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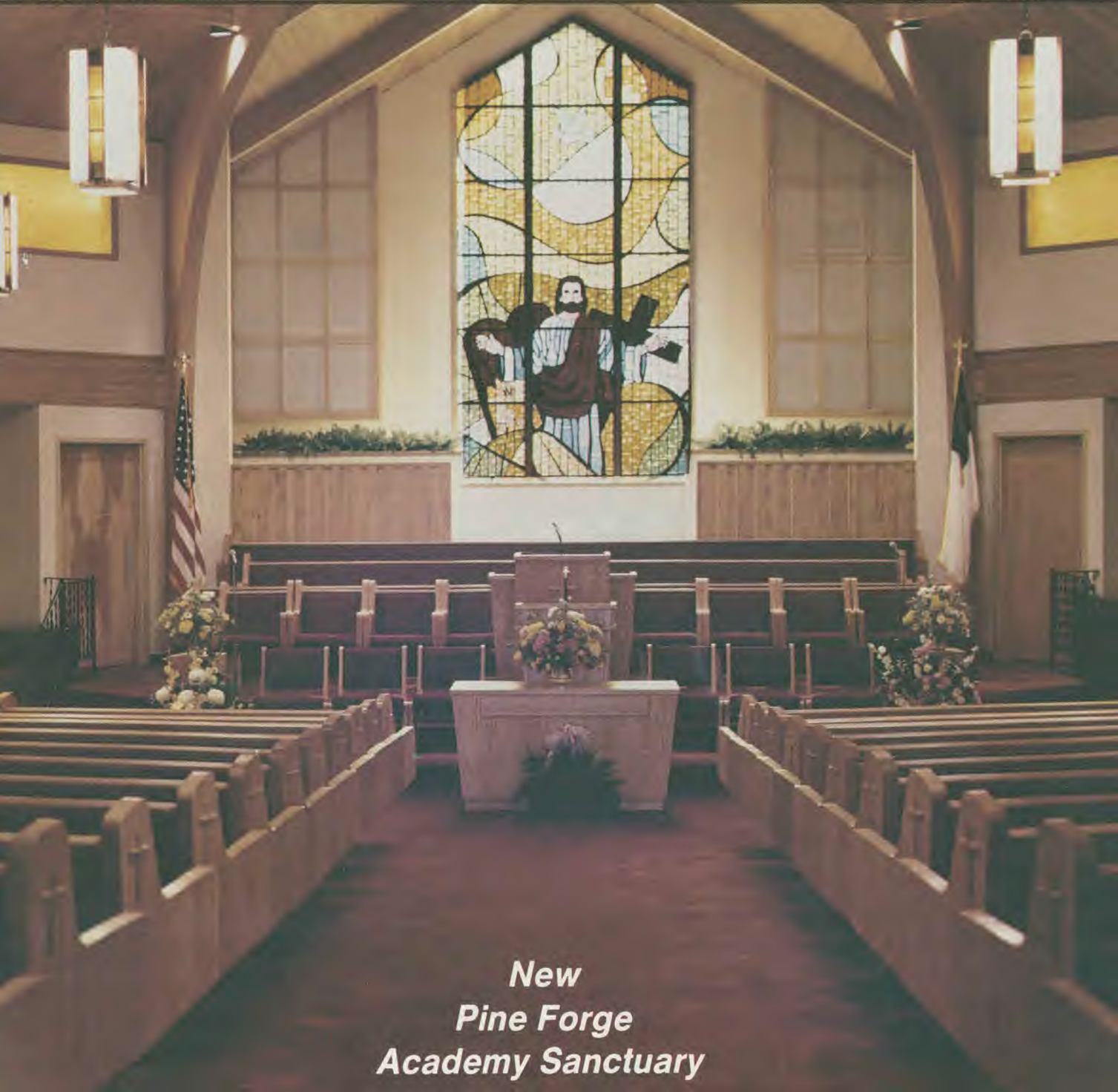


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*New  
Pine Forge  
Academy Sanctuary*

## COVER STORY

### PINE FORGE ACADEMY HOLDS DEDICATION SERVICE FOR NEW CHURCH

Since 1966, when the Pine Forge Academy student body outgrew the Pine Forge Church, forcing the students and parishioners to carry their worship services to the worship room of Kimbrough Hall, the hope of one day having a church at Pine Forge had become an illusive dream.

A series of events aided in making the dream an illusive one. In 1975, an arsonist's fire destroyed the cafeteria, forcing the worship services out of Kimbrough Hall, the girls' dormitory, and into the chapel of Handy Hall, the boys' dormitory. The Kimbrough Hall chapel then became the campus dining hall.

The plans that had been laid in 1966 to begin a building fund slowly slipped from a lethargic to a comatose state following a fire in the boys' dorm and two unfortunate incidents resulting in the deaths of two students, which resulted in the lowest enrollment level in over twenty-five years.

True to the examples of faith given in the Bible, the Lord chose to bless the Pine Forge community. As a result the comatose dream sprang forth with new life.

God sent a team of men who would interpret the dream and make it a reality. One man was Wilbert A. Cheatham, who left a high ranking government job in Washington, D.C. to become principal of Pine Forge Academy. Cheatham interpreted the dream and saw a larger enrollment. So, in one year the enrollment soared from 126 to 246 students. As a result of this, the members of the Pine Forge Church were crowded out of the Handy Hall Chapel into the lobby of the same structure, where they could only hear the services. This was done to accommodate the students for worship.

This condition has continued to the present day because Cheatham's dream of a large enrollment has remained consistent with an average enrollment over a three-year period of 250 students.

God sent another man as pastor of the Pine Forge Church in the person of Elder Samuel E. Campbell, who found a building fund of \$22,000 in 1981 and a nucleus of



*Pine Forge Academy Concert Choir under the direction of Mrs. Gwendolyn Foster render Regis Smith's arrangement of "Lift Up the Trumpet."*

members who wanted to build a church. Campbell saw as his mission the erecting of a sanctuary at Pine Forge. Using his persuasive techniques, Campbell encouraged his members to raise \$200,000.

Plans for a church that would have a total seating capacity of over 800, including the multi-purpose room were drawn up and approved by the Allegheny East Conference and the Columbia Union Conference.

The third man to be used of God to accomplish the dream of a long awaited church at Pine Forge was Meade C. Van Putten, President of Allegheny East Conference. It was Van Putten's pledge of financial support that clearly opened the door for the breaking of ground and the actual start of construction. He was also the chairman of the Pine Forge Academy Board. His support was vital to the project.

In May of 1984, ground was broken and the illusive dream began to be a reality.

On March 30, 1985, the doors officially opened and the Pine Forge Church and Pine Forge Academy students entered into the new church to worship God.

What a magnificent and glorious day it was. One visiting dignitary said, "This is the most inspiring worship service I have ever attended and I go to church almost every Sunday."



*M.C. Van Putten, center, president of Allegheny East Conference delivered the dedicatory sermon. In the foreground is Mrs. Gwendolyn Foster, choir director.*

And that about sums it up. March 30 was a day that all of heaven as well as the more than 1,000 in attendance enjoyed.



**A portion of the nearly 1,000 people present for the opening services of the new Pine Forge Academy Church.**



**The line of dignitaries, led by S.G. Campbell (forward right) leaving Handy Hall site used for former church services, for new church.**

The story does not end here. It will go on for years to come. The story will be with Denominational Builders, the contractors of the church building and their families as they move from place to place building buildings to the glory of God. They will be able to testify of the blessings that they have witnessed in this very special project.

Then there are the hundreds of students who will boast for years that they were among the first students to worship in the new church. And of course, the Class of

1985 will boast forever about being the first class to have consecration services in the new church.

So the story of the Pine Forge Church will go on and on — the first wedding, the first baby dedication, the first funeral. The story will never end until Jesus, the Life-giver of dreams allows us to worship in that Heavenly Sanctuary prepared without human hands.

Robert L. Booker  
Correspondent



**The Pine Forge Church presented the pastor, S.G. Campbell with a robe during the morning service. With Elder Campbell is his wife, Madge.**

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



C.E. Dudley.

8 April 1985

Elder C.E. Bradford, President  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION  
General Conference of S.D.A.  
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Dear Brad:

I address this letter to you as the president of the presidents of the various Union Conferences in the North American Division to express a burden and concern that is growing among administrators, pastors and a goodly number of laity in the Black sector of the church with regards to the abilities, interest and concerns of these who sit to govern the local conference sessions. From what is being discussed about the two sessions that have been held in Regional Conferences, it appears that the Black work is not being strengthened, but is being left in disarray.

In the Central States conference, the session was dragged out until the midnight hour and later which left the president dismissed and still sits with no assigned responsibility within the church structure although he has given good leadership for the upbuilding of the work of the church in that part of the vineyard.

In the Southwest Region Conference, the session continued until two-thirty in the morning and ended with the president being returned to office after having been set aside and railed against until late in the night. When the session finally ended, the treasurer had been replaced and also the secretary of the conference. These meetings will have a lasting effect on the Black work of the church for a long time. It should also be pointed out that the work in general

throughout the division among local conference sessions will become affected because of these sessions that seemingly slipped out of the hands of the Union leaders who were in charge.

Mr. President, please let the union leaders know that the feeling is that some of this is by design to turn the clock back thirty years and to do away with the Black leadership of the church that the Lord has blessed along with a wonderful team of workers and members to develop a \$43,000,000.00 annual soul-saving program within the denomination. Some of our brethren in other cities have stated that it is time for the Black Conferences to be dissolved and returned to their control and leaderships. This will come through great struggle and conflict.

It should be pointed out that administrators of our sister conferences are quietly being transferred to other posts without any fanfare or warfare. There are many places where they can serve. Such is not the case with the Black leader, it is sad to say, thus, the great controversies. I think this points up what Black leaders were trying to say to the brethren a few years ago during the Regional Union debates when the white brethren voted the concept down. We only sought to strengthen the work in the areas of labor where we serve so that the kingdom can soon come. We saw today's challenge then and spoke of it only to be told by our leader, Elder Wilson that we knew not of that which we spoke. Time can be very revealing. The two sessions that are now history have become a fulfillment of prophecy that then was.

Several other conferences are to have sessions this year. One is left to wonder if these also will be battlegrounds to cripple the work of the Black community? Will other leaders be destroyed because of fear or frustration in the heart of those who are leading out because of the positions that they hold.

I hope that our Union leaders will realize that the burden of the Black administrators is to see the work of the Lord move onward to a completion so that we can all go home to live with Him when He comes again. Our approaches to getting the job done may not be the same as that of our fellow leaders but it cannot be denied that the Lord is blessing whatever it is. Last year, 1984, 62% of the membership increase and 26% of the tithe increase of the North American Division came from the Regional Conferences and Churches of the division. I am

convinced that Black leadership is a blessing to the movement and has a definite role to play in the finishing of the work.

We are approaching the General Conference Session in New Orleans and it appears that shifts in leadership in some areas have already been set in motion. I wonder what is the plan for the North American leaders in the leadership planning of the powers that be? It needs to be pointed out that the Black Conferences and Churches of the North American Division returned approximately 10% of all of the tithe that was paid into the church by all of its memberships around the entire world. In the business world that would say that we are partners. Incidentally, this 10% was just for last year.

It is discussed in some Black circles that the 'Role and Function' proposal that is to be voted on at the time of the General Conference session will completely leave the North American Black leadership out of meaningful, decision-making post in the church. This may not be by design, but this is the way that it is coming across in the circles where I am traveling. It will remain to be seen.

Please do not get disturbed about this little chat. I am just unburdening my heart because of a love for my Lord and my church. I am so anxious for His coming. I am concerned about everyone's readiness to meet Him in peace.

Very sincerely your life-long friend  
C.E. Dudley, President  
South Central Conference

## MOTHERS: SHAPING THE DESTINY OF THE WORLD

*Stephanie D. Johnson*

Very few of us realize the strong and far reaching influence of a mother. She not only shapes the character of her children but also determines the destiny of the world. Many of the senseless crimes, the lawlessness, promiscuity that is prevalent in today's society is a direct result of the mother neglecting to train and nurture her children. On the other hand those men and women who have blessed the world through their talents and genius can trace their positive development to a Christian mother.

The Swiss philosopher, Henri Frederic Amies, clearly discerned the importance a mother plays in the home. "Woman is the salvation or destruction of the family. She carries its destiny in the folds of her mantle."

The family, society and its direction is determined by the influence of a mother. "As our families so is society. If well ordered, well instructed and well governed they are the springs from which go forth, the streams of national greatness and prosperity — of civil order and public happiness."

—William Makepeace Thackeray

Let us hear from some great men about the influence of their mother.

"John Ruskin said that whatever of value he had done in life, he had done because when he was a child his mother daily read him a part of the Bible and made him learn some of it by heart."

"Henry Clay's mother, left a widow, had to earn the daily bread for her family by bending over the washtub. It was hard work, but she saved every penny possible and bought books for her son.

"Through these books he associated with the leaders, the learned, the great of every age. He went to a school in a log cabin schoolhouse, where indifferent teachers did little to help him.

"But his mother's sacrifice brought education to his home in the form of the best books."

—C.L. Paddock, *God's Minutes*, p. 81, 82

As a result of his mother's love and encouragement Henry Clay became a great statesman.

"Booker T. Washington: In all my efforts to learn to read, my mother shared fully my ambition and sympathized with me and aided me in every way she could. If I have done anything in life worth attention, I feel sure that I inherited the disposition from my mother.

"Thomas A. Edison: My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me, I felt I had something to live for. I must not disappoint her. The good effects of my early training I can never lose. If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me in a critical time in my experience, I should very likely never have become an inventor.

"Henry Ford: I have tried to live my life as my mother would have wished. She taught me as a boy that service is the highest duty in the world. I believed her then, and I believe her now. I have tried to follow her teaching.

"Benjamin West: A kiss from my mother made me a painter.

"John Wanamaker: Back in the brickyard of Philadelphia my mother taught me the principles of success.

Ibid, p. 361.

# The Editor's Desk

## IN TRANSITION

- Lorenzo Grant from Secular Campus Ministries to Breath of Life Church in Fort Washington, Maryland.
- J. Alfred Johnson from the Breath of Life Church in Fort Washington, Maryland to North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Harold Lee from Stewardship and Development of the Allegheny East Conference to pastor the Dupont Park Church of Washington, D.C.
- Walter L. Pearson, Jr. from North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the Berean Church in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Walter Starks to the Stewardship and Development Department of the Allegheny East Conference.
- John Trusty from the York, Pennsylvania Church to Chester, Pennsylvania.
- R.L. Willis from the Dupont Park Church in Washington, D.C. to the Shiloh Church in Chicago, Illinois.
- John Wright from the Chester, Pennsylvania Church to the Southwest Philadelphia Church.

## BREATH OF LIFE TELECAST AIRED

The Breath of Life Telecast is being seen each week in Louisville, Kentucky; Pensacola, Florida and Nashville, Tennessee. The pastors of these cities are also being blessed to have additional telecast time in connection with the evangelistic meetings — I.L. Lester, J. Wilson, A. Maycock.

## NEWS NOTES

The Magazine Street Church, Louisville, Kentucky, the oldest Black church in the denomination celebrated its 95th Anniversary, May 3-11. Elder Issac Lester is the pastor.

Since March 7, the Breath of Life television program, has been broadcast in Louisville. "The Wings of Love," radio program in Louisville began broadcasting in 1969. It is the second oldest radio program in the Conference. The broadcast has been responsible for a number of persons, both black and white, becoming Seventh-day Adventists.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	May 31	June 7	14	21
Boston, Mass.	8:13	8:18	8:22	8:24
New York City	8:23	8:28	8:31	8:33
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:46	8:51	8:55	8:57
Atlanta, Ga.	8:42	8:46	8:49	8:51
Miami, Fla.	8:07	8:10	8:13	8:15
Charlotte, N.C.	8:32	8:36	8:39	8:41
Birmingham, Ala.	7:51	7:55	7:58	8:00
Jackson, Miss.	8:02	8:06	8:09	8:11
Memphis, Tenn.	8:08	8:12	8:16	8:18
Louisville, Ky.	8:59	9:04	9:07	9:10
Detroit, Mich.	9:02	9:07	9:11	9:13
Chicago, Ill.	8:18	8:23	8:26	8:29
South Bend, Indiana	8:12	8:17	8:21	8:23
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:52	8:57	9:01	9:03
St. Louis, Mo.	8:19	8:23	8:26	8:29
Kansas City, Mo.	8:37	8:42	8:45	8:48
Denver, Co.	8:21	8:26	8:29	8:31
Little Rock, Ark.	8:16	8:20	8:23	8:25
Dallas, Texas	8:30	8:33	8:37	8:39
New Orleans, La.	7:56	7:59	8:02	8:04
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:14	8:18	8:22	8:24
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:39	8:43	8:47	8:49

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

## ALLEGHENY EAST

### MEMBERS SPREAD CHEER IN NURSING HOMES

For six years Brenda Smith and David Garlington have been visiting nursing homes in Baltimore, Maryland to spread cheer. This outreach program began in 1979, as part of a witnessing program instituted by Berea Temple in preparation for an evangelistic effort.

In the beginning Ms. Smith and Mr. Garlington visited the Kenson Nursing Home once a month. After a year they decided to increase their visits to several times a month.

As their ministry began to grow they decided to visit other nursing homes. Ms. Smith and Mr. Garlington were granted permission to visit three other nursing homes where their visits are greatly appreciated.

In September of each year they begin preparing for Christmas. They solicit contributions from members—socks, soap, mouthwash, homemade cookies, hard candy and fruit. Volunteers fill the shoe boxes and wrap them in bright Christmas paper.

Bettye J. Brock  
Communication Secretary



*Elder John Trusty speaks as Carol Johnson, AYS Leader and Senior choir members listen.*

### TRUSTY WEEK OF PRAYER SPEAKER

John Trusty, newly appointed pastor of the Chester, Pennsylvania congregation, conducted the Youth Week of Prayer for the Walnut Street SDA church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania at the invitation of the Adventist Youth leader, Carol Johnson.

Using the theme "Overcoming by the Blood", Trusty based his nightly sermons

on the seven churches as outlined in Revelation, chapters two and three. The enthusiasm and urgency of his messages permeated the congregation. The nightly attendance which included adults as well as youth, was nearly as large as the usual attendance at Sabbath services.

In addition to the sermons, a youth was called upon to give a public testimony each night to the workings of God in individual situations. Many of the experiences related were heart-rending but all brought encouragement to the listeners as one by one these young people vowed to stand firm upon the high principles outlined by Trusty's appeals.

The series ended in the consecration of the entire church.

Elder U.S. Willis is pastor of the congregation. Music was provided by the church senior choir under the direction of Mrs. Corine Smith and other groups and individuals from the Pottstown community.

Jayne D. Darby  
Communication Secretary



*Barbara Wiggins presents a musical selection for Week of Prayer.*

### YOUTH CONDUCT SERVICE

Sabbath, March 2, was a day for the "older generation" at the Mizpah Church in Philadelphia to sit back and be ministered to by the "younger generation". Services were conducted by the youth of the church under the direction of Robert Foy, Youth Leader.

"Can Anything Good Come Out of Nazareth?" was the topic discussed by the youth minister, Donny Smith, third year theology student from Columbia Union College. He told the story of a little boy who prayed in the presence of his father, "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ". When asked by his father what this meant, the little boy replied, "Dad, you said that the Holy Spirit makes my prayers clear to the Father. So, with all those letters, I am



*Donny Smith, speaker for Youth Day at Mizpah Church*

sure He can make words to tell God what I need." It was evident that the little boy had heard something about the Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good Thing that came out of Nazareth.

Smith concluded by encouraging the young people to always consult God first and pray this His will be done in their lives.

Ruth Wilkerson  
Communication Secretary

### CHURCH BIDS FAREWELL TO PASTOR

After 4½ years of pastoring the Church of the Oranges, Oranges, New Jersey, Pastor Harold Lee preached his farewell sermon November 24, 1984.

During his farewell address, he reminded the congregation that "change is inevitable" and likened his parting to the emotion felt by the apostle Paul when called to Macedonia. He counseled the members to "stick to it... 'Hold fast... that no man take thy crown.'" Revelation 3:11.

The day's events were coordinated by first elder, Andrew McDonald. The members expressed their love for Pastor Lee in verse and song. "My Tribute" was beautifully rendered by Marie Birthwright and acknowledged by Pastor Lee in the form of a duet.

The members recounted Pastor Lee's spiritual guidance. They remembered the mid-week and Sabbath morning prayer meeting. The pastor's constant appeal for diligent study of the Bible and the need to exercise faith and commitment.

The finale of the day was a gala reception and buffet hosted by Salia Jones and her committee. Pastor Lee was showered with gifts and words of gratitude from various auxiliaries from the church.

Thelma Kilby  
Communications Secretary

## CENTRAL STATES



*W.C. Scales, Jr., Real Truth Speaker.*

### A TEAM APPROACH TO WHOLE PERSON EVANGELISM MAKES IMPACT IN KANSAS CITY

*By Donald G. King*

Kansas City will never be the same anymore. The reason is that it has one more Seventh-day Adventist Church to spread the Gospel of Good News. Its name? The Real Truth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This brand new church and its 184 newly baptized converts is the result of the Real Truth Crusade and a team of individuals led by Evangelist W.C. Scales, Jr. from the General Conference, Donald G. King from Loma Linda University, and Marguarite Brown from the Baltimore School District.

The program consisted basically of three main ingredients: Gospel preaching, health education, and educational summer day camp activities for the children and inner city youth of Kansas City. The meetings took place this past summer in a large auditorium-like church building.

The initial work for this Health-Bible-Educational approach to evangelism began when Elder Jim Cress, Mid-America Union Ministerial Secretary, contacted Elder Scales Jr. and invited his team to conduct this meeting in the Mid-America territory.

Six months prior to the opening night, the faithful church members from the Central States Conference, the Iowa-Missouri Conference and the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, rallied together to lay plans and build the momentum for this outstanding outreach program that was soon to start in the city. Thousands of Real Truth Bible and Health Lessons were distributed by a team of crusade paratroopers in anticipation of the opening night when the graduates would receive their certificates. Mrs. Myra Scales, the evangelist's mother, was coordinator for the Real Truth Lesson Program. The large 1200-seat auditorium was secured by Elder Eugene Carter, crusade coordinator. School buses were leased to transport the children for the Day Camp as well as for the nightly program. Health organizations in the city were contacted to provide health exhibits and literature by the thousands. Announcements were aired on television and radio.

Finally the opening night arrived, and what a night it was! Not even the presence of pop musician Michael Jackson in town that night diminished the attendance of the crowd!

### Seasoned Staff

The crusade team was characterized by a staff of personnel experienced in their areas of specialties. In addition to W.C. Scales, Jr., a seasoned evangelist of many years, there were his associates Donald G. King, a health education specialist from Loma Linda University who directed the health outreach ministries for the meetings, and Marguarite Brown, an early childhood specialist from Baltimore who directed the educational day camp for the youth. Elder W.C. Scales, Sr., the evangelist's father, served as director of personnel and personal evangelism; Rosalie Haffner Lee, crusade instructor for the staff Bible instructors; and Arnedia Brown, who directed the daily activities of the Bible instructors as they worked in the field. Pastor Steve Price was the music director, assisted by Ruby Robinson and Gail Livengood.

We were privileged to have a core of dedicated Bible instructors who came from far and near. Oakwood College, Andrews University, NAD Evangelism Institute, Eden Valley Institute, Yuchi Pines Institute, and workers on loan from various conferences. The area pastors from both conferences constituted some of our strongest support and rendered invaluable service to the crusade.

### The Health Outreach

The health outreach consisted of nightly health presentations, daily health screen-



*Donald G. King, Real Truth Health Educator.*

ings for the community residents, and a nightly display of health exhibits. We received invaluable assistance with the exhibits from local Kansas City volunteer organizations such as the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Sickle Cell Foundation, American Diabetes Foundation, and others. Thousands of pieces of free literature were given away and scores of people were counseled after being screened for blood pressure and put through a heart health evaluation program by a staff of capable health personnel. A Five Day Stop Smoking Plan was also conducted for a number of participants. It was amazing to see and hear the feedback from individuals who, as a direct result of the health emphasis, were enabled to make new, exciting, and healthful changes in their lifestyle.

### Kids here, there, everywhere

The Summer Day Camp proved to be a tremendous success. On the opening day, the leaders and counselors were bombarded by a crowd of kids—100 more than the 200 anticipated from the community. But this did not hamper the planning skills of Miss Brown and her assistants who efficiently and effectively ran the program under tight control for the ensuing six weeks which were to follow.

The program started each day with breakfast at eight a.m., followed by chapel. Included were various arts and craft activities, indoor and outdoor games, health and Bible tutorials, and enrollment courses on the family, health, and the Bible. Feedback sessions were conducted for the older youth. As a result of the day camp, the parents of these youth attended the nightly meetings, many of whom along with their children were baptized.

### Simple yet profoundly powerful

Night after night hundreds of people came to hear the evangelist as he spoke messages of hope in a simple yet profoundly powerful style as only Evangelist W.C. Scales, Jr. can. Night after night, by voice, song, the silver screen, and the Word, Evangelist Scales led his hearers to see the beautiful character of Jesus and the distinctive truths that are found in the Scriptures.

The topic, "Adam's Mother's Birthday" drew a record crowd of at least 1200 people. You should see the look on the people's faces—the look of utter delight—as their names were pulled from the gift box to receive a special prize or large family Bible. Each night was a time of fun and excitement as people studiously took a health and Bible quiz based on the previous night's presentations.

It was a delight to see people of different ethnic persuasions working together for the same common objectives. White and Black ushers in white blouses and dark skirts busily yet purposefully scurrying from place to place to help make people feel comfortable, even in the hot and humid Kansas City summer! The three area conferences gave tangible support not only by their attendance each night but providing support personnel for the various crusade committees.

### A brand new church, bus and pastor

Even before the first baptism, in anticipation of a fruitful harvest of souls, plans were laid in conjunction with the Central States Conference officer to find a house of worship for the new believers. Through a series of miraculous events, not only were we able to purchase a 500 seat building in the city, but a bus was also purchased to transport the newly baptized members to church services. Central States Conference president, Elder W.H. Cox, led out in the organization of what was to become known as the Real Truth Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor G.F. Webb was called to be its pastor. He conducted a brief follow-up series result-



*Real Truth Bible Lesson Booth. Real Truth Crusade, Kansas City, MO.*

ing in eight additional baptisms, bringing the total number of baptisms to 192.

We give thanks to the Lord for the self-sacrificial giving and the tremendous support by the local sister churches and the conference leadership without which this soul winning venture could not be the success that it was.

Indeed, Kansas City will never be the same anymore. There is one more body of believers, yes, one more witness, to proclaim with a loud voice the Three Angels' Messages and the soon coming of the Christ King.

\*Donald G. King is an ordained minister formerly of the General Conference Health/Temperance Department, now studying at Loma Linda University.

### PASTOR BRINGS NEW IDEAS

Elder Albert White, the new pastor of the Park Avenue SDA Church, St. Louis, Missouri has organized two new auxiliaries within the church. An objective committee—members are elected to make plans and set goals for the church body. Officers training class—to familiarize church officers with the duties of their department.

Elder White is the former pastor of the Grove Heights SDA Church, Wichita, Kansas. He and his wife, Jean have a daughter, Annette who attends Andrews University.

C. Daniel Johnson  
Communication Secretary



*E.F. Carter presents guidelines for Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Leaders.*



## LAKE REGION

### JUDGE ALEXANDER SPEAKS AT GLENDALE CHURCH

Judge Pamela Alexander was a guest speaker recently at the Glendale Church in Minneapolis. Judge Alexander was the first Black and the first woman to be appointed judge in the state of Minnesota. She brought to the youth of the Glendale Church a message entitled "We Can Do All Things Through Christ."

Judge Alexander also shared her story with the youth about the Lord's leading in her life. She witnessed to the fact that it was God who moved in her educational pursuits; employment as a practicing attorney and eventual placement as a judge of Minnesota.

Pamela Alexander encouraged the youth to be faithful to God and not to limit their goals.

With that positive attitude, she stated, they could be successful in all things through Christ.

The members of the Glendale Church are proud of Judge Alexander for they can remember her attending Sabbath services regularly with her grandmother when she was a child.

### SOUTHSIDE CHURCH BUYS VAN

On a recent Sabbath afternoon the church family of the Southside Church in Pontiac sang praises of to God be the glory for the recent purchase of a 1985 Dodge Ram fifteen passenger van.

With hands and hearts joined together around the van, the church family gave testimonies and praises of thanksgiving to God. In dedicating this van for a service of love, Royce Mentor, pastor, asked God's blessings upon it that all who ride may have traveling mercies. He also prayed that those to whom its care is entrusted be ever mindful of its purpose.

Plans have been made to utilize the van in community services, the transporting of the elderly, and other church related activities.

### COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT FIRST CHURCH OF EVANSTON

The First Church of Evanston, had a Community Guest Day Sabbath March 23. The Sabbath school superintendent, Veola Mason, and council members had as the guest speaker J. David Parker, Personal

Ministries Director for Lake Region. Elder Parker was introduced by Robert Smith, pastor of the church.

Elder Parker's message was taken from Isaiah 58, emphasizing the mission of today's Adventists. He stressed the first verse and the tenth through the fourteenth.

When the call was made for those looking for Christ as their personal Savior, ten souls answered the appeal.

Following the service, a delicious dinner was served for members and guests.

Lula Johnson  
Communication Secretary

### DR. BLACK SPEAKS AT BEACON OF JOY

Lieutenant Commander Dr. Barry Black, chaplain in the U.S. Army, was recently the guest speaker for the Beacon of Joy Church in Chicago. Sabbath morning, during the divine worship hour, his sermon was entitled "Ghostbusters". Sabbath afternoon during the A.Y. meeting Dr. Black presented the famous "I Have a Dream" speech by the later Martin Luther King, Jr. If one were to close his eyes it was as if Dr. King himself had come to the church to present the speech.

### Y.O.U.T.H. AT GLENDALE CHURCH

According to the AYS leaders at the Glendale Church in Minneapolis, great things are on the agenda for the youth.

In this world where initials are used to stand for so many things, the youth leaders at Glendale have come up with some initials for their society. They are Adventist Y.O.U.T.H. Society. Y.O.U.T.H. standing for Youth Onward Upward Together and Heavenbound. What it really boils down to is A.Y.S.

The youth council in this church has a real challenge before them since they have such a variety of youth to work with. The leaders have instituted one program which includes the drawing up of contracts. These contracts are to be signed by the leaders and the youth society members indicating that they promise to support the society with their time, talent, treasures, and their own person; working with the leaders to bring the youth into harmony with the church family and with the Lord.

Already the youth society has received over sixty signed contracts.

The Adventist Y.O.U.T.H. Society leader, Maxine Austin, says that by the grace of God they are going to help the youth to go Onward Upward Together and Heavenbound.

The assistant leaders for the AYS are Jacelyn Lolar and William Johnson. Marlee Taylor is the sponsor and James Taylor is the elder and spiritual leader. The ministry in music is broadcasted over station WLLLE. The participants are William Johnson, Liz Brown, Liza Fellety, Louis Boney and Eugene Brown.

Matthew Austin is in charge of AY activities; and Mark and Dorothy Boney are Pathfinder leaders.

With this organization the Glendale Youth Society is bound to go Onward Upward Together and Heavenbound.

Matthew Austin  
Communication Secretary

### WEEK OF PRAYER FEATURES LOVE FEAST

In conjunction with the Week of Prayer the Milwaukee AYS had a love feast. Everyone in attendance, under the direction of Gerard Gathright, a member of the AY staff, reconsecrated their lives to Christ and His service. Following the reconsecration service they partook of nature's fresh fruits.

The Week of Prayer this year was one that will long be remembered. This was the first time for several years that the Sharon Church was ministered to nightly by a guest speaker.

Lloyd Hudson, an ex-convict, now minister from the Bay area, brought a warmth and closeness among us through his preaching by touching a common cord between us all . . . our humanity.

It was evident from his sermons that he feels deeply grateful to God and his mother for not leaving him in his sinfulness. And because of this gratefulness he is obliged to spread the message of a crucified, risen and soon to return Savior.

Each evening at 6:50 it seemed that all roads led to the Milwaukee Sharon Church; and by 7:00 p.m. the lower auditorium was filled. It was truly a week of spiritual revival.

On the Sunday morning after the opening of Week of Prayer, the AYS formed a prayer breakfast. Names that were turned in during the week were prayed over every Sunday and then a breakfast followed the special prayer service.

The AYS leader, Violet Jones, and her staff consisting of Casandra McCoy, Gina Montriel and Gerard Gathright, have many other spirit-filled events planned for 1985. Henry Brown the AYS sponsor, can always be found supporting the AYS programs.

Yvonne B. Harvey  
Communication Secretary



*Lottie Norman, center, a 100 year old citizen at the Shiloh Church in Chicago, gives words of farewell and encouragement to Elder and Mrs. Fred White at the farewell program which was given in their honor.*



*Johnathon Ward, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and presently a first year student at the Andrews University-Seminary, was the guest speaker for the Adventist Youth Spring Week of Prayer. He conducted morning services for the students at Shiloh Academy and evening services for the Shiloh Church.*



*Officers of the Glendale Church in Minneapolis, under the leadership of Leroy Logan, recently came together to rededicate themselves to the service of the Lord. These officers realize the great challenge that is before them; but are determined to serve the Lord by serving their church.*



*Leroy Logan, pastor of the Glendale Church in Minneapolis, prepares for the ordination of two young men, Anthony Mosley, left, was ordained a deacon; and James Taylor was ordained as a local elder. Taylor's wife stands by his side.*



**Joseph Robinson, personal ministries director for the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis, receives a plaque from Alma McRoberts for his dedicated and untiring services rendered to the church during their 1984 Ingathering campaign. Sister McRoberts was also honored for her outstanding participation in the Ingathering campaign. She raised approximately \$400.00.**



**Elder and Mrs. Fred White prepare to cut their cake at a farewell party given in their honor at the Shiloh Church. Elder White, former pastor of Shiloh, has been asked to serve the Lake Region Conference as ministerial secretary.**



**R. Leslie Willis, former pastor of the Dupont Church in Washington, D.C. talks to Charles Joseph, president of Lake Region Conference, after he was introduced to his new church family at Shiloh in Chicago. Elder Willis was accompanied by his wife, Betty, and daughters Leslie, Lizzette, and Denise. A fourth daughter, Donna, could not be present.**



**A special surprise "We Appreciate You Party," was given for three members of the Shiloh Church in Chicago. They are pictured from left Arthur Scott, Doretha Martin, and William Hilliard.**

## NORTHEASTERN



**Pastor Mouzon and honoree on Personal Ministries Day.**

### NEWS CAPSULE FROM NEW HAVEN

1984 was a banner year for Mt. Zion SDA Church, Hamden, Connecticut. On September 15, 1984, Henry Wright was guest speaker for Personal Ministries Day. Several prominent members of the Community were honored during this time.

November 1, was Investment Day and the final day of the Ingathering campaign. The members were successful in reaching their goal of \$2,500 for Investment. The Ingathering Goal was \$7,318.36, that goal was reached in addition to an overflow of \$2,000. Elder G.R. Earle, President of Northeastern Conference was the guest speaker.

The Excelsior Chorale, under the direction of Aubrey E. Tompkins, presented excerpts from the Messiah on December 15. This is an annual event. The Chorale has distinction of being the only Black choir in New Haven to perform his oratorio.



**Elder Henry Wright, guest speaker for Personal Ministries Day.**

### SO. BROOKLYN HOLDS WEEK OF PRAYER

Elder Samuel Sampson, pastor of Goshen Temple Church, Brooklyn, New York launched the Young People's Week of Prayer, March 16-23 at the South Brooklyn Church, Brooklyn, New York.

Sampson, the former pastor of the Church, dealt with family ties in the 80s. His sermon was entitled, "Minutes to Midnight — Do You Know Where Your Children Are?"

Throughout the week, the young men and women listened to messages that would fortify them for the coming time. To close out spiritual emphasis week on Sabbath, March 23, Elder Owen Monk was the guest speaker. The day also designated as Community Guest Day.

Elder Monk's sermon was entitled, "You Can Have Your Case Re-examined." The sermon was taken from Mark 1:40-45; 2:1-5.

Mary Gborkorquellie  
Communication Secretary

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMEMORATED AT SOUTH BROOKLYN

The AYS Department of the South Brooklyn Church, Brooklyn, New York highlighted the achievements of Blacks during Black History month in February.

The AYS leader, Vincent Smith, presented a skit dealing with the Montgomery Boycott and the events that led to Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. fight for Civil Rights.

This was one of several enlightening programs presented.

Mary A. Gborkorquellie  
Communication Secretary



**The New Rochelle Pathfinders are No. 1— Julian Wilson, left, Pathfinders Director; Mavis Moore, center, former Director and Elder J.C. Hicks, pastor of the Church.**

### IMPERIALS LEADING PATHFINDERS CLUB

The Imperials, the Pathfinders Club of the New Rochelle SDA Church, New Rochelle, New York was named Pathfinders Club of the Year, 1984. The Club began in 1979 under the direction of Roma Reed. She held this post until 1981, when Mavis Moore became the leader.

In that year the Pathfinders attended the Atlantic Union Camporee in Rhode Island. For their various activities they received second place in the Union. They were awarded four ribbons and a trophy.

In October of that year, the Imperials participated in the Westchester-Rockland Olympics and received second place trophy and eight ribbons — first, second, third place ribbons in the Olympic races. In December they were awarded Club of the Year Trophy, for the Most Improved Club.

In 1982, they received first place trophy at the Parade Fair. The following year brought awards in the Soap Box Derby and Pathfinders Club of the Year.

Through team effort and hard work the Imperials raised enough funds to travel to the camporees in Bermuda, Georgia, and Lake Pound Ridge, New York.

Martha Dawson  
Communication Secretary



**Neil Reid conducted a Revival for the Springfield Garden Church.**

### STUDENT HOLDS REVIVAL

A year end revival was held December 9-15, 1984 at the Springfield Garden Church, Queens, New York. Neil Reid, a theology student from Oakwood College and former youth elder of the Church was the guest speaker.

His concern for God's Church in the latter days underscored his theme for the week, "Spots and Wrinkles Can She Be Made Whole?" He had come to understand that if the Church should endure the trouble which is almost upon us, a revival and reformation must take place.

Reid had read in the Great Controversy that "before the final visitation of God's judgement upon the earth there will be among the people of God such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic time."

His nightly messages reflected this thought. He used Revelation 2 and 3 as the foundation text for the revival meetings.

For 2½ years Reid served as youth elder in the Church. When ordained, he experienced the promptings of the Holy Spirit, to prepare for the gospel ministry.

It was not an easy decision for during those 2½ years Neil was pursuing a degree in Aerospace Technology. This degree would enable him to manage an airport, secure a private pilots license and possibly become an air traffic controller.

However, he could not quiet the still small voice, so he laid aside his cherished dream of becoming an aviator and headed south for Oakwood College.

Two months after Neil left for school, Elder Desmond Francis, pastor of the Church, received a call from him, requesting the second week in December to hold a revival.

Reid, so sensed the urgency of his message, that he began preparing his messages before he called the pastor.

The revival ended on a very high note. At the close of divine service a call was made for the leaders and members to build a chain encircling the Church. This symbolized the oneness which joins the family of God together in times of peace and adversity.

## LEBANON HONORS MEN OF MERIT

*By Stephanie Johnson*

The Lebanon Church in Laurelton, New York, held its Fall Visitor's Day, sponsored by the Sabbath school department under the leadership of Desmond Mahoney, on October 27. Three men were chosen for their outstanding contribution in their fields of endeavor.

**Medicine** — Dr. Ernest Dupuy, a Brooklyn-based psychiatrist, received the Distinguished Service Award for providing quality medical care for the poor, the desti-



**Men of Merit - (L to R) His Excellency A.K. Phiri, of the Malawi Mission to the U.N., his son and wife, Bernadette Phiri; Dr. Ernest Dupuy, psychiatrist; Stephanie Johnson, Assistant Sabbath School Superintendent; Gwendolyn Wesley and Elder Phillip Wesley of the Lebanon Church; and Dr. G.R. Earle, President of Northeastern Conference.**

tute and those who have no might. He also regularly provides free counseling to persons involved in alcohol and drug abuse.

**Law** — Attorney Jeremiah S. Gutman, president of the New York Civil Liberties Union, received the Distinguished Service Award for his continual advocacy and unwavering commitment to upholding human and religious freedoms.

In the 1950s Gutman was in the forefront defending the rights of men and women who were persecuted because of their ideologies during the "McCarthy era." In the 1960s he turned his legal skills to the Civil Rights movement. He fought so black men and women could enjoy the rights and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution. In the 1970s and now he is defending the rights of religious minorities to worship God according to the dictates of their own hearts.

**Government** — The Distinguished Merit Award was given to the Honorable president of the Republic of Malawi and the people of Malawi for their good will and cooperation towards the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The award was accepted by His Excellency A.K. Piri, deputy ambassador to the Malawi Mission to the United Nations.

Malawi, a country in Southeast Africa, was entered by Adventists in 1893. The work received a firm footing when Joseph Booth and Thomas Branch, the first black SDA missionary, began a pioneering work there in 1902. Branch opened a school which is now known as the Malamulo College. His daughter Mabel became the first SDA teacher in Malawi.

Today there are approximately 50,000 members; 21 elementary schools; four secondary schools. The church operates the Malamulo Hospital and Leprosarium and SDA Health Centre. The SDA Church enjoys religious freedom in Malawi which has allowed it to greatly expand.

The speaker for Visitor's Day was Dr. G.R. Earle, president of the Northeastern Conference. He spoke on the theme, "Jesus Is Coming." Pastor and Mrs. Earle were also presented a plaque by Gilbert Anderson, church treasurer, and Patricia Lindo, church clerk, for their many years of fruitful service to the conference.

The music for the divine hour was provided by the Ephesus youth choir under the direction of Ruth Nixon. Joan Davis and Al Harper also rendered music.

The Sabbath school program endeavored to reflect the universality of the church, employing the talents of those from Panama, Haiti, Brazil, Trinidad/Tobago, Jamaica, Romania and Pakistan.

Music was provided by the Cazans, a Romanian group and the Pakistani Ensemble, who sang in Urdu, their native language. The mission story presented by Worinis Suba and Pastor Mehbub Khan of the Urdu mission in New York City gave insight into challenging work facing the Pakistan believer in the states and abroad.

The evening program, entitled "Ways of Strengthening the Home in the Eighties," was presented by Brian Carter, a ministerial student at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, who presented ways to maintain a happy, Christian home.

## SOUTH CENTRAL



*Decatur, AL recently added an addition to the church facility.*

### DECATUR, ALABAMA BUILDING EXPANDED

Pastor J.W. Jones and members of the Decatur, Alabama church recently added an addition to the church facility that will be used for a church school and day care center. The Triana church, Triana, Alabama, dedicated its building 'debt-free' just a few weeks ago. This church is in the district of Pastor Jones.

### BLACK MUSICIANS HOSTED BY SOUTH CENTRAL MINISTER

Shelton Kilby, minister of music for the South Central was the host for a national meeting of Black musicians that was held



in Nashville, April 24. Another 'first' for South Central. Pastor Kilby is presently conducting workshops around the division to instill in the hearts of the Black membership the meaning and holding power of Black music that has been sung through the years. He also serves as a member of the Music Committee for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

### CORRECTION

In the March issue of the Voice, the article, "An Antidote for Bitterness," inadvertently left out the author's name, Frank Jackson.



*Pastor T.L. Hemingway baptizes a new convert.*

### EVANGELISM ON THE MOVE IN 1985

Throughout the South Central Conference, the pastors and laity are asking the Lord to bless their united efforts of continuous evangelism during 1985. Fifteen Revelation Seminars are to be held and one hundred lay efforts are to be held across the conference. Some have already begun. Spring crusades are to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee by O.J. McKinney and T.L. Hemingway; in Greenville, Tennessee by Shelton Kilby and W. Monk; in Clanton, Alabama by Walton Rose. Baptisms are already taking place in Knoxville, Tennessee.

W.C. Scales is to hold a city-wide crusade in Birmingham, Alabama beginning July 16. E.E. Cleveland is to hold a crusade in Pratt City, Alabama during the summer. Reginald Robinson, of the Breath of Life, Inc. Evangelistic Team is to hold a meeting in Pensacola, Florida during the month of August. Antoine Maycock is the pastor there.

Other crusades will be held by J.I. Grider, Jackson, Mississippi; M.E. Patterson, Huntsville; I.L. Lester, Louisville, Kentucky; R.L. Patterson, Montgomery, Alabama; M.R. MMounter, Tuskegee, Alabama; J.R. Bell, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Jesse Wilson, Columbia, Tennessee; R.J. Hill, Memphis, Tennessee; D. Edmond, Memphis, Tennessee; Freddie Brown, Franklin Tennessee; J. Young, Panama City, Florida; G.R. Seay, Phenix City, Alabama; D. Lynes, Natchez, Mississippi; V. White, Gulfport, Mississippi, B.E. Jones, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Pray for the success of these meetings and that the Lord will give many souls to be added to the church.



### MISS STREETER FINALIST IN 'MISS U N C F' CONTEST

Although she did not make the 'Miss U N C F - 1985' title, Miss A. Streeter of Greenville, Mississippi was the third runner-up in the contest for 1985. Each year for the past five or six years the Oakwood College has held a U.N.C.F. banquet in connection with the annual Alumni Weekend at which time a student is named for top honors in fund-raising in its United Negro College Fund drive. This year some thirty thousand dollars was raised by the students who participated. Miss Streeter was blessed with the third highest amount.



*Elder and Mrs. I.J. Johnson exchanging their vows after 40 years of marriage.*

### **I.J. JOHNSONS EXCHANGE 40 YEARS VOWS**

Elder and Mrs. I.J. Johnson, the Stewardship and Communications Director for the South Central Conference exchanged their wedding vows after forty years of marriage. The ceremony was held at the Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee by C.E. Dudley. The Johnsons are a beautiful demonstration for those who enter the marriage agreement, that it can work as they promised at the altar forty years ago, if God is given the opportunity to direct in their lives.

### **DEAF MINISTRY PLAYS ROLE IN REVIVAL**

In order to communicate the Gospel to the deaf, members of the New Life Church, Nashville, Tennessee were taught sign language.

Mr. & Mrs. Will Anderson of Ohio taught the members in preparation for a two week revival held at the Church, February 17 -March 2. The Anderson's have successfully taught sign language in a number of cities.

Elder Morris Patterson, pastor of the Church, made a number of preparations to insure the meeting's success. A religious survey was conducted in the community.

One of the questions asked, "Would you like to be included in a free Bible class?" drew a positive response from a number of people surveyed.

A number of the respondents took the Bible course and received a certificate on opening night of the meeting. The meeting was well attended, at its conclusion eleven were baptized.



*New congregation purchases building in Hopkinsville. Jesse Wilson is pastor for this new congregation.*

### **NEW CONGREGATION PURCHASES BUILDING AT HOPKINSVILLE**

Pastor Jesse Wilson and his new congregation has secured a building in the downtown area of Hopkinsville, Kentucky in which to hold their services from week to week. Already renovations are being made by this group of faithful believers and the future looks promising. One rejoices to see the work expanding in the state of Kentucky. The membership level has not reached 1,000 for the entire state as yet, but we ask the Lord to help us to expand the work throughout the state. Congregations are now established in Louisville, Owensboro, Covington, Frankfort, Paducah, Bowling Green and Lexington.

### **NEWS NOTES**

The Nashville Urban League in commemoration of its 75th Anniversary sponsored, "The Festival of Praise." The theme was "Honoring the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr."

Duane Hamilton, member of the New Life Church, Nashville was the Master of Ceremonies. Dale Franklin Cornelius served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Edith Wilkerson  
Communication Secretary

### **CHOIR PERFORMS AT M.L. KING DAY**

The New Life Choir, Nashville, Tennessee, performed at Fisk University on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday, January 15.

The choir sang, "When This Life Is Done," in the historic Jubilee Chapel on Fisk campus. Other musical artists included: the Fisk Jubilee Singers and recording artist Bob Bailey.

Edith Wilkerson  
Communication Secretary

## FEEDING THE NEEDY

Two years ago Clarence Taylor, a member of the Breath of Life Church, Memphis, Tennessee had a dream. The Lord showed him the Church had a work to do. They must open their doors and their hearts to supply the needy with food and clothing.

The members heeded the dream. During the Christmas season of 1984, the Church sponsored a dinner for people without friends or family.

The Personal Ministries Director, Earl Howard, has continued this work. Every other week the needy receive a nourishing meal from the church members.

Raymond Wade  
Correspondent

Mrs. Pilliner also served as Judge for the Senior Chemistry and Biochemistry categories.

## IN TRANSITION

Welton Jones is the new Associate Publishing Secretary in the Southeastern Conference. He will serve District #1 covering the Tampa area.

Jones has transferred from the Allegheny West Conference where he held a like position. He has worked in West Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tampa, and Tallahassee, Florida. His successes in sales and souls reflects his dedication and leadership. He will be an asset to Southeastern Conference's ever-growing Central Florida area.

## SOUP KITCHEN ONCE A DREAM, NOW A REALITY

When a child of six or seven, Diane Tramel, member of the First SDA Church, Thomasville, Georgia, had a childhood dream to open a center where she would feed scores of needy people. The dream was set aside for years. After knee surgery in October, 1984, she decided that she would pursue her dream with vigor. On January 13, 1985, the Community Services and Personal Ministries departments of the church spearheaded her dream and opened the "Soup Kitchen" which began its weekly operations.

Each Sunday between 8-12 noon, Diane Tramel along with her corps of workers prepare meals. It is served and delivered by drivers and riders on four routes to approximately 140 persons comprised of the elderly, the sick and shut-in, and the handicapped. Funding for this project is provided by the Inner City department of the Southeastern Conference, private contributions, and the church. A vegetable garden on the church property is cultivated to add to needed resources. One major contributor is a vegetable producer who plans greater involvement as the project escalates.

To ensure the community awareness contact was made with Mayor Tom Faircloth, Commissioner Earl Williams, and Commissioner/Funeral Director Benjamin Hatcher. Television, radio, and newspapers have given substantial coverage. This has brought visibility to the church.

The enthusiasm exuded by the staff at First SDA Church "Soup Kitchen" demonstrates the selfless devotion of Diane Tramel and her workers. The Personal Ministries department shares in this ministry by delivering literature.

## BRIDGETT HONORED FOR SERVICE

Noel W. Bridgett, of the North Orlando SDA Church, Orlando, was one of the seventeen (17) persons honored in Central Florida in March, 1985. The recognition was given for selfless service, by those who have contributed so much to the community.

Bridgett, who studied in Great Britain and worked for the Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation, Jamaica, West Indies, as an accountant, and then comptroller, has served as the Asst. Comptroller at the Knickerbocker Hospital in New York. In 1978 he assumed the responsibilities as the administrator of the Guardian Care Convalescent Center in Orlando, and is credited with reversing the nursing home's financial plights and deteriorating services.

## SHILOH'S STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SPELLING BEE

The annual Marion County Spelling Bee for private and parochial schools, sponsored by the Orlando Sentinel, Orlando's largest newspaper, was held on Thursday, March 14, 1985 at the Oak Griner Christian School, Ocala, Florida.

Four contestants from the Shiloh SDA School participated in this event. Christine Pilliner and Bernard Milton represented grades one to four, while Jackie Howard and Ramona Pilliner represented grades 5-8.

All children did well. It is noteworthy that Ramona and Jackie stayed in the contest until they were among the last four remaining.

The school plans to participate in the Spelling Bee, annually. Pastor G. Murray of the Shiloh SDA Church was privileged to serve as one of the judges.

## SOUTHEASTERN

### SHILOH'S STUDENTS WINNERS IN SCIENCE FAIR

The Regional Science Fair for the Florida State Fair, convened at the City Auditorium in Ocala, Florida, February 27 and 28, 1985.

There were over 300 entrants in the Junior and Senior Divisions combined. These represented students from public and private schools in Marion, Sumpter, and other adjoining counties.

Mrs. E. Pilliner, principal/teacher, of the one-teacher Shiloh SDA School, entered two projects in the Junior Environmental Science Division. The participants were Shearna Tolbert, and Ramona Pilliner, both 10 year-olds and in the sixth grade. They decided on their projects after discussing the problem of starvation in Ethiopia in class.

Shearna made a protein flour from the exoskeleton of the cockroach. The freeze-dried product was made to keep without refrigeration and was ready for consumption. All undesirable color, odor and taste had been previously removed.

Ramona chose to recycle urine to produce a clear, sparkling sample of water! The urine was first treated to permanently remove inorganic salts, color, odor and taste. It was then distilled to produce potable water.

Ramona's and Shearna's projects earned for them second and third place. This was the first time the school had entered the competition.

## CORRECTION

It was erroneously reported in the April 1985 issue that the title of the Black churches/conferences of the North American Division paid \$1,411,670,817.92. It should have been reported that the North American Division paid \$1,411,670,817.92. The title of the Black churches/conferences was \$185,486,000.00 for the five year period since the last General Conference.

—The Editor



## SOUTHWEST REGION



**W.C. Jones, President**  
*Southwest Region Conference.*



**M.W. Wilson, Secretary**  
*Southwest Region Conference*



**S.L. Green, Treasurer**  
*Southwest Region Conference*

### SOUTHWEST HOLDS CONSTITUENCY MEETING

The Fifth Triennial Session of the Southwest Region Conference was held March 24, 1985 in the Chisholm Trail Academy Gymnasium, Keene, Texas.

In the president's report to the constituency, W.C. Jones said, "The heartbeat of this conference centers around evangelism . . . In 1951 the membership was organized in a conference with 1,939 members. History was made June, 1984, for it was then that we scaled to the heights of 10,000 constituents; at the close of the fourth quarter, we numbered 10,768. As a crowning act in 1984, we baptized for the first time in our 38 years of existence, 1,252 souls in a single year. The total accession to the church during this triennium, 2,594."

Eleven new church organizations were officially accepted into the conference's sisterhood of churches: Albuquerque, New Mexico—Unity; Athens, Texas; Garland, Texas; Houston, Texas—Word of Faith; Killeen, Texas; Lawton, Oklahoma; Scotlandville, Louisiana; West Memphis, Arkansas; Houston, Texas—Bellaire; Gretna, Louisiana; and New Orleans Last Days.

Sixteen church buildings were completed with two under construction during the triennium. The conference office was remodeled to make room for the new Adventist Book Center. The tithe increased from \$5,494,887 during the previous triennium to \$7,743,308, a gain of 41 percent.

A program called Infiltration has proven successful. Young men trained for the ministry, but for whom no regular employment opening was available, were sent into new territory with the challenge to support themselves through the literature ministry or by other means, find and develop interests, and establish companies of believers. In two years, this plan has resulted in seven churches of 25 members or more and over 100 persons baptized.

The nominating committee's first recommendation for a change in the conference president elicited a lively floor discussion, which led to a vote rejecting that nomination. This was followed by a floor vote which reinstated W.C. Jones as president.

Then the constituency accepted the nominating committee's recommendation for a change in the treasurer and secretary, electing S.L. Green as treasurer and M.W. Wilson as secretary. Green has been serving as assistant treasurer, and M.W. Wilson as pastor of the Ephesus Church in

New Orleans. The departmental secretaries remain the same.

The new Executive Committee is composed of the following: the three officers of the conference; seven lay members J. Booth, Fort Worth, TX; Donald Arnette, Waxahachie, TX; Elbert Moore, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Helen Beckett, Dallas, TX; Daniel McKinney, Albuquerque, NM; Bruce Suttle, Tulsa, OK; Fred Bauer, Alexandria, LA; and five pastors — W.S. Lee II, Las Cruces, NM; Clarence Williams III, Oklahoma City, OK; W.T. Cox, Little Rock, Ark.; R.J. Brown, Houston, TX; and the pastor of the New Orleans Ephesus Church.

The president reviewed other progress of the conference, the gain in the publishing sales of \$301,382.47; the Revolving Fund for the building of churches. "We have crossed," he said, "the first million dollar mark in investment, and have begun working toward the second million, the mortgage burning and campground improvements."

The business was conducted by B.E. Leach, president of the Southwestern Union Conference. The president expressed appreciation to the union officers, local conference staff, pastors, Bible workers, and dedicated laymen for making this progressive report possible.

### LE RALLY IN HAMMOND

The first Literature Evangelists Rally for the year was held at the Emmanuel Church, Hammond, Louisiana, January 28.

Special guests included: Benjamin Cone, Associate Publishing Director for the South Central Conference along with many of his LEs and R.E. Brown, Personal Ministries Director for the Conference. Pastor Brown was the speaker for the divine hour. Many LEs responded to the message and re-dedicated their lives.

The Sabbath School lesson was taught by LEs: E. Wilson, K. Jenkins and R. Antoine. A skit performed by LEs and narrated by Nathaniel Jackson, depicted the trials, disappointments and joys of the literature ministry.

In the evening, Elder James Marshall, Publishing Director for the Conference conducted "The Miracle Hour," an LE workshop.

The LEs also shared a number of their experiences. Martin Harry, an LE, hospitalized for several months was responsible for ten people being baptized despite his illness. The Workshop was concluded on Sunday.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE



*Professor Ivan Christian, left, Class of 1924; Mrs. Myrtle Gates Murphy, center, Class of 1925 stand with Elder L.A. Paschal, President of the Oakwood Alumni Association. They are both active members of the Alumni.*

### MEMBERS OF CLASSES IN THE 20's VISIT OAKWOOD

Professor Ivan Christian - Class of 1924 and Mrs. Myrtle Gates Murphy - Class of 1925 are still active alumni of Oakwood in their various locales. L.A. Paschal, the president of the National Alumni Association greets these leaders of long standing.

### BAKER CONDUCTS FALL WEEK OF PRAYER

The fall season brings about some spectacular events in the Tennessee Valley. Some of the more outstanding are: the opening of school, festivals and fairs, exciting sports events, and the beautiful changing of the leaves. The spiritual highlight of the season, if not the year, is the Oakwood College fall week of prayer.

This year's week of prayer will go down as one of the best and most fruitful in recent years. The speaker was Delbert Baker, pastor of the Ethan Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dayton, Ohio. Pastor Baker is a 1975 graduate of Oakwood College and has a master's of divinity degree from the Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He is married and the father of three sons.

This year's theme was "Escape Routes." Baker gave nine presentations to packed audiences during the week-long schedule. Each night, hundreds committed and rededicated their lives to Christ and the week was climaxed with the baptism of 75 converts. Pastor Baker certainly earned his reputation as a man of God.

Each day, Pastor Baker spoke to different classes about his new book on the life

and ministry of William Foy. Foy, a black man, was the first known person to have the prophetic gift since John the Revelator, a disciple of Christ. Little has been written on Foy and the research by Pastor Baker proved to be most intriguing. The book, which started out as a research paper, was six years in the making. The Oakwood community was privileged to get a preview of the book.

Larry N. Harris  
Correspondent

### OAKWOOD COLLEGE HOSTS FIRST NAFEO/AID CONFERENCE

The first National Association for Equal Opportunity in Education (NAFEO)/U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) Planning Conference for Liaison Officers was co-hosted by Oakwood College and Alabama A & M University on the campus of Oakwood on August 9 and 10. The NAFEO/AID Cooperative Agreement

for International Development was reached in January of 1984 as a response to the need to facilitate and enhance the capacity of NAFEO in assisting black colleges' and universities' (HBCUs) participation in programs administered by AID. AID is committed to bolstering economic development in key areas of the world and increasing involvement of American minority organizations in its activities.

Of the 103 HBCUs designated by the agency as participants, 28 were represented at this initial planning conference that incorporated the role, responsibility and relationship of the HBCU liaison officer to the NAFEO/AID Cooperative Agreement.

Top agency officials and experts in international development were on hand to interpret this program and assist liaison officers in effectively administering the program at their institutions, including: Dr. Samuel Myers, president of NAFEO; Dr. Marie Gabsden, deputy director, NAFEO/

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AID Cooperative Agreement for International Development; Hunter Fitzgerald, project manager, AID/Science & Technology; Henry Smith, director, USAID/Africa Bureau; and Dr. Joseph Kennedy, director, International Development, AFRI-CARE.

Dr. Myers stated that Oakwood, with its international flavor, was the ideal place to hold the first conference and that he was tremendously impressed with its establishment. Moreover, AID officers have asked to use in their presentations, "Winning the Race," a film made by Alabama A & M University about Oakwood College.

AID funds to HBCUs increased 50 percent in 1983. This year AID has targeted \$90 million to be used for HBCUs, minority and women-controlled businesses, and private and voluntary organizations. Interested organizations may contact one of the bureaus listed below:

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**PLANNED GIVING OFFICER** sought by Florida Hospital Foundation. Send resume to: Brooke Sadler, Executive Vice President, Florida Hospital Foundation, 2501 N. Orange Ave., Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32804.

The Northeastern Alumni Association will hold its biannual Homecoming, August 24 at the Northeastern Academy, 523 W. 215 Street, New York, New York. For more information contact: Barbara Williams, Corresponding Secretary, c/o Northeastern Academy, 523 W. 215 Street, New York, New York 10034 or call (212) 569-4800.

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Northeastern Conference Corporation  
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Notice is hereby given that the regular triennial session of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventists will be held in connection with the eighteenth regular session (fifth triennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Victory Lake Camp, Hyde Park, New York, on Sunday, July 21, 1985. The first meeting of the Corporation will convene at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the coming triennial term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Delegates of the Conference session are delegates to the Corporation meeting.

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