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Oliver J. McKinney Jr. — September 15, 1939-February 24, 2011

Elder Oliver J. McKinney Jr. was a faithful leader in the Southern Union Conference for 30 years. He was an alumnus of Oakwood University and Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. In 1957, he began his ministry as a literature evangelist in the Allegheny Conference. He also served in the South Atlantic Conference as pastor-evangelist and departmental director. I have been enriched by his exceptional ministry, and that is the testimony of thousands who knew him and have worked with him. You didn't have to be around Elder McKinney for very long to learn that he was a conscientious and dedicated servant of God who believed that everything should be done decently and in order. Highly organized, Elder McKinney's programs were always carefully planned to the last detail.

For 25 of the 30 years of service with the Southern Union, Elder McKinney ably served as stewardship and ministerial director. For the past five years, in addition to his responsibilities as children's ministries director, prayer ministries coordinator, and stewardship director, he was also the secretary/treasurer for the Southern Union ASI Chapter. He loved his work with ASI. Along with the ASI officers, he promoted attendance at the SU Annual ASI Spring Convention, and the meeting place had to be changed to accommodate the much larger attendance. Elder McKinney was a preacher and evangelist always watching for opportunities to invite people to make decisions for Jesus.

He was precise and a believer in excellence. In typical O. J. humor he tried to help me become a sharper dresser. If we were going on the platform together or involved in presenting at a meeting, he would inspect my collar and tie and while adjusting things would say, "Chief, we need to make everything perfect." We'd laugh, and the next time he'd have to adjust the tie again. I never did pass inspection!

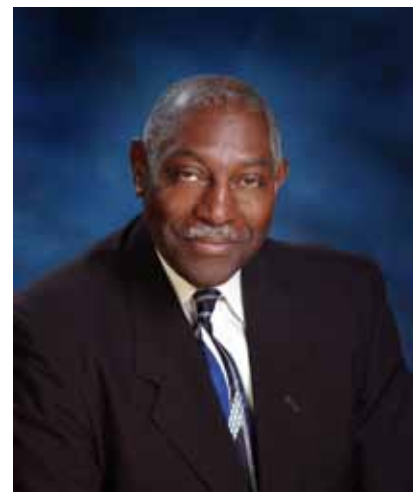
Elder McKinney loved his wife, Bonnie, who supported him throughout his ministry, and he loved his four sons and their wives: Anthony (Helene), Brian (Mae), James Dion (Maritza), and Oliver James III.

The good news is, Elder McKinney died in Jesus. Certainly when Jesus comes, He will say to Elder McKinney, loud and clear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." That's what we all say as we remember our friend and leader, "Well done, Elder McKinney. Rest now, and we'll see you in the great resurrection morning."

I heard a voice out of Heaven, "Write this: Blessed are those who die in the Master from now on; how blessed to die that way!" "Yes," says the Spirit, "and blessed rest from their hard, hard work. None of what they've done is wasted; God blesses them for it all in the end," Revelation 14:13 (MSG).



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ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP... A DREAM COME TRUE

BY ALLAN R. WILLIAMSON

Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) is a dream come true. For years those of us in youth/young adult ministry have had a vision to provide ministry at our public universities and colleges by having an organization on the campus for our Seventh-day Adventist students, along with the connection to a local Adventist church.



In years past we have called this ministry by several names – secular campus ministry and public college and university ministry. Adventist Christian Fellowship is now the official name of our organization, which has been approved by the North American Division (NAD).

Ron Pickell is pastor for the Berkley and Alameda churches in California, as well as coordinator for ACF in the North American Division, serving as an assistant to James Black, youth director for the North American Division. Here is a quote from Pickell about the importance of ACF:

“Many years ago while I was serving as director of Advent House SDA Student Center at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, a group of about eight of us chaplains on non-Adventist university campuses met together in Florida to see how we might support each other in the campus ministry experience. We chose the name Campus Advent to define ourselves. We continued to keep in touch and plan annual gatherings. Later, the name was changed to Adventist Christian Fellowship. ACF finally became the official public campus ministry umbrella organization of the NAD in 2005.”

ACF organizations are found on college and university campuses throughout the Southern Union territory.

A typical program would find students leading out in Bible study groups and small group discussions.



Nate Dubs, pastor, Greenville, Tennessee, shared during a Sabbath afternoon workshop.

Fellowship dinners are held periodically, along with special Friday evening Vespers. Community service and evangelistic meetings are important to them. “Faith, fellowship, and fun” is the way one ACF organization describes their program.

The hope of ACF is to have campus ministry organizations on as many public university/college campuses as possible.

Adventist Christian Fellowship wants to work closely with the Adventist pastors in the local churches to make sure the students are welcome and made to feel at home at their campus and church away

from home. ACF provides a safe and warm environment for our students.

This is such an important ministry to our Adventist students. Remember, these are the leaders of the Church today, and will take their place in leadership positions in the local church as elders, deacons/deaconesses, youth and Pathfinder leaders, as well as Sabbath School leaders. It is so important that we support and encourage them as a Church. We must send a message that we value and support them in their higher education.

Formerly known as Terrace House, Advent House in Knoxville, Tennessee, was the first campus ministry organization to actually purchase a house for its headquarters on the campus of the University of Tennessee. Last year, Advent House celebrated their 30th anniversary of service to students.

Recently an ACF CONNECT weekend was held at the Advent House. Michaela Lawrence Jeffery, Advent House chaplain and ACF director for Georgia-Cumberland Conference, gives the following report:

CONNECT is the annual ACF leadership conference and connection point for Adventist students who attend public universities and colleges. The weekend’s purpose is to grow students now for present and future leadership on their various campuses and in their lives after school. Four years running, the most recent CONNECT was held on the University of Tennessee, Knox-





ville (UTK) campus, February 25-27, 2011.

This year, we were blessed by special guests Adrienne Townsend, chaplain in the United States Navy; Nate Dubs, pastor, Greenville, Tennessee; and worship artist Chris Picco. Each focused our fellowship on Christ as we explored the weekend's main question, "Who/se Are We?" The question was a result of last year's survey on which many students wrote that they wanted to know more about who we are as Adventists. And what better place to explore our identity than with roughly 65 other Adventists who are also journeying through public cam-

pus and asking the same question?

In addition to worship services and wonderful food, the weekend included handing out notes of encouragement, bottled water, and cookies to UTK students. "It made one guy's day — he almost cried," said Tyler Eller, senior mechanical engineering major from UTK. Eller shared that not everyone was receptive to the giveaways, so it was really meaningful to see one student react so positively. Students also painted the infamous rock. The huge bolder sits in the middle of campus and can be painted at any time by students. So we took advantage of this free speech option and

painted both sides. There were also workshops on going deeper in our relationships with Christ, the relationship between postmodernism and Adventism, and how to grow ACF chapters on your campus.

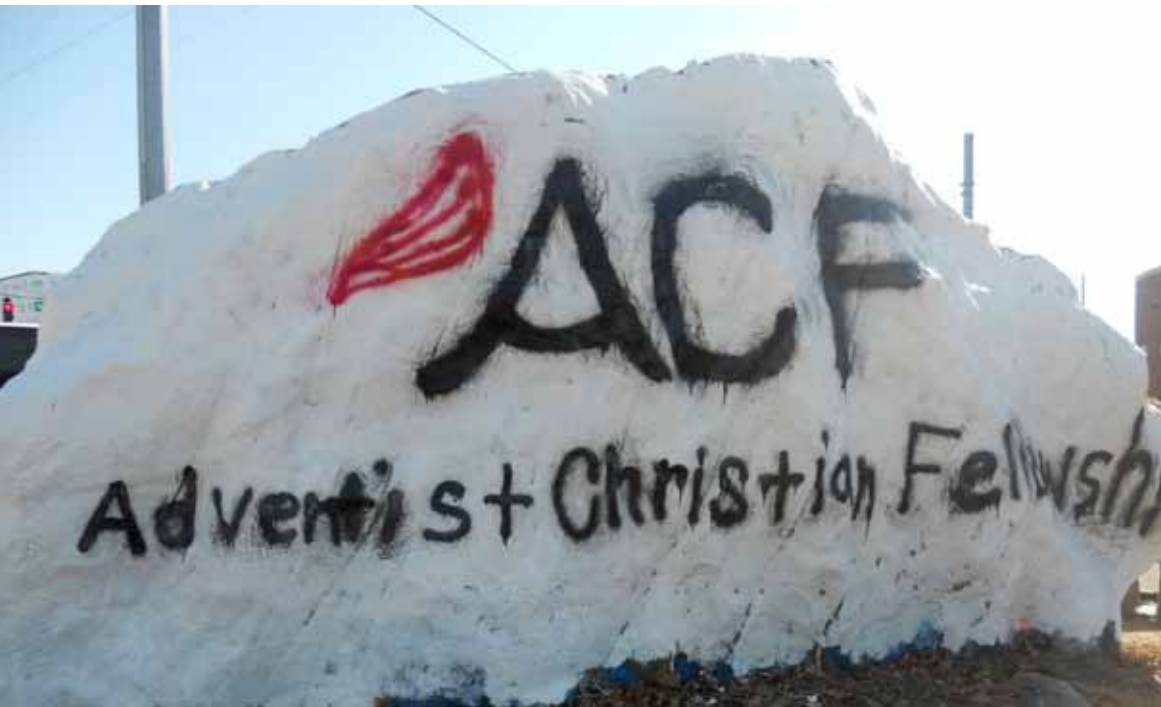
This year students came from 15 schools in the Southern Union region: Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College and University of North Carolina, Asheville, North Carolina; Chattanooga State and University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tennessee; East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee; Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia; Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia; Kennesaw



Adrienne Townsend, United States Navy chaplain, led an afternoon workshop on going deeper in our walk with Christ.



Worship artist Chris Picco (at the microphone) led out in the weekend's worship through song



enjoyed bonding with her family group. Family groups were new to CONNECT this year, offering students a more intentional time within which to get to know each other.

Justin Marino is a young adult from North Carolina. He's not in school, but that didn't stop him from coming with his friends. And we're glad he did. He said, "Something I took back from the weekend was John 1:19-23. Marino is being asked, by some people sent to watch him preach, who he is. Instead of replying with his name,

he tells them his mission in life. He defines who he is as a son of God, and he derives who he is by what he does for Christ. His identity is in Christ, and that is what I want my identity to be in also. So when people ask who am I, I can say now that I am a son of the Living God."

And this is why Adventist Christian Fellowship exists — to help students get to this truth.

Quoting again from Ron Pickell, he says that, "Today ACF is on close to 100 campuses across the NAD, and is in contact with approximately 2,000 of the estimated 50,000 Adventist students attending non-Adventist campuses, and reaching out to the 19 million of their fellow students on campus. ACF groups are spreading the word of the King-

State University, Kennesaw, Georgia; Pellissippi State Community College and University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee; University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia; University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia. Students from three Ohio schools also joined us: Ohio State University in Columbus; Ohio University in Athens; and Wright State University in Dayton. Out of those schools, seven ACF groups were represented. Three of the groups' faculty/staff sponsors were also present.

When the weekend was all over, we asked the attendees for some highlights. Lewis Dortch, junior atmospheric science major from University of North Carolina, Asheville, said, "I loved it! When we went last year, it was so much fun

meeting all those new people. And then going back this year and seeing all these kids so on fire for God is great!" And it's true; they are on fire for God, determined to do His will. During one of our afternoon workshops, a student shared his concerns with how to cater a Bible study to fellow students who are deists. "Where should I start?" he asked. Meanwhile, another student was wondering how to get the Adventist students at her school to spend time together — nothing seems to be working. Each student leader wants to do what's right for God's glory, and if nothing else, this weekend showed them that they're not alone.

Venice Fisher, senior psychology major from the University of West Georgia, said she especially





Married couple Edward Onyango and Martha Michieka, professors at East Tennessee State University, participated in group discussions.

dom on college and university campuses every year, and helping to lead their friends to Christ and the message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There is nothing more thrilling than to watch a faltering freshman begin to navigate the world

of their campus, and actually make an impact on the lives of their fellow students. Jesus said to 'let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.' Adventist students on public university campuses are faithfully doing that every day!"

Allan R. Williamson is Southern Union youth/young adult/Adventist Christian Fellowship director.

CONNECT information contributed by Michaela Lawrence Jeffery, director of Adventist Christian Fellowship for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and chaplain of Advent House at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Announcements

Union College Homecoming – April 7-10. Alumni, friends, and former faculty are invited. Honor classes: '41, '51, '56, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, and '01. Details: contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 or alumni@ucollege.edu.

Memphis Junior Academy 100th Anniversary – April 8-10. Details: Search Facebook for MJA 100th Anniversary or call the school at 901-683-1061.

Lester Coon Adventist School / Apison Church 50th Anniversary Homecoming – April 9. Alumni, friends, former school staff are invited. Details: pastor@apisonchurch.org or 423-236-4214.

Oakwood University Class of 1981, 30th Reunion Alumni Weekend – April 22-24. Details: facebook: Oakwood Reunion; Email: ouclassof1981@gmx.com.

La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend – April 29, 30, and May 1. Honor classes '01, '96, '91, '86, '81, '71, '61, '51, and 50+ years. Details: LSA Alumni Office, 951 351-1445 x 244, lsalumni@lsak12.com.

Broadview Academy Alumni Association / Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend – April 29, 30. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Honor classes, '51, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, and '01. Details: Ed Gutierrez: edjulie1@att.net; or call: 630-232-9034.

Detroit Southfield Jr. Academy & Metropolitan Jr. Academy Centennial Celebration – April 30. Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, MI. Details: metroschooloffice@yahoo.com or 734-420-4044.

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion – June 9-12. For alumni and schoolmates of 1961 and earlier at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI. Honor classes: '31, '41, '51, and '61. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net for details.

Sharon Church Homecoming – June 18,19. Charlotte, NC. A special invitation to all former ACA students, teachers, principals, pastors, associate pastors, interns, and former members to join us. Register by calling the church office at 704-364-8973.

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians 2011 Conference – June 19-23. For librarians and information professionals. Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA. Details: <http://spinergy.southern.edu/asdalhere/> for conference information or contact Lauren Matacio matacio@andrews.edu 269-471-6062.

Madison College Alumni Association Homecoming – June 24-26. Honor classes: '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, and those who attended Madison College or Madison College Academy. Activities and meals on Friday evening, Sabbath, and Sunday morning at Madison Academy Campus. Jim Culpepper, secretary/Treasure, 615-415-1925.

Benedict / Turtle Lake Church 100th Anniversary – July 23. Turtle Lake, ND. We invite all past and present constituents and their families to join us. Details: Roger Boyko, 701-448-2884 or e-mail rkboyko@westriv.com.

Must Great Minds Think Alike?

BY W. EUGENE BREWER, ED.D.

Do you ever wonder...

Why Johnny talks all of the time?

Or why Susan loves work sheets?

Or why Tony can't sit still?

Or why Jenny is always trying something new?

Or why you can help Michelle with her homework and have a great time, but when you try to help Billy it always ends in a fight?

Learning Styles answers these questions and more. Learning capitalizes on the strengths of four major learning styles identified by researchers from many fields.

Learning can be explained in terms of the ways people perceive and process information.

Perceiving, or taking in new information, occurs in a variety of ways which range between experience and conceptualization. Experience is personal engagement. It involves sensations, emotions, and physical memories: the immediate, the self. It is being in it. Conceptualization is the translation of experience in conceptual forms. It involves ideas, language, hierarchies, and naming systems. It is an abstract approach to learning. It is being apart from it.

Processing, what people do with the new information, occurs in a variety of ways which range between reflection and action. Reflection is transforming knowledge by structuring, ordering, intellectualizing. Action is applying ideas to the external world: testing, doing, manipulating.

Together, perceiving and pro-

cessing describe the whole range of the learning experience. Those who perceive through experience and process reflectively, we call Type One learners. Those who perceive through conceptualization and also process reflectively, we call Type Two learners. Type Three learners perceive through conceptualization and process actively. And the Type Four learners perceive through experience and also process actively.

While all learners engage in all types of learning, most seem to favor one particular type. Type One learners seek personal associations, meaning and involvement. They are good at making connections. Type Two learners think about information. They seek facts, think through ideas and learn what the experts think. Type Three learners like to experiment, build and create usability. They are always tinkering and applying ideas. Type Four learners look for hidden possibilities. They like exploring, learning by trial and error and self-discovery. They are good at creating original adaptations.

There is no right or wrong learning style, just different. Each has strengths and each has weaknesses.

Type One learners are cooperative, thoughtful, friendly, supportive, team oriented, and responsive. Cooperative Learning was a God-send for them. However, we do question their soft-hearted nature, slowness to act, dependence on details, and lack of initiative. They avoid conflict.

Type Two learners are logical, accurate, dependable, and are conservative in nature. But, we question

their lack of decisiveness, lack of risk-taking, dependence on facts and figures, and their impersonal nature or approach to things. They avoid involvement.

Type Three learners are efficient, task oriented, independent, and decisive. They accomplish a lot. You need a Three on your team to get the job done! We do, however, question their hastiness, impatience, bossiness, bottom-line orientation, and critical nature. The Type Three avoids inaction.

Type Four learners are energetic, have a thought-provoking nature, outgoing, enthusiastic, and personable. But, we question their lack of follow-through, "rah-rah" approach, impulsiveness, and often times an inability to perform as stated. Type Fours avoid isolation.

Can you pick out your preferred way of learning? Can you see your children's preferred way of learning? Might they be different? Did you notice that the Type Two learner is interested in details and facts while the Type Four learner is looking for alternatives? There is a natural antagonism between the two. Could it be that you and Michelle are both Type Two learners, totally engrossed in the details, while Billy is a Type Four learner, your natural antagonist?

We must first understand ourselves, and then understand our children. Then we, the parents, can make adjustments to secure harmony and be a benefit to each other.

W. Eugene Brewer, Ed.D., is Southern Union education development specialist.



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BEREAN OUTREACH MINISTRY CENTER

BY LOIS PITTS

Aerial shot of people marching from the current Atlanta-Berean Church (top right) to the re-acquired church (bottom left) for the grand opening of BOMC

Excitement, enthusiasm, and exhilaration were all words that best describe the feelings of the members of Atlanta-Berean Church on Sabbath afternoon, January 29, 2011! It was on this date that the grand opening celebration took place for the new Berean Outreach Ministry Center (BOMC), located at 312 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, Atlanta, Georgia. This facility formerly served as the church home for Atlanta-Berean Church, but was sold after the church moved to its current location directly across the street at 291 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive. In September 2010, this building was re-acquired by Atlanta-Berean Church with the intent to provide daily outreach ministry initiatives for community residents and church members alike.

For the grand-opening celebration, the South Atlantic Conference officials, Atlanta-Berean pastoral staff, Atlanta-Berean members, and community residents marched from the steps of Atlanta-Berean Church to the steps of Berean Outreach Ministry Center for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. While the processional was

taking place, Carlton Byrd, D.Min., Atlanta-Berean senior pastor, rode overhead in a helicopter to capture photographs of this historic moment of all in attendance. Before the crowd assembled for the ribbon cutting, individuals were strategically situated on the four corners of the Hamilton E. Holmes Drive and Joseph Boone Boulevard intersection. The significance of this was paramount as now the Seventh-day Adventist Church occupies all four corners of this intersection with the Atlanta-Berean Church, Berean Christian Junior Academy/Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy, Berean Outreach Ministry Center, and the South Atlantic Conference Office — all situated on one corner respectively. This collective presence greatly heightens the awareness of the mission



Michael Cartwright (left) and David Smith distributed free healthy samples from the juice bar.

and ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in worship, outreach, and education in an urban area.

The Berean Outreach Ministry Center serves the metropolitan Atlanta population with ministry opportunities including free

clothing and food distribution on Wednesdays, as more than 1,000 community residents are serviced. There are daily operations for a vegetarian sandwich shop, barber shop, beauty salon, youth activity center, juice bar, health/fitness center, and massage therapy center. BOMC promotes the “church in action,” as members serve on a daily basis, and provide a reciprocated, spiritual blessing both to the members and the individuals who receive the services.



John Boston (left), Atlanta-Berean associate pastor; Carlton Byrd, D.Min., Atlanta-Berean senior pastor; Vanard Mendingball, Conference president; and William Winston, Conference executive secretary, cut the ceremonial ribbon as Ralph Hairston, former Conference president looks on.



Participating in the litany are Carlton Byrd, D.Min. (left), Atlanta-Berean senior pastor; Ralph Franklin, former Atlanta-Berean pastor; Ralph Peay, former Conference president; Vanard Mendingball, current Conference president; Robert Woodfork, former Conference president; Ralph Hairston, former Conference president; and William Winston, current Conference executive secretary.



The center will not only serve the community with free food and clothes, but also houses a hair salon, barber shop, and massage therapy area.



Church members, as well as the community, can join the fitness club, complete with exercise equipment and space for exercise classes.



Attending the celebration was Harold L. Cleveland Jr., with his mother, Betty Cleveland, wife of the late Harold L. Cleveland Sr., who was the pastor responsible for the construction of the old Atlanta-Berean Church.



More than 2,000 people attended the ground-breaking ceremony and participated in the march.



After the ribbon cutting, attendees participated in the reading of a dedication litany.

Higher Calling Sings for "Bags of Love"

BY BRAD MENDEZ

In the fall of 2010, Phil White, pastor of the Calhoun Church in Georgia, asked for volunteers to participate in a unique evangelistic outreach mission. White described them as "kingdom assignments," where individuals were invited to share Jesus in their community.

"The idea is to give a member \$100, and challenge them to use it as seed money to engage in activities that will grow the kingdom of God," said White.

In response, Jonathan Wurl felt moved to step down from the congregation and receive the \$100 bill.

About a week later, Wurl introduced the idea of the kingdom assignment to his band, Higher Calling. Wurl plays the acoustic guitar and mandolin.

Steve Dydra, Higher Calling band leader, said the six-year-old group made a decision to produce a musical CD with the net proceeds going toward the "Bags of Love Ministry."

Bags of Love originally started under the umbrella of women's ministries at Calhoun Church. It provides a local Children Services Agency with duffle bags for distribution to every new foster child. Each bag is filled with a homemade quilt or fleece blanket, a stuffed animal, personal care items, and toys tailored to the age/gender of the child. Sandi Bakland, project leader of Bags of Love and lead singer of Higher Calling, originally received the idea for bags of love



The musical group Higher Calling from Calhoun Church in Georgia: Cheryl Jones (left), Sandi Bakland, Andy Nall, Steve Dydra, and Jonathan Wurl.

from a woman in Kentucky.

Dydra said of creating the CD, "Positive feedback from church members really kept us going, especially during times of transition God has always brought new and talented additions to the band."

Wurl describes Higher Calling music: "We cover a fairly wide range of styles that includes bluegrass, contemporary acoustic music, hymns, and even praise songs. The songs are all originally arranged around acoustic instruments — banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass, fiddle, and even some dobro. You might be tempted to call us a bluegrass band, and you wouldn't be too far off base, but we certainly go well beyond what most people think of as the typical bluegrass sound."

The newly cre-

ated CD, "While We Wait," was inspired by a biblical passage found in Isaiah, chapter 25.

The group shares, "As Christians, we are looking for the second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But, we are not only to believe that the end of all things is at hand. We are to be filled with the spirit of Christ's advent, that when the Lord comes, He may find us ready to meet Him, whether we are working in the field, or building a house, or preaching the Word; ready to say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us ..."

Sabbath, February 12, was a remarkable day for Higher Calling. They presented to the Calhoun Church a report of their kingdom assignment, including many pictures showing how the seed of \$100 has grown into showers of blessings for foster children.

The group projects that their \$100 kingdom assignment will grow to provide needs for up to 1,000 children

in the local community. The recent CD release has a double blessing; it not only meets needs for foster children, but their music brings blessings that inspire a richer blessing with Jesus.



"While We Wait" is the title of the new CD produced by Higher Calling.

A Church of Small Groups

BY REBECCA GRICE

More than 200 people crowded into a rented church auditorium for a special gospel concert by Felipe Garibo on a Sabbath afternoon in late January. Some were members of the Montgomery, Alabama, Hispanic congregation, but many were invited by one of their Adventist neighbors, co-workers, or relatives. The 55 members of the congregation had been praying and working all week, for this was not only a concert — it was a special time set aside to collect money toward building a church where they could worship. Not only did the members invite people to the concert, they also gave commitment cards and asked for donations for their new church building project. They prayed during the concert, the pastor prayed, and Felipe Garibo prayed. God's Spirit was evident as people came forward during the intermission with their offerings. One woman signed her pay check over to Nilton Garcia, pastor and Hispanic coordinator for the Conference. With tears streaming down her face, she said, "I give this back to God." By the end of the day, there was \$55,000 in the building fund — almost \$30,000 had been collected that

afternoon. With a regular attendance of 135, the people are eagerly anticipating being in a church building of their own.

Just one year earlier the 22 members were struggling. The small group met in an extra room off the gym of Montgomery First Church. Sometimes, maybe 35 people, including children and visitors, attended.



On Big Day, the small group leaders show what their group has been studying.

Then, instead of dwelling on their problems, the small group was challenged, with God's help, to have a bigger vision. Garcia, their new pastor, encouraged them to become a church of small groups. "Not a church with a small group ministry, but a church where all ministries were done through small groups. The curriculum for each group would be based on needs and could include such things as family life, youth, children, or evangelism, as long as the church board and the pastor approved. Each course would be different, but the focus for all groups during that cycle would be the same," explained Garcia. "With a church of small groups, everyone in the church would be working," he added.

A timeframe for the groups to begin and to finish was established — usually between eight to 12 weeks. The church year was divided into three cycles of small

group meetings. At the end of the cycle they would invite everyone to church for a Big Day. During this time, the recipients would receive their graduation certificates and a reception would be planned, followed by a week-long evangelistic series beginning that evening. The goal was to have 21 in each group. Each group would include the leader and

those in the church, those who had visited the church, and those that were outside the church.

They began with six small groups. Eighty people attended the first Big Day, and seven people were baptized during the evangelism week. The number of groups grew. At the end of the second cycle, 135 attended the Big Day, and 12 were baptized. Finally, 186 people attended the third Big Day, and 17 were baptized, making a total of 36 baptized.

This year, the small group program has been presented in all of the Hispanic churches in the Conference, and the congregations have been encouraged to become involved. In concurrence with the General Conference program to "Reach Up, Reach Out, and Reach Across," each cycle of small group meetings will focus in one of these areas during the year.



This young couple, baptized by Nilton Garcia (right), pastor and Hispanic coordinator for Gulf States, are two of the 36 who were converted and became members last year.



THE TRANSFORMING REALITY OF MISSION:

ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM HOSTS 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON MISSION

BY JULIE ZAIBACK

Mission is central to Adventist Health System. It drives caregivers to make an impact in the lives of those they serve, and provides the privilege to be a positive influence on communities. Adventist Health System's 21st annual Conference on Mission fittingly focused on that very topic: "Impact and Influence: The Transforming Reality of Mission." On February 25-27, 2011 in Lake Mary, Florida, more than 250 delegates from Adventist Health System facilities, Seventh-day Adventist union conferences, and churches came together to collaborate and communicate on this pressing theme.

The conference began with the Opening Session and Banquet on Thursday evening. The Benjamin F. Reaves Keynote Address was given by James Londis, Ph.D., from Kettering College of Medical Arts. He spoke of the responsibility that every individual in health care possesses to demonstrate Christ's love in their one-on-one interactions. The evening's awards ceremony highlighted and honored individuals for services and efforts that live out the mission of Adventist Health System — to extend the healing ministry of Christ.

Adventist Health System's Crystal Angel Award — acknowledging individuals for the advancement of the Adventist health care mission — was presented to Ken Bradley from Winter Park Memorial Hospital, and Dave Crane from Adventist Midwest Health.

The Christian Service Award — highlighting individuals who provide an outstanding Christian example through compassionate service to others — was awarded to Charlette Holecek from Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center,

and Stephen Vancura, M.D., from Metroplex Adventist Hospital. The Community Service Award — recognizing individuals who have made a significant impact on the community they serve — was presented to Dick Batchelor associated with Florida Hospital Orlando, and Anne Herman from Adventist Midwest Health.

The Friday Working Session focused on the transforming reality of mission throughout Adventist Health System facilities. The recent acquisition of five hospitals in the Tampa Bay area provided a unique case study of the role of mission when joining non-faith-based organizations. The theme of mission impact and influence carried into the evening



During the Friday night program hosted by Des Cummings (left), executive vice president at Florida Hospital, Gordon Retzer, Southern Union Conference president, and his wife, Cheryl, presented a Bible to Lily Elmore as she prepares to attend Southern Adventist University. Her mother, Afsoon Elmore, M.D. (center), was featured in the evening program.

Vespers program. Stories demonstrating the impact and influence that different individuals and programs across Adventist Health System are having on the lives of others. A powerful musical performance by Jaclyn Pruehs

complemented the evening program.

Sabbath worship began with an engaging lesson by Ted Hamilton, M.D., focusing on how God can transform our lives. A captivating performance by Nabih Saliba, playing King Nebuchadnezzar, illustrated the Sabbath School lesson. Roscoe Howard closed the conference with a riveting Sabbath sermon titled, "The Influence of Integrity." Attendees left this year's Conference on Mission moved and inspired to allow God to use them to impact the lives of others in the communities we serve.

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Art in Therapy Arrives at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center Comprehensive Cancer Center

Modern medical practitioners agree and believe that recovery from a large variety of ills, both physical and mental, can be aided and accelerated using the therapeutic powers of art.

In addition to the usual complement of surgeons, oncologists, and other cancer specialists, two well-known local artists, Daniel Ambrose and Barbara Perrotti, have each been commissioned to create large, pastoral scenes for the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical, Daytona Beach, Fla., reflecting the hospital's holistic approach to cancer treatment that fo-

cuses on not only treating the body, but also the mind and spirit.

These scenes will complement the pieces already on display through Florida Hospital Memorial's partnership with and sponsorship of the Museum of Arts & Sciences.

Studies have shown that cancer patients exposed to nature scenes through either a window view or artistic representation had less anxiety, requested less pain medication, and had a quicker post-operative recovery time than those without such views. In ad-



The new artwork helps create a healing environment and fosters a holistic approach to care.

dition, art therapy can help cancer patients cope with their emotions, according to the American Cancer Society.

"Our Comprehensive Cancer Center was designed to provide holistic care to our cancer patients to provide top-rated medi-

cal treatment, but we were also very deliberate in providing a calming environment for patients to receive treatment for their emotional and spiritual needs as well,"

said Paul Hoover, vice president and administrator of the Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"We worked closely with the artists to bring the beauty of God's creation into the center to be a constant reminder of His work in the world around us and in each of our lives."

—BY STEPHANIE MEYERS

Park Ridge Health Raises Thousands for Community



Nearly 600 runners came together for the annual run.

Park Ridge Health, Hendersonville, N.C., held the 19th Annual FrostBite 10K, 5K, and 1-Mile Fun Run on February 20, 2011. The event helped raise \$24,000 for Park Ridge Health's Wellness on Wheels (W.O.W.) program.

This year's FrostBite broke all previous event

records with a 63 percent increase in registrations. Nearly 600 runners from across the region and neighboring states took part

in the annual event, which is held on the surrounding Park Ridge Health campus.

Each year, the W.O.W. program offers free and at-cost health screenings and education to more than 10,000 community members, including women's heart health assessments,

cholesterol, blood glucose, vision, bone density, and prostate cancer screenings. Approximately 25 percent of the 56,700 screenings performed in the past five years have identified individuals at serious risk for developing heart disease, stroke, prostate cancer, osteoporosis, or diabetes.

"FrostBite has been an exciting tradition for runners of all ages and skill levels," says Jason Wells, vice president of the Park Ridge Experience. "We're already planning for next year's 20th Annual FrostBite on February 19, 2012, and hope to welcome

1,000 runners to help us celebrate. There will be new additions including pre-race festivities at the start with lots of fun for families, all surrounded by our beautiful western North Carolina scenery."

—BY JENNIFER PEREZ



FrostBite helped raise money for the Wellness on Wheels program, providing health screenings and education to more than 10,000 community members.

Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate Is It Important for Christians?

Timothy G. Standish, Ph.D., a respected research scientist in the field of genetics, and Ron E. M. Clouzet, D.Min., a practical theologian and seminary professor, will host a creation-evolution seminar to be broadcast on the Hope Channel, May 4-8, 2011. The five-evening



Ron E. M. Clouzet, D.Min., professor, Andrews University Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Mich.; director, North American Division Evangelism Institute.

sessions beginning at 7:30 p.m., EST, will cover topics that many find troubling as they read news articles and hear brief reports of recent research that often raise questions in the creation versus evolution debate.

According to Standish, it is important for Christians to understand the debate since it ultimately centers around whom we worship and how we worship. Revelation 14:7 tells us to “Worship Him who made the heavens, the Earth, the sea, and the springs of water.” “The Bible is very clear,” says Standish. “Nature did not create itself.”

Clouzet added, “Creation stands at the core of Christian theology. If death existed before sin, as it must have if theistic evolution is true, then Jesus’ death on the cross and victory over sin are not logically tied to our salvation. People struggle to find

complex solutions to this particular conundrum, but the Bible is not ambiguous.”

Opening night, May 4, live from the Campus Church, Nashville, Tenn., Standish and Clouzet will explore the topic, *The Way We Were: A Look at Deep Time*. During the next four nights, they will discuss the

life of creatures, genetics, radiometric dating, the age of the Earth, and the flood and fossils. The final presentation on May 8 will pull together the conclusions from the various areas of the debate to strengthen personal faith in an omnipotent God and His creative powers.

When asked what he hopes the seminar will accomplish, Standish responded, “My hope is that we can clearly show the beauty of the biblical perspective and the reasonableness of the hope the Scriptures give. My prayer is that the clear choice between truth, when it comes to the Creator God and alternative ideas, can be made clear in the minds of those who participate. The Bible offers something so beautiful, so dazzlingly attractive, yet ultimately it is up to the Holy Spirit to convict and change hearts.

My prayer is that we have the privilege of serving as God’s instruments in achieving this goal.”

The Greatest Show on Earth: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate has been designed as an opportunity to serve the community in a relevant way,

and an opportunity to get acquainted with residents in the community with whom we live and work. The co-hosts, experts in their respective fields, will present evidence not to be missed. The seminar will be science-based, biblically sound, and professionally informative.

Standish has pursued research in molecular biology. He is currently a research scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, Calif. The Institute seeks to understand more about the origins of life and the Earth from a biblical perspective.

Clouzet, professor of Christian ministry and pastoral theology at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., and director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute, is also the speaker for the upcoming full message



Timothy Standish, Ph.D., George Mason University, research scientist, Geoscience Research Institute, Loma Linda, Calif.

series, *Prophecies Decoded: Can the Past Reveal Your Future?* The series begins September 30 and continues through October 29. He invites every congregation in North America to host the May creation seminar in their communities via satellite.

Standish noted, “People are interested in creation for a reason. Not only is it at the core of our beliefs and a major factor in deciding how we will live our lives, but it is also intrinsically amazing and fun. We will have some spectacular fossils, reveal incredible things about how our bodies work, and examine profound questions that people have struggled with since the time of Moses, and before.

Clouzet encourages pastors to view this seminar, and an archaeology seminar to be broadcast in early September, as timely and relevant preparatory events for the evangelistic series, *Prophecies Decoded*. A visit to <http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com> will answer most questions about the Division outreach initiative for 2011. Churches may register to host the NET event and become prayer warriors by signing up at the same web site.

—BY BERNADINE DELAFIELD

Oakwood Hosts Conversations on Public Education Issues

Oakwood University led the way among north Alabama colleges and universities in hosting the first *Speak Up Alabama* conversation in its home county of Madison. *Speak Up Alabama* is a special program designed to engage local communities, and create a platform where all interested citizens can voice their concerns and provide suggestions regarding current education issues. With budgetary cut-backs plaguing the public school systems across the nation, local community leaders are scrambling for viable solutions to an even tighter bottom line.

The event, which was organized by Oakwood's director of development, Cheri Wilson, took place on February 28, 2011, at the Moseley Complex on Oakwood's campus. These conversations are part of a community engagement initiative of The Schools Foundation, a non-profit organization, in support of public education. To host a conversation, an organization just need to invite 15-30 friends or co-workers to their workplace, home, church, or neighborhood community room. *Speak Up* leaders take care of providing any necessary materials and scheduling facilitators to conduct the conversation.

So why get involved, as a private Adventist university? Oakwood views this program as an opportu-

nity to contribute to public school initiatives, while keeping a finger on the pulse of those issues that so often impact the private sector and shape the performance of future students coming onto Seventh-day Adventist campuses. While Oakwood continues to promote the mission of Christian education, it is wise to recognize that our Adventist schools do not exist in a vacuum, and what happens in the public sector sometimes produces ripple effects on our own schools and students.

Oakwood's conversation was well-attended by community, faculty, and staff members, and the guest list included the names of several local college and university administrators. Facilitators posed thought-provoking questions about numerous issues at the forefront of most educators' and policy makers' minds. Each response was carefully recorded on easel pad pages that eventually lined the chapel's perimeter walls for the audience's review.

Esther Veras, president of the Alabama Hispanic Association and an alumna of Oakwood, was in attendance at this first conversation, and was inspired to host a second for north Alabama's Hispanic community at the same Oakwood venue. She stated, "There is currently a high concentration of Hispanics from

all over the world in the Huntsville/Madison area. I believe that data collected from the Hispanic population, as a whole, would be a great addition to this study/data call. The Hispanic community is interested in sharing concerns, ideas, and solutions to contribute to the efforts of providing all students — including Hispanics — the opportunity for an equal education."

The *Speak Up* community engagement initiative is a strategic process designed to ensure high levels of academic achievement for all students in the three public school systems in Madison County, where Oakwood has been a neighbor since 1896. It is anticipated that this process will engage more than 3,000 people across the community in future conversations about education. Content from such community meetings, hosted by local higher education institutions, will be used to develop a collaborative, jointly-owned strategic plan for each school district that will serve as a guide for local K-12 schools.

The program has the potential to impact more than 50,000 children, and drive excellence in leadership and student achievement. These conversations will also help to align needed resources, provide public accountability for academics and finances, and ensure equitable education measures for all. This

is significant because it supports the top three priorities that Madison communities have identified as areas that need the focused attention of lawmakers and community members. Those three areas are to enhance the quality and growth of the local school, provide the infrastructure for sustaining growth, and meet current and future workforce requirements.

The current economic situation has created urgent needs in schools, both public and private, and tough financial times for schools are predicted to continue for the next several years. *Speak Up Alabama* extended an invitation to all members of the higher-education community interested in education and community engagement to either attend or host a conversation. Debbie Beaupre, executive director for The Schools Foundations, said the project was scheduled to run from February throughout the month of March, and that she was quite impressed with the participation she witnessed on the Oakwood University campus.

—BY MICHELE SOLOMON

Albemarle Celebrates 100th Anniversary



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John Earnhardt (left), Tim Sheridan, Wally Welch, Jerry Mobley, Rick Russell, Jim Davidson, Gary Moyer, Scott Young, Carlos Molina, Glenn Holland, Harry Robinson, Jeff Villegas

A chilly, winter day didn't keep the crowd of nearly 200 people from filling the sanctuary to overflowing at the 100th Year Celebration for the Albemarle Church on February 12. The members of the church had put in numerous hours in preparation for this time of reflection.

A committee of eight members met for a whole year making plans for this event. The church underwent a cosmetic transformation with noticeable changes throughout the sanctuary and the recently-added Family Life Center.

The day commenced with Sabbath School by former interim pastor Harry Robinson. Jim Davidson



Conference president, and Gary Moyer, Conference secretary, along with Rick Russell, Conference treasurer, each had their special welcome. Davidson's greetings included a flashback to 1911 when William H. Taft was president, the Chevrolet Motor company appeared on the scene, and the first trans-continental flight occurred. In fact, there were only 104,000 Adventists worldwide in 1911, compared to 16 million today.

John Earnhardt, pastor of Upward Church, Flatrock, N.C., delivered a resounding message to the gathered Albemarle members and guests. When Earnhardt came forward, he made a point to recognize the pastors, their wives, and teachers who had contributed so much to the stability of the church. His trip down memory lane included his own conviction when he and his wife, Crystal,

attended an evangelistic meeting years ago in the area, and when Buddy Brass encouraged him to become an evangelist.

After a well-attended potluck with all the trimmings, 180-something people stood by to hear the afternoon program. Each pastor shared his experience leading Albemarle.

Ted Burris recounted the history of the church, from a house in Norwood during the horse and buggy days, to the Steeds home in Albemarle. At that time there were 16 charter members under the care of R. T. Nash. Two years later, a new building was erected on Long Street and took the name of Rocky Ridge Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1921, Oswald C. Bowers donated land on West Oakwood Avenue, where a new church and

school were built. The congregation flourished at this location until March of 1979 when Kate Morton donated the parcel of land on Hobe Road, the present church site. Prior to this, the church had raised more than \$17,000 to purchase land in east Albemarle with the intent of building a new church. Albemarle members used the money from the sale of this land to build their new church. The church was dedicated debt-free in March of 1979. In 2006, the Family Life Center was



completed and dedicated debt-free two years later. It has served the members and community well for various activities. What a tribute to the work and dedication of God's people and God's protection and care. It is true that God will honor faithfulness. No doubt, He has sustained His Church through the ups and downs of the past 100 years, and Albemarle Church is a testimony to His faithfulness.

—BY DEBBIE RAPP

The “Real Diehl” at Raleigh Church



PHOTOS BY KEN FORD

Hundreds of visitors from the community and from Adventist churches as far away as Georgia came to see and hear Hans Diehl, Ph.D., the father of CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project), during “Life at Its Best: A Weekend to Take Charge

a very dynamic and highly motivational health lecturer, explained in five lectures how it is never too late to take charge of your health through simple lifestyle changes.

Other highlights of the event included special music on Sabbath by the Mount Pisgah Academy choir, Meno San Cielo, followed by a delicious, organic haystack lunch and healthy refreshments, courtesy of Whole Foods Market of Cary, N.C. On the second day of the event, Whole Foods Market demonstrated and provided mouth-watering samples of plant-based recipes for a Rainbow Kale Slaw, Homemade Hum-

mus, and a Double Green Smoothie.

A special Reaching In and Reaching Out luncheon before Sunday’s afternoon lectures provided a forum for health directors and other church leaders to share innovative ways to use our health message in outreach. Diehl also gave useful suggestions for health evangelism, and stressed how health reform within Adventist churches will save many from physical, mental, and moral degeneracy.

The event culminated with a CHIP information session, after which the Spirit of God led approximately 50 individuals, many of whom are not church members, to participate in the February CHIP program.

DVD’s of the two-day event can be ordered by visiting the Raleigh Health Ministries website at www.raleighadventist.org/health.

—BY ANTOINETTE WARE MARTIN

Fletcher Honors Centenarians



This January, Fletcher, N.C., Church was

privileged to honor two members as centenarians. Anita Kohler was 100 on January 7, and has been a member of Fletcher for 32 years. Kohler, being Danish, married her husband Hans in Denmark, but left for London just two days before World War II was declared. She was a teacher, then a secretary at the DC seminary and the General Conference, where her late husband worked as a treasurer.



Florence Ready turned 101 on January 17. Her life’s work was with the

Federal Government, serving mostly in administrative capacities. She attributes her long life to lifestyle changes she made when younger. When she and her late husband became Seventh-day Adventists, she chose vegetarianism. She makes aerobic exercises and walks a part of her daily routine.

—BY MARIE SANDBORN



of Your Health” at Raleigh, N.C., Church.

The church’s Health Ministries Department asked Diehl to speak at this two-day event in January to kick off their very first CHIP program. Diehl,



Pathfinders Celebrate Diversity



Pedro Perez, Florida Conference youth director, addresses the West Palm Beach Cultural Diversity Day audience.

Pathfinder Cultural Diversity Day, a premiere event of its kind, was held December 5, 2010, at First Church of West Palm Beach where 175 Pathfinders and staff from eight clubs met to earn honors, sample food from various cultures, and get to know each other.

The day began with a performance by the West Palm Beach Drum Corp and a parade of flags. Following opening ceremonies, Pathfinders and staff were

given a description of the three honors being offered: Cultural Heritage, Cultural Diversity, and Cultural Food Preparation.

After the requirements for each honor were outlined, Pathfinders learned about the language, food, and history of the 15 countries represented — Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and

Tobago, and the United States.

Plans for the Sunday event were made by a committee composed of Stu Davis, Astrid Jean, Ronnie Diaz, Chrystine Diniz, Michael Teter, and Mauva McKenzie, area administrator. Lending support to the event were Pedro Perez, Florida Conference youth director; Freddy Rodriguez, Conference assistant director; and Calvin Brooks, state representative.

Not only was Cultural Diversity Day filled with fun, it was spiritually uplifting. As participants learned about various cultures, food, and traditions, they reflected on how diverse Heaven will be with people drawn together in Jesus Christ. Those in attendance agreed they look forward to the day when all people will live under the government of God, and spend eternity with Him.

— BY MAUVA MCKENZIE

Community Services Volunteers Sew for Veterans

With chilly winter nights in the forecast, representatives from Clearwater Church Community Services Center presented 105 quilted lap robes to veterans at Bay Pines VA (Veterans Administration) Healthcare in St. Petersburg, Fla. For 35 years, volunteers have worked tirelessly to sew lap robes for the veterans.

Joan Holm, community services director, and her husband, Eric, work five days a week at the Clearwater Church's community services thrift store, in addition to distributing free clothes and food for the needy. Two volunteers who regularly work at the center are not Seventh-day Adventists.

—BY JOY HUNTER



Gary (Gabby) McKaslin was among the veterans who received a lap robe from the community services center representatives, Caterina Liberato (left), Joan Holm, and Maria Martinez.

Churches Host Health and Community Fairs

With cooler weather, fall and winter are excellent times for fairs in the state of Florida. Three Florida Conference churches recently held health and community fairs and festivals as follows:

Gainesville Spanish Church Holds Second Annual Health Fair

The second annual health fair at Gainesville, Fla., Spanish Church included events for everyone to enjoy, from health education for adults to fun activities for children.

Institutions and professionals that participated in the day included: the Blood Bank, United Way, Hunter's Chiropractic, Healthy Start of North Central Florida, and a Medical Clinic from University of Florida.

Exhibits representing Spanish countries in the Caribbean, Inter-America, and South America offered healthy samples of their food specialties. Clowns were on site to entertain the children, along with face painting and an inflatable jumping house.

—BY XIMENA RIVERA

1,000 people attending the event. Grants obtained from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Florida Literary Coalition also helped make the day possible.

Organizations and professionals providing services for the day included: medical students from University of Florida, Florida Division of Forestry, Lafayette County Health, Quit Smoking, Elders Option, First Federal, and WUFT-TV. Important information was also provided: children's ID program by the Lafayette County

member Amy Hunter, who serves as Literacy Coordinator for Three Rivers Regional Library System, suggests that fellow church health fair planners form a partnership with health institutions and local businesses in their area.

—BY AMY HUNTER

Lauderhill Church Hosts Community Fair

Lauderhill, Fla., Church hosted a Community Fair to inform Broward County residents of available assistance with employment, finances,



HECTOR CARABALLO

Gainesville Spanish Church Health Fair participants received tips and instruction from fitness instructors.



HECTOR CARABALLO

Clinicians administered eye exams at the Gainesville Spanish Church Health Fair.

Jennings Lake Church Partners in Hispanic Festival and Health Fair

Jennings Lake, Fla., Church partnered with Three Rivers Regional Library System to organize a Hispanic Festival and Health Fair in the nearby town of Mayo. Advertising by flyers, a Hispanic newspaper, and word of mouth resulted in approximately



CHERYL PULLIAM

Smokey the Bear and the Florida Division of Forestry taught fire safety at the Jennings Lake Church Health Fair.



CHERYL PULLIAM

Natasba Garcia (left), Jacqueline Aguilar, Rafael Nual, and Ileana Diaz registered Jennings Lake Church Health Fair guests and gave them information material.

Sheriff, immigration law by Attorney Henry Lim, and migrant education from the Lafayette School System.

Jennings Lake Church



SHELLY PINNOCK

A Lauderhill Church Community Fair attendee received information from Humana representative Rodecia Pitter.

and/or medical questions. Minority Builders Association, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Workforce One, and Broward County Community Action Agency were among many social service organizations present.

There were more than 80 attendees, including those who normally come for weekly food distribution. Every person could browse exhibits and collect information from organizations' representatives.

—BY SHELLY PINNOCK

Collegedale Academy Equips Student Leaders

Illuminating Ministries, a student-created and operated ministry based at Collegedale Academy (CA), prepared a workshop for fellow students to better equip them with leadership skills on February 19, 2011. The workshop was designed to have four specific segments so groups could remain small and listen to people's opinions on aspects of leadership.

It began with a time of praise and prayer, where students could enjoy being together and worshiping God. The first rotation was organized and led out by Greg King, a teacher from the religion department at Southern Adventist University. He proceeded to give his lesson on the "Ten Commandments of Preaching." This lesson gave the students a practical view of how to speak out for Christ. "This is going to be a hard act to follow," senior Cody McElroy said hearing King's presentation.

As the afternoon continued, the students were able to experience new views from pastors, teachers, and adult mentors. Don MacLafferty, pastor for the Collegedale Church, and Marvin Thorman, CA math teacher,



Collegedale Academy students heard from pastors, teachers, and others, thanks to a workshop prepared by Illuminating Ministries.

led the groups in understanding the importance of completely surrendering to Christ. The meetings continued with key aspects of keeping Christ at the center of any leadership operation. David Sherwood, CA Bible teacher, and Mike McGonigle's group helped give students a better idea of how to make biblical devotionals a constant reality. Here students were given the analogy of the Word being the Daily Bread that is needed every day in order to survive spiritually.

CA senior Angela Weaver reflected on the session by saying, "The guidelines given by Mr. Sherwood and Mr. McGonigle really connected to me. They hit the questions I have been having in my own spiritual life, and I really learned from their session."

The last session was led by former students of CA, Ethan White and Mat-

thew Tinkham. They led a session about sharing your beliefs outwardly. They discussed how to create a testimony that will represent your spiritual life, and properly reach those who do not know Christ. While sharing both of their very different but powerful testimonies, they kept the students involved by providing a sheet to fill out and take home so they could further apply the practices.

This Sabbath proved a wonderful example that one never knows enough about working and living for Christ. There is always room to grow in Christ.

Senior Travis Crumley summed it all up when he said, "The sincerity of the various leaders was a source of inspiration for me, and the knowledge gained will be of assistance many years into the future."

—BY KAITLYN VERRILL

Happy 60th Anniversary Burtnetts



Larry Burtnett and Clara Belle Carson were married April 8, 1951, in the Hillsdale, Mich., Church. This year they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Larry worked in the publishing work as manager of the periodical department and director of subscriber services his entire career. After 40 years they retired near Crossville, Tenn. Later they moved to Chattanooga, where they are members of the Southern Church.

Clara did secretarial work and managed academy apartments in Nashville for 16 years before they moved to the Review and Herald in Hagerstown, Md. Clara worked for Vibrant Life (formerly Life & Health) for six years. She wrote the recipe column called "Clara's Kitchen."

They enjoy their sons, Daniel, who lives in South Bend, Ind., and Dennis, who lives in Chattanooga. They are blessed with one grandson and three granddaughters, ranging in ages from 15 to 28.

Retreat Gives Teens Something to Stand On

Jazar Williamson is part of the class of 2011 at Alcovy High School, a public school in Covington, Ga., and a member of the Conyers Church. Williamson is not unlike the other 98 students who attended the High School Retreat at Cohutta



High School Retreat students play a bula hoop game. High School Retreat weekend is offered to Adventist students who are not attending an Adventist school.

Springs over the February 4 weekend. While each student's life is unique, they all share a common trait: Each one is getting their education at a high school outside the Adventist system, making them a minority in their school body. The High School Retreat gives students like Williamson an opportunity to fellowship with other Adventist teens and reignite their enthusiasm for God.

"I love it. It's amazing," said Williamson, who has attended the Retreat all four of his high school years. "Every year, I learn something. It's easier to understand it here than at church every single Sabbath sometimes."

Greg Hudson, chaplain at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, was this year's featured speaker. His theme, "Be Strong in the Lord," encouraged students to stand for God. Besides these main sessions, the retreat incorporated several

genres of worship — from small groups to get-up-and-move activities — to keep the students engaged.

Benjamin Aparicio, an eighth-grader from Athens, Ga., jump-started his high school years by attending this year's retreat and said the small groups were his favorite part of the experience.

"It was easy to communicate [in the small groups]," he said. "And I made new friends."

Alydia Graack, who's a member of the Decatur Church and a student at a private Christian school in Tennessee, also enjoyed the small-group atmosphere.

"We get to hear other people's points of views on the Bible verses that we [read]," she said. "[And we hear] what they have to say about their own experiences with their strengths and weaknesses."

Throughout the weekend, small group members

and their leader stayed constant. Trevor Stout, a member of the Dalton Church in Ga., and one of the small-group leaders, said being with the same people allows the group to bond more and more as the weekend

progresses.

"I got pretty close to the kids," he said. "And I got to help them learn more about Christ and a having a relationship with Him."

Stout said for students outside Adventist education, the weekend is the equivalent of the prayer and Bible conferences students in Church schools have access to.

"[Students who don't go to Adventist academies] don't have a place to get on fire for God. So this is a big event to get them motivated and get them high on God."

Rob Lang, Youth Ministries Director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, also stressed the spiritual significance of the retreat.

"The majority of our youth are in public school, and they need to know they matter to our Church and God. The biggest purpose is for them to have a Bible conference experience, get into God's Word, and sense the Holy Spirit's presence in their life."

Students echo the positive impact the weekend has on their spiritual walk. Williamson said, "It gave me a more clear view of what God's intentions are for me."

—BY BRITNI BRANNON



Greg Hudson, Georgia-Cumberland Academy chaplain, was the featured speaker for the weekend during the High School Retreat held at Cohutta Springs, Crandall, Ga.

BAP Holds Plant-Based Cooking Outreach

Cathy Sexton, a member of the Blue Angel Parkway Church (BAP), in Pensacola, Fla. is a cooking aficionado for plant-based foods. She enjoys preparing main courses, and desserts, but she also enjoys telling other about the virtues of a plant-

Plant-Based Cooking Outreach based food diet as well as showing them how it's done. And thus the seeds of the most consistent outreach program at Blue Angel Parkway (BAP) church were planted.

In 2009, Sexton began offering periodic cooking classes to BAP members as well as friends. Her passion for cooking were so infectious that the cooking class became a monthly event (every second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), and word began to spread. She enhanced the class by asking credentialed

professionals to speak to attendees. The first speaker was BAP regular, Docile Saguan, M.D. (a Navy physician assigned to the Naval Hospital at the time), who presented the medical benefits of a plant-based diet including lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and better weight control among others. Other topics included a series on Foods in the Bible, substitutes for salt, sugar, and other seasonings, as well as dairy product alternatives.

It didn't take long for news of the structure and effectiveness of the class to reach the local vegetarian society members, and a few of them became regular attendees bringing even more varieties of tasty plant-based dishes to the class. The idea to change to a Dinner Club was made to attract



As many as 25 people attend the Vegetarian Dinner Club each month, especially on certain themed nights such as Caribbean, Luau, Vegetarian Chili, and Mexican.

members of the community who want to learn more about vegetarian and vegan alternatives, and includes the traditional cooking demonstrations and vegetarian/vegan meals. Ten to 15 people currently gather at the church each month, but on certain themed nights (i.e. Caribbean, Luau, Vegetar-

ian Chili, Mexican, etc.) the numbers swell to as many as 25 as everyone brings recipes and samples for those who attend.

No matter the theme, the participants enjoy the food, camaraderie, and especially the knowledge that good health is achievable and delicious.

Students Excel at Education Fair



Meet the Math Masters who took home ribbons of awards to recognize their accomplishments at the Education Fair. Students representing all 14 Conference schools attended the Fair.



Rebecca Garcia from the Montgomery, Ala., Adventist School, stands by her science project on the sense of taste. She was one of the more than 125 students who participated in the recent Gulf States Conference Education Fair that was held on the campus of Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Miss.



Students from Floral Crest Junior Academy demonstrate their skills in a drama presentation.

Religious Liberty Leaders Meet at Camp Alamisco

Fifteen churches from across Gulf States Conference were represented January 14-16, 2010, in a unique weekend of training for the local church religious liberty leaders at Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, Ala. The theme for the weekend's event was "Liberty in the Balance." "The primary focus of the event was to help religious liberty leaders envision their role in making a difference by promoting freedom without the influences of the secular and popular world," says Leslie Louis, Conference executive secretary and public affairs and religious liberty director (PARL).

The primary speakers for this weekend included Amireh Al Haddad, PARL director for the Southern



The attendees gathered around the primary speakers, Ed Cook (front, left), Kevin James, Amireh Al-Haddad, and Leslie Louis, Conference executive secretary.

Union Conference; Kevin James, associate PARL director for the Southern Union Conference; and Ed Cook, doctoral student for Church-State Studies at Baylor University in Texas.

Besides sharing a fabulous weekend of fellowship, the weekend was packed with inspiring messages that included top-

ics such as: The Adventist Heritage of Religious Liberty, Islam, Catholicism, and Religious Liberty, and How to be A Dynamic Religious Liberty Leader. An excellent orientation was provided for each of our leaders on promoting the 2011 Religious Liberty campaign and *Liberty* magazine in each of our local churches.

This was the first time the Conference hosted a weekend that had as its only target audience those who were committed to the God-given freedoms that we are striving to preserve in the United States. Adventist eschatology is quite clear that because we are living at the end of time, these freedoms will one day be lifted from us. Without creating undue alarm or sensationalism, the purpose of this weekend's emphasis was that of a more balanced approach to the safeguarding of those religious privileges granted to us in the Bill of Rights.

—BY LESLIE D. LOUIS

Rainsville Church Thanks First Responders

The Rainsville, Ala., Church decided to do something to bring attention to the often underappreciated part of their community. "Out there in the community there are policemen, firemen, medical personnel, all standing guard to aid us in our time of need, many times risking their lives," said Jonathan Arroyo, pastor.

A Sabbath service was organized to thank these first responders and both current and inactive first responders were sent invitations. The service in-

cluded poems read by the youth of the church and an appreciation slideshow.

The first responders were called to the front where they were handed a small wrapped gift (a colorful *Steps To Christ*) by Arroyo, and a boutonniere was pinned to their shirt.

After words of gratitude and applause, the visitors were treated to a meal.

"This is just one way that the Rainsville Church is trying to reach out to the community around them," says Arroyo.



Jonathan Arroyo, pastor, prays for service men and women: Jonathan Philips (left), former police officer, now working security; Don McMeekin, former fireman; Larry and Sharron Steel, firemen; and Tom and Arlene McFarland.

Highland Academy Music Groups Tour Puerto Rico



The Highland Academy choir and band performed at numerous churches in Puerto Rico, including this Baptist church on the island of Vieques.

Highland Academy's select choir and band recently returned from the island of Puerto Rico. It was quite a drastic change going from 20-degree weather to 80-degree weather, but the students adapted quickly.

After arriving in Puerto Rico, the group took a ferry to the small island of Vieques, known for its stunning white beaches, clear water, and the most incredible bioluminescent

bay in the world. After dark, students kayaked and swam in water which sparkled like stardust with the glow of millions of single-celled bioluminescent dinoflagellates, which emit a flash of bluish light when agitated at night.

The members of the local Seventh-day Adventist Church on Vieques were warm and welcoming. They helped to provide accommodations, and prepared delicious, au-



Some of the Highland Academy band and choir members proudly display their hard work on the newly repainted Vieques Church.

thentic Puerto Rican food. Their church needed to be painted, and the students raised the money for the supplies and painted the church while they were there.

One evening after the project was finished, students and members praised God together in their sanctuary. The students sang in English and played songs with violins and flutes; the members sang in Spanish and played with steel drums and guitars, but all hearts were one.

Back on the main island, the group stayed at the Adventist youth camp high on a hilltop in the heart of the rainforest, hiked through the lush vegetation to a beautiful waterfall, and swam in its pool. The views from the mountaintops were breathtaking.

The Highland students were invited to spend several nights at Antillean

Adventist University. From there they drove to nearby churches to share their music and message of a soon-coming Savior. The final full day was spent exploring Old San Juan. Students delighted in their purchases from the small shops lining the streets. They visited El Morro, a huge Spanish fort from the 1500's with ramparts and narrow passageways to discover.

The students took away more than just the memories of beautiful scenery and fun experiences. They brought back a new desire to serve God better and deeper than ever before. Seeing a lot of poverty made them realize how fortunate they are here, and that there are great needs in this world. In the end, God blessed everyone on the trip, and they all grew and benefited from the trip to Puerto Rico.

—BY LEVI PARRISH



Highland Academy students enjoyed the crystal clear waters of the Caribbean beaches.

Modern-day Miracle in Madison

Many members of Madison Campus Church gathered in Schlisner Hall, the church's fellowship hall, on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2010. It wasn't just to usher in another Sabbath or even to end an old year and welcome the new one.

In January 2010, a committee formed to strategically plan how the Madison Campus Church could eliminate its financial debt. In 2004, the addition of a Family Life wing with a state-of-the-art kitchen, lower division Sabbath School rooms, and elevator; and an addition to and refurbishing of Madison Campus Elementary school — had resulted in a debt of more than \$3 million. In January of 2010, the church still owed \$1.8 million.

The Holy Spirit moved

on members' hearts that if they could pay off this debt by year end, more funds would be available for education and evangelism — the mission of the church. By October of 2010, \$386,000 had been received. In early fall, the fundraising committee chair announced to the finance committee that an anonymous donor(s) was willing to provide a matching grant of \$750,000, and would match contributions dollar for dollar from January 1, 2010. One of the conditions of receiving the grant was that the amount raised by the church could not be made public until December 31. The push was on.

So, on December 31, the social committee prepared soup, breads, and desserts for members to share. The members sang hymns and waited patiently for the results of a year-long campaign. When the results were announced, there was not

a dry eye in the hall. All present agreed that it was nothing short of a miracle. The church raised more than \$990,000, and with the matching grant the debt had been eliminated. Another donor gave \$50,000 to eliminate a shortfall in the church budget. And yet another donor gave the funding to pay off the 403 Center (the Adventist Community Service Center) mortgage so it was also debt free. "Praise to God in the highest Heaven," was the shout from the saints.

"I have never seen anything quite like this," said Fred Fuller, senior pastor. "It's as if the Lord multiplied the loaves and fishes just as he had done on a hillside 2,000 years ago."

It's thrilling to stand and sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" when everyone has tears in their eyes. And it doesn't even end there. Campus tithe has increased. And, another donor(s)

has given nearly \$100,000 to Madison Academy for various improvements.

Is there a moral to the story? The members have all learned in this process that you simply cannot out-give God, and sometimes you have to stretch outside of your comfort zone. "O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who trusts in Him," Psalm 34:8.

Appreciation goes out to the committee members for their hard work and dedication to this project, and to the donor(s), without whom this miracle could not have happened. But, the highest praise and glory go to Him from whom all blessings flow.

—BY CANDY L. BEDFORD



Luther May — 1916-2010

Luther May was born May 11, 1916 in Guilford County, N.C. He attended Southern Junior College and later moved to Orlando, Fla., where he met Eunice Magoon. They were married on October 5, 1943.

May served in England during World War II as an

assistant to the chaplain. Following his discharge from military service in 1945, Luther and Eunice moved to Madison, where he finished his formal education at Madison College in 1950. He began his pastoral ministry in the Iowa Conference in 1965. In 1973, the Mays moved

to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

He retired in January 2001. In 2010, Luther and Eunice moved to the Nashville area to be closer to their daughter, Bonnie.

May passed to his rest



on December 31, 2010, at Skyline Medical Center, just two days after suffering a massive stroke. May is survived by his wife of 67 years, Eunice

Magoon May; three daughters; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Presbyterian Bell Choir Joins Praise Tabernacle Members for Christmas

The melodious sounds of the First Presbyterian Bell choir filled Praise Tabernacle Church in Whiteville, N.C., as the two churches joined in a true Christmas celebration. The Christmas special included not only instrumental selections, but readings, poetry, praise songs by the congregation, and Praise Tabernacle's Mass Choir; as well as spiritual remarks by Stephan Davis, pastor of Praise Tabernacle, and Joshua Bower, pastor of First Presbyterian.

"It would be a shame if this was the first and last time we got together," remarked Bower. Indeed it



Josef Taylor was one of the students from Carolina Adventist Academy to participate on the program.

was a spiritual blessing to all who attended. A Christmas miracle testimonial was also given by Cheryl Aguilar, member of Praise Tabernacle, known for her dramatic presentations.

Carolina Adventist Academy (CAA) students featured prominently in the Christmas special as well, thanks to the efforts of the principal, Karen



The First Presbyterian Bell choir members were guest musicians at Praise Tabernacle's Christmas celebration.

Taylor, and Portia Davidson who played the piano. Many in attendance said, "The children were great!" "This is how worship is supposed to be in coming together in Christ," remarked others. Josef Taylor, Faith Graham, Tanya Freeman, Tatiana and Jessica Davidson, Erskine LaForte, Garin Freeman, Tristan St. Juste, Tiana

Moye, Isaac Davidson, and Matthew Harvey were some of the CAA students who participated on the program.

In addition to the Bell Choir, musical selections were given by Patricia Davis, pastor's wife of Praise Tabernacle, Portia Davidson, and Syrita Mills.

Nothing could end better than the fellowship dinner afterwards. Truly this Christmas special will be remembered by those in attendance for a long time.

—BY CHARLOTTE VERRETT, M.D.

GAAA Student Among National Achievement Participants

Danielle Hayes, a member of the Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy (GAAA) 2011 senior class, is among some 3,100 outstanding participants in the National Achievement Scholarship Program being referred to U.S. colleges and universities. She scored in the top three percent of more than 160,000 black Americans who requested consideration on the 2011 National Achievement program on 2009 Preliminary SAT/

National Merit Scholarship qualifying test (PSAT/NMSQT). To recognize her potential for academic success in college, her name is included in a roster of outstanding participants being referred to 1,500 U.S. colleges and universities.

Danielle ranks first in



her class of 50 students with a 4.0 G.P.A., and is a member of the National Honor Society. Not only is she the valedictorian of her class, but she is very active in extracurricular activities

such as church and school choirs, and the 4-H club. Her deep commitment for service is demonstrated

locally by her participation in the canned food drive and neighborhood cleanup. Her love for God includes involvement in a mission trip to Grenada, which is sponsored by the Decatur Church.

For the past three summers Danielle has attended law internships, and for three consecutive years she has been the winner of the oratorical and written contest sponsored by the Pipeline Program.

—BY HELENE HARRIS

Columbus Members Conduct Community Initiatives

The New Bethel Church in Columbus, Ga., is making an impact in the city through community outreach programs and evangelism.

Under the leadership of Gregory Saunders, pastor, the evangelistic team partnered with a local community action organization known as “Turn Around Columbus” (TAC), Ronzell Buckner, director. The church’s team and TAC targeted families that lived in an economically depressed area of East Carver Heights.

Through their efforts, many families were assisted with food, clothing, school supplies, and tutoring for students who need assistance academically. Most importantly, families

were encouraged and uplifted through prayer and Bible studies.

As the church prepared for an evangelistic revival, Saunders called for 21 days of prayer and fasting, along with door-to-door witnessing.

The members conducted a block party with live music, free food, school supplies, and health screening by Rhonda Barron and Sallyann Lewis. Also present were local radio personalities, as well as fire safety and law enforcement agencies. As an added bonus, the local Columbus newspaper covered most of the events, and Deborah Ayers conducted a Five-Day Stop Smoking seminar in the community.



Arketha Ryles bands out tickets to those who came to receive free school supplies.

The children’s ministries department participated as well. Under the leadership of Elizabeth Ryles and her faithful team, an exciting Vacation Bible School and Children’s Fall Festival was conducted.

Several evangelis-

tic meetings were conducted by Saunders and Gary James Sr., from Atlanta, Ga. As a result of everyone’s efforts, several individuals were won for Christ.

—BY WESLEY B. JONES

South Carolina Women’s Ministries Chapter Holds Retreat for Youth and Young Adults

South Carolina women’s ministries held its first Youth and Young Adult Retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty, S.C.,



Youth listen to the presentations.

November 2010, with 92 in attendance.

The theme for the retreat was “My Mind Is Mine.” Chris Crosby, South Carolina women’s ministries director, said, “The goal of the retreat was to engage the participants in workshops and activities that would enhance their ability to use their own minds in developing spiritual

growth and maturity.”

The Friday evening opening session began with “The Importance of Prayer,” presented by Yvonne Footman. Natasha Jones spoke during divine worship on “My Mine Is Mine.” There was a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the youth and young women of God came together to learn, worship, and fellowship with one another.

The closing session on Sunday morning included a dynamic presentation, “I Must Have Lost My Mind,”

by “Tyger” Hazlett, director of media and public relations for Dynamic Living, who shared her story, and how certain behaviors and attitudes can lead to destructive lifestyles.

Spiritual entertainment included a Christian play, “Big Payback,” by the young women of New Life Church, Rock Hill, S.C.; praise performance by Hands in Motion from Madison Mission Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and special music by In One Accord from Berea Church, Sumter, S.C.

An Interview with Philanthropist Jewel Harris Alston

Jewel Harris Alston recently gave her home to South Central Conference as a gift. She said she wanted to give it back to the Lord who gave it to her. She was interviewed by a close friend, Wilma Buchanan. Here is the story:

Mrs. Alston, when did you first hear about the Adventist message?

"I heard about the Adventist message during a tent meeting in Birmingham, Ala., where we listened to the messages, along with my husband, Mr. John Harris, and mother, Mrs. Sylvia Derricotte. We, along with other family members, joined in the late fall of 1942; the baptism was in January of 1943."

What church in Birmingham, Ala., did you belong to?

"The family united with Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Birmingham."

When did you relocate to Nashville, Tennessee?

"My husband, John, and I moved to Nashville, Tennessee in 1951. He had come to Nashville earlier to work at South Central Conference headquarters under President H. R. Murphy."

What were his duties

at South Central?

"He was responsible for transporting the ministers' furniture when they were voted to new locations around the Conference. He did this along with other duties."

After moving to Nashville, where did you and Mr. Harris live?

"At first, we lived at South Central Conference headquarters, located at 20th and Charlotte Avenue."

When did you move from 20th and Charlotte Avenue?

"With the help of Elder Murphy, we were able to secure a loan from Third National Bank of Nashville, Tennessee. Then we purchased our first home in 1952 on Morena Street."

Where did you get your education?

"While living in Nashville, I decided to go back to school and get my college degree from A & I College (now Tennessee State University). Finished my education there at A & I and became an elementary school teacher."

When did you move to 3865 Dunbar Drive?



"After 20 years on Morena Street, in 1972 we built a home in the Royal Estate Subdivision, 3865 Dunbar Drive."

How long did you live at this address?

"38 years."

What moved you to give your home to South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists?

"After the death of my husband, John, in 1975, there were no close living family members; and because of the kindness of Elder H.R. Murphy, I decided to give the home to the conference at my death."

After living alone for many years, Harris reconnected with an old friend, Allen Alston. Their friendship grew and Alston joined Hillcrest Church under George Russell Seay, pastor, Nashville. In 1993 they united as husband and wife. The new Jewel Alston talked the matter over with her husband concerning her decision to give her home to South Central, and Allen agreed — she put it in her will. Allen died in 1998, and Jewel was left alone for the second time.

She loves the Lord,

and is always giving to support the Gospel work around the world. She has helped build water wells in Africa; helped build churches and schools; and supports Oakwood University, the School for the Blind, and many other organizations.

As it relates to the house, Jewel always says, "The Lord made it possible for me to work and blessed me with good health. He gave me the energy to work and pay off the mortgage." She feels, "it should be returned back to the Lord and the Adventist work."

Jewel did not want to wait until her death for the property to transfer to South Central — she wanted to do it while she is still living. After many visits and prayer, this finally happened on November 24 and 25, 2010. Dana Edmond, South Central president, and Philip Palmer, South Central treasurer, were there on that memorable day to receive the wonderful gift. Ironically, Edmond signed the documents just a day or so before Thanksgiving.

Jewel celebrated her 93rd birthday on February 9, 2011. We wish Jewel a Happy Birthday, and may God bless her gift to Him and South Central Conference. She is truly a "jewel."

—BY WILMA BUCHANAN

Judge Graves Confirmed to the Mississippi Circuit Court of Appeals

Judge James E. Graves Jr., member of New Heights Church, Jackson, Miss., has been confirmed for a lifetime judge post.

The U.S. Senate voted Monday, February 14, 2011, to confirm Mississippi Supreme Court presiding justice James Graves to the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"This is an incredible honor," said Graves. "I am humbled by the support which I have received, and I look forward to serving our nation in this important position."

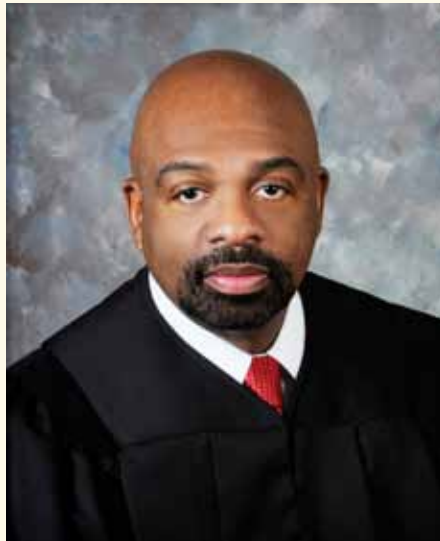
Governor Haley Barbour is expected to appoint a replacement to serve the remaining two years of Graves' term, which expires in January 2013.

On Monday evening, February 14, 2011, Mississippi Republican Senators Roger Wicker and Thad Cochran spoke on the Senate floor in Graves' favor.

Wicker praised the 57-year-old Clinton native for his career of public service and his work with youth, saying, "Even in this position of increased responsibility and visibility, he will continue taking time to work with our nation's young people."

Cochran said he was pleased Graves can take up the important work of serving on the federal bench.

Chief Justice Wil-



James E. Graves Jr. will serve the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

liam Waller Jr. praised his colleague. "It has been a privilege to serve with him on the Supreme Court during the past 10 years," he said in a statement.

In December, Graves' nomination stalled, but President Obama resubmitted his name in January.

Graves was the first appellate nominee to come before the full Senate this year, but if the administration gets its way, he won't be the last.

"The Senate confirmed Judge Graves because he is well qualified and noncontroversial, and the two home state senators strongly supported the jurist," said Carl Tobias, a law professor at the University of Richmond.

He said this may signal a shift in how nominations are handled in the Senate.

In an online article, The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), applauded the confirmation of James E. Graves Jr. to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

(Washington, D.C.) — The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), applauds the U.S. Senate's vote

this afternoon to confirm James E. Graves Jr., to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The Fifth Circuit is the federal appellate court for Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Graves is the first African-American judge from Mississippi ever to serve on the Fifth Circuit.

"This is a historic vote for the diversity of the federal courts," states Leslie Proll, director of LDF's Washington Office. "Although Mississippi has the highest percentage of African Americans of any state in the country, the state has never been represented by an African American on the Fifth Circuit."

The Graves confirmation represents important progress on judicial nominations. In recent

years, Mississippi has been "ground zero" in the battle over judicial nominations; some of the most contentious nominations during the Bush Administration came from this state. According to Leslie Proll, "Today's vote represents a sea change. James Graves is truly a consensus candidate; he is strongly supported by civil rights organizations and the two Republican senators from Mississippi, Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker."

LDF is hopeful that today's historic vote signals the beginning of a bipartisan effort to address the vacancy crisis on the federal bench. According to John Payton, LDF's president and director-counsel, "With 100 vacancies to fill, the Senate should be confirming judges every week as part of its regular business. We expect to see many judicial confirmations this session. Nothing is more important to the administration of our justice system."

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—BY DANNY R. CHANDLER

Blanket Ministry Gives Hope to Dialysis Patients

If it were possible to periodically update Bible stories, the story of Veronica Hollis would be included in the modern day version of the book of Acts.

Acts 9:36 would be rewritten in this way: "Now, there is at Kissimmee a certain disciple whose name is Veronica, which by interpretation means 'one who bears a true image.' Now this woman is full of good works, and acts of kindness."

Even though Dorcas' story took place centuries ago, there are people today who belong to the sisterhood of the "Dorcas

Society."

Hollis, a member of the Mt. Zion Church in Kissimmee, Fla., crochets woolen blankets for dialysis patients.

She began the blanket ministry more than 12 years ago when she found out that the cold treatment rooms caused some measure of discomfort to dialysis patients.

She was then motivated to put her crocheting skills to work, and began making blankets to help relieve their discomfort wherever possible.

Hollis believes that she has distributed more than



Veronica Hollis crochets a blanket that will be given to a dialysis patient to provide warmth during a treatment session. She has given away more than 20 blankets.

24 blankets since this ministry began. She would be happy to have others join her in this project for "there is a great need," she said.

A recent recipient of a beautifully crocheted blan-

ket said to her, "Thank you so much. I had no idea that someone recognized my need."

When asked what she would like to accomplish through this ministry, Hollis' quick response was, "I would like to bring one moment of hope to someone, and in this way, he or she will know somebody cares."

Each blanket is accompanied by a card, which contains a verse or statement of God's love and care for His children.

—BY EDNA E. FRANCOIS

Marshley Registe Wins 13th Annual Spelling Bee

Marshley Registe, 13, an 8th grader at Miami Union Academy, N. Miami, Fla., emerged as the winner of the 13th annual Southeastern Conference Spelling Bee, held at Mt. Calvary Church, Tampa, Fla., on February 26, 2011.

After more than 20 rounds, Registe won the competition with the correct spelling of the word *dogma*, which means something held as an established opinion.

The competition featured contestants from 13 of the 15 schools in the Southeastern Conference school system.

Second and third place winners were Cunnie Chostel, Mt. Calvary Junior Academy, Tampa, Fla.; and Sheila Lanssiqout, Mt. Sinai



Barbara Davis (left), Conference associate superintendent; Cunnie Chostel, second place winner; Marshley Registe, first place winner; Sheila Lanssiqout, third place winner; and Carol Byrd, Conference superintendent

Junior Academy, Orlando, Fla.

To qualify for the spelling bee, each student had to win the spelling bee at their respective school. To prepare for the spelling bee, students studied the word list provided by the Scripts National Spelling Bee.

Other contestants included Rowan Robotham,

Ephesus WPB; Khaitlynn Andrew, Daughter of Zion; Robert Jones, Palm Bay School; Dane Witter, Bethel SDA School; Jasmine Joseph, Perrine SDA School; Kartiya Minor, Shiloh SDA School; Gabriel Louis, Mt. Olivet SDA School; Sheila Lanssiqout, Mt. Sinai Jr. Academy; Roberka Joseph, Broward Jr. Academy; and Jameka Lane, Ephesus WPB.

"The spelling bee provides our students with the opportunity to showcase the spelling ability," said Carol Byrd, Conference superintendent of education.

The event was held at Mt. Calvary because a student from Mt. Calvary Junior Academy won the event last year.

Next year's spelling

bee will be held at Miami Union Academy.

You can view more photos for the spelling bee at <http://www.flkr.org/secsda>.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY



Marshley Registe smiles as she pronounces the winning word, 'dogma,' at the Southeastern Spelling Bee.

Enos and Sybil Euell Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

Enos and Sybil Euell recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Mt. Zion Church, Kissimmee, Fla.

Their love affair with each other and with God began in Jamaica. It was on that island where they were united in marriage.

Some time later, the call of service took them to England, where they continued teaching in the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Always willing to go where God was leading, the Euells migrated to the United States where they were lead to Mt. Zion Church.

Enos served as an elder and singing group leader. Sybil served as interest



Enos and Sybil Euell recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

coordinator and children's ministries director. Together they enjoyed giving Bible studies to adults, young adults, and children. As a result, many individuals have been baptized through their combined ministries.

The celebration began with the couple walking down the aisle, hand in hand, as they did 60 years ago.

This time the bride carried no flowers, veil, or train, but she carried a grateful heart filled with 60 years of wonderful memories.

Their union produced seven children, 50 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren.

Obadiah Euell, their eldest son, describes his parents' marriage and ministry as "a remarkable accomplishment of commitment, patience, and love."

Oswald Euell, M.D., described his parents as "servants of God, whose faith remains strong in God as they move toward the sunset years of life."

He stated that his mother requested an anointing for healing. What followed was a beautiful and sol-

emn anointing service, which included intercessory prayer for repentance, and petitioning God's help and healing on behalf of Sybil.

There were seven pastors participating in the ceremony: Hubert J. Morel, Jr., Conference president; Oswald Euell, son of the celebrants; Maxwell Berkel, pastor of Mt. Zion; George Greaves, associate pastor of Mt. Zion; Tony Taylor, former immediate past pastor of Mt. Zion; and Olinto Gross and Roy Parham, also past pastors of Mt. Zion.

There were some emotional moments, especially when their daughter Eugenie gave her tribute to her parents. She thanked her father for taking time to teach her to read as a little girl. She attributes some of her present abilities to that firm foundation.

—BY EDNA E. FRANCOIS

Celian Hunt Celebrates 90th Birthday

Celian Adian Hunt celebrated her 90th birthday on November 5, 2010. She was born in Nevis, a tiny island in the Caribbean.

She is the seventh child of the late Ellen and Peter Griffin. Hunt had four sisters and seven brothers.

Hunt lived in Nevis, St. Croix, and New York before migrating to Miami, Fla., where she joined the Perrine Church, Perrine, Fla.

A Seventh-day Adventist for most of her life, she

loves witnessing to others and has worked as a colporteur. She believes in the power of prayer and spends a great deal of her time praying for her family.

She says the highest point in her life was getting to know God for herself. Once she found Him, she never let go.



Celian Hunt recently celebrated her 90th birthday and shows no sign of slowing down.

Hunt has three children, Almenis, Lydia, and Loretta. She has several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Hunt has lived through 17 United States presidents, and has witnessed a multitude of changes worldwide, but through it all has remained faithful.

She wants to be ready to go home with her Savior when He comes.

Her son, Almenis Griffin, is thankful to God for her. "Her guidance and prayer made me who I am today," said Griffin.

She is described by many as loving, kind, pleasant, friendly, and a mother of mothers.

Her granddaughter, Sudian Hendrickson, said, "she is the best grandmother anyone could have."

—BY MILICENT TAYLOR

Religion Courses Have New Emphasis

Southern Adventist University implemented new requirements for general education religion courses this academic year. The new requirements involve students taking classes that cover three general areas: growth and development of personal

spirituality, Seventh-day Adventist identity, and study and understanding of the Bible.

These three new requirements are closely correlated to one of Southern's stated learning goals, that "Students of Southern Adventist

University will grow spiritually in a vibrant relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, while integrating into their lives Bible-based beliefs and values as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

With a base in the

Bible and an understanding of church values, faculty hope students will be able to grow and strengthen their relationship with Jesus, even after they leave Southern.

—BY CARRIE FRANCISCO

Alum Serves the God of Creation and ADRA

That looks similar to something the Ten Commandments would be written on, thought John Howard as he looked at a granite rock carved with engravings, high in the mountains of China.

The engravings translated: "To the God of Heaven who created all things, help me be an emperor who governs his people with your wisdom."

More than 15 years later, Howard remembers contemplating the translation of the engravings, and the countless mission trips he took to China while



John Howard has spread the Gospel to more than 35 countries, fulfilling his dream of becoming a missionary.

working for ADRA.

Howard's desire to become a missionary had been solidified when he

attended Southern Adventist University in 1956. Southern opened Howard's eyes to endless possibilities of international service to God.

One of these opportunities came to light as he read the prayer of the third emperor of China engraved in granite. After Howard descended down the mountain, he was asked by Madam Du, development director for the Chinese government and leader of the trip, to explain the part of the trip he enjoyed the most. Howard immediately informed her of his extraor-

dinary discovery.

"What do you mean, the God of Heaven who created all things?" she asked.

"Madam, the same God of Heaven who created all things is the same God of ADRA," said Howard.

The following day, the story made several splashes in the headlines after being picked up by the local Chinese media.

Thus, the "God of creation" became a spark of interest in the hearts and minds of the Chinese people.

—BY JOHN SHOEMAKER

Increasing Retention Contributes to Southern's Continued Growth

Following Southern Adventist University's recent trend of continued growth, more students are currently enrolled at Southern than have ever before attended during the winter semester.

During the past five years, freshmen retention rate increased significantly. In 2007 the dropout rate

was 11.6 percent; this winter semester the dropout rate has been reduced to 7.6 percent.

The report concludes that Southern Connections, a freshman class that helps



Southern has 148 more students than were enrolled last year during this time.

students to make friendships in their major and connect with their professors, is one of the many factors that have helped retain freshmen into

the winter semester.

"Ultimately, I believe the true reason that Southern has been able to retain so many students into the winter semester," says Marc Grundy, associate vice president for marketing and enrollment services, "is that God is blessing Southern Adventist University in an abundant way."

—BY CARRIE FRANCISCO

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La Obra del Espíritu en el Corazón de Adán

Adán López fue contactado por uno de los miembros de la iglesia de Dudley quien lo invitó a la campaña “Siguiendo las huellas de Jesús” por medio de un volante y del CD “El Poder de la Oración.” Adán recibió el volante pero rechazó el CD, dejando en claro que no deseaba comprometerse o unirse a ninguna iglesia. No obstante esta observación, dijo que asistiría a la primera reunión. Efectivamente, la noche de apertura se encontraba entre los invitados.

Adán era esclavo de vicios y su vida se

encontraba en una pendiente, descendiendo a pasos agigantados. Esa noche escuchó con atención el mensaje del pastor Elías Sandoval y el Espíritu Santo sembró interés en su alma sedienta, haciendo que no pierda ninguna de las reuniones consecutivas.

Como parte complementaria de este ciclo evangélico, se presentó el curso La Fe de Jesús, y Adán lo estudió con minuciosidad, y fue impresionado por las verdades que fue descubrió en la Biblia. El último viernes de la campaña fue el primero en

ponerse de pie, en señal de aceptación al llamado a entregar la vida a Jesús.

El sábado antes de ser sepultado en las aguas del bautismo Adán dio su testimonio frente a los asistentes: “sólo Cristo fue capaz de darle sentido a mi existencia. Jamás imaginé que Jesús podría cambiar mi estilo de vida y transformarme por completo. Un mes atrás, antes de participar de estas reuniones, el alcohol, la cerveza y las drogas eran mis amigos más íntimos, pero hoy Jesús ha transformado mi corazón y mi manera de pensar –invadido por la

emoción hizo una pausa, y continuó- Dios me ha llamado de las tinieblas a su luz admirable y mi deber como hijo de Dios es buscar personas perdidas como yo, que necesitan de Cristo.”

Adán recibió con gozo el bautismo y hoy es feliz sirviendo como diácono en la iglesia de Dudley.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Renovación de Votos Matrimoniales

El ministerio de la mujer de la iglesia de Mount Olive, liderado por Maribel Rodríguez, organizó la Semana del Hogar. La iglesia en su totalidad fue bendecida con mensajes y consejos oportunos, que fueron impartidos por el pastor

Samuel Peguero.

Por las noches se presentaron temas para fortalecer los vínculos familiares, y por las tardes el pastor Peguero se puso a disposición de aquellas parejas que quisieran consultar situaciones específicas.

El sábado de cierre de este evento fue emotivo. Se organizó una fiesta de gala espiritual. Treinta y cinco parejas desfilaron ante el altar a fin de renovar sus votos matrimoniales de compromiso y lealtad ante Dios. Muchas de estas personas habían

participado sólo de una ceremonia civil, años atrás cuando todavía no habían encontrado a Cristo. Hubo lágrimas de gratitud y felicidad.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Entrega Completa

El 30 de octubre Leonides y Balbina, una pareja joven que asistió todas las noches a la campaña evangélica de la iglesia de Greenville, NC, a cargo del pastor Sandoval, decidieron entregar sus vidas a Jesús mediante el bautismo.

Leonidas y Balbina

abrieron su corazón y recibieron a Cristo como Señor de sus vidas, y decidieron hacerlo en forma completa recibiendo la bendición de lo alto sobre su matrimonio, y dedicando también a su pequeña de un año. La



iglesia participó activamente junto a la joven pareja en la planificación de la boda, que fue la primera celebrada en el nuevo edificio de la iglesia de Greenville Norte.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Sexto Crucero de Parejas en Forest City

En el mes de diciembre se llevó a cabo el crucero anual de parejas de Forest City, organizado por los ministerios de jóvenes y hogar y familia de la iglesia. Treinta y cuatro parejas participaron del evento, disfrutaron del sol, el agua, y la camaradería cristiana, mientras viajaban hacia las Bahamas.



desarrollado en diversos seminarios que tocaban diferentes ángulos del tema.

Cada año se puede ver cómo Dios trabaja en los corazones de las parejas fortaleciendo las familias, que son el motor de la iglesia.

—KELVIN SANTANA,
DIRECTOR DEL MINISTERIO
DE COMUNICACIONES DE LA
IGLESIA

Estos cruceros tienen

el objeto de afianzar las familias de la iglesia, impartiendo seminarios enfocados en la realidad, dentro de un contexto bíblico. El pastor y doctor Henry Barrios, ha

sido el encargado de la presentación de los temas durante los seis años en que esta actividad ha tenido lugar. En esta oportunidad, el título central fue La Sexualidad Sana, y fue

Ministerio de Motocicletas

El ministerio de motocicletas entregó 100 regalos a niños de Wimauma & Ruskin.

Este ministerio, creado hace tres años y medio, está formado por motociclistas adventistas que están divididos por zona, o capítulos, quienes no sólo disfrutaban de paseos en moto, sino de la organización de proyectos de ayuda a los necesitados. En esta ocasión se invitó a los niños de las iglesias de Wimauma y Ruskin para recibir regalos en un evento organizado especialmente con este fin. La condición que se puso fue que los pequeños invitaran a otros niños del vecindario que no conocieran a Jesús. Allí se compartió con ellos una conversación agradable, en la que se presentó a Jesús como su Amigo.

El ministerio de

las motocicletas se está expandiendo rápidamente. Se promociona en el sitio web www.adventistmotorcycleministry.org, en Facebook, y se publican videos de los eventos en YouTube. Se están estableciendo contactos con grupos de Australia, África, Alemania, España, y varios estados de este país que están interesados en la organización de este ministerio en su territorio. Se les explica cómo los miembros deben estar atentos a toda necesidad que exista ya sea entre los miembros de iglesia, o entre vecinos y conocidos. El capítulo de Tampa por ejemplo, ayuda a familias a pintar sus casas, cortar el

pasto, lleva comida y ropa a personas con problemas financieros, etc.

Los grupos tienen capellanes, como los pastores Rolando de los Ríos (uno de los fundadores de este ministerio) Juan García, Idalberto Torres, y Juan López. Por lo general alguno de ellos acompaña a los miembros durante las

actividades, presentando el tema espiritual.

El modelo a seguir es Jesús, quien siempre estuvo atento a las necesidades de quienes lo rodeaban.

“Desde sus más tiernos años, (Jesús) fue dominado por un propósito: vivió para beneficiar a otros.”DTG 51

—JUAN SANTANA, PRESIDENTE
DEL CAPÍTULO DE TAMPA



El Milagro se Repite

La iglesia Primera de Atlanta ha estado embarcada en el proyecto de construcción de su edificio, desde hace cuatro años aproximadamente. Actualmente se encuentran construyendo la segunda parte que incluye un gimnasio y una cafetería. La decisión que tomaron al inicio de este sueño, fue no dejar de lado ninguno de los planes de la iglesia por usar los fondos disponibles para estas actividades en el proyecto de construcción. En el año 2009, al comienzo de la crisis por la que atraviesa el país, la hermandad se unió en ayuno y oración en dos oportunidades, pidiendo ayuda financiera de lo Alto para llevar a cabo una campaña, en una ocasión, y para

cubrir necesidades de la construcción del edificio en otra oportunidad. Dios contestó en forma milagrosa por medio de un joven, a quien nadie conoce, que se presentó en la iglesia sin aviso, siempre cuando los miembros estaban reunidos orando, con la cantidad exacta que faltaba para cubrir la necesidad. El visitante trajo dinero en efectivo, sin reclamar recibo para deducción de impuestos, ni dar explicaciones. (historia presentada en esta revista en el año 2009). En el transcurso del 2010, este joven no regresó. La iglesia continuó con la segunda etapa de construcción, y la crisis financiera que atraviesa el país marcó el ritmo del proyecto, haciendo que el avance sea

lento.

Todos los sábados antes del culto divino, se participa de unos minutos titulados Prueba con Jesús, en los que se presenta una corta meditación enfocada en las bendiciones recibidas. Al finalizar este segmento, muchas personas presentan ofrendas voluntarias para la construcción del templo. En el mes de febrero se comenzó con cadenas de oración a las siete de la mañana y a las siete de la tarde, pidiendo fervientemente que el Señor guíe el avance de este proyecto. Los jóvenes necesitan un lugar para sus actividades sociales. El sábado 12 de febrero, se presentó la necesidad de 10,000 dólares para poder poner

las puertas y ventanas, se recogió la ofrenda como de costumbre, y una vez más, en el momento en que se estaba orando por este tema específico, este joven desconocido vino nuevamente sin ser llamado, y trajo una donación de 6,000 dólares.

EL Señor no deja de asombrar a los suyos, que muchas veces olvidan su poder y se desaniman. La iglesia pudo ver una vez más el poder de la oración. Dios está dispuesto a dar a su pueblo lo que necesita, "si mi pueblo se humillare ante mí y me buscare ... sanaré su tierra, y perdonaré su mal." 2Cron 7:14

—DANIEL FIGUEROA,
TESORERO DE LA IGLESIA
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Invasión Misionera



Una nueva congregación abrió sus puertas en las afueras de la ciudad de Dalton, GA, en una área conocida como México Chiquito (Little México). El nombre oficial del lugar es Whispering

Pines Trailer Park, y esta compuesto por 115 casas rodantes en su mayoría habitadas por hispanos. La población de este complejo es de aproximadamente 300 adultos y 200 niños.

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por medio de una clínica de atención gratuita. Varios doctores se hacían presentes para prestar servicios a la comunidad. A esto se sumó el departamento de Dorcas que desde entonces ha

estado repartiendo ropa y alimentos.

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junto a su esposo, el pastor Wismael Sánchez, ha estado trabajando desde el comienzo en este proyecto misionero.

—RICHARD
URDANETA, PASTOR
DEL DISTRITO



Nueva Congregación en Dalton

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—SHEILA FLORES,
SECRETARIA DEL MINISTERIO
HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

Tour de Liderazgo

Sheila Flores, secretaria del ministerio hispano de la asociación

El departamento hispano de la asociación creó una estructura de apoyo para los diferentes ministerios de las iglesias, con el fin de ofrecer un servicio eficiente a la membresía. Los pastores de las diferentes congregaciones de la asociación junto a su líder el pastor Ortiz, seleccionaron a ocho pastores (uno por cada ministerio) que tienen características de liderazgo



marcadas, a los efectos de servir como consejeros a los diferentes ministerios de las iglesias locales.

Durante tres fines de semana viajaron como equipo a las diferentes

congregaciones del territorio de la asociación, ofreciendo entrenamiento, cada pastor en el ministerio que se le había asignado. Cubrir este vasto territorio en tres fines de



semana fue exhaustivo, pero los resultados fueron altamente satisfactorios.

—SHEILA FLORES,
SECRETARIA DEL MINISTERIO
HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

Programa Radial “Mensajes del Alma”

El distrito hispano de Knoxville, TN, comenzó su ministerio radial con el propósito de llevar un mensaje de esperanza y alcanzar nuevos contactos misioneros. El programa

Mensajes del Alma tiene un espacio de duración de una hora, todos los domingos a las 12:00 del medio día por la emisora La Líder 93.5FM, en Lenoir City, TN. Durante



el espacio se presenta el programa mundial La Voz de la Esperanza y diversos tópicos de valor espiritual.

—RICHARD URDANETA,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Bendiciones a Través del Trabajo de los Grupos Pequeños

La iglesia de Montgomery fue altamente bendecida a través del sistema de grupos pequeños durante el 2010. Al comienzo de esta forma de evangelismo la congregación tenía una membresía de veintidós personas, y algunas visitas. Al finalizar el primer ciclo de trabajo, se invitaron ochenta y cinco personas para que participen en el programa denominado Big Day (Día Grande). En este evento los grupos traen a sus amigos para que participen de la graduación del material estudiado. Cada grupo se identifica por medio de pancartas con su nombre. Se comparten experiencias y

bendiciones vividas en cada célula, y se presentan las metas propuestas para el siguiente ciclo.

Al finalizar el segundo ciclo, el número de visitas invitadas para el evento denominado Big Day se duplicó, y la asistencia fue de 200 personas entre miembros de iglesia y visitas. Al concluir esta

celebración, el pastor Newton García presentó una campaña sobre Apocalipsis. Treinta y ocho personas entregaron sus vidas a Jesús por medio del bautismo.

El sábado 29 de enero se presentó un concierto a cargo del cantante Felipe Garibo, que de acuerdo con Jaime, líder de uno

de los grupos, fue una bendición para todos y especialmente para su vida espiritual.

La iglesia cuenta ahora con un grupo de hermanos dedicados al servicio de Dios. Han comenzado a recaudar fondos para comprar un terreno y construir un templo, y ya cuentan con 67,000 dólares. Dios está bendiciendo el trabajo y dedicación de esta congregación.

—NILTON GARCÍA,
DIRECTOR DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN Y ROWIE VÁZQUEZ, SECRETARIA



Día Poderoso

Día Podero (Powerful Day) fue el título del evento llevado a cabo el 29 de enero en la iglesia de Foley, inspirado en el lema Busca uno para Cristo. Este evento, organizado por el pastor Felipe Andino, se lleva a cabo cada tres meses en el distrito con el objeto

de que cada miembro de iglesia traiga una persona a los pies de Jesús. En esta oportunidad, la presentación de la Palabra de Dios estuvo a cargo de Carmen Jiménez y el evangelista Armando Méndez, quienes visitaron la iglesia provenientes de Puerto Rico. Se disfrutó de

testimonios inspiradores, música y llamados a seguir a Jesús. Quince personas dieron el paso del bautismo, y ocho decidieron estudiar la Biblia para hacer lo propio en la campaña a llevarse a cabo el 26 de marzo.

—ROWIE VÁZQUEZ, SECRETARIA DEL MINISTERIO

HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN Y FELIPE ANDINO, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO.

Seminario Adventista Laico SAL

SAL es la sigla correspondiente a Seminario Adventista Laico, un programa de educación preparado por el seminario teológico adventista de la

universidad de Andrews, que opera bajo la dirección del Dr. Ricardo Norton, de esa entidad.

Las clases se dictan en diferentes áreas del territorio de la asociación,

y a su finalización se lleva a cabo una ceremonia de graduación. El pasado diciembre, esta tuvo lugar en la iglesia de Chamblee. Los pastores Calvin Watkins, Edwards y Jorge

Quintana, graduados de la universidad de Andrews, entregaron los diplomas a los estudiantes que obtuvieron el grado de Instructor Bíblico Profesional.

Este año, las clases se están dictando en el distrito Charlotte, NC, bajo la coordinación del pastor Juan Reyes.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE, COORDINADOR DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN



Fiesta Espiritual en Warsaw

La iglesia de Warsaw, NC, celebró con alegría el ingreso de veinte nuevos miembros que dieron el paso del bautismo luego de la semana de evangelismo titulada En busca de Jesús. La misma fue un trabajo conjunto de la nueva



junta del departamento de actividad misionera, y los flamantes ancianos de esta congregación. El



invitado y orador principal fue el profesor Mauricio Velázquez, quien también está a cargo de tres

congregaciones en el estado de Carolina del Norte. El Pastor Uribe ofició la ceremonia bautismal y animó a la iglesia y a sus nuevos líderes a continuar el trabajo arduo en busca de almas para Cristo.

—ISMAEL URIBE, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Esfuerzo Misionero en Greenwood

El pasado diciembre se llevó a cabo una campaña evangélica resultado del ferviente trabajo misionero de los miembros de la congregación de Greenwood, SC. El pastor Joel Beltrán tuvo



el privilegio de ser el orador, y de bautizar a doce personas, que elevan el número de miembros de esta congregación a veintitrés. La meta que este grupo tiene para este año, es ser organizados como

iglesia, y traer a 27 almas más a los pies de Jesús.
—JOSÉ REYES, PASTOR DE LA CONGREGACIÓN DE GREENWOOD, SC

Investidura en Durham

El año 2011 comenzó con la investidura de conquistadores y líderes de la iglesia de Durham, NC. Esta congregación esta bajo

la dirección del profesor Mauricio Velazquez, pastor voluntario y evangelista de éxito. Fue muy emotivo para padres y visitas ver a

los jóvenes preparándose para servir a otros y a la causa de dar testimonio del carácter de Dios en nuestras vidas, para atraer a

otros a sus pies.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE
LA ASOCIACIÓN



Expansión en Gainesville

El sábado 5 de febrero el pastor Poloche y su esposa visitaron las instalaciones donde se congrega el nuevo grupo de Gainesville.

Bajo la dirección del pastor Carlos Henríquez y respaldados por la iglesia afro-americana de Gainesville, el grupo hispano está formando líderes, ganando almas y alcanzando metas de discipulado. Dios ha bendecido esta congregación con bautismos, y visitas que



están siendo preparadas para formar parte de

su pueblo. Entre sus proyectos, está el trabajar

para adquirir una propiedad en donde se puedan desarrollar varios ministerios. Esta zona está catalogada como una de las más rápidas en crecimiento de la población hispana. El Señor derramará sus bendiciones sobre los sueños de esta pujante congregación.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
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Hogares de Esperanza

La estrategia evangélica Hogares de Esperanza, patrocinada por las ocho asociaciones del territorio de la Unión del Sur, sigue la tendencia de atraer almas a Cristo a través de la amistad.

La mayoría de las personas tiene amigos, vecinos, compañeros de trabajo o conocidos con necesidades espirituales, problemas materiales, emocionales, etc. La confianza generada por alguien con deseos sinceros de ayudar, tiene alcances infinitos. Con

esto en mente, se ha elevado la propuesta a las 10,000 familias que forman la membresía hispana del territorio de la unión, de que luego de orar por alguien conocido que esté en necesidad, cada familia abra las puertas de su hogar e invite a esa persona a almorzar, luego de participar juntos del servicio de la iglesia el sábado 14 de mayo próximo.

La idea es crear una



atmósfera familiar y de confianza, que estreche los lazos de amistad para

poder de a poco, en la manera que se vea oportuna, ir llevándolos a los pies de Cristo. Este plan requiere de mucha oración para que Dios imparta sabiduría, tacto y amor en quienes participen, y la presencia del Espíritu Santo para impresionar los corazones de aquellos por los que se trabaja.

—MARIEL LOMBARDI,
EDITORA

Festival de Laicos en Florida

Rodeados de un sereno paisaje lacustre y en un tibio fin de semana primaveral, se llevó a cabo el Festival de Laicos organizado por la Unión del Sur, con la colaboración de las asociaciones de Southeastern y Florida, en Leesburg, Florida.

El evento atrajo a setecientos asistentes, quienes fueron bendecidos por los temas presentados por los pastores Alejandro Bullón, evangelista internacional, y Rainieri Sales, profesor de Teología del Centro Universitario Adventista de Sao Paolo, Brasil.

La invitación clara que se repitió de diferentes



formas durante el fin de semana, fue usar el método de evangelización de Jesús, que se lleva a cabo a través de la amistad, y aplicar en forma personal, lo impartido en el evento.

“Sólo el método de Cristo será el que dará éxito para llegar a la gente. El Salvador trataba con los hombres como quien desea hacerles el

bien. Les mostraba simpatía, atendía a sus necesidades y se ganaba su confianza. Entonces les decía: “Seguidme.”

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Se promocionó el plan Hogares de Esperanza que aplica esta metodología.

Las asociaciones de Florida y Southeastern, trabajaron arduamente en forma conjunta, y

extendieron una invitación a otras asociaciones del territorio de la unión, para que enviaran delegados a este evento. La asociación South Central tuvo una participación de 50 delegados, quienes representan cerca de un diez por ciento de su membresía.

Fue inspirador ver el trabajo del Espíritu Santo en los asistentes, quienes participaron con entusiasmo de todos los

seminarios y salieron imbuidos del deseo de testificar acerca de la obra de Cristo en nuestro favor.

—MARIEL LOMBARDI,
EDITORA



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The Gulf States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the 31st regular constituency session of the Gulf States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Community Seventh-day Adventist School in Meridian, Mississippi, on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. The Organizing Committee will meet there on Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing its officers, its departmental directors, and the members of the Executive Committee for the next quinquennial term of five years. This meeting will also transact any other business that is warranted by the constitution or the Executive Committee. Each church is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one representative.

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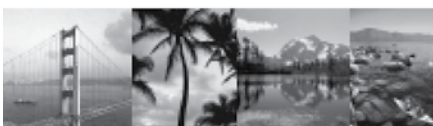


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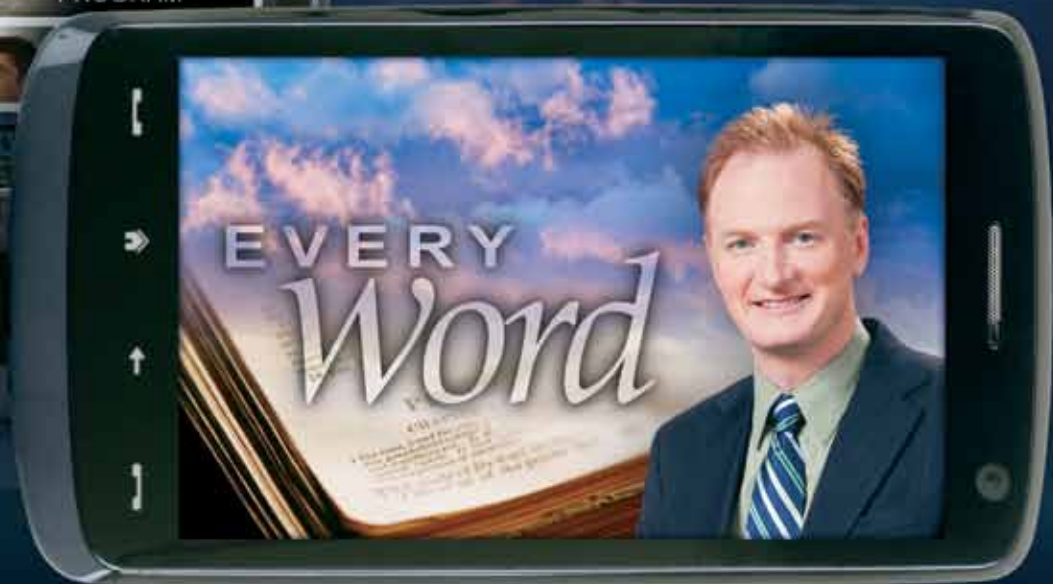
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Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.floridaconference.com/childrenandfamily/djmiller4000@gmail.com>, or 407-703-3050.

Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups such as attention deficit disorder, bereavement, brain injury, celiac disease, diabetes, sleep disorders, and more. Details are available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdeland.org/>

North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter – membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumninfl.org/>, oakwoodalumninfl@gmail.com, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.

Florida Conference Evangelism Series

April 23-May 7. Sorrento Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos. May 14-28. Longwood Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos. July 9-Aug. 20. Deltona. Bill and Sunshine Waters.

Greater Miami Adventist Academy Second Annual Golf Tournament – April 24. Doral Golf Resort and Spa, 4400 N.W. 87th Ave., Miami. Details: cleopatratrevilcock@yahoo.com or 305-220-5955 x151.

Florida Adventist Book Center – Winter Park: 877-55-FLABC (877-553-5222). Miami: 305-805-9900. High Springs: 386-454-7956. Shop online: <http://www.floridaconference.com/abc/> or order by e-mail: FloridaABC@floridaconference.com

Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

June 4. Sunrise.

June 5. Plantation, Lauderhill, Temple Adventiste de Deerfield Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

June 11. Naples.

June 12. Fort Myers, Fort Myers Shores, Arcadia, Avon Park, Winter Haven.

June 18. Port Charlotte.

June 19. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

June 25. Perry.

June 26. Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Inverness.

July 9. West Palm Beach.

July 10. Midport Road in Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)

July 16. Jacksonville Southpoint.

July 17. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast.

(Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)

July 23. St. Petersburg.

July 24. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills.

July 30. Maranatha in Miami Gardens.

July 31. Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, Jupiter-Tequesta.

Georgia-Cumberland

Hispanic Metro Evangelism – April 9-16. Atlanta GA.

South Georgia Camp Meeting – April 9. Macon, GA.

ACS/DR Training Event – April 9. Jasper, TN.

Health Rally – April 9. Coalfield,

TN.

Pathfinder Camporee – April 14-17. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Hispanic Northern Districts' Evangelism – April 16-23.

Festival of the Family – April 16. August, GA.

Hispanic Elders' Training with Alejandro Bullón – April 22, 23.

Cohutta Springs Development Associates Retreat – April 22, 23. Crandall, GA.

Health Rally – April 23. Heritage, TN.

Caravan with Alejandro Bullón April 24. Lawrenceville, GA.

April 25. Dalton, GA.

Hispanic Couples Retreat – April 29-May 1. Rome, GA.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online <http://www.gscsda.org>

Couples Cruise – April 8-10.

Pathfinder Spring Fling – April 8-10. Mississippi, North & Central Alabama.

Sabbath Schools that Make a Difference with Gary Swanson

Southern churches – April 2. University Parkway Church, Pensacola, FL.

Northern churches – April 9. Huntsville Central, Huntsville, AL.

Central churches – April 16. Community Church, Meridian, MS.

ShareHim Boot Camp of Evangelism – April 15-17. Camp Alamisco.

BMA Gymnastics Home Show – April 23.

BMA Spring Concert – April 23.

View Bass Days – April 22, 23.

Conference Hispanic Women's Retreat – May 6-8.

BMA Graduation Commencement – May 14.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Family Prayer Conference – April 8, 9. Indian Creek Camp.

Pastors'/Elders' Conference – April 15-17. Indian Creek Camp.

Arnold Chapel Dedication – April 16. Indian Creek Camp.

Board of Education – April 21.

Conference Association Board May 10.

July 26.

Conference Executive Committee

May 10.

July 26.

Highland/Madison Academy Boards – May 12.

Madison Academy Graduation – May 21.

Highland Academy Graduation – May 22.

Southeastern

Prayer Convention – April 1-3. Mt. Sinai Church, Orlando, FL.

Conference-wide Church School Rally Day – April 16. Mt. Sinai Junior Academy, Orlando FL.

Conference-wide Science Fair – April 17. Orlando FL.

M.C Strachan Youth Federation – April 29- May 1. Tampa, FL.

Miami Union Academy Graduation – May 20, 21. Miami, FL.

Announcements, see page 9.

	Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Apr. 15	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6
Atlanta, GA	7:59	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:21	8:26
Charleston, SC	7:41	7:46	7:51	7:56	8:01	8:06
Charlotte, NC	7:46	7:52	7:57	8:03	8:09	8:14
Collegedale, TN	8:03	8:08	8:14	8:20	8:25	8:31
Huntsville, AL	7:09	7:14	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:36
Jackson, MS	7:22	7:27	7:31	7:36	7:41	7:46
Louisville, KY	8:07	8:14	8:21	8:27	8:34	8:40
Memphis, TN	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:39	7:45	7:51
Miami, FL	7:38	7:42	7:45	7:48	7:52	7:55
Montgomery, AL	7:06	7:11	7:16	7:21	7:26	7:31
Nashville, TN	7:10	7:16	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:40
Orlando, FL	7:44	7:48	7:52	7:56	8:00	8:05
Wilmington, NC	7:34	7:39	7:44	7:50	7:55	8:01

Camp Meeting 2011 Schedule

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org
 HispanicApril 1-3..... Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 Speaker: Silvestre González
 English.....May 29-June 4.....Theme: Peace Through the Storm
 Lake Junaluska, NC
 Speakers: Lonnie Melashenko, Dwight Nelson, Greg King, and Richard Davidson
 Musical Guest: Jennifer LaMountain
 Eastern Carolina .Sept. 17Theme: Peace Through the Storm
 Summerville, SC, Church
 Speaker: Jack Blanco
 Musical Guest: Celestial Praise
 Eastern Carolina .Sept. 24Theme: Peace Through the Storm
 Greenville, NC, Church
 Speaker: Richard Of'fill
 Musical Guest: Celestial Praise

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

South GeorgiaApril 9.....Macon, GA
 KoreanMay 20-22Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
 GCC.....May 25-28. Theme: Proclaiming God's Grace Southern Adventist University,
 Collegedale, TN
 Friday night/ Sabbath morning Speaker:
 Sabbath School:
 Sabbath evening:
 HispanicJune 10-12Georgia Cumberland Academy,
 Calhoun, GA
 Olde TimeJune 16-18Theme: Revival & Reformation
 Deer Lodge, TN
 Speaker: Douglas Na'a
 DeafAug. 4-7.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
 Northeast Tennessee.....Sept. 30-Oct. 1
 Theme: Creation.The Oaks, Greeneville, TN
 Speaker: Greg King

GULF STATES

May 20-28.....Theme: Because You Have Prayed .. Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: Ivor Myers
 Mornings/ Monday-Friday: Dennis Smith

Evenings/ Monday-Friday: Karl Haffner
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Gary Gibbs
 Musical Concert 2nd Sabbath: Jennifer LaMountain

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 27-June 4.....Theme: Revive Us Again!
 Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 Speakers/ Seminar Presenters: George Knight, Tony Moore, John Bradshaw, Richard Tibbits,
 John Mathews, Dana Edmond, and Ron Clouzet
 HispanicJune 10, 11.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 Speaker:

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 9-18.....Theme: Revival & Reformation-"Lord Revive & Reform Me".....River Oaks Camp-
 ground, Orangeburg, SC
 Speaker: Freddie Russell

SOUTH CENTRAL

Latino.....May 27-29Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 English.....June 3-11Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL

SOUTHEASTERN

English.....June 16-25Theme: Revive Us
 AgainHawthorne, FL
 Adult/Main Pavilion
 Speaker: Carlton Byrd [June 16-18]
 Speaker: Emil Peeler [June 24-26]
 Youth Pavilion.....Theme: Claim Your Anointing
 Speaker: Israel Jean Leon [June 18]
 Speaker: Prince Lewis [June 24, 25]
 HaitianJune 29-July 2Hawthorne, FL
 Hispanic ConvocationOctober 21, 22
 South Florida

Summer Camp 2011 Schedule

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 [Register online at www.nosoca.org]
 SIT CampJune 12-26
 Adventure (ages 7-11)June 19-26
 Horsemanship I (ages 12-16).....June 19-26
 Basketball (ages 11-16).....June 19-26
 Water Sports (ages 13-16)June 19-26
 Junior Camp I /Horse II (ages 10-12).....June 26-July 3
 Wheels/Sports Camp.....June 26-July 3
 Tween/ Horsemanship III (ages 12-14)July 3-10
 Teen (ages 13-16)July 10-17
 Teen Extreme Adventurer Horse Camping
 Trip/Mt. Biking Trip (ages 14-17)June 17-25
 Family CampJuly 18-22

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 [Details: www.Alamisco.org]
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10).....June 5-12
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)June 12-19
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)June 19-26
 Family Camp (all ages)July 4-10

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....June 26-July 3
 Basketball Camp (ages 8-17)TBA

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 [Details: <http://summercamp.campkulaqua.com/>]
 Horsemanship Beginner Week (ages 10-14)June 5-12
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)June 5-12
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)June 5-12
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 5-12
 Athletics Camp I (ages 13-16)June 5-12
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)June 12-19
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)June 12-19
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 12-19
 Athletics Camp II (ages 13-16)June 12-19
 Horsemanship Intermediate Week (ages 12-16)June 5-12
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)June 19-26
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)June 19-26
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 19-26
 Basketball Specialty Camp (ages 13-16).....June 20-27
 Horsemanship Advanced Week (ages 12-16)June 19-26
 Wheels Specialty Week (ages 13-16)June 19-26
 Cowboy Adventure Week (ages 13-16)July 10-17
 Teen Mountain Adventure (ages 13-16)July 31-Aug. 7

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Blind Camp (mixed ages)June 12-19
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)June 12-19
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)June 19-26
 Family Camp I (all ages)June 28-July 3
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14).....July 3-10
 Teen Camp (ages 14-17).....July 10-17
 Family Camp II (all ages)July 17-24
 Extreme Outpost Camp (ages 13-17)July 24-29
 Hispanic Child/Youth CampJuly 25-31

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 Camp OrientationJuly 3-11
 Conference Camporee.....July 8, 9
 Friendship Camp (ages 6-17)July 10-16
 Sports Camp (ages 6-17).....July 17-23

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA
 [Details: www.cs-yc.com]
 W.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)Every week, June 5-July 17
 Junior I (ages 10-12)June 5-12
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 5-12
 Paintball Camp I (ages 13-17)June 5-12
 Rock Climbing Camp (ages 13-17).....June 5-12
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13)June 5-26
 Junior II (ages 10-12)June 12-19
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17)June 12-19
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17)June 12-19
 Skateboard Camp (ages 13-17).....June 12-19
 S.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)June 12-19
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9).....June 19-24
 Horse Pack Trip (ages 13-17).....June 19-26
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17)June 19-26
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17)June 19-26
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)June 19-26
 Tween / Pathfinder Honors (ages 12-13).....June 26-July 3
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17).....June 26-July 3
 Fit for Life II (ages 13-17)June 26-July 17
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17)July 3-10
 Rock Solid Basketball Camp (ages 16-18)July 3-10
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17)July 3-10
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 12-17).....July 3-10
 Teen I (ages 13-17)July 3-10
 Rock Solid I (ages 16-18).....July 3-10
 Gym-Masters DAY Camp (ages 7-18).....July 4-8
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17)July 10-17
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 10-17
 Teen II (ages 13-17)July 10-17
 Rock Solid II (ages 16-18).....July 10-17
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17).....July 17-24
 Family Camp (all ages)July 19-24

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Junior CampJuly 10-16
 Summer CampJuly 10-23

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