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GOD'S PERFECT TIMING— NO BED OF ASHES



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Over the years I have come to love the hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Its simple little melody and familiar old words play in the background of my thoughts as I review an event still fresh in my mind.

My family and I were home packing to make a trip during the last week of March, a trip in which we would see lots of relatives and friends.

About 9:30 that evening, a fire broke out in my son Herbie's room. The blast of smoke alarms filled the three-level house with urgent rage. We dashed to see the cause of such a racket, and quickly discovered the place and seriousness of the blaze. Our efforts to quench the electrically charged flames, sparked by a faulty cord in an electric blanket, were fruitless. Its mad offspring of smoke was more than we could handle.

Later, as we assessed the results of work done by courageous firefighters—water, char and smoke—it began to invade our minds: the chilly, uncomfortable reality that if it had been a normal evening, and if we had not been up late packing, our 12-year-old son would have been in that bed.

I don't have to spell out for you, reader, the implications of those possibilities. God's timing was excellent.

But let's say God had allowed another timing, had not blocked Satan's attack and the worst had taken place. Would God's concern be less? Would it be less efficient? Would He still be trustworthy?

We are right to thank God when He agrees with our priorities. When God has been obviously good by our finite vision and wisdom, we should praise His name.

But God is not inherently better or wiser or more loving or more trustworthy because we like His choices. He is all those good things no matter how He sometimes seems to us to be.

Trust in God is confidence in His choices, His priorities. If we had needed to attend a funeral after that fire, God would have still deserved praise.

"Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him; How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!"—*Louisa M.R. Stead*.

Think about it. Contemplate it. We must grow in the doctrine of trust. A trust that does not weigh God's love on the scales of outcome.

COVER: J. Byron Logan of Williamsport, Maryland, longtime photographer for the Review and Herald Publishing Association, photographed the four generations of women. From left: Shanna Marsh, Laura Martin, Frances Ausherman and Lora Marsh sort through family snapshots. All four are members of the Frederick, Maryland, church, where Frances Ausherman is secretary to Pastor Richard Fearing. Photographer Logan enjoyed the assignment to honor Mother's Day, which adds to his long list of credits, including more than 1,000 weddings.

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BAPTIZE



NEW JERSEY—Members of the Lake Nelson congregation believe that baptism is just the beginning of involvement with church evangelism programs.

Jim Stevens, conference ministerial director, said that many of the leaders and active participants in a crusade conducted by Chesapeake Conference evangelist Richard Halversen were brought into the congregation during earlier evangelistic campaigns.

The results of their joint efforts? Nine people were baptized into the Lake Nelson church, with several other people making decisions for baptism in other area congregations.

Evangelism has at times been difficult for the Lake Nelson church, Stevens said, because it is situated in an affluent area of Middlesex County.

However, because of aggressive evangelism by local church leaders and Pastor Gerald Chapman, more than 40 people have joined the 221-member congregation in the past two years, with current plans calling for continued outreach to the community.

RENEW



PENNSYLVANIA—Students and staff members at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg shared God's love in a special way during their celebration of Friendship Day.

According to Marion Streidl, instructor of business education at the school, about 1,900 carnations with notes identifying the senders and carrying words of caring and appreciation brought surprise, elation and thankful-

ness to recipients across the academy campus.

"The warmth of those feelings seemed to make the whole campus, from the classrooms and offices to the dormitories and work departments, a better place to be," Streidl said. "The BMA 'family' experienced a piece of God's love through each carnation, note and smile."

Along with spiritual and social renewal, the celebration had at least one other benefit: Profits from the sale of the flowers and notes are being used for the academy's student lounge project.

RENEW



OHIO—The Mount Vernon Hill church experienced a unique week of prayer entitled "Celebration of the Resurrection Life," said Communication Secretary Ron Vozar.

The series was directed by Pastor George Pangman, who urged members to spend the week studying Christ's resurrection and its implications for Christians today.

Special services held throughout the week included the baptism of two former Mount Vernon residents, a child dedication and a twilight Communion service on Friday evening.

The week of prayer climaxed on a high note on Sabbath morning, April 2, when Daryl and Melanie Davis dedicated their daughter to the Lord before Melanie recommitted her life to Christ through baptism.

Pangman's message, "He's Alive; I'm Alive," ended with a call for commitment to Christ that was answered by eight people requesting baptism.

FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



Carleen Wallington, Emmanuel Brinklow, Allegheny East. She gave the appeal at the Voice of Youth series the week before her baptism in March of 1987. "The appeal was very special to me."



Gary Moyer, Allentown, Pennsylvania. He and wife Laurie heard Pastor Derek Morris on the radio and studied the Bible course offered during the program. He was baptized in December of 1986.



Laurie Moyer, Allentown, Pennsylvania. She and husband Gary attended Will Eva's Good News Celebration. "We were looking for the truth and we found it." She was baptized in December of 1986.



Roland Orlando Hill, Takoma Park, Potomac. Baptized in May of 1987, he enjoys the Christian activities at Sabbath school and at the J.N. Andrews elementary school in Takoma Park, Maryland.



Sharyn Whalen, Seabrook, Potomac. Her landlord introduced her to Adventism. She then attended a Revelation Seminar and Potomac camp-meeting before her baptism in August of 1987.



Melissa Whalen, Seabrook, Potomac. She started attending church with her mother, Sharyn. After her baptism in August of 1987, Melissa began sharing her faith with friends, one of whom has come to church.



Arthur Burch Perry, Takoma Park, Potomac. Friends introduced him to Adventism. He studied with a Bible worker and was then baptized in June of 1987.

Summer camp: savor the wonder

H

iking. Swimming.
Campfire stories.
Crafts. Friendships.
Camping. Laughter. Worship. Horseback
riding. Quiet talks. Singing.

All this and much more awaits young
people at Adventist campgrounds in the
Columbia Union: Chesapeake's Mount
Aetna, Potomac's Blue Ridge, Ohio's
Mohaven, Mountain View's Valley Vista,
New Jersey's Tranquil Valley and Penn-
sylvania's Laurel Lake.





Summer camp. A place and time for children. Close-knit friendships with campers of the same age. A bond with a counselor who cares and listens. Full, busy days and whispers in a cabin at night. A time to know Jesus—in nature, stories and through role models.

Come to camp. Choose your age group or speciality: backpacking, waterskiing or blind camp. Swim in cool lakes. Walk along mountain paths, up rocky heights. Collect. Create. Commit. Huddle around a warm blaze and savor the wonder.

Build a memory.

Summer camp schedule

Chesapeake

July 10-17	Cub Camp
July 17-24	Teen Camp
July 24-31	Junior-1 Camp
July 31-August 7	Junior-2 Camp

Mountain View

June 26-July 2	Lifesaving Camp
July 3-9	Teen Camp
July 10-16	Junior Camp
July 17-23	Adventure Camp

New Jersey

July 17-24	Cub Camp
July 24-31	Junior-1 Camp
July 31-August 7	Junior-2 Camp

Ohio

June 26-July 3	Cub Camp
July 3-10	Junior-1 Camp
July 10-17	Junior-2 Camp
July 17-24	Teen Camp
July 24-31	Blind Camp

Pennsylvania

June 26-July 3	Junior-1 Camp
July 3-10	Junior-2 Camp
July 10-17	Teen Camp
July 17-24	Adventure Camp
July 24-31	Friendship and Community Camp
July 31-August 5	Back Pack—beginning at Laurel Lake
August 7-14	Senior Youth Canoe Trip

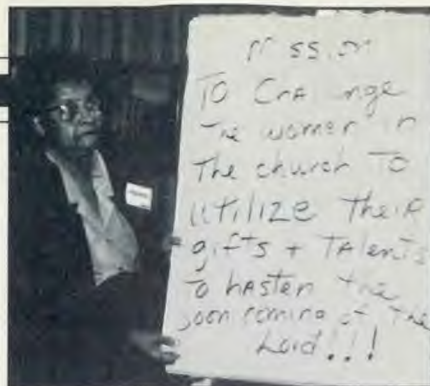
Potomac

June 19-26	Blind Camp
June 26-July 3	Junior-1 Camp
July 3-10	Junior-2 Camp
July 10-17	Teen-1 Camp
July 17 and 18	Youth Waterskiing Weekend
July 24-31	Teen-2 Camp
July 31-August 7	Adventure Camp

Allegheny East and Allegheny West: Young people are welcome to participate in any of the listed summer camp programs they choose.

Women's commission holds first meeting

GLADYCE BROOKS



Gladyce Brooks presented concerns expressed by women in the Allegheny East Conference to the commission.

Delegates from the Columbia Union to the North American Division Commission of Adventist Women met for the first time on March 20. About 125 women, united in a common interest, came to the union headquarters for the meeting.

The purposes of the meeting were to provide information and advice to officials of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on issues of particular concern to women. This was initiated by asking the women to meet with the other representatives from their individual conferences.

Group leaders were able to elicit from church representatives suggestions that were brought to the meeting from women in their churches.

After an hour or more of deliberation, the following proposals were made to the collective participants.

1. Set spiritual growth and ministry as a whole for men, women and children as a goal of every church.
2. Develop mechanisms for encouraging growth in personal spirituality, education of all age groups and teacher training in church and Sabbath schools, and stressing fathers' roles.
3. Encourage women to establish personal and family worship habits.
4. Establish and operate day-care centers for children, the elderly and the mentally retarded.
5. Create a credit union for women.
6. Create a women's networking directory.
7. Create ways of keeping youth in the church: a) Make them a priority; b) Accept and deal with stresses facing youth; c) Sponsor dynamic youth programs; and d) Model positive lifestyles, showing by example that it is exciting to be a Christian.
8. Create a speaker's bureau for women.
9. Organize support groups for single

Gladyce Brooks is an Allegheny East representative to the commission. She is also secretary for the Columbia Union communication department.

mothers, senior citizens, parents, mother/daughter problems, pregnant teenagers, widows, drug addicts, people with AIDS and victims of child abuse, rape or incest.

10. Organize a Women's Solidarity Day for spiritual revival.
11. Create a newsletter spotlighting women's concerns.
12. Conduct awareness seminars on communication skills and self-esteem.
13. Conduct training and development workshops.
14. Organize a mailing evangelism by zip code and bulk mailing.
15. Implement an awareness program at campmeetings.
16. Organize peer counseling teams.
17. Use existing organs of the church, such as clubs and periodicals, to reflect women's ideas and concepts.
18. Establish a grievance committee for women.
19. Provide career counseling for girls.
20. Place women on decision-making boards.
21. Work through church representatives to disseminate ideas regarding women's concepts.
22. Spotlight women as role models in church leadership, dress and deportment.

The goal of the commission, outlined after deliberation, is to help the church fully utilize the potential and preserve the human dignity of each member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; also to provide all members of the church equal access to opportunities in areas of education and employment, as well as participation in all church activities.

The General Conference now has in



Warren S. Banfield from the General Conference Office of Human Relations discussed women's issues with Elisabeth Wear, Sligo church representative from the Potomac Conference.

place a data base wherein women may present their credentials for openings as they occur. These must be presented each year to eliminate discrimination and prejudice—based on sex or ethnic origin—towards women in any form that may exist in the church.

Finally, it is suggested that the church create an atmosphere that encourages productivity, rewards effort and initiative, and provides a spiritual climate in which each member can realize growth.

One group suggested that through a personal relationship with Christ, a woman could come to the realization that she is valuable. This would lead to acceptance, tolerance and inclusion of others, thus enhancing her own ministry.

Representatives from the General Conference participated in the meeting: Elizabeth Sterndale of health/temperance; Calvin B. Rock, general vice president, who gave the devotional; Warren S. Banfield, director of the Office of Human Relations, who introduced representatives from other unions; and Dorothy L. Williams, who coordinated the conference.

Nancy Marter, president of the Association of Adventist Women, presented a report about the association to the group.

The Columbia Union Publishing Department conducted a training school in the union headquarters for "advanced beginning" literature evangelists March 28-31. Gary Sunderland (right), associate publishing director, coordinated the semiannual school for new workers like Zana Vaughan (below) from Dover, Delaware, of the Chesapeake Conference, who had tallied at least 140 hours of service and had been through in-home training with either the



local conference publishing director or district assistant. Publishing Director Woody Pangborn says there are job openings for dedicated men and women. "We're happy to see that young church members are making literature evangelism their life career," said Pangborn.—CPC

Young adults and "baby boomers:" You deserve a break this fall!

RON STRETTER

Columbia Union church ministries is sponsoring a special weekend of inspiration, practical seminars and fellowship the weekend of October 21-23 at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This weekend is planned for young adults from post-college age through their late 30s from the entire Columbia Union territory.

The program includes three general sessions of inspiration and music with such speakers as James Londis and Henry Wright. The union staff will present a dramatized portrayal entitled "What Really Happened in 1888," of specific interest to the young adult generation in the church.

More than 35 seminars and workshops

will be available, including Family Life and Parenting, Seventh-day Adventist Lifestyles in the '90s, Christian Ethics and Theology, Being Involved in the Mission of the Church and networking sessions with one another and leaders of the church.

In preparing for this event, the union

planning committee joined in brainstorming sessions with young adults from the Hillcrest, Ethnan Temple and Shadyside congregations of Pittsburgh and gathered input from groups in Ohio and Washington, D.C.

Church leaders the youth asked for and are coming include William Johnsson, editor of the *Adventist Review*; the staff of the Washington Institute of Contemporary Issues: James Londis, James Cox, Trina Magi and Donna Weigle; Henry Wright and other church leaders from the union, North American Division and General Conference. These representatives are willing to come, listen and share for a growing church.

The Hyatt Hotel at Chatham Center is providing beautiful accommodations. The room rate is \$59 per night per room, and a Sabbath buffet lunch will be included in the weekend registration fee.

A prayer breakfast will be held Sabbath morning and a special sundown vespers on the ninth floor overlooking the city.

The union church ministries department will provide programming through all general session and seminar times.

For more information and hotel reservation material, contact: Columbia Union Church Ministries Department, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045; or call (301) 596-0800.

Two hundred rooms are reserved at the Hyatt on a first-come, first-served basis.



Suzanne Croft, a Hall Kimbrel Corporation director of training for asbestos control, assists Bob Britton from New Jersey with his "uniform" for detecting hazardous asbestos in schools with classes from kindergarten through 12th grade. A school to certify inspectors and management officers for asbestos control in each conference was conducted at the union office, reports trust services Director Harvey Sauder, who was asked by the union executive committee to coordinate the training. Their efforts are to comply with a law mandated by Congress referred to as the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. Sauder said, "All inspections, lab tests and management plans for replacing hazardous asbestos must be presented to the governors of each state by October 12, 1988."—CPC

Ron Stretter is director of Columbia Union church ministries.

Christian education makes a big impact in Ohio

Adventist schools are making a major impact on lives in the Ohio Conference and this shows in elementary schools, the two academies in the conference—and even in the spiritual experiences of teachers.

Piqua school wins award

This school of only 11 students placed first in the elementary division of Dayton's TV2 Food for Friends contest, a program that encourages food collection for needy families.

The contest, which is open to all area schools, is based on the number of cans collected per student.

The 11 Piqua students gathered 1,300

Articles in this Spotlight are by Carolyn Perrine, conference communication director, and Ed Dininger, public relations director at Mount Vernon Academy.



News anchor Donna Jordan (center) from Dayton's TV2 presented Piqua elementary students and Principal Mark Mirek (center, back) with a plaque and a television for collecting the most food to distribute to needy people during the annual Food for Friends contest.

cans, or more than 118 per student. More than 156,000 food items were collected by all schools in the contest.

Piqua students have collected food for the needy annually, but last year they did so too early to participate in the contest, even though they distributed 500 bags of food from Kroger grocery stores.

This year the students more than doubled their efforts, distributing 1,000 bags. Each bag had a decorative message attached from the school computer explaining the campaign.

Names of needy families were received from the Salvation Army, direct calls and referrals from church members.

"It was terrible weather—really windy—when we delivered the bags," said Principal Mark Mirek. "But the Lord blessed. The kids enjoyed it."

A future project for the school will involve selling 500 copies of the abbreviated version of *Christ's Object Lessons*, Mirek said.

The Piqua elementary school was begun in 1978, and enrollment has varied from six to 15 students.

Mount Vernon graduates cherish Christian friends

Michelle Chu, a senior graduating this month from Mount Vernon Academy, believes there is a real difference between Christian and secular education.

For her, the close family spirit at the academy has made her education very special. Chu also believes in hard work. "The education you receive has much to do with the effort you give," she comments.

Chu is yearbook editor and will graduate with high honors. She loves music and es-

pecially enjoys playing the piano and clarinet, performing often with the academy band and choir.

Chu is one of 53 seniors at Mount Vernon this year—and one of nine graduating with high honors.

Dennis Austin is another. "Mount Vernon Academy has provided me with a great opportunity to grow. I wouldn't trade my years here for anything."

He believes the value of Christian education lies in Christian friends and opportunities for service. He plans to enter the ministry.

Austin is listed in *Who's Who in American High Schools* and has been cited in the United States Achievement Academy

Erecting Ebenezers

**BILL STRONG, Principal
Mount Vernon Elementary**

It was a Friday morning in September of 1984. 9:15 a.m. I remember the exact minute.

I got into my four-cylinder car and tried to burn rubber in every gear—only getting rubber in the first one, of course.

But I was mad. I was mad at life, and at God. As I pulled out of the parking lot, I had my fist in His face, saying, "God, I don't understand."

My decision to leave pastoring after 13 years for teaching was not easy. Besides the emotional struggle, there was a cut in pay—we were already in debt and driving a seven-year-old Toyota with 176,000 miles on it that was ready for a new set of tires.

Just before school started, I was to leave

for excellence in leadership, mathematics and science. He has also been selected by the Rotary Club of Mount Vernon as a student Rotarian.

The president of the senior class says, "It's important to do your very best in all you attempt." Krista Motschieder likes the dedicated teachers and friends whom she will cherish for a lifetime.

Motschieder is also in *Who's Who* and the National Honor Society. She was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship contest and will receive an award for the best individual score at the academy in the American High School Math Exam.

Waterskiing and piano are two of the many interests Motschieder enjoys. She plays with the Knox County Symphony this month.

Giving shows spiritual renewal in Adventist school

Students in grades 5-8 at the Clarksfield elementary school showed the true Christmas spirit this past year, giving \$60 from their allowances to help an Adventist couple in the community who were expecting their first baby.

After a baby girl was born to Jeff and Judy Fraley in January, Judy asked about the birthdays of participating students and is sending a birthday greeting to each one as her way of saying "thank you."

The Fraleys were baptized in October of 1987 and have a better idea of what a caring church is now—as do the children.

Spring Valley seniors have co-valedictorians

Thirteen of the 35 seniors graduating from Spring Valley Academy in Centerville this June have attended the school for 12 years. Former teacher Sunimal Kulasekera will give the commencement address.

Two seniors with identical grade point averages are the class's co-valedictorians—Darlene Schoonover and Sonya Falsnes.

Schoonover said she really likes the atmosphere at Spring Valley. "There is not the constant competition for clothes and material things here."

She serves as student council president, which involves her with the board of trustees, faculty/staff meetings, student advisory and the youth advisory at the nearby Kettering church.

In previous years she has been a member of the drama club, the National Honor Society and Interact, a local Rotary Club group.

She plans to attend Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, majoring in business.

Kenneth Piner, also graduating this year, said his education has been "superb, really good, with the teachers always available."

As senior class president he has involved the class in several fund-raising activities, including Florida fruit shipments and booths at the international festival held in the fall.

Piner also chose Columbia Union College. Attending an Adventist college is ideal for his lifestyle, he said, and CUC provides many career opportunities for his goals in journalism.

Heart Association benefits from Newark elementary

Eighteen students jumped rope for 180 minutes to raise more than \$786 for the American Heart Association on March 13. Jessica Sutton raised the largest amount, with \$122.40 in pledges.

This is the third year the school has participated in the event. Students jumped in three teams of six, with two alumni from last year joining in.

Several adults supported the teams as well. "I've been around quite a while. Every time the church does something, I participate," said Louise Grow, a senior citizen who took part in the event.

Projects share Adventist view of science

Two elementary schools in northeastern Ohio participated in a science fair in early March.

Students from the Ashtabula and Lakeside schools displayed and explained at the event, which was attended by parents and community friends.

Although 16 projects won awards, that wasn't the major purpose, according to Vera Robichaux, principal of Lakeside. "This fair created awareness of a Christian school and that we study science."

Students also chose a Bible verse to go along with each science project. "Most projects were done with their parents, but the research was done at school," Robichaux said.

for a teachers' conference Friday morning. On Thursday I learned that a check had bounced, with a charge of \$10 just because I did it.

So at 9 a.m. Friday I pulled into the bank parking lot. It didn't take the teller 10 minutes to pull up my account and explain to me which check I had failed to record—so another check had bounced.

I got back to my car at 9:15. I was going to burn off what little rubber was left on those bald tires—unless I saw a policeman. The last straw would be a speeding ticket.

As I drove toward Alabama, I fumed. I had always given tithe and generous offerings. I had left pastoring to be a teacher because I felt that's where God wanted me. And here He was just slapping me down, I thought.

"Lord, what are you doing in my life? What happened to Malachi 3? Isn't it in the Bible? Lord, do something!"

Fortunately, the trip was long. I drove—

and thought—for eight hours. And I remembered the story of Samuel raising a monument to God in thanks for His help to the Israelites—an Ebenezer.

And I began to erect some Ebenezers.

First, I thought about when I joined the Adventist church in 1961.

I was unhappy when we went to visit Mom's relatives in British Columbia—the vegetarians who always had morning and evening worship. But Grandmother was there, and she gave me a new perspective.

When we got home, Mom invited me to evangelistic meetings and I said, "I'll go. Adventists aren't so bad." The rest is baptismal history.

Then I recalled my internship in Memphis. We needed to raise money to pay off the church's debt. We didn't have much money; my wife was pregnant with our first child and we didn't have a washing machine, dryer or kitchen table.

But we made a pledge the first Sabbath

of the campaign. And the next week we had a washing machine, dryer and kitchen table given to us—and a \$100 check arrived unexpectedly.

As I drove to Alabama, I erected Ebenezers. There was no answer to today's problems, but I knew He had been with me in the past.

Months passed. In December, a relative telephoned me at school. He said he had been thinking of me, running around in that car of mine, and invited me to come down to a car dealership after school—to let him buy me a car.

I hung up the phone, cancelled faculty meeting and later drove home in a new Ford Tempo saying, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

Moving into teaching helped me realize the need to erect Ebenezers. Now I do it whatever the situation, so when valleys come, I can pull out my notebook and find renewal in the list of God's blessings to me.

ALLEGHENY EAST**T-shirts
say youth
are fired up
for Jesus**

The Delaware Valley Youth Federation meeting highlighted the theme "Fired up for Jesus" by having T-shirts with that slogan available during the day-long youth rally at the Philadelphia Adventist Center adjacent to the Larchwood Adventist school.

Guest speaker Gaylord Brown, pastor of the Hillside church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, inspired those in attendance to declare that they were also "fired up."

The afternoon featured two informational seminars. The first, "Teens and Single Sexuality," was conducted by Helen Peace, education director for the federation, and Pamela Jones, editor of the singles' newsletter, *J.O.Y.*

The second seminar featured a film on AIDS and comments on its prevention by Carl Hinds, pastor of the Mizpah church in Philadelphia.

In addition, the Germantown church presented a history play about blacks in the Bible, followed by a festival of music featuring soloists Carlton Gillis and Clovia Dunn, the Chester youth choir, the Milford, Delaware, Sermonettes and the Ebenezer church Christian Rappers.

MARCELLUS SMITH III
Religious Activities Coordinator



Marcellus Smith III, religious activities coordinator for the Delaware Valley Youth Federation, showed off the "Fired up for Jesus" T-shirts available at the youth rally in March. Some are still available from Bruce Patterson, federation president.

Bible College in nearby Lanham.

The students are assigned to serve four hours each week for a semester or a school year, talking with patients on Leland's medical/surgical units to fulfill their requirement of participation in a volunteer Christian service program before graduation.

Before the students begin at Leland, classes at the college and discussions with Chaplain Plumb teach them how to respond to and communicate with patients. The youth also study a booklet on hospital visitation.

After each weekly session at the hospital, Plumb and the students share their positive experiences and discuss ways to solve problems that have arisen during the evening's visits.

Chaplain Plumb frequently hears about the student chaplains from Leland's patients. "Most patients are really impressed that these young people are interested in Christian sharing," he said.

It is Plumb's wish that this experience help the students toward their future goals. "I hope that they can continue this mission project in their home churches."

"This experience will help them to be self-confident and assured about visiting the sick," he said. "We value their participation, and each student receives a certificate of appreciation on the completion of his program."

MICHELE MENNE
Public Relations Intern

ALLEGHENY EAST**Missionary
shares
story of
healing**

Mission appointee Oliver Cheatham related his personal experience in claiming the promises of God with Ephesus church members in Richmond, Virginia.

Cheatham, a local elder and Sabbath school superintendent in the Fairfax, Virginia, church, was attending orientation and preparing for mission service in Zambia in the Eastern Africa Division when it was discovered he had a malignant tumor. In spite of laser treatments and chemotherapy, the prognosis was still poor.

He told the Ephesus group how he exercised his faith, agonized in prayer, fasted and rededicated his life to Jesus. Now there is no evidence of the cancer.

Cheatham, wife Ann, who is a native of Zambia, and their three children left in April for Yuka Mission Hospital, where he will be administrator of the facility.

CHARLES ANDERSON
Communication Secretary



Rick Williams

CUC**Williams
accepts
college
post**

Rick Williams accepted the position of vice president for college advancement at Columbia Union College. He will direct

recruitment, marketing and public relations programs for the Takoma Park, Maryland, school.

Williams is currently director of public relations and development at Loma Linda University in Riverside, California. He has also been dean of students, director of recruitment and assistant dean of men.

He earned a doctorate in college student personnel administration from the University of Northern Colorado and has a master's degree in counselor education.

Replacing Wayne Judd, who recently accepted a post at Loma Linda University, Williams is looking forward to moving to Washington, D.C., this summer.

"CUC has an outstanding faculty, and I'm looking forward to working with this group," he said. "CUC has special characteristics that make its time now. Wayne Judd built solid marketing programs here, and I plan to build on his programs."

RICK MOYERS
Public Relations

AHS**Student
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Ben Plumb, chaplain at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale, Maryland, supervises eight student chaplains as they visit hospital patients each week as part of a cooperative program between Leland and Washington

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POTOMAC

Church holds four outreach meetings in one year

The Radford church isn't shy about holding evangelistic meetings, even in downstate Virginia.

The church has held two Revelation seminars, a Daniel Seminar and an evangelistic crusade—since last September.

Total attendance has been about 225, for a church whose attendance had hovered around 40 people for years.

Pastor Harry Sharley had 52 people attend the Revelation Seminar last fall, 30 of whom were non-Adventists. Eighteen of those people graduated and Sharley immediately started a Daniel Seminar.

Almost before that seminar concluded, evangelist John Earnhardt from Amazing Facts started an "Insight to Revelation" crusade, with 156 attending—122 of them non-members.

The 45 who attended the entire crusade immediately started a Revelation Seminar, taught again by Sharley. "After you've done one Revelation Seminar, the others are

easier. You don't have to study so hard."

To date 17 have been baptized—"And we're still baptizing them," Sharley said.

Church attendance has jumped from 50 to 70 people, and a junior/primary Sabbath school division has been added. A total of 21 children now attend cradle roll/kindergarten as well.

Church members have supported the meetings. Members prepared a banquet near the end of the crusade, which was attended by many people from the meetings.

Members also feel God has performed miracles for them. One was the lack of snow during the four-week crusade. Heavy snow was predicted four times, but only half an inch ever fell, even though several inches of snow fell in surrounding areas.

Another miracle was the discovery of a family that had become convinced of the seventh-day Sabbath through Bible study, but had never heard of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

But the biggest miracle, according to members, is the renewed enthusiasm and hope for the future of the Radford church.

WINIFRED HOWELL

Communication Secretary

POTOMAC



Floyd and Barbara Strunk recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception in the atrium of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland. Floyd retired from active ministry in 1977 after 35 years—all but five of which were spent in the Columbia Union territory. After he graduated from Columbia Union College in 1942, the couple worked in the West Pennsylvania Conference before going to India. They returned to serve in the Mountain View and New Jersey conferences before moving to Potomac in 1960, where they retired and live in Wytheville, Virginia.



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WORLD CHURCH

Scales is honored by Andrews University

William C. Scales Jr., ministerial association secretary for the North American Division, was an honored alumnus during this year's alumni homecoming at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, the last weekend in April.

In addition to his broader responsibilities, Scales has been an active evangelist for the Columbia Union Conference, his home territory.

During the summer of 1986, he held a massive crusade in the Washington, D.C., Armory, enlisting a staff from the Allegheny East, Potomac and Chesapeake conferences.

The combined effort netted 204 baptisms. The Capitol Hill church in the District of Columbia, where Scales is a member, was one of the beneficiaries of that evangelistic effort.

He became associate secretary of the ministerial association for the General Conference in 1978, then assumed the responsibilities of NAD Ministerial Association secretary two years later.

RICHARD GREEN
Public Relations

ALLEGHENY WEST



James Clements of the Columbia Union Conference challenged hundreds of members in the Pittsburgh area to become involved personally in the business of soulwinning during a rally in February. Many members must have been involved already, because Ethan Temple Pastor Edwin Thoms (pictured above) led the conference in baptisms with 12 in January. The rally was directed by James Best, Allegheny West personal ministries director.



Barbara Manspeaker of the Columbia Union showed New Jersey members how colorful and attractive Vacation Bible School materials have become. This weekend training workshop was organized by Randy Phillips, conference church ministries director.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey looks for more VBS outreach in summer

Because of the great need for Vacation Bible School outreach in New Jersey, the conference asked Barbara Manspeaker from the Columbia Union to train local church members for this unique form of evangelism during a weekend retreat held March 4-6 at the Presbyterian Camping Center near Newton.

Manspeaker challenged the audience to use the latest materials and programs to evangelize both New Jersey Conference children and others in local communities.

Special attention and training were devoted to in-home follow-up after a VBS ends, so that both students and families are introduced to the Adventist message.

More than 2 million children in New Jersey could attend, and many of these visit a church only on Easter—if then.

ROBERT BOGCESS
President

CHESAPEAKE

New organ featured at church reopening

Almost two years of building and remodeling ended February 27 with the dedication of the new nine-rank Schantz pipe organ at the Willow Brook church near Hagerstown, Maryland.

Van Knauss of the music department at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, was the featured organist.

Membership has grown by almost 100 during the construction, to 450. Added space was needed.

Ground was broken for a new fellowship hall and kitchen in July of 1986; the project was completed just five months later. In May of 1987 a renovation of the sanctuary was begun. In October, the pipe organ was installed.

It was also in October that Pastor Don Klinger announced Phase 3 of the building program—a phase to focus on building the body of believers.

"It's good to have beautiful, comfortable facilities," he said, "but they must be used for nurture and outreach activities if they are to be worth the cost."

RAY HYKES
Communication Secretary

OHIO

Church offers continuing health education

More than 40 attendees, including 15 non-Adventists, participated in a weigh-in, cholesterol and blood pressure reading, skinfold measurement and computerized dietary analysis during the Life-Wise Workshop presented by Centerville church members as part of the Better Living Series begun in January.

One couple that attended the workshop told Pastor Bill Cochran they were very happy to visit the church and attend classes. They learned practical ways to increase the quality of life and reduce the risk of heart disease.

The next seminar in the series, a vegetarian cuisine class, began in March. Instructors demonstrated vegetarian cooking while acquainting people with low-fat, low-cholesterol and high-fiber cooking.

A six-week stress class was also begun in March to provide scientific and applicable techniques for managing everyday stress. The classes are taught by Elsie Kinsey, a registered nurse and certified stress management instructor.

JERRY MOHLER
Communication Secretary

ALLEGHENY EAST**Pathfinders share day with senior citizen**

Vera Braxton received her Investiture just like any other Pathfinder, even though she is a little older than most.

Braxton, who is in her 60s, became a Master Guide during Pathfinder Day ceremonies last November in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, being invested with 11 other Pathfinders.

The Pathfinders and their six leaders marched in with the color guard singing, "We Are Willing, Lord."

Charles Arrington, a local elder at the Willow Grove church, challenged parents during his sermon to have their children in Adventist schools—and Pathfinder clubs.

MARK FROG HARRIS
Communication Secretary



Vera Braxton, who was invested as a Master Guide last year while in her 60s, has set such a good example that her great-grandson, Terrence, can't wait to be old enough to be a Pathfinder.

MOUNTAIN VIEW**Frostburg choir sings in community program**

The choir from the Frostburg, Maryland, church participated in two centennial celebrations last year.

The first was part of the 100th anniversary of the Mountain View Conference, when the performers shared songs and history during campmeeting.

But they also took part in the city's centennial last Christmas, performing songs and narration about the birth of Christ in the city's refurbished landmark—Failing's Gunter Hotel.

The city's "Twelve Days of Christmas" program was such a success that it will be

repeated this year, and Director Gene Durst plans for the choir to sing again.

Pastor Colin Morris also had the choir perform during the worship service December 19. The choir visits a local nursing home once a month so that its ministry is outreach as well as celebration in worship.

SHIRLEY BITTNER
Community Services Leader

AHS**Hospital employees give away food baskets**

Employees at Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., joined with workers from the Xerox Corporation in distributing food baskets to 60 needy families in the community, the majority of whom have members who have been patients of the hospital and its clinic.

The Xerox employees came to the hospital from corporate offices in Rosslyn, Virginia, to deliver some of the baskets.

Xerox also gave the hospital \$1,000 for a health fair for kids, which included sight and hearing evaluations, as well as blood pressure and hemoglobin tests. The children also received fruit and Hadley T-shirts as gifts.

REGER SMITH
Public Relations

NEW JERSEY**20-member church grows to 50 in four months**

The New Jersey Conference is planting churches as rapidly as any conference in the North American Division, but the Browns Mills church is a special example of how planting a church can lead to very rapid growth in membership.

Only 20 members organized the Browns Mills company last December, transferring their memberships from Trenton, Mount Holly and Burlington.

Then they started evangelistic meetings in a senior citizens' center in January. With great anticipation, they invited friends, family members and strangers—then supported the meetings by attending and leading out with their personal talents.

On February 20, seven were baptized. The next week seven more were baptized.

One of the baptisms was a surprise to everyone, even Pastor Norman Zimmerman. Adrienne Boyles planned to be baptized, but her husband, Alfredo, joined the baptismal procession at the last minute; he wanted to set the example as the head of his family.

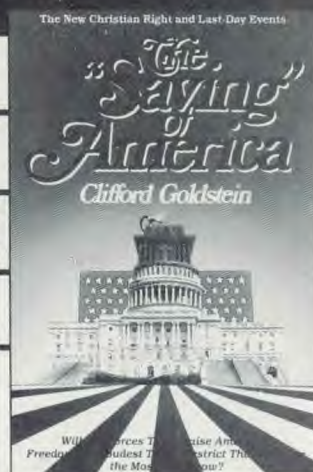
By April, membership had grown to more than 50, and the group was an official church in the New Jersey Conference.

NORMAN ZIMMERMAN
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Names and addresses are needed for evangelistic series

A six-week evangelistic series and field school of evangelism will be held in Rochester, NY, by William McNeil, Atlantic Union ministerial secretary and evangelist, July 10-August 27. Any who have names and addresses of former members, non-Adventist friends, relatives and contacts in the Rochester area may send them to add to the invitation list. Please forward them to: Atlantic Union Ministerial Association, P.O. Box 1189, South Lancaster, MA 01561.

Takoma Park church presents "Jonah and the Whale"

The Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church Community Sacred Concert Series presents "Jonah and the Whale," featuring the Nevilla Ottley Singers, on Sabbath, May 21, at 3:30 p.m. This premiere Washington-area performance of Dominick Argento's contemporary classic will be directed by Nevilla Ottley. For information, call (202) 829-4800.

Ohio churches celebrate 100th anniversaries

The Toledo First church will mark its 100th anniversary the weekend of May 6-7. Dan Matthews of *Christian Lifestyle Magazine* will be the featured speaker at 3 o'clock Sabbath afternoon. All former pastors, associate pastors and members are invited to come to all services. For more information, call (419) 882-6200.

Also celebrating its centennial May 7 will be the East Liverpool congregation. All former members are encouraged to come and share in the fellowship. Harold Roy, a former pastor of the church, will speak at the 11:30 a.m. service, which will be followed by a fellowship meal, a time of reminiscing on God's leading through the years, vespers and a social program. For further information, call Pastor Kirk King at (216) 386-6274.

Division searches for Harvest 90 posters

Twelve pieces of original artwork are needed for a heritage calendar as part of the Harvest 90 Education Project Poster Search. Each artist whose work is chosen will receive \$100, and the search is open to church school and academy students in three categories: grades 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12. Artwork must be 24"x16" and mounted on a horizontal poster board. All entries must be received by the conference office of education by May 16. For further information, contact your local superintendent or the North American Division Office of Education at (202) 722-6413.

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Charles Town church
hosts homecoming Sabbath

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Lehigh Valley school
slates spring convocation

The Lehigh Valley Seventh-day Adventist School in Whitehall, PA, will hold its spring convocation on Sabbath, May 7. Following Sabbath school at 9:30 a.m., Winton Beaven will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service. The Pine Forge Academy Choir will perform at 1:30, followed by a second sermon by Beaven at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (215) 435-8573.

Reynoldsborg holds
Church Singles Day

Ohio Adventist Singles Ministries will sponsor Church Singles Day at the Reynoldsborg church near Columbus May 7. All singles are welcome to attend. A potluck dinner will follow the 10 a.m. worship service. Evening activities will be held at the Worthington activity center and include a musical program, a box social and roller skating. For more information, call Carol Green at (614) 436-8315 or Ellen Wilkes at (614) 431-3578.

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Cincinnati	8:35	8:42	8:48
Cleveland	8:29	8:36	8:43
Columbus	8:31	8:38	8:44
Jersey City	7:57	8:04	8:11
Norfolk	7:58	8:04	8:09
Parkersburg	8:24	8:31	8:37
Philadelphia	8:00	8:07	8:13
Pittsburgh	8:20	8:27	8:34
Reading	8:04	8:11	8:17
Richmond	8:03	8:10	8:16
Roanoke	8:14	8:20	8:26
Scranton	8:05	8:12	8:19
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