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*Spreading Tidings of the Southern Union Adventist Family*

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## From Kanama and Bigogo, Rwanda

There are no parking lots, and very few finished church buildings. We meet on the hillside, and people walk to come and hear the Gospel of Jesus. "How far did you come?" Cheryl asks. "Fifteen minutes by shoe," or "one hour by shoe," they respond. At one evangelistic site here in Rwanda, East Africa, some faithful seekers are walking four hours each way. All are seekers of the Word of God. All are filling their lives with hope.

Cheryl and I are preaching at different villages in the mountains of Rwanda, up against the border of the Congo Republic. Every night the Three Angels Messages, the Advent message of hope, is preached outdoors with makeshift screens and sometimes-squealing microphones; nevertheless, hope is lighting the hearts of our new friends. No matter the bugs and beetles. No matter the cold and even occasional rain or mist. No matter: the seekers sit on the hillside without cover. The hope that Jesus offers, and the truth that is so beautiful and meaningful, is being heard by thousands who long for a better way, a better perspective, a better future.

Cheryl and I are not experienced evangelists. This is Cheryl's first ever preaching experience. We will each preach 18 ShareHim sermons (ShareHim Evangelism is operated by the Carolina Conference) and make many calls for commitment and baptism. It is the Holy Spirit that speaks through us. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts. God only asks us to go and be available. We are with a group of 15 preachers; most are lay preachers, and most are first-time preachers. One young man is 13 years old. Now is the time to reach people here in Rwanda and many parts of the world. Television and even electricity is a rarity. People are open to the Gospel now. And, I'm very impressed with how careful the pastors and elders are about making sure each person who makes a decision for baptism is taught the full teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

I know that we join thousands of other lay evangelists in the Southern Union who are preaching around the world. And, I know that there are doors open in our own towns and cities in the South. I pray that the flame of evangelism will be fanned more and more until Jesus comes.

This past Friday night at our meeting in Bigogo, elevation 6,800 feet, the pastor was making some final announcements. He was letting the people know that several groups would meet on Sabbath morning in the various villages, and we would come back together on Sabbath evening. One woman asked, "Why won't you let us sleep here tonight so we can learn more about the Bible in the morning?" How could this be? I had three layers of coats and sweaters on in the 45-degree night air. Jesus draws. The Holy Spirit instills longing. I want to be more like that, more like the seekers Jesus talked about as He preached on a hillside 2,000 years ago: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6



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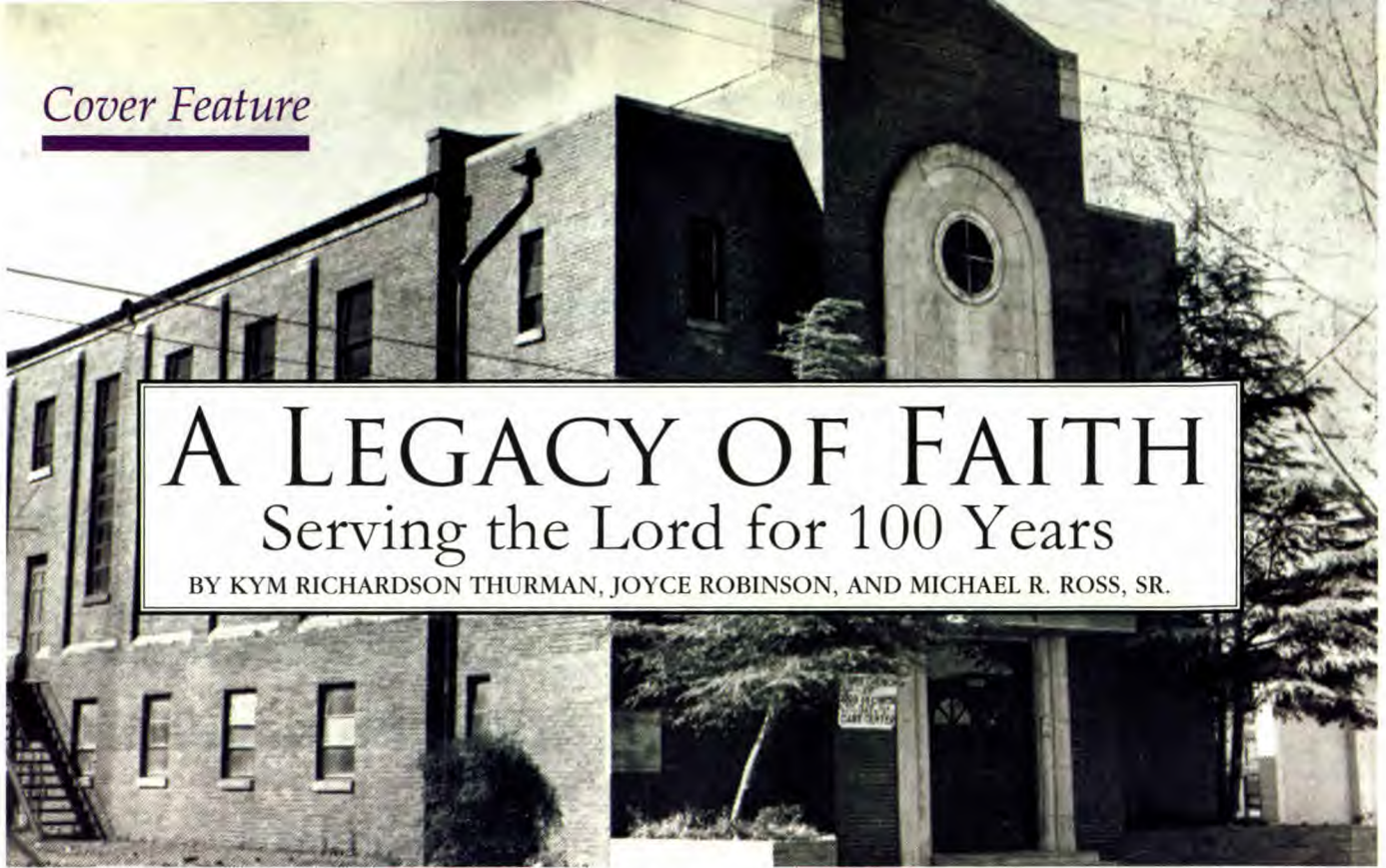
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# A LEGACY OF FAITH

## Serving the Lord for 100 Years

BY KYM RICHARDSON THURMAN, JOYCE ROBINSON, AND MICHAEL R. ROSS, SR.

*A new red brick structure was built and completed in 1951, Dearborn Street Seventh-day Adventist Church. The church family worshipped here for 21 years.*

A legacy of faith began in Mobile, Alabama, 100 years ago with the quest to spread God's Word and the truth about the Sabbath.

Joseph Laurence, pastor, and his wife, Beala, were appointed in January, 1907, by the Alabama Conference to work with Sydney Scott, pastor. They organized and opened an evangelistic meeting held in a three-tent pavilion on May 8, 1907. It was located near the old campground, an old military camp at the corner of Congress and Scott Streets; 20 people were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The new congregation met in individual homes and began to grow. By August of 1907, Sabbath services were held in the Y.M.C.A. building. It had become a tradition during that era for established churches in the community to assist in the education of emancipated "Negroes."



*Sydney Scott, pastor, co-founder of Emmanuel*

Therefore, in November, 1907, the Mobile company added a school to its outreach agenda.

With the growing population in Mobile, both Black and White, there was clearly a need for a church and school. William A. S. Henri, pastor and new leader of the Mobile company, utilized the assistance of W. B. Smith, principal of the Emerson Institute, to obtain supplies to furnish a school. As a result of his hard work and faithfulness, the school opened on October 3, 1911, with 35 students. The community accepted the school so readily that by April, 1912, there were 117 students at the school, and by June, 1912, 120 students. The school was instrumental in highlighting the Gospel message in the city perpetuating a legacy of faith. This included training children to love the Lord and be prepared to serve in a world of ever-changing technology.

To this day, there have been many dedicated teachers who helped to shape the minds of children. Emmanuel members salute Thomas Murphy and



*Joseph H. Laurence, pastor, co-founder with Sydney Scott, was sent to Mobile, January, 1907.*

Nancy Everett, who paved the path for 100 years of Christian education at its school. After the birth of South Central Conference in 1946, the teachers and employees included Jerome James, Olivette Williams, Bernice Pearson, Annie M. Sellers, Sylvia London, Shondra Moody, Alfred Williams, Edwin Thoms, Paula West, Eunice Davis, Robert Walker, Linda Campbell, Adell Sellers, Minnie Major, Sheila Anthony, Geraldine Forte Richardson,



CHARLES MAYES

Another new church was built in 1975 on Stone Street and renamed Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Eloise Wagner, Alex Adams, Samuel Amfo, Geraldine Waddell, Lorraine Bussey, Lisa Hampton, Queen Simon, and Pearl Williams. Emmanuel Day Care teachers included Melanie Powe, Marie Campbell, Martha Jones, Shirley Evans, and Bernita Mitchell.

In 1907, with only a few believers, early members came together in a commitment to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and teach the love of God to a growing community by promoting a legacy of faith.

By 1938, the members moved into its first church—a little, run-down white church at 309 Dearborn Street. However, in 1948, under the leadership of Andrew D. Shorter, pastor, a new red brick structure was built and completed in 1951. It was known as Dearborn Street Seventh-day Adventist Church, and remained at this location for 21 years. The church school reopened in 1954 in the basement of the new church,

with Bernice Pearson as teacher. It continued until another new sanctuary was built in 1975 by pastors John Wagner and Benjamin P. Browne.



Michael R. Ross, Sr., pastor

members in celebrating Emmanuel's centennial anniversary. Visitors from nearby churches attended as well. The festivities commenced on Sabbath, August 4, with a musical concert. On Sunday, there was a big family fun day, a blood drive, and health fair. Vacation Bible school was held at the church all week for the children. On Monday and Tuesday, a career fair was held; there was something for everyone in the community.

On Wednesday night, former pastors of Emmanuel were excited to see the members and friends, and to set the stage for the celebration. Famous Murray, pastor, was the keynote speaker. On Thursday night, Henry Roberts, pastor of Word of Life church, delivered an invigorating message. On Friday evening, Benjamin P. Browne, president, South Central Conference, delivered the sermon. Browne shared fond memories

of the church's history and the joy of celebrating 100 years of faith. The church's centennial anniversary was a time of reflection and hope for the future. The church's members and friends gathered together to celebrate the church's rich history and the love of God that has sustained it for a century.

The new church was built on Stone Street, and renamed Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The pastors who led the members at Emmanuel include Sydney Scott, Joseph H. Laurence, William A. S. Henri, W. G. Mills, O. B. Hall, Joseph N. Richardson, Benjamin W. Abney, Von Goethe Lindsey, Edgar T. Mimms, Andrew D. Shorter, Edwin J. Humphrey, Horace L. Jones, Jesse R. Wagner, Isaac J. Johnson, Donald J. Williams, John H. Wagner, Jr., Benjamin P. Browne, Benjamin Jones, Jr., Arthur L. Sanders, James R. Bell, Famous M. Murray, Joseph W. McCoy (interim), Tommy L. Blevins, Robert L. Lister (interim), and since July, 2005, Michael R. Ross, Sr.

**The Celebration**

In August, 2007, 100 years later, several members who had moved away reunited with the current



CHARLES MAYES

E. E. Cleveland spoke during divine worship. Dozens recommitted their lives to the Lord.



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Benjamin P. Browne, president, South Central Conference, former Emmanuel pastor, preached during the Friday night service and greeted congregants on Sabbath morning.

of his tenure at Emmanuel. Former interim pastor Robert Lister led the early morning service on Sabbath. The Emmanuel praise team, Janice Johnson-Browne, Brenda Spragins, and Word of Life Ministries choir rendered special music.

It was standing room only by the time divine worship service began. Visitors and members were squeezing into the pews, admiring the new decorations, and eagerly waiting to hear E. E. Cleveland speak. Cleveland first came to Mobile in 1951. He conducted a series of tent meetings and baptized more than 500 individuals. Mildred P. Johnson, Bible worker, assisted in many of the tent meetings. She was recognized during the worship service for her dedicated service. Cleveland's message was superb, and dozens recommitted their

lives to the Lord during the altar call.

On Sabbath evening, a drama presentation entitled, "Black Birds Fly South," was held during A.Y.S. A down-home, southern-style church social concluded the day. The weeklong celebration culminated on Sunday, with a banquet and a concert. As old friends headed home, they promised they would return soon. Many witnessed

how the Lord is working through His Church to bring more people in the port city closer to Him.

membership. Emmanuel continues to celebrate God's faithfulness to them and its "legacy of faith."



R. STEVEN NORMAN, III

*Newly renovated Emmanuel sanctuary, part of a \$60,000 debt-free project*



CHARLES MAYES

*A drama entitled, "Black Birds Fly South," depicted God as the ultimate Emancipator.*



CHARLES MAYES

*Michael Ross, pastor at Emmanuel church, welcomes more than 650 worshipers in the standing-room-only sanctuary.*



CHARLES MAYES

*Many attended the Sabbath celebration.*



CHARLES MAYES

*A centennial banquet and concert concluded the celebration.*

# A Child Shall Lead the Way

BY HEATHER TUCKER

One of the goals of the Gulf States Conference is to encourage each individual to become involved in ministry. As a result, many have participated in lay evangelism, ShareHim trips abroad, Conference-sponsored teen and youth mission trips, and many other types of outreach. Each person has a story of how their lives were changed as they were reaching out to others. Heather Tucker is a junior graphic arts major attending Andrews University. Her mother, Elizabeth Long, works at the Conference office in the office of education. Heather chose to be a student missionary. This is her story.

When I opened the door to her apartment, I saw my four-year-old preschool student, Irene, sleeping in a chair. Irene's pregnant mother, now a widow, looked at me sadly and smiled. Tears began to run down her face. I opened my arms and we embraced. Leading me to her deceased husband's bedside, she asked me to lay the flowers I had brought by his picture. He was only 30.

The man's mother sat on the floor. Here was a person, a stranger, who before today had lived her life as a mother and was now a childless woman. Through her sobs she motioned for me to kneel beside her. Grabbing my hand she pushed it towards the picture on the nightstand, then with the same quick, desperate motion, she brought it towards her heart, whispering less to me than to herself, "my son, my son."

Tears poured as she started to tell me about her son. We didn't speak the same language, but some things are universal. The only thing that

mattered to her in that moment was that I heard her and understood. I mourned with her. The tears we cried I would liken to the type of crying I have pictured in Bible times, the kind of heart-wrenching sobs our culture finds inappropriate. It was the kind of crying I have only done with people I am close to, never with a stranger. She treated me as a friend simply be-



*Heather's students taught her about hope.*

cause I was there, holding her hand.

Until that night I was unsure about the purpose of my student missionary experience. I had decided to be a missionary for one year on the island of Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands. While there, I was a preschool teacher for 18 energetic

four-year-olds. I, like many people, had not thought being a missionary was something I would ever do. Letting go of your life to give meaning and sometimes validity to another person seemed like a lot of pressure.

All my life I've known that I have a Lord who loves me, a Lord that chose me, created me, and died for me before I was conceived. Realizing how strong my love was for my Heavenly Father helped me understand how important it was to keep Him in my life. After two years at Andrews University, I decided that I didn't want to settle into the ruts of my religion. I didn't want my faith in Jesus to become mundane. Soon after this self-realization I signed up to be a student missionary at the Andrews University mission's office. Four months later, I was in Saipan and thinking thoughts like, "What am I doing here? What have you gotten yourself into, Heather?" That night I was finally quite sure of what "God had gotten me into."

The next day at school, after a night of crying with Irene's mother, Cindy, another four-year-old student said to me, "Irene daddy see Jesus, right?" I looked at her with tears in my eyes and said, "Yes, Cindy, Irene's daddy is going to one day see Jesus."

Those children changed me. A four-year-old child realized that this world is not all we have. If a child can understand that Jesus takes care of all the pain and tears we feel when we lose something or someone, a child can understand the hope which only God can give. Maybe, because of that child, I can too.

## Salisbury School Begins Early Childhood Program



Participants in the ribbon-cutting ceremony included Robert Crux (front row, second from left), Conference education superintendent; Susan Klutz, mayor; Werner Gil, pastor; Peggy Daniel, school board chair; Wanda Beck, principal; Hilary Overcash, pre-K teacher; and Michelle Bullard, grades 1-3 teacher.

There's a new option in Salisbury, N.C., for parents of young children who are interested in quality Christian education—the Salisbury Seventh-day Adventist School.

Teachers and faculty, along with Susan Klutz, mayor of Salisbury, cut the ribbon on the new early childhood program on August 14, 2007. Many parents and other community and church leaders were on hand to show support.

Werner Gil, pastor of the Salisbury church, and Robert Crux, Conference education superintendent, each shared a few words about the importance of Christian education, especially in the first years of a child's life. Wanda

Beck, Salisbury principal, introduced the new pre-K teacher, Hilary Overcash.

The pre-K program was an idea generated by the school board. Their thought was to build enrollment by reaching out to working parents, giving them an affordable, safe environment for their younger children.

This is the first year the school has applied for licensing for the new pre-K program. The school has been in existence for more than 65 years in Salisbury. In fact, one of its original students, Peggy Daniel, school board chairman, attended the dedication ceremony. She has seen first-hand the positive influence the school has had

on the local church and community.

Future plans are to construct a new building and offer a pre-K program with several teachers. Eventually they would like to expand to a full daycare with infants when they acquire a new building.

The Salisbury school is committed to Christian education. Their ultimate goal is to see the students in Heaven.

In the meantime, their wish is to reach out to the community with this early childhood program as an evangelistic tool, bring individuals to the Savior, and members into the church. They are involved in evangelism 180 days each year.

—BY BECKY CARPENTER





## MPA Breaks Ground for New Boys' Dormitory



*Jim Davidson, Carolina president, shared some of the history behind the new construction project during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new boys' dormitory at Mount Pisgah Academy.*

If you had been at Mount Pisgah Academy on August 30, 2007, you would have witnessed the beginning of a dream come true.

Students, teachers, faculty, and members of the community joined the officers and staff of the Carolina Conference in celebrating the groundbreaking for the newest building on campus. The construction of a new boys' dormitory at Mount Pisgah is far overdue, and this long-awaited ceremony was one step closer to accomplishing that dream.

Jim Davidson, Conference president, shared some of the history behind the new construction project during the groundbreaking ceremony. For many years the need for a new dorm has been apparent. However, until recently, the funds have not been available to begin construction.

The plan is to build a brand new boys' dorm with an in-house dean's residence. It will be more centrally located on campus. The present dorm is in great disrepair and unable to adequately accommodate the basic living needs of MPA students. In this condition, engineers, architects, and builders have all stated it would cost approximately the same amount of money to attempt repairs on the old dorm as it would to build a new one.

The cost of this project will be approximately \$2.3



million. To date, \$1.1 million is on hand to be used, and construction has begun on the new dormitory. The goal is to complete the new dorm and move in totally debt free.

Mount Pisgah Academy, located in Candler, N.C., near the Blue Ridge Parkway and scenic Smoky Mountains, is an accredited academy, and meets

all denominational standards. In fact, the quality of education is so high at MPA, they received the top level of accreditation. A full range of electives such as gymnastics, band, drama, mission trips, and community outreach are available to students.

In 2014, Mount Pisgah Academy will be celebrating its 100-year anniversary. It is the desire of the Conference that the campus represents its commitment to Christian education, while at the same time serving and giving honor to the God whose presence graces its grounds.

—BY BECKY CARPENTER,  
GARY MOYER, AND  
KENNETH COONLEY



*Architect's rendering of the new Mount Pisgah Academy boys' dormitory*

## Arcadia Church Rebuilds After Hurricane Charley

Just a few weeks shy of three years since the destruction caused by Hurricane Charley, restoration of the Arcadia, Fla., church is now complete.

The rededication celebration was held Sabbath, July 21, 2007, under the direction of Eben Aguirre, pastor. George Brown, former Inter-American Division president, was the keynote speaker for the worship service. Musicians highlighted the festivities throughout the entire day.

Former pastors Glenn Aguirre, Burton Wright, and Emil Moldrik assisted with the rededication services.

—BY JOSEPH BAKER



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A capacity crowd participated in the Arcadia church rededication services, July 21, 2007.

### Arcadia Member Turns 102

**Opal Fairchild** recently celebrated her 102nd birthday with her Arcadia, Fla., church family.



Born in Rome, Ohio, on May 3, 1905, she married Lindsay Fairchild in 1923. They were just a few months short of their 70th wedding anniversary when he passed away in 1992. The Fairchilds lived in Battle Creek, Mich., until moving to Arcadia in 1974. Lindsay was in real estate, and Opal helped him restore homes for resale. She made many beautiful

quilts, and the couple enjoyed painting pictures and writing poetry.

Opal drove and lived independently until breaking her hip about 10 years ago. Since then, fellow church member Charlene Silberman has been her caregiver. Opal still enjoys going to the beach and playing dominoes.

At 102, Opal regularly attends church services and prayer meetings, where her beautiful smile brightens the lives of her church family.

—BY JOSEPH BAKER



LEE BENNETT

Hurricane Charley devastated the Arcadia church on August 13, 2004. Acts of Compassion Team Services (ACTS) volunteers stripped the church's damaged roof and cleaned up interior water damage on March 20, 2005, in preparation of its restoration.

### Pastors In Transition

- **Gregg Aguirre**—Orlando Filipino
- **Bill Bremner**—Plant City/Wesley Chapel
- **Nicolae Butoi**—Romanian Adventist Temple company
- **Paul Campoli**—Venice
- **Kameron DeVasher**—Avon Park associate
- **Ralph Henderson**—Plymouth-Sorrento
- **Dany Hernandez**—Forest Lake associate
- **Juan Labrador**—Coral Springs
- **Amado Luzbet**—Sebring/Lake Wales
- **Juan Rodriguez**—Jacksonville Mandarin associate
- **Noel Rose**—Palm Springs/Royal Palm
- **Denis Sand**—Westchester Spanish associate
- **Jeffrey Thompson**—Ft. Lauderdale
- **George Williams**—North Miami
- **Dale Wolfe**—Hernando/Homosassa

## Lake Placid Opens Better Living Community Center



The 4,000-square-foot Better Living Community Center on the Lake Placid church property includes this spacious seminar classroom. "We're trying to fill unmet needs," says Emil Moldrik, pastor, "and people are already coming to church who have attended classes."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Lake Placid, Fla., Better Living Community Center was held May 20, 2007, with the mayor, church members, and residents of the community in attendance.

Initially intended to be a church fellowship hall, the building of Phase I was the brainchild of former pastor, Jack Long, and members Bill Brobst and Winton Gross. They were

active in raising funds for site preparation and the initial building construction.

Antonio Roa, M.D., church temperance and medical director, recognized the potential for community outreach and, along with the generous help of the congregation, raised thousands of additional dollars to complete Phase II. In addition, a sizeable gift from the estate of deceased members

Dennis and Virginia Wilson made a tremendous impact on the project.

The three-prong mission statement, "to our God, to our community, and to our future," highlights the plan for the Center to meet individuals' physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs.

The Center has already hosted a Five-day Stop Smoking Clinic, marriage enrichment classes, grief

seminars, and healthy cooking/nutrition classes.

There are plans for teaching English as a Second Language classes, and additional seminars on spiritual and health-related subjects such as diabetes and pain management. Doctors' offices in the area were supplied with colorful brochures for their patients which outline the available seminars and classes.

—BY EMIL MOLDRİK

## Kress Memorial Couple Celebrates 65th Anniversary

**Forrest and Ruth Sykes** were honored for their 65th wedding anniversary during church services at Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Fla. They met while attending Adelphian Academy in Holly, Mich., and married July 26, 1942, in Jackson, Mich.

During World War II, Forrest served as a medic in the European theater. After the war, he received his bachelor's in educa-

tion from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and a master's degree from the University of Toledo in Ohio.

Forrest spent nearly 25 years teaching primarily in denominational schools in Ohio, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and North Carolina. During this time, Ruth was employed part time as a bookkeeper, school secretary, and a teacher. Forrest left the classroom

for the Orlando campus of Florida Hospital social services department, working 16 years before retiring in 1996.

The Sykes are members of the Kress Memorial church where Forrest taught a Sabbath school class for 25 years. He continues to serve as a church elder. Their family was blessed with a son, Ken Sykes, Fort Worth, Tex.; daughters Joan Sykes, deceased, Maureen



Powell, and Toni Ivey, Atlanta, Ga.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

—BY TONI IVEY

## Bulletin

The Collegedale, Tenn., community has a new Seventh-day Adventist church—the **Collegedale Community Church**. The 56,000-square-foot church seats up to 1,000 people in the sanctuary, and offers three services each Sabbath.

The **Ringgold and Rossville, Ga., churches** recently held evangelism meetings in Costa Rica. Fifteen individuals were baptized, more than 100 individuals attended the nightly meetings, and they held a vacation Bible school with more than 50 children in attendance. They also worked with ADRA to help build an addition to the local public school.

A total of 141 participants from Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, and Ohio came together for a **CHIP—Coronary Health Improvement Project**—training session at the Ooltewah, Tenn., church in July. CHIP is a health education program conducted by a health ministries team to benefit the community.

Seven people from the **Wimbish Road district** went to El Salvador in Central America and preached four evangelistic campaigns with ShareHim and the Quiet Hour. The entire group had more than 70 baptisms. Check out their blog: <http://writerstravail.blogspot.com>.

## Montrose Ordained into Ministry

Chris Montrose began his career as a singing evangelist at a crusade in Guyana, and was recently ordained at the Atlanta Southside church in Jonesboro, Ga., where he pastors, on August 11, 2007.

Earlier in his career Montrose practiced his managerial abilities by serving a district of nine churches in the Guyana Conference. This forced him to encourage and prepare the local elders to lead out in their churches while Montrose made his rounds by motorcycle through jungle trails.

After moving to the United States in 1996, Montrose worked in a supermarket and as a laborer in a warehouse; drove a tractor-trailer and a dump truck; and was a substitute teacher in the New York public school system.

In 2005, while he was installing flow meters in the sewer system for Dekalb

County, Ga., the thought came to him, “How far hast thou fallen?” Still standing in that man-hole, Montrose had a serious conversation with God. It was while driving to the next man-hole that he received a phone call from Harold Cunningham who had received an email from Irisene Douce, a fellow Belvedere church member, that Montrose had served as a pastor in Guyana.

“I still believe in the old-fashioned idea of a call from God. I sensed God talking to me about Chris,” says Cunningham. “I think that Chris is a pastor for the 21st century. He empowers members and is not threatened. He is a real equipper and trainer. Instead of adding to the Church one member at a time, he adds to the Church by multiplication.”

Starting as a part-time pastor while still working in the sewers, he witnessed



*Chris and Paula Montrose pose for a picture after the ordination service. The robe Montrose is wearing was given to him as a gift of appreciation from Atlanta Southside church members.*

the attendance at the Atlanta Southside church increase from 50 to more than 200 worshipers. A tent evangelistic series brought in 42 new members.

“I know, with the Lord working with me and my family,” says Montrose, “it will be successful, whatever we do here.”

—BY MARTIN KNOPPER

## Fellowship and Training Opportunities

Take a look at these upcoming events, and register by early October. To learn more, visit [www.gccsda.com](http://www.gccsda.com) or call the Conference at 1-800-567-1844.

### Men's Congress

October 12-14 • Cobutta Springs

Men's Congress is a time for men to fellowship and learn how to strengthen their relationships with God, family, and friends. Featured speaker Richard O'Fill will speak on the theme “Accepting the Challenge.” O'Fill is

a men's ministries speaker, author, and former men's ministries leader for the Florida Conference.

### Marriage Conference

October 19-21 • Cobutta Springs

Getting married is great, but keeping your marriage fun and healthy is even better. The Conference's family ministries department invites you and your spouse on an exciting, fun, Christian weekend date at the “Whatever It Takes” marriage conference. The featured speakers will

be Mark and Wendy Witas. They have been married for 22 years and have one 10-year-old son named Cole.

### Homeland Lay

Evangelism Training  
October 26-28 • Savannah, Ga.

If you would like to learn to be an effective evangelistic speaker, this course is for you. The Southern Union director of church growth and evangelism, Ralph Ringer, will lead out in the training.

## Adventist Community Services Signs MOU Agreement with State of Tennessee

Adventist Community Services-Disaster Response (ACS/DR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Tennessee at the headquarters of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) in Nashville, Tenn., on July 23, 2007.

"In the event of a major disaster, Tennessee will be able to rely on the Adventist Community Services/Disaster Response to handle donations of goods and relief supplies from the public," said Bill Cooper, TEMA's director of community affairs. "The Adventists have a tremendous reputation for working with emergency management, and we're happy to continue that partnership into the future."

Signing on behalf of the state of Tennessee was General James Bassham, director of TEMA. Allan Williamson, Southern Union director of ACS/DR, signed the MOU on behalf of the three Seventh-day Adventist conferences represented in the state of Tennessee: Georgia-Cumberland, Kentucky-Tennessee, and South Central.

"This is a truly remarkable accomplishment for the Adventist Community Services, on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to sign the MOU with the state of Tennessee," wrote Sung Kwon, national executive director



Allan Williamson (left), Southern Union ACS/DR director, signs the agreement with General James Bassham, director of TEMA.

of Adventist Community Services. "A friend of mine once said, 'Christians have the Truth, but have not earned the right to share that Truth.' The MOU between the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and Adventist Community Services demonstrates that the Georgia-Cumberland, Kentucky-Tennessee, and South Central conferences have earned the privileges and respect from the state of Tennessee government."

Adventist Community Services-Disaster Response has developed a successful track record during the past few years handling donated goods in Tennessee cities such as Jackson, Chattanooga, Nashville, Greeneville, Gallatin, Elizabethton, and other locations within the state.

Edward Skoretz, director of Adventist Community Services for the Conference,

shared, "The signing of an MOU between Adventist Community Services and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency is a commentary on the effective ministry of Adventist Community Services in previous disasters."

The agreement formalizes what has been an unspoken partnership with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency during the years, and it is hoped it will open Adventist Community Services to receive more resources as it serves victims of disasters in the future.

The MOU was crafted by Terry Haight, Conference ACS/DR coordinator, and Bill Cooper, TEMA's director of community affairs. It was then approved by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and each of the conferences involved.

—BY TERRY HAIGHT

## Welcome to New Teachers

### Elementary

Ramón Araújo, Cleveland/Ooltewah, band  
Rhonda Burnham, Spalding, strings  
Julie Cassell, Shoal Creek, grades 4-6  
Michelle Chai, Spalding, special education  
Teresa Ernst, Douglasville, grades 3-5  
Castwell Fider, Atlanta/Becker, principal/teacher  
RuthAnn Fillman, Macon  
Calina Gibbs, Duluth  
Rose Grant, Duluth  
Nicole Knowlton, Coble  
Caitlin Mann, Standifer Gap, grades 5-6  
Stephanie Nash, Douglasville, grades K-2  
Kenny Smith, Spalding  
Beth Stone, Spalding and Collegedale Academy  
Dawna Stubbart, Duluth  
Beth Tucker, Atlanta  
North  
Dale Walker, Lakeland  
Marleen Young, Columbus

### Secondary

Lori Abbott, Atlanta Adventist Academy (AAA)  
Mickey Abbott, AAA  
Gary Bliven, Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA), food  
Bruce Boggess, GCA, English/history  
Teresa Brundage, Collegedale Academy (CA)  
Grant Graves, GCA, English/asst. dean  
John Hines, CA, history  
David Sherwood, CA, Spanish  
Eric Stubbart, AAA, chaplain (ministerial)

## Nehemiah Project

The Nehemiah Project is a Conference fundraising campaign to benefit Bass Memorial Academy, modeled on the Old Testament story.

Nehemiah organized the people into individual groups to restore Jerusalem's wall. In the same way, each congregation in the Conference is being asked to take responsibility for a portion of the debt incurred through rebuilding Bass Memorial Academy after Hurricane Katrina.

The damages to BMA's campus resulted in an \$8 million rebuilding project. Insurance covered more than \$6 million. Generous gifts netted another \$600,000. This left a debt of \$1.4 million for the Conference. This remainder is the Nehemiah Project. A goal was calculated for each church based on seven percent of last year's annual tithe.

Bass began as a school of miracles when a small Conference sacrificed to build a school for its young people. Miracles were evident during Katrina—no lives were lost. The dorms, remodeled shortly before the storm, received minor damage, and the students were back at school within two weeks.

Early reports indicate that miracles are continuing and on October 13, the members will meet at Bass to give thanks to God for His leading in this project.

## Church Eases Back-to-School Costs

Before school started, the Columbia, Miss., church gave back to its community by offering students free school supplies and haircuts. The 20-member church supplied 100 students with items needed to return to school. "Our church members wanted to help parents and welcome the community to the church," explained Lynne Powell. Powell, a licensed hair stylist, set up a hair-cutting station because it was a talent she had that could help someone.

A lot of planning went into the event. Columbia church's women's ministries shopped for the best deals. Each student received crayons, glue, a pencil box, pencils, pa-

per, folders, notebooks, and erasers. In addition, refreshments were served to the guests.

The funding for the giveaway came from the proceeds made at a church yard sale. Albert Rhoden, head elder, explained, "The community gave the money to us, and we put it back into the community."

For their hard work, the church received many heartfelt thanks from grate-



*More than 100 packages of back-to-school supplies were assembled and made ready to give away.*

ful parents and a front-page write-up with photos from the local newspaper.

—BY LYNNE POWELL AND REBECCA GRICE

## New Family Ministries Director Plans Couples Retreat

Anita Pembleton newly appointed family ministries director, has big plans for helping families. One of the first things on her agenda is a couples retreat which will be held October 26-28.

Pembleton is a licensed mental health counselor and is certified as a family life educator by the National Council on Family Relations. She has served the Church in



various capacities for more than 40 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in business and psychology from the University of Maryland, and a master's degree in counseling and psychology from Troy State University. Pembleton is currently a Ph.D. psychology candidate at Capella University, and has completed all coursework requirements.

She has been invited to

speaking to diverse audiences and is certified to teach various seminars.

The couples retreat is for married couples who have a great relationship and want to make it better, married couples who want to take steps to improving their relationship, couples who want to renew their marriage commitment, and couples who are preparing for marriage. The event will be held at Shocco Springs near Talladega, Ala. For more information or to register, please call 1-800-280-1105.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

## Grand Opening Held for Church, School



The new Community church in Meridian, Miss., is pictured. The school is in an adjacent facility.

On July 21, 2007, more than 250 people, including the mayor, gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the new Community church facility in Meridian, Miss. The fast growing

congregation had outgrown its old church building, and, though the church school—a separate building located nearby—was relatively new, they decided to relocate both facilities.

The morning services included a message from Carlis Clinton, pastor; and a prayer of dedication from Mel Eisele, Conference president. Joining in the celebration was Leslie

Louise, Conference secretary, who gave the offering appeal; and Troy Peoples, Conference treasurer.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

## Teacher's Influence Reaches to the Next Generation

When Karen Traywick Dang drove by the Big Cove Christian Academy and saw the sign identifying the school as Seventh-day Adventist, she was excited. Memories surged into her mind as she thought of the Seventh-day Adventist school she had attended in Clanton, Ala., and her teacher, Floradell Bray.

After calling and talking to Rachel Wiegand, the principal, Dang was given a tour of the school. While on the tour she met the lower grades teacher, Jennifer Foster Gennick, and discovered that she is the granddaughter of Floradell

Bray—Dang's beloved teacher.

Now, because of the earlier influence of an Adventist teacher and school, Dang's identical triplet boys are attending the Big Cove School.

Big Cove is located near Huntsville, Ala., and is a part of the Huntsville Central church.

—BY RACHAEL WERGAND AND REBECCA GRICE



Karen Dang wanted her boys, Mark, Blake, and Tray, to attend an Adventist school the way she had.

## Class Gift Reaches Around the World

Andrew Boskind, M.D., presented a check for \$12,000 to Ervin Ferris, pastor and coordinator for the Australian Frontier Mission's Fly and Build Team on Sabbath, July 28, 2007. Earlier this year, four mem-

bers of Boskind's Sabbath school class joined a group of Maranatha volunteers on a short-term building project in the Solomon Islands. These members saw a great need, and the class responded by raising money to help purchase a chain saw and a portable Lucas mill for the Guadalcanal district of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Andrew Boskind (left), M.D., accepts a bowl as a gift from the Solomon Islands from Ervin Ferris, pastor.

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The mill will be used to cut timber for much needed churches in villages around the islands. The check exceeded the goal set by the class by \$2,000, and swelled the total gifts for this project to more than \$25,000. In addition to this check, money for this project was received from a Sabbath school class

in Florida; members of the Ridgetop, Tenn., church; and others around the country.

During the worship service, Silent Tovosia, M.D., medical director for the Solomon Islands Seventh-day Adventist Mission, reported that the Adventist Church in the Solomon Islands is growing so rapidly that the Mission is unable to provide enough resources for all the requests

received from the churches. The Australian Fly and Build Team helps build churches and schools. They ship roofing, nails, plywood, and other building supplies from Australia. But, the local villagers are responsible for cutting the timber for each building.

When the team arrives, the actual building begins. Villagers—men, women and children—eagerly help with all aspects of the project. Since there are few roads, many people walk several hours from their villages to help with these projects.

When Martin Losi, pastor and regional district director for Guadalcanal, learned that the chain saw and Lucas Mill were soon to be a reality for his peo-

ple, he sent the following message: "I want to sincerely thank each one of you for your love gift to the work of God here on the Island of Guadalcanal. Your gift will bring blessings to so many. Their dream of having a decent place of worship will now materialize. We have a bright future and God will see His work done in the islands of the sea. Thank you very much for your support."

The members of Boskind's class contribute regularly to both local and foreign mission projects. Currently, they are also sponsoring several pastors



Ervin Ferris (left), pastor, with Silent Tovosia, M.D.

in the Philippine Islands. They believe, "The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 27.

—BY PAT SUTTON

## Literature Distributed at Major Prayer Event

Thousands of people from many different denominations gathered at LP Field (the Tennessee Titans' football stadium) in Nashville, on July 7, 2007. The event, *The Call*, was planned as a solemn assembly and invitation from the Lord to fast, pray, and repent for individual sins, as well as the sins of the Church and the nation.

Forty-five Adventist members from the churches in the greater Nashville area, from both the Kentucky-Tennessee and South Central conferences, worked together to hand out nearly 40,000 books and pieces of literature. Distributed material included *The Passion*, *At Jesus' Feet*, *Steps to Christ*, *Happiness Digest*, *Too Late*, and *Radiant Living*. Members worked into the night handing out the books and other brochures.



## Fillmans Celebrate 60 Years Together

Gerald and Naomi Fillman repeated their marriage vows 60 years ago in Nevada, Iowa, on August 17, 1947. Gerald grew up in Oklahoma, and Naomi in Iowa. They met at Union College in Lincoln, Neb.

The newlyweds began their work for the denomination teaching in Coffeerville, Kans. Gerald felt the Lord calling him to the ministry. So, after four years they returned to Union College where, in 1953, Gerald completed his theology degree. Fillman's ministerial internship took place in the Texico Conference where he was ordained in 1958.

Early in their ministry,

the Fillmans joined with H.M.S. Richards, Jr., in evangelism, where Gerald was the song leader and assisted with the visitation and program planning. Whatever

program the Church was involved in, Gerald and Naomi were in it together.

Years ago, when taking charge of three- and four-year-olds at camp meeting in Pennsylvania, Naomi wrote her own programs



Naomi and Gerald Fillman

and made most of her visual aids. Even into their late 60s, their love for young people had them accepting a request to work with the junior department at the

Kentucky-Tennessee camp meeting.

Gerald and Naomi worked for the Church for 50 years in New Mexico, Texas, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. After retiring, they

moved back to Tennessee, and Gerald worked part-time for another six-plus years as associate pastor at the Madison Campus church near Nashville.

The Fillmans have spent 15 years working in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Retirement keeps the Fillmans busy working for the Church and community, and enjoying more time for gardening and visitation.

Gerald and Naomi have four children: Rita is a church-school teacher, Debbie is a physician, Gary is a computer engineer, and Kathy is a nurse. They have 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

—BY CLARA HANSEN

## Portland Church Enhances Sabbath School

Once a month in the Portland, Tenn., church, the youth department puts on the adult Sabbath school program.

Another time the youth presented a reenactment of The Last Supper. The presentation focused on the character and personalities



The Last Supper was portrayed during the adult Sabbath school program planned by the youth at the Portland, Tenn., church.

During one of their programs, the youth used a "Time Machine" to interview characters from Bible times.

of each of the disciples and their mixed feelings at that last supper with Jesus.

—BY JEAN MILLER

## Darwin Royal Secrist Remembered



Darwin Royal Secrist was born February 11, 1939, in Oklahoma, and died August 1, 2007, in Louisville, Ky.

Secrist received his medical laboratory training at Madison College, where he met Velma Robinson, R.N. They were married in 1962, and seven months after the wedding, they

went to Honduras where they worked as medical missionaries.

Following mission service, they returned to the United States, and Secrist continued to serve for more than 40 years as a laboratory technologist in both public and Seventh-day Adventist institutions.

He held various Church offices and was an elder in the Pewee Valley, Ky., congregation at the time of his death. He enjoyed life, and whenever asked how he was, he always answered, "Excellent."

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Velma; two daughters: Nancy (Duane) Chesney of Ooltewah, Tenn., and Cindy (Don) Rima of Herndon, Va.; one sister, Darlene Houser of Chicasha, Okla.; and one granddaughter, Alexandra Rima.

## UNC Honors Adventist Professor

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, honored Robert L. Thorpe, M.D., current treasurer, and former head elder of Immanuel Temple church in Durham, N.C., on May 24, 2007.

Thorpe served 34 years as professor and associate chair of the department of allied health science, School of Medicine, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The area designated for the retirement reception proved to be too small for the large number of family, friends, colleagues, and well wishers who gathered for the occasion.

Those who spoke praised Thorpe for his intellect, professionalism, and moral integrity. Many marveled at how he was given respect for his balanced, yet firm, adherence to his faith as a Seventh-day Adventist.

Thorpe shared some of his early experiences of perceived intimidation and trepidation as a lone black student at UNC during the late 60s. The backdrop, of course, included the civil rights movement and struggle for equality throughout the nation. Many close to him had advised that he should choose a more comfortable and familiar

environment for his academic pursuits. However, with faith in God and the belief that he could challenge and rise above the mundane and stereotypes, he was able to equal and excel his fellow students.

This same courage and confidence led him to be invited to serve on the faculty as a professor and eventually as the associate chair of the department of allied health sciences with highest distinction.

Thorpe left a legacy of great achievements and fond memories at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. With a desire to help others follow in his

footsteps and enjoy similar opportunities, Thorpe, and Brenda Mitchell, the new associate chair, established a Diversity Leadership Development Fund to help other minority students pursue their dreams in professional health sciences. They welcome contributions from all who would like to help them build this fund.

Immanuel Temple church extends its congratulations to Thorpe for his professional achievements and faithful witness.

—BY RONALD J. WRIGHT

## 4-H First Place Winner Hails from Baldwin's Chapel

For the second consecutive year, Jerry Van Gaither, Jr., a sixth grader at Baldwin's Chapel, has taken home the gold in the summer 4-H Speech Presentation on the county, district, and state levels.

Jerry won a gold medal on July 17, 2007, during the 4-H State Congress held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. In 2006, he also won first-place awards in the Guilford county and

district competitions.

His presentation was on "Egg Cookery," and he demonstrated how to make an omelet. Jerry is the son of Vanessa and Jerry Gaither, Sr., of High Point, N.C., and has at-

tended Baldwin's Chapel since pre-school. He has been a 4-H member for four years in the school's 4-H Club.

—BY BEATRICE BANKS

### Pastors in Transition

#### PASTOR

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 John Pooler  
 Gregory Saunders  
 Harold Thomas  
 Bernard Williams  
 Ronald Wright

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 Columbus, Ga.  
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 Marion/LakeCity/Loris, S.C., district  
 Raleigh, N.C.  
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 Wilmington/Reiglewood, N.C.  
 Murfreesboro/Washington, N.C., district  
 Durham/Burlington, N.C., district

#### TO

Rome/Calhoun, Ga., district  
 Sanford, N.C. (laypastor)  
 McDonough/Griffin, Ga., district  
 Marion/LakeCity/Loris, S.C., district  
 Raleigh, N.C.  
 Murfreesboro/Washington, N.C., district  
 Lillington/Clinton, N.C., district  
 Greenville/Kinston, N.C., district  
 Columbus, Ga.  
 Orangeburg/Denmark, S.C., district  
 Dublin /Milledgeville, Ga., district  
 Augusta/Wrens, Ga., district

## Harold Brooks Ordained at Camp Meeting

Ordination is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a pastor. During the 2007 camp meeting, Harold Brooks, pastor, was ordained.

Brooks is a native of Clearwater, Fla. He is the product of Christian education.

In his formative years he attended Bethlehem Jr. Academy in Clearwater, and Elim Jr. Academy in St. Petersburg, Fla. Brooks is also an alumnus of Oakwood College, where he majored in religion.

After completing his studies at Oakwood College, he was invited by G.H. Rainey, evangelist, to serve as an assistant evangelist in Los Angeles, Calif.

He was later invited by Lewis Edwards to conduct an evangelistic meeting in Palmetto, Fla., where 31

individuals were baptized.

Shortly after this meeting he received a call to the Gospel ministry in the Southeastern Conference. His first assignment was the Sarasota/Bradenton district.

Brooks has served in the following areas: Fitzgerald/Lakeland/ Hazelhurst, and Thomasville/Bainbridge, Ga.; as well as the Clearwater/Tampa, Fla., district.

He is currently the pastor in the Ft. Myers Peniel and the Port Charlotte Faith district. Brooks has a passion for evangelism and has conducted a crusade in each of the districts where he has pastored.

Brooks has conducted an evangelistic crusade in the Ivory Coast of West Africa. During this meeting 25 individuals were baptized into God's remnant Church.

Brooks is married to the former Darlene Smith of Marion, S.C. They have one daughter, Briana Ja'Nay. Brooks loves God, the Gospel ministry, and God's people. His desire is to live, preach, and teach

for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

You can view the ordination service in its entirety at <http://www.secsda.org>.

—BY DARLENE BROOKS



## Brandon Dixon Spends Summer at Loma Linda

Brandon Dixon of the Palm Bay, Fla., church, was selected from a large pool of students nationwide and overseas as one of 20 students for the Loma Linda University Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences 2007.

MITHS is a challenging three-week summer program designed to introduce high school students to careers in the health sciences, while totally immersed in campus life.

The MITHS program is free to the participants. The room, board, and educa-

tional expenses are covered by the Black Alumni of Loma Linda University, the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. Transportation to and from Loma Linda University was his responsibility.

Dixon had the first-hand opportunity to experience what happens on a health sciences university campus—basic sciences anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, pathology, pharmacology, clinical courses nursing, medicine, medi-

cal technology, dentistry, dental hygiene, physical therapy, public health, and research. He will also develop time management and study skills in a workshop program specifically designed for him.

The MITHS experience is designed to show students what to expect in college.

Dixon, a high school senior, plans to pursue premed at Oakwood College. Oakwood College ranks ninth in the nation in placing minorities in medical school.

Brandon is the son of Roy and Ada Dixon, members of the Palm Bay church.



## Bethany Holds Community Relations Day

Bethany church in Montgomery, Ala., hosted Community Relations Day on April 14, 2007. This special day is an annual event, connecting with family, friends, associates, and the community. The church members recognize that, while their citizenship is in Heaven, they are an integral part of society, and must share with others certain responsibilities within the community.

Dorothy Sanders, communication director, as well as the greeters, welcomed the guests and presented each a special gift bag. The gift bag contained a book, *TEN COMMANDMENTS-Twice Removed*, and a brochure outlining the church's mission, ministering areas, and doctrines.

The theme was "Community Connection." A newsletter highlighted the

profile of the honorees and outreach ministries, as well as Bethany's Community Services Center and Christian education opportunities provided by its Child Development Center and Academy.

Special recognition was given to five talented and supportive women who demonstrate strong community involvement; four are active in volunteer services at the Academy. A loving cup of appreciation



CHRISANDRA CLAIBORN

*Dorothy Sanders (left), Lesia Smit, Rosetta Brown Sellers, Sylister J. Jackson, pastor, Dorothy Golson, and Janice Hopkins*

was presented to them on behalf of Bethany communication department.

The praise team and gospel choir paved the way for the divine message presented by Sylister

J. Jackson, pastor. A reception of fellowship and food concluded the day.

—BY DOROTHY SANDERS

## Men Embrace "And Ye Visited Me"

James Owens, pastor, Leo Tate, and Benny Thompson went into the Memphis Tenn., area prison and baptized nine men on July 26, 2007, after they successfully completed the *Amazing Facts Bible*



*Leo Tate (left), prison ministries leader; Jerry Wilson; James Owens, pastor; and Bennie Thompson*

study series. The men were excited as Owens welcomed them into the fellowship of the Adventist Church.

Owens says the prison ministries outreach at Longview Heights church is active and productive. Generally, 25-30 men are baptized

each year. Tate and his team have been involved with prison ministries for 30 years, and are respected by the officials at the jails and prison facilities.

The volunteers are planning to minister to the women who are incarcerated, and seek prayers as they pursue this endeavor.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

## Health and Family Tips Shared on Air

Deborah H. Gant, a literature evangelist, was interviewed on February 12, 2007, by Lady Walker of *The Lady Walker Show* at PEG Network Channel 18 in Jackson, Miss. Gant shared information from her books, including the topics on marriage, courtship, dating, and raising children. Gant also shared and promoted healthful living and eating. She shared a special healthy milkshake and its beneficial ingredients, as well as a healthy foods recipe book.

Wilson Stribling, anchor for WLBT-TV3 in Jackson, Miss., interviewed Gant on December 18, 2006. She made her healthy milkshake of bananas, kiwis, strawberries, and soymilk while on air. She stated that, "bananas

are high in potassium, kiwis are good for fighting infection, and strawberries are one of the fruits high in levels of antioxidants that we can eat." Stribling tasted the shake on air and enjoyed it. WLBT-TV3 is the number one station in the state of Mississippi.

At the end of the newscast, WLBT-TV3 meteorologist Paul Williams invited Gant to the church he pastors, Church of Christ, for a special presentation. As a result of television exposure, Gant received phone calls from viewers requesting more information about her healthy milkshake and her books.

Gant has met and sold books to several people since the newscast. Sales rose tremendously as a result of a five-minute tele-

vision presentation. Ironically, she was employed at WLBT-TV3 more than 22 years ago, as a production technician. She says, "I never dreamed of being in front of the camera. I was a behind-the-scenes employee—operating the

cameras and directing the news." Gant has been employed with Family Health Education Service for more than 24 years.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



PHOTO COURTESY OF WLBT-TV3

Deborah Gant shared health and family tips during an on air newscast at WLBT-TV3 in Jackson, Miss.

## Medical Missionaries Gather for a Retreat

A group of medical missionaries met at the Conference campground near Shelbyville, Tenn., for a retreat. Jim Ayodo Ayayo of the New Lifestyle Medical Missionary Institute in Huntsville, Ala., organized the retreat. Ayayo is a member of the New Life church in Huntsville. Several medical missionary ministries were represented, and others interested in the work attended as well.

Attendees stated, "We

came together to share what our ministries are doing and to plan ways of working together with the churches to spread the third angels' message."

The group ended the Sabbath with prayers of dedication and sang "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord... They will know we are Christians by our love."

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



Medical missionaries met in Shelbyville, Tenn., for a retreat at the Conference's campground.

## Cleanup Saves Caver's Life

When a local caver fell 35 feet in the Pryor Springs Cave recently, his landing was very different than it would have been months earlier. Rather than landing on jagged rusty pipe, he landed on the cave floor—a difference that many rescuers credit for saving his life.

For decades, the pipe sat at the base of the cave's vertical entrance, much like a pile of pick-up sticks, creating a challenging obstacle for cavers to work around.

"It distracted from the beauty of the cave," said Aaron Meyer, a graduate assistant in Southern's outdoor education program, "and was somewhat dangerous to rappel down onto."

Concerned about the safety of cavers and wanting to do something for the landowners whose water source was affected by the pipes, several graduate assistants from Southern and a group of campers from Peak Adventure Ministries in Bryson City, N.C., decided to remove the pipe from the cave.

Meyer and fellow graduate

assistant Stephen Bontekoe spent nearly seven hours in their wetsuits working under the stream of the cave's

waterfall. Bundles of pipe were retrieved and hauled away by graduate assistant Meghan Weese and the

Peak Adventure Ministries campers.

"The experience of cleaning out the cave was physically difficult, but extremely rewarding," Weese says. "God saved the caver's life by putting the group of us there to clean the cave."

—BY LORI FUTCHER



*After removing the pipes from the cave entrance, Southern graduate assistants untied the webbing used to pull them up so they could be hauled away.*

## Southern Ranked *U.S. News* Top Tier College

Southern is ranked one of the "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in the south by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2008 "America's Best Colleges" edition. This is the sixth year Southern has

been listed as a "top tier" college.

Of the 47 colleges and universities garnering the coveted top tier ranking this year, Southern was listed as number 22, an im-

provement upon last year's rank of 29.

"The *U.S. News* rankings reaffirm the quality and value of Southern's outstanding programs and top-notch faculty," said

Vinita Sauder, vice president for marketing and enrollment services. "We are very pleased to be in the top tier category again this year."

—BY LORI FUTCHER

## President's Prayer Breakfast Challenges Students

President Gordon Bietz encouraged students at the annual President's Prayer Breakfast on August 27, to heed the biblical example of godly devotion by Daniel and his three friends.

"What will you stand up for in a 'bow down' world?" Bietz asked. "Will your faith be one of conviction or convenience?"

The annual prayer breakfast is a part of the University's mission to provide a Christ-focused environment for learning through continual dependence on God.

According to Bietz, "Prayer is our outward expression of an internal commitment to maintain the school as a place of

growing spiritual life. It is important for new students to learn at the beginning of their education at Southern that we hold prayer and the spiritual life as central to our mission."

Junior journalism major Muneca Ramos said the prayer breakfast was a good way to start the new school year.

"Some people are afraid of the spotlight, they shy away and want to mingle with the crowd," she said. "But, we have to stand up for God. We need to learn to be leaders that don't compromise."

—BY ANH PHAM

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# MISSION TRIP: UGANDA

*Bill Levin, Georgia-Cumberland Conference global evangelism director, shares some of the highlights and his reactions from a recent mission trip to Uganda, Africa.*

We are back from Uganda and we had a wonderful, moving, and yet deeply challenging experience. We have come to love Uganda. As you are well aware, the needs there, as in so many other parts of the world, are overwhelming, but the potential is awesome.

## EXPERIENCES

At the beginning of the trip, my wife Jan and I joined the Atlanta Buckhead Community Fellowship group and headed to the UNIFAT mission school in Gulu Town, Uganda. During the past year, the Atlanta Buckhead Community Mission Group raised more than \$35,000 to assist the school. With those funds, they filled a 40-foot container with 5,000 school books, 25 computers with computer/media equipment, tons of clothes, lots of sporting equipment, 10 office desks, and more than 100 shoe boxes with gifts for the children. The container was then shipped from Atlanta, Georgia to Gulu. They were also able to purchase material to place

a fence around the campus. We joined 15 members from Buckhead Community who came to work on the fence and to become personally acquainted with the staff and students at UNIFAT school.

John Otto, one of the members of Buckhead Community, is from Gulu. Due to medical issues and the political climate in Uganda, Otto had not visited his homeland in more than 20 years. A few men from Buckhead Community and I were privileged to go with John to see his mother, brothers, nephews, and nieces for the first time in more than two decades. What a wonderful reunion.

On July 19, 2007, Shelly Litchfield, an educator from Collegedale Academy in Collegedale, Tennessee, came to Gulu with two Collegedale Academy students: Amanda Mitchell and Travis Pyke. These students were part of an 11-member team of classmates that raised more than \$25,000



UNIFAT school assembly in Gulu, Uganda

JAN LEVIN

for the Invisible Children campaign. Collegedale Academy was the third highest contributor in the list of 370 schools raising funds for this project.

As we were leaving Gulu, Jan and I visited an internally displaced person camp. These are government instituted "political camps" which are home to a huge number of Acholi refugees in northern Uganda. We have heard reports that the number of people displaced is from 800,000 to more than 2,000,000. It is our sincere hope that in 2008 both medical and preaching teams from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference will inundate this area with the practical love of Christ.

Five ShareHim teams from the Conference came to Masaka, Uganda, to hold meetings in the district from July 13-28, 2007. Speakers Jonathan Balaban, Bruce Bergherm, M.D., pastors Chris Bullock and Rudy Skoretz, and Scott Thurmon, with their support team members Nicolas Beidel, Cody Limone, Stelle Skoretz, and Britteny Thurmon, tirelessly ministered to the community and shared the Gospel the entire two and-a-half week stay.



DAVID KIM

A medical clinic at one of the ShareHIM meeting sites in Uganda



The two medical teams did an amazing job. They cared for more than 1,000 patients in just a few days. The Masaka team was headed by David Kim, M.D., and assisted by Diane Brown, Tamara George, and Eunice Lim. The Kampala medications, with an approximate retail value of \$20,000, were dispensed free of charge. Every day, 40-50 people had to be turned away because of time constraints.

The Ugandan team leaders, pastors, and church members were ecstatic with the response of the people. They say each baptism in Masaka is like 10 baptisms in other parts of the country, so when 129 people were baptized on Sabbath, July 28, 2007, there was a great deal of excitement. Daniel Ssuneni, pastor, said, "Many people came to me and told me that they have never heard of any group coming and giving medical help with free medications." He then said, "This experience has opened the hearts of the Masaka people to hear the message presented each evening." George Kambu, pastor and district leader, exclaimed, "I have never seen anything like this for Masaka in all my years of ministry."

On another front, Scott Thurmon made arrangements and left funds (raised through the Marietta, Georgia, church) with the district leaders of the Nabinene Seventh-day Adventist Orphanage, Primary, Secondary, and Vocational School to start construction on a rain water capture system with a 6,000-liter storage tank. Currently, there is no water on campus. Yusef Kalimunda, a Ugandan businessman and chairman of the Nabinene Vocational School, is heading the project.

Following the rain water capture system project at Nabinene, we have left funds, which were raised in Georgia-Cumberland Conference for Uganda, with the Uganda Adventist Union office to sink a borehole which will provide a more permanent water source there. The research for that project will be done here in the United States.

At Nabinene, we also helped the school by giving away clothes, shoes, toys, soccer balls, jump ropes,

Frisbees, flashlights, and medications. We toured the new boys' and girls' dorms that ADRA built. They are wonderful!

Jan and I, along with the medical team, left for Bushenyi to visit Dr. Manual at the Ishaka Adventist Hospital in western Uganda. The hospital is grossly understaffed and has a very small budget to work with—110 beds with only two physicians.

There is a great need for professional medical personnel, and an increased budget to adequately do their job. Our medical team decided to give their remaining medications to the hospital pharmacy, which they appreciated. The donated supplies tripled the pharmacy's stock.

We then went to Kasese where an Adventist woman, Evon David, from Washington, D.C., began an orphanage several years ago next to the Adventist church and school. There are 30 children at the orphanage ranging in age from two to 16 years old. It was apparent that the staff and housing facilities provided a good environment for the children. We were able to help the orphanage with clothes, toys, soccer balls, jump ropes, soap, flashlights, and over-the-counter medications.

From that point, Jan and I went across the country to the city of Jinja to visit David Brass, pastor, and his son, Matt. Matt and his wife, Larisa, live in Lenoir City, Tennessee, and adopted two Ugandan children six years ago. When we arrived in Jinja they were in the process of adopting three more children. There were 65 children, ages four and younger, the facilities were very clean, well-ordered, and we witnessed a dedicated and loving staff. We were also surprised to find modern appliances—refrigerators, washers, and dryers, which were the first we had seen in Uganda.

Larisa Brass and her sister, Mindy Burgin, have established the Kirabo Foundation (

*Jan Levin with students at the Nabinene Seventh-day Adventist School*

tion.org), which is based in Jinja. Its primary purpose is to provide help to orphaned and disadvantaged Ugandan children by providing educational scholarships. There are 42 Ugandan children in school this year because of this foundation.

These are the highlights. Many more stories can and need to be told. Our Church has been commissioned to bring hope of Jesus to a dying world and the message of His soon return.

In July, 2008, the Georgia-Cumberland Conference is planning to return to Uganda to build on the work already established, and enter new areas which need help desperately. There is something very rewarding about stepping out of our comfort zone and moving to the front lines. You may arrive feeling unsure and possibly vulnerable, but I know you will leave knowing you have made a difference—for now and for eternity.

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For more information, contact Bill Levin, Georgia-Cumberland Conference global evangelism director, 770-778-4017 or [wflewin@gccsda.com](mailto:wflewin@gccsda.com)

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The Southern Union Women's Ministries Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, September 4-7, 2008. Sparking excitement for women's ministries and giving women first-hand opportunities to become involved is the goal of the convention.

Women's ministries are part of the global mission of the Church. On local levels, many women are actively involved in this phase of service to the Church. However, some have burning desires to extend the work on a broader scale. The 2008 convention will provide the platform for women to expand their ministries.

Some of the components of the convention will be traditional. Women will experience the practical aspect of women's ministries

when they aggressively go into the communities and address the needs of many people in Atlanta.

Laura Smith, Southern Union Conference women's ministries director; Sylvia Wilson, South Atlantic Conference women's ministries director; Mary Jo Dubs, Georgia-Cumberland Conference women's ministries director; and other women of the Union, are working to make this event an exciting and fulfilling experience. Registration is open to every woman in the Southern Union.

The theme, "One Voice, One Vision," appropriately depicts the mission of the convention. Although

cultures and backgrounds are varied, the purpose is unified. The women will connect with agencies and

ministries already established in Atlanta to aid the people in need. The character of Jesus will be modeled through acts of community service and outreach programs that will involve women.

Ministries performed during the convention will be aimed to make a great impact on the city of Atlanta. During the four-day convention, every woman will have the opportunity to choose a particular ministry to engage in. Some women will visit homeless shelters to participate in cleaning,

painting, etc. Others will go into various communities to distribute "bags of love" to local residents. A health fair and concert will be incorporated during the weekend as part of the outreach segment.

Guest speakers, drama presentations, music, and prayer sessions will inspire and motivate women for service in this ministry. Vendors will be available for women to purchase materials to enhance the ministries at their home churches.

It is hoped, at the conclusion of the convention, women will return to their cities with renewed spirits and attitudes toward women's ministries, and a desire to emulate ministry opportunities in their local churches.

—BY JOANN WADE



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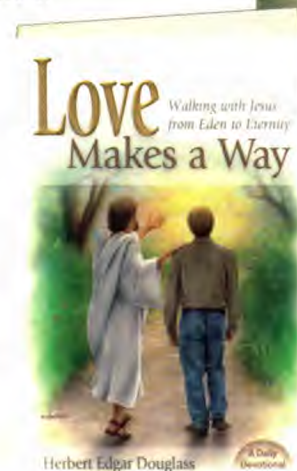
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**Lay Pastoral Assistant Training** – Oct. 12-14. Nosoca. Details: 704-596-3200, x5727.  
**Teachers' Convention** – Oct. 14-17. Nosoca.  
**Adventist Community Services Workshop** – Oct. 19-21. Nosoca.  
**Hispanic Men's Retreat** – Oct. 26-28. Nosoca.  
**Father/Son Retreat** – Nov. 1-4. Nosoca.

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 Nov. 3. Maranatha in Miami.  
 Nov. 4. Ft. Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach.  
 Nov. 10. Jacksonville Southpoint.  
 Nov. 11. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, New Smyrna. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)  
 Nov. 17. Naples.  
 Nov. 18. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Lakeland, Lakeview, Winter Haven.  
**Collegiate and Young Adult Retreat** – Oct. 26-28. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.  
**Evangelism Series**

Oct. 27-Nov. 3. Marion Oaks Spanish. Rolando de los Rios.  
**Money Sunday: Financial Management Workshop** – Nov. 4. Norland Church, Miami. Six-hour workshop outlines six keys to financial success. Conducted by Paul Pelley, CFP®. Cost: \$53.49 for the complete Financial Management Workshop workbook. Pizza supper included. Details: 407-461-4999.  
**Women of H.O.P.E. (Health, Opportunity, Prayer, Empowerment)** – Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ambassador Church, Lauderdale Lakes. Speaker: Norka Blackman-Richards, president and founder of 4 Real Women International, Inc. Details: <http://www.ambassadorsda.org/>, [amsda@bellsouth.net](mailto:amsda@bellsouth.net), or 954-733-0607.

## Georgia-Cumberland

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**Youth Workers' Convention** – Oct. 5-6. Cohutta Springs.  
**Reconnect Ministries** – Oct. 5-7. Chattanooga, TN.  
**Fall Women's Retreat** – Oct. 5-7. Gatlinburg, TN.  
**Health Rally** – Oct. 6. Chatsworth, GA.  
**Rossville Church 40th Anniversary** – Oct. 6. Rossville, GA.  
**Crisis Intervention Training** – Oct. 8-9, 2007. Calhoun, GA.  
**Men's Congress** – Oct. 12-14. Cohutta Springs.  
**PreK-10 Fall Break** – Oct. 18-21. Conference-wide.  
**Marriage Conference** – Oct. 19-21. Cohutta Springs.  
**Prison Ministries Training** – Oct. 19-20. Standifer Gap, Chattanooga, TN.  
**North Tennessee Pathfinder Fellowship Campout** – Oct. 19-21.  
**Pathfinder Fellowship Events** (North Georgia, South Georgia, and South Tennessee) – Oct. 21.  
**GCA Appalachia Mission Trip** – Oct. 21-25.  
**Homeland Lay Evangelism Training** – Oct. 26-28. Savannah, GA.  
**Makeover '07 Spanish Youth Retreat** – Oct. 26-28. Cohutta Springs.  
**Young in Ministry** – Oct. 29-31.

Cohutta Springs.  
**Pathfinder Teen Backpacking** – Nov. 2-4.  
**Pathfinder Junior Event** – Nov. 2-4.  
**Family Ministries Boot Camp Training** – Nov. 2-4. Cohutta Springs.  
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**Invitation Choral Festival** – Nov. 8-9. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.  
**Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training Event** – Nov. 30 – Dec. 2.

## Gulf States

**Church School Head Teachers and Principals Retreat** – Oct. 5-7. Camp Alamisco.  
**Executive Committee** – Oct. 23. Conference Office.  
**Couples Retreat** – Oct. 26-28. Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL.  
**Women's Ministries Autumn Renewal Retreat** – Oct. 26-28. Camp Alamisco.  
**Women's Ministries Autumn Renewal Retreat** – Nov. 2-4. Camp Alamisco.  
**Youth Rally** – Nov. 2-4. Bass Memorial Academy.  
**Minister's Meeting** – Nov. 26-29. Camp Alamisco

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Conference Association Board** Nov. 27 Jan. 15.  
**Conference Executive Committee** Nov. 27 Jan. 15.  
**Highland & Madison Academy Boards** Nov. 29 Jan. 17.  
**Conference Board of Education** Feb. 14. April 10.

**Women's Fall Retreat II** – Oct. 5-7. Indian Creek Camp.  
**re:frame event – Understanding the Secular Post-Modern World** – Oct. 26-28. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Women's Ministry Executive Committee** – Nov. 4.

## Southern Adventist University

**InTents Meetings** – Oct. 8-12.  
**Midterm Break** – Oct. 18-21.  
**Flea Market** – Oct. 21.  
**Online Winter Registration** – Nov. 12-16.  
**PreviewSouthern** – Nov. 15,16.  
**Thanksgiving Break** – Nov. 21-25.

## Announcements

**Walker Memorial Academy 60th Anniversary** is being developed for the 2007-08 yearbook. If you are willing to share some of your best memories for the publication, contact Jeannette Zesch at 863-453-3131 or fax your submission to: 863-453-4925.  
**Salisbury Church Homecoming Sabbath** - Nov. 3. Sabbath School starts at 9:30 after church there will be a fellowship meal. An afternoon concert at 3pm followed by a fall festival after sundown with a hayride and activities. To RSVP or register, visit: [www.salisburyadventistchurch.org](http://www.salisburyadventistchurch.org) or call Dr. Lombard, 704-279-4525.  
**Festival de Otoño (Fall Festival) Fifth Anniversary** - Nov. 10. 5:30 p.m. Life Center Church, 63 E. Kennedy Blvd., Orlando. Music performances in Spanish and English by Steve Green, Rudy Micelli, and Beloved, plus Advent Brass. Love offering will be received. Details: [www.festivaldeotono.com/](http://www.festivaldeotono.com/), [info@festivaldeotono.com](mailto:info@festivaldeotono.com), or 321-662-1073.

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|                 | Oct. 5 | Oct. 12 | Oct. 19 | Oct. 26 | Nov. 2 | Nov. 9 |
| Atlanta, GA     | 7:20   | 7:11    | 7:02    | 6:54    | 5:47   | 5:41   |
| Charleston, SC  | 7:03   | 6:54    | 6:45    | 6:37    | 5:30   | 5:24   |
| Charlotte, NC   | 7:05   | 6:56    | 6:46    | 6:38    | 5:30   | 5:24   |
| Collegedale, TN | 7:22   | 7:13    | 7:03    | 6:55    | 5:48   | 5:41   |
| Huntsville, AL  | 6:28   | 6:19    | 6:10    | 6:02    | 4:54   | 4:48   |
| Jackson, MS     | 6:44   | 6:35    | 6:27    | 6:19    | 5:12   | 5:06   |
| Louisville, KY  | 7:24   | 7:13    | 7:03    | 6:54    | 5:45   | 5:38   |
| Memphis, TN     | 6:42   | 6:32    | 6:23    | 6:15    | 5:07   | 5:01   |
| Miami, FL       | 7:06   | 6:59    | 6:52    | 6:46    | 5:40   | 5:36   |
| Montgomery, AL  | 6:28   | 6:19    | 6:11    | 6:03    | 4:56   | 4:50   |
| Nashville, TN   | 6:29   | 6:19    | 6:09    | 6:01    | 4:43   | 4:46   |
| Orlando, FL     | 7:10   | 7:02    | 6:54    | 6:48    | 5:42   | 5:37   |
| Wilmington, NC  | 6:54   | 6:45    | 6:36    | 6:28    | 5:20   | 5:14   |



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