Boulevard church, God's blessings have proved again and again to be manifold. These two success stories are representative of the commitment of the church as a whole.

From the cradle roll to the deacon's board, members were encouraged to "plug into Investment" and "hang on in there." Indeed they did. Through faith and fortitude, they broke all records in the history of this 350-member church with a grand report of \$4,258.66—exceeding and doubling their goal.

"Constant communication, goal-setting, progress reports and the use of visual aids were key measures to the success of the program," says Mrs. Goodman. "But the *real* key—I put it in the hands of the Lord."

"Unbelievable?" Not really. When a dedicated membership with a dedicated leader like Goodman moves forward with undaunted faith, it is certain God will open the "windows of Heaven's" wonderful storehouse!

Pastor T. M. Kelly of Oakwood College, a famous baritone, was the speaker at the eleven o'clock hour and gave a rousing concert that evening. With the presence of President R. B. Hairston, who is also a member at Boulevard Drive, the members, along with Pastor J. M. Phipps, will write down December 10, 1983, as a day to be remembered at Boulevard Drive.

Cynthia W. Roberts

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Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8

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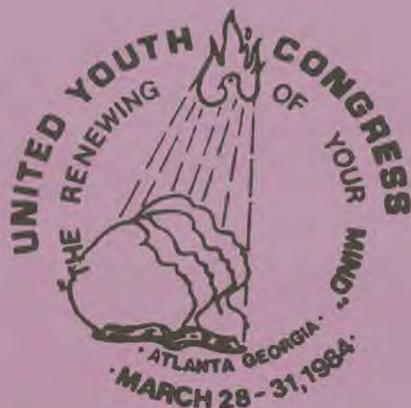
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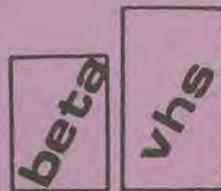
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