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## UNGRATEFUL OLD MAN AND MY HUNGRY EGO



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I was angry. "What right does that old man have to be upset because I put salad dressing on his salad?" I fumed.

Once a month I minister to the homeless in the name of Jesus, but sometimes it's just another item on my routine list: attend meetings, produce programs, write letters. And oh, yes, Saint Vincent's again. OK. Send another memo. Reserve the van. Cancel tennis. "Just another day in paradise," sings Phil Collins.

On one of these trips, I took my place at the serving window between the kitchen and dining hall, where behind me students prepared trays with hot food and in front men with vacant stares stood in a line holding little yellow tickets.

A man handed me his ticket. And I handed him a tray with spaghetti, a roll and tossed salad. "You should have served me instead of him. He broke in ahead of me," he declared in an angry voice. "And I didn't want dressing on my salad. Doesn't anyone listen anymore?" He grabbed his tray and moved off without saying "Thank you."

"Ungrateful old man," I thought. "You ought to be thankful for the free food and service."

Then the Holy Spirit spoke to me. "Why are you here? To be the hands of Christ or to be appreciated?" I didn't like the question, but I had to admit, yes, I wanted this man to be grateful I had filled his tray. I didn't really care that he wanted me to "hold the mayo."

The man with the empty stomach just wanted to be heard by the minister with the hungry ego.

God used this homeless man to touch me and say, "Listen! That's what I want you to do for people. You are not just filling empty cups in a soup kitchen; you are filling empty souls with the Water of Life. You do that by listening to them."

"They need someone to listen, to care, whether it's about a grief too heavy to bear or personal preference of food. It makes them feel wanted, important, valuable. It gives them the courage to keep on going. It lets them know that I love them, and they are important to Me."

"And by the way, when was the last time you let me fill your cup?"

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# VISION 2000

## Vision 1:

The local church will be the central focus and driving force of the denomination.

## Vision 2:

The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.

## Vision 3:

Church fellowship will be so vibrant that member retention will improve and conflict over lifestyle issues will decrease.

## Former hostage thanks Adventists

Former hostage Joseph Ciccipio and his brother, Thomas, were surprise guests at the Grace Tabernacle church in Norristown, Pennsylvania, on Sabbath, February 8. Theirs was not a regular visit; they had come to say "thank you" to this Allegheny East congregation.

Conference Communication Director Robert Booker stated that Joseph Ciccipio, former acting comptroller at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, was kidnapped on September 12, 1986, and then held captive by a group known as the Revolutionary Justice Organization for 1,908 days.

His brother kept a vigil by erecting a sign in front of his house with the names of Joseph and the other American hostages, as well as changeable dates and numbers to indicate the length of stay for each captive.

The church became involved with the Ciccipios when it was announced on the news that Joseph's captors had set a date

for his execution. Members held a prayer vigil for Ciccipio on the night before he was supposed to die. The hostage's life was spared, and a fellowship was formed between the Ciccipio family and the congregation when members took food to the household and told them of their continued prayers.

Upon Joseph's release in December, several members at Grace Tabernacle were interviewed on TV with Thomas.

On the morning of February 8 Thomas said to Joseph, "Let's go to church today." Joseph asked, "Where would you go on Saturday?" Thomas replied it was time "to visit the Seventh-day Adventist church that has been praying for you."

Walter Starks, conference stewardship director, was guest speaker, and his topic happened to be "The Three Angels' Messages." The Ciccipio brothers stayed for the entire service and expressed their thanks for the "faith of this church" and for God, who holds the destiny of the world in His hands.

## FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



**Holly Litten, Sligo, Potomac.** An 11-year-old sixth-grader at the Sligo elementary school in Takoma Park, Maryland, Holly was baptized in February of 1991 by Associate Pastor Norma Osborn.



**Dale Litten, Sligo, Potomac.** Dale, a 13-year-old eighth-grade student, was baptized by Associate Pastor Ron Hychuk in February of 1992, a year after his sister, Holly, joined the church.



**Andrew Carmichael, Germantown Philadelphia, Allegheny East.** August of 1991 was when Andrew was baptized as a result of attending the Last Days Revival conducted by Oscar Lane.



**Cathy Granato, Philadelphia Boulevard, Pennsylvania.** Now an active member of the church she has been attending for the past seven years, Cathy was baptized during June of 1991.



**Dorothea Chavious, Germantown Philadelphia, Allegheny East.** Dorothea was one of 16 persons who were baptized in August of 1991 as a result of Oscar Lane's Last Days Revival series.



**Kenny Puffenbarger, Franklin, Mountain View.** With his wife, Sandy, Kenny attended an evangelistic series held by Pastor Ron Patterson and then was baptized during September of 1991.



**Sandy Puffenbarger, Franklin, Mountain View.** Pastor Ron Patterson baptized Sandy and her husband, Kenny, in September of 1991 after they attended a crusade Patterson conducted.



# Bambi Buckets

DICK DUERKSEN

Wayne Beltz flies helicopters into forest fires. Tucked under his chopper is a bucket filled with water. From 50 to 200 gallons of glorious fire extinguisher flying above the trees in a container labeled simply "Bambi Bucket."

I imagine that more than a few "Bambies" are joyfully bouncing through green forests because that airborne bucket doused a hungry fire just across the meadow. A gift from above, making life possible below.

If men can find such a simple way to save Bambi's life, I wonder what creative ways God is using to save the lives of His creatures—the lives of you and me. I wonder how He is sending "gifts from above, making life possible below."

◆ **He's given us a book filled with words that work miracles of life.**

I hear the weeping words of King David, wishing to trade lives with Absalom, his renegade son. In the agony of the king's voice I hear the love my God has for me. He, just like David, willingly throws His life away—so that I might experience the fullness of His love.

I hear the aged energy of Joshua proclaiming, "Everything God promised, He has done!" Maybe one of God's more effective "Bambi Buckets" is simply His consistent follow-through. He is trustworthy. What He says He will do, *He will do!*

I hear the Creator's friendly invitation, "Look, I don't have anything else on my calendar for Sabbath. How about spending the day with me? We'll have a great time together!"

And a Sabbath together can be like a blood transfusion for both of us.

◆ **He's given us Jesus Himself, a being whose every moment proclaims the loveliness of the Father.**

He's *human*. His skin has rubbed against my skin. He has stubbed His toes, blown about in the wind and shivered in the cold just as I have. Yet His eyes are filled with a peace that I seldom enjoy.

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He's God. Totally. Equally. Identifiably. God.

He's *mine*. God Himself, delivered in the wrappings of humanity, presenting me with the better way to live. Openly offering a living alternative to the enemy's gifts of fraud, death and destruction.

His alternative? Life as God Himself lives it! And not just by following a mailed-out manual of difficult instructions. He is showing me how to live it. And offering all the power and wisdom necessary to make it happen.

Not a bad "Bambi Bucket."

◆ **He's showing a visible concern for the quality of my life.**

He made grass a cool and restful green. He gave cardinals a song that turns winter into spring. He put soft pettable fur on kittens, long lappy tongues on dogs and jail house stripes on zebras.

He also made artichokes, durien (I'm not sure why), zucchini, pears,

lettuce, potatoes, hominy and corn on the cob.

When He created the first hill of cucumbers I'm sure He dropped in one dill seed. And as the dill stalk grew tall He chuckled with anticipation, "One of these days a creative lady is going to put these two together and make the whole world a more succulent place!"

Even as the waters drained from the heights of Ararat, God started mapping out great ski slopes, brilliant coral reefs, flowering deserts and the Appalachians.

And He put skin on lovers.

All gifts from above, to make my life below worth living.

◆ **And He is eager to be involved with us in a personal way.**

Imagine the Universal Designer asking if it would be OK for Him to join me as I comb my hair. As I lead in family Bible study. As I battle with the brakes on the car. As I live.

He could be playing golf on Pluto.

But He has chosen to be here, beside me, offering me the best piece of the pie—covering two pieces with whipped cream and then joining me in *living*.

◆ **"Bambi Buckets."**

There's much more. All of it calculated to keep the raging fires of an angry angel's hate from drawing us in. All of it timed to perfectly frustrate the enemy. All of it personally designed for me. For you.

Gifts from above, making *real life* possible here below.

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*Dick Duerksen is editor of the Visitor.*



# Sorensen

## leaves CUC presidency

PATRICIA NASH

N. Clifford Sorensen, whom many have considered the premier education administrator in the Adventist church, will leave the presidency of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, at the end of the school year because of health reasons.

After consultation with his family and medical personnel, Sorensen realized that he must carry a less stressful assignment in order to recover from health concerns that have become apparent over the last several months.

"I deeply regret the need for this

decision, which has been a very difficult one," Sorensen wrote in a letter to CUC faculty and staff.

After serving for 28 years in the administration of Adventist education, Sorensen plans to return to the classroom where he will share this expertise with students. Beginning in the summer term, he will be professor of education and psychology at Atlantic Union College in South



Lancaster, Massachusetts. "He's a good teacher," Betty Sorensen says of her husband. "Teaching is lots of fun, and he loves it."

This decision has been difficult for both of the Sorensens. "We had planned to stay at CUC until we retired, and to not be able to fill that term is especially hard," Sorensen said. "It is absolutely amazing that one can develop such an enormous loyalty to an institution in such a short time."

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During the Columbia Union College Senate in March, tribute was paid to Dr. Clifford Sorensen for his many contributions to CUC during the past two years, including but by no means restricted to the following:

1. The energy and consistency he has demonstrated in working for the college's interests with its constituencies, particularly with the Board of Trustees, church leaders at many levels and local church members in the Mid-Atlantic region. Specifically, we note the effectiveness of his campaign to free the college of its debt, the significant effort put forward in the attempt to win aid from the State of Maryland, and his success in communicating with CUC's accrediting body.

2. The respect he has shown for the educational process as evidenced by these actions:

- a. Active involvement in the creation and operation of the CUC Senate and the new governance structure of which it is a part;
- b. Encouraging the to review many of its practices, ranging from graduation policies to faculty attendance at professional conventions;
- c. And, by committing himself to projects aimed at improving campus morale during tough times; specifically, for re-instituting the faculty/staff retreat, for providing special equipment grants for faculty use, by arguing—in settings outside the college—for increased salaries for CUC faculty and staff, for supporting women and other members of minority groups at all levels—from students to vice presidents.

3. For being a Christian role model of unquestioned integrity, deeply caring not only for Christian education, but also for many individual students, faculty and staff.

ROY BENTON  
*Math Department Chair*

CUC's President Cliff and wife Betty Sorensen opened their home and hearts to students, faculty and administrators of the school. The Sorensens will leave the Takoma Park, Maryland, area at the end of the current school term, announced Columbia Union President and CUC Board Chair Ron M. Wisbey. "Dr. and Mrs. Sorensen will be greatly missed by those of us who have been so closely associated with them," he said. "We will always be indebted to them for their caring concern for Columbia Union College and the educational ministry." Photo by Dennis Crews.



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Betty Sorensen said she will miss many lovely friends and a wonderful position as nurse in the orthopedic unit of nearby Washington Adventist Hospital. "We love this place, and we love the people here," she said. "We are sad to go."

Leaving Columbia Union College does not keep the Sorensens from giving the college their full support. "I want to tell parents the same thing I told them last year," Sorensen said.

"CUC is a good college. Students can get the foundation for anything they aspire to achieve in life. They can be successful."

Sorensen said his dreams for the college's future include shedding the debt and becoming solvent. He also hopes the school will take advantage of its unique opportunity to offer programs that utilize the local resources, such as political and social science and fine arts.

Cultural diversity is another element that Sorensen said is a wonderful part of the college. "The diversity of African-American, Asian, Hispanic and other nationalities present here teaches us to appreciate and understand our differences and, therefore, our strengths," he said.

Sorensen became CUC's 16th president two years ago, following William Loveless's 12-year tenure. Sorensen has served at virtually every level of the Seventh-day Adventist educational system. He was president of Walla Walla College in College Place, Washington, from 1976-1985 and vice president for academic affairs at Walla Walla from 1975-76. He chaired the education and psychology departments at WWC from 1972-76 and has served as a conference education superintendent, an associate union conference education director and principal of two academies.

He also served as executive secretary to the North American Division Board of Higher Education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and as president of the British Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Ron M. Wisbey, president of the Columbia Union Conference and CUC board chairman, has called the board of trustees together to begin the process of selecting a new president. "Dr. Sorensen is leaving, but please know that his two years with us have been very productive and have allowed us

to meet the challenge of a positive Middle States accreditation visit," said Wisbey. "His vision for Christian education within the Seventh-day Adventist Church has certainly gifted our institution with a 'possibility dream for the future.'"

Sorensen's faith and belief in God's leading hand is readily apparent as he

prepares to leave. "This is the Lord's school," he said. "Our people have a responsibility to support that ministry in every way possible. The Lord will lead the college. He is in charge."

*Patricia Nash is public relations director for Columbia Union College.*

## Columbia Union College being repositioned for 2000 and beyond

This is an unprecedented time of planning and action for Columbia Union College. Four major commissions are working together with the college board in responding to the college's current needs and in creating a new CUC. These groups are moving rapidly and are making recommendations that will truly reposition the college for the year 2000 and beyond.

Each commission has been given a mandate to guide the college in strongly pursuing its spiritual mission and in focusing on its unique strengths. Special emphasis is being placed upon creating a new level of academic excellence and taking advantage of the educational opportunities provided by the campus's location in the rich environment of the nation's capital.

"We can not afford to be just like all other small Christian colleges. We must instead exploit our unique assets and train graduates who are thoroughly prepared to face the challenges of today and tomorrow," says Ron M. Wisbey, chairman of the college board.

The four major Columbia Union College commissions are:

- Commission on CUC's Mission
- Presidential Search Commission
- College Repositioning Commission
- Cultural Diversity Commission

The college board, at its May 21 meeting, will begin considering reports and recommendations from each of the commissions.



# God cares about

## Nancy's job



### AS TOLD TO RUTH WRIGHT

The Lord really does honor our faith when we trust Him, reports Nancy J. Hindy of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

In 1979 Nancy and her husband, Ray, joined the Parkersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church. Even then they trusted the Lord, but Nancy's work experience in recent months is definite evidence to both her and her church family of her heavenly Father's love and care.

Employed at a local bank through a temporary agency, Nancy was offered a permanent position at a higher rate of pay and with benefits, but there was a catch: she would have to work for three hours on Saturday every six weeks.

Nancy explained that she was an Adventist and could not work on Sabbath. She offered to make up the time or to work on Thursday afternoons, when the bank was considering opening for additional hours. Her

counter-offer was referred to the personnel department.

Nancy and her husband prayed about the situation and shared it with their pastor and church family. The weeks turned into months. Just before Christmas she was told that she would not be hired because of her Sabbath-keeping practices.

While training a new person hired to take her position, Nancy again contacted her pastor, John McGraw, and conference Religious Liberty Director Randall Murphy. Both wrote the bank's personnel officer explaining that it was against civil liberty laws to discriminate against someone because of his or her religious beliefs. Their letters went unanswered.

Nancy was offered a chance for another position at the bank, but unfortunately this position meant working until 6 or 7 p.m. on Fridays. Nancy explained that her Sabbath observance started at sundown Friday and ended at sundown Saturday. Again Nancy offered to come in early and work lunch hours to compensate for leaving before the Sabbath began, but she again was rejected because of Sabbath-keeping. Her last day at the bank was January 31, 1991.

She was saddened but still believed that God would either guide or provide. "Nancy's faith was a lot stronger than mine at this point," said husband Ray.

After three weeks, she was offered a two-week assignment at a local util-

ity. Nancy's interest was piqued because it was the same company where her father worked for 37 years.

Ten months into the two-week assignment, she was offered a chance to test for a permanent job. After taking a battery of tests, Nancy passed with flying colors.

In January 1992, a three-person panel interviewed her. One question was, "Have you ever been asked by an employer to do something that was against your ethic, moral or religious beliefs, and how did you handle it?" Nancy explained her previous ordeal at the bank.

"I just knew after answering that question that I had the job," she said, instinctively feeling this was the direction God had been leading her.

Almost exactly one year after Nancy had been turned down at the bank, she was given another position that left her Sabbaths free at about twice the salary she would have made if she'd stayed at the bank and with much better benefits!

Thinking over the past year, Nancy remembers the special times the Lord guided and helped her, such as when her son, Nathan, showed her a math problem he learned in school a few days before the tests. It was something Nancy had never been taught, but it was on her tests.

Her new boss's wife is a Seventh Day Baptist, so he was sympathetic to Sabbath-keeping.

Though the first three problems on the math portion of the test contained symbols she had never seen before, she passed the entire math section.

Just one week after she became a permanent employee, the company put into effect a 24-month hiring freeze that may extend to an additional 12 months.

Some might call these events coincidences. Nancy believes that they are small miracles—evidences of the Lord's love and guidance.

*Ruth Wright is director of communication for the Mountain View Conference.*



# The CZECH connection

TONY MAVRAKOS



During the crusade, several Czechoslovakians took advantage of every opportunity possible to dialog with Evangelist Tony Mavrakos. On March 21, Mavrakos returned to Czechoslovakia to baptize and share more of God's teachings with the new saints. He will also assist the people in forming the second Adventist church in Kosice. *Photo by John Benko.*

Roger Weiss calls it "The Miracle of Kosice." Right now the "door of opportunity" is open in Czechoslovakia, and members of the Potomac Conference have walked through it with the first evangelistic effort since the Communists took over the country in the 1940s.

In Czechoslovakia, religious freedoms have been suppressed and controlled as a state religion under the political power of the Catholic church. The Communists pulled out about two years ago and left a ravaged country with people in spiritual poverty, hungering for answers and hope.

During January and February, hope was fed to the people as manna from heaven instead of politics from man. We rented the largest hall in the city of 225,000, which was the former Slovakian Communist headquarters, ironically called "The White House."

One thousand atheists, agnostics, former Communists, confused and questioning students and professionals and their children heard the Word of God proclaimed nightly. Each one had a Bible sent by the Potomac Conference, and they proudly and carefully flipped through the pages as references were given.

Many of the participants told me they "came to find God." Peter, who attended the first night, handed me a note. It read, "I am an atheist, and I believe that the Bible was written for crazy people. My god is myself, my friends and the state."

To my surprise, Peter attended nightly and one evening gave me one of his dear books about Slovakia on which he had inscribed, "To my good friend, Tony, who helped me to see Greater Light. Thank you very much. Your friend forever and ever, Peter." What a present! He received the gift of God's unending love, and I received the gift of a new brother in Christ.

Peter's experience is just one of many stories of miracles. God blessed the meetings. People walked nightly in snow, sleet and rain to crowd the room. When every seat was filled, they chose to stand rather than be turned away. There were more than 500 decisions for Christ, 300 want to be baptized, 330 are willing to keep the Sabbath, and more than 250 are anxious to establish a new Seventh-day Adventist church. Praise God!

Please do not forget to support this great work with your finances and prayers. You may not be able to take a vacation to minister to your brothers and sisters in Europe as John Benko did, but you can give generously to supply Bibles, pay rent for the new church, provide much-needed Sabbath school supplies and help this impoverished church financially.

*Tony Mavrakos is the evangelist for the Potomac Conference.*

During camp meeting in June 1991, Potomac Conference members took the challenges of Global Mission to their hearts and pocketbooks. They adopted Czechoslovakia as their mission field—to carry the gospel to every man, woman and child within that nation. Their commitment is largely supported by special giving through Potomac's Sabbath schools.

Potomac President Ralph Martin believes the far-reaching commitment has greatly enhanced awareness in his field for the broader mission of the church. "It has renewed an interest in the world Seventh-day Adventist Church and its mission," Martin said. "One of the first questions that is asked of me in each and every church I visit is 'How are things in Czechoslovakia?'"

Early this year, Potomac Conference Evangelist Tony Mavrakos, Roger Weiss, Potomac's evangelism coordinator, and John Benko, a lay member of the Meadowbridge church in Mechanicsville, Virginia, traveled to Kosice, Czechoslovakia, to conduct a six-week evangelistic crusade. Benko used his vacation time to minister through music and teach conversational English to the people there.

Potomac's mission involvement has extended to its boarding academy in New Market, Virginia. The Shenandoah Valley Academy band and choir traveled to eastern Czechoslovakia on March 24 to be with Evangelist Mavrakos during his meeting.



## OHIO

### Hamilton church holds special friendship banquet

The social committee of the Hamilton church, headed by Dianne Northcutt, converted the church gymnasium into the Red Heart Cafe one Sunday afternoon for a friendship banquet.

Decorations included red hearts and placemats. The menu consisted of lasagna and spaghetti, garlic bread, a salad bar, drink and dessert.

Pastor Walter Sherman stated that "everyone enjoyed an afternoon of good fellowship and good food, a combination that can't be beat."

JUDY NORTHCUTT  
*Communication Secretary*

## WORLD CHURCH

### Overwhelming response fills care packages

More than 300 pounds of Christmas cheer went into care packages shipped to volunteers teaching English in China, according to Treva Burgess, who works with the International Teacher Service.

This past September, 50 teachers arrived in Macau and the People's Republic of China to teach English courses at 26 colleges and universities as a part of the East Asia Committee's Teachers for China program.

College graduates from France, England, New Zealand, Finland, Canada and the United States, the volunteers range in age from 19 to 72.

Because the teachers are often isolated from other Adventists or westerners, an appeal was made to General Conference and North American Division staffers to donate items for the care packages to be sent to the teachers.

Cakes, cookies, candy, packages of hot chocolate and spiced cider, shaving cream and toothpaste were among the items included in the packages. Real popcorn was used for packing.

The response from the staff was overwhelming, Burgess stated, with donated items covering the desk as well as spilling over onto several chairs in the office of Maurice Bascom, director of the International Teacher Service.

Staff members also brought in used copies of news magazines and *Reader's Digest* to send on to the teachers.

Run on a volunteer basis, the Teachers for China program provides teachers only a minimal stipend.



Treva Burgess is surrounded by the donations given by church employees for volunteer teachers in China.

Antonio and Lenoa Rios of Beltsville, Maryland, left in 1991 as the first to go under the auspices of the Teachers for China emphasis of the East Asia Committee.

RICK KAJIURA  
*General Conference News Department*

## OHIO

### Vegetarian cooking school draws 100 attendees

"My church doesn't do anything like this," said a woman who was one of 100 attendees at the Warren church's vegetarian cooking school held this past fall.

The church fellowship hall was literally packed with enthusiastic and inter-

ested people. Local members came to support and help, but two-thirds of the people attending were non-members.

Sal and Laura La Rosa led out in the cooking school for four evenings on Mondays and Thursdays for two weeks. Entrees, lunches, desserts and breakfasts were the four major topics. Sal gave the health lectures, while Laura demonstrated a few of the recipes handed out.

"We've gained many friends and good public relations due to this program," said Pastor Bob Maehre. "We've brought into our fellowship at least one person who attended the cooking school," which was well promoted on television and radio and in newspapers. None of this advertising cost the church a penny, just the effort to get it in the right hands for airing as public service announcements.

"Keeping in contact with those who came is important," said Sal. "We really care for all these people," he continued, "and would like to give them not only health now but eternally."

The caring attitude and good content kept attendance high. Also, delicious samples of most of the printed recipes handed out and slide-tape programs on health added to the enthusiasm.

Helping people with their health is the "right arm of the message" and also helps break down prejudice. The Warren church hopes to have many more programs like this one.



## POTOMAC

Sixth-graders (from left) Kristyn Bronson, Elizabeth Moore, Gina John, Holly Hoskinson and Melanie Dhason, who attend the Sligo elementary school in Takoma Park, Maryland, prepare casseroles for "shut-ins" on Community Service Day. The girls, along with youngsters from grades five through eight, also participated in donating substantial food gifts for 15 "adopted" families.



**ALLEGHENY WEST****Two West Virginia churches meet together for fellowship**

The worship service held on January 11 at the Berea church in Charleston, West Virginia, was a joyous Sabbath occasion because the Shiloh congregation from Huntington, West Virginia, joined the local believers for fellowship.

The Sabbath school program began with Superintendent Lloyd Lockett presenting a question-and-answer theme entitled, "Touching Lives That Hurt." Ramona Lockett, personal ministries director and assistant superintendent, presented a reading on the van ministries of inner-city Cleveland, Ohio.

Pastor L. Johnson of the visiting Shiloh church gave the Sabbath school lesson, and all the music was presented by Shiloh members. Pastor Derrick Moffett preached during the divine worship service, and all hearts were warmed as he discussed a "Lesson for the Lame."

A fellowship dinner was then served at the home of Pastor David Fryson.

**CHESAPEAKE****Mount Aetna Pathfinders help the cold and hungry**

To the cold and hungry who walk the streets of downtown Hagerstown, Maryland, the Mount Aetna Pathfinders, with their hot soup, hearty sandwiches and thick, cozy blankets for the taking, come as a welcome relief. And the youngsters delivering the items feel twice as blessed as those who receive.



Members of the pre-teen group and their unit counselor, Linda Brinegar, help the homeless with a chuck wagon service.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Adventist principals recently visited the Pennsylvania Senate during one of their six yearly meetings. The participants included: (front row) Senator John Shumaker, 15th district; Dave Roberts, Valley View school; George Kelly, Harrisburg school; Ann Trout, Lancaster school; Thomas Francis, Havertown school; and Vaughn Jennings, Blue Mountain elementary school; (middle row) Joel McQuistan, Mifflintown school; Agnes Eroh, associate superintendent; Edward Price, Endless Mountain school; and Donald Krpalek, Stroudsburg school; (back row) Edris Habig, Fair Oaks school; Beverly Boyer, Greater Pittsburgh Junior Academy; Charles Rutt, Lehigh Valley school; James Stephan, superintendent; and Ron Andrus, Irvin Comstock school.

The Chuck Wagon Service for the Homeless and Needy grew out of these children's desire to do something that would help people from the community. Erin Tyler, age 9, said, "I know I have things better than the homeless. I want to help them have more."

Each Sabbath a group of Pathfinders crams into a recreational vehicle for the chance to participate. Adults from local churches who want to share in the venture volunteer soup and sandwiches.

Although the Pathfinders started the chuck wagon service to help ease homeless persons through the cold of winter, Pathfinder Director Tony Crouch stated that the club members want to continue volunteering as long as there is a need.

Forty-five Pathfinders and 12 staff members currently make up the Mount Aetna Pathfinder club, which has representatives from the Willow Brook, Hagerstown, Waynesboro, Highland View Academy, Williamsport and Spencerville Korean churches.

Laurie Gust

Communication Secretary  
Willow Brook Church

**NEW JERSEY****Church leaders plan for growing Sabbath school**

Sabbath school growth and renewal were the focal points of discussion by New Jersey church leaders in their quarterly meeting on February 8.

Calvin Smith from the General Conference church ministries department presented field-proven plans and ideas for Sabbath school renewal. The church leaders were divided into small groups for round-table discussions on problem solving and plan-making projections.

Across the country and around the world, Sabbath schools that implement the suggested changes of format as well as programs are experiencing increased participation and doubling of attendance and evangelistic results.

New Jersey church leaders expressed deep appreciation for this program and asked that conference Ministerial Director Ron Gladden plan further training programs on Sabbath school renewal in future meetings.





George Gainer, campus chaplain, talks with CUC students who have joined the newly established Circle of Prayer.

Speakers during the week were Manny Wyman of Oberlin, Ohio; Patrick Beadle of Randallstown, Maryland; Jose Cortes of Mount Holly, New Jersey; Meredith Wile of York, Pennsylvania; Milind Borge of Brentwood, Maryland; Ollyce Cheatham of Dover, Delaware; John Donovan of Takoma Park, Maryland; Darlene Schoonover of Kettering, Ohio; Kathy Maldonado of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Vester Gravley of Forestville, Maryland.

After every week of prayer meeting, Gainer invited students to come forward for the "Circle of Prayer," a time to pray for personal and campus concerns. Each time 20 to 30 new students joined the group, and at the students' request, the Circle of Prayer will continue each Wednesday after the weekly chapel program.

### **CUC** **Students attend and present week of prayer**

The most recent week of prayer held at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, featured several students taking candidly with fellow students.

From January 13-18, 10 students presented the Word by following the theme, "In the Light of the Cross." Dozens of other students took part by leading the song service, praying and sharing scripture with the daily congregation.

Mark Feldbush, student association spiritual vice president, along with college Chaplain George Gainer, organized these meetings. "When the students do the speaking, their peers within the audience listen carefully," Gainer stated. "Student speakers know what the issues are, and they know where their audience is. I was really blessed by the week."

### **POTOMAC**

#### **Accreditation given to Shenandoah Valley Academy**

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, through its commission on secondary schools, has awarded accreditation to Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia.

Regional accreditation is based on an evaluation of the total school to determine if it meets not only the needs of the students and community, but also the standards of quality of the commission.

This evaluation process includes a self-study by the school and a review by a visiting committee of professional educators who represent the association's member secondary schools.

The purpose of the Southern Association accreditation is not to rate schools, but to allow for diversity among schools and to improve the quality of education.

Each member school must carry on a continuing program of improvement and to maintain its accreditation must submit annual reports and undergo periodic re-evaluation.

Because the association is a non-governmental agency, membership is voluntary, and control of the schools is left in the hands of the local community or independent governing board.

SVA Principal Dean Hunt and Randy Graves, chairman of the academic standards committee, went to New Orleans in December to accept the certificate of accreditation.

**WILLIAM STRICKLAND**  
*Public Relations Director*

### **ALLEGHENY EAST**

#### **Local church plans today for tomorrow's needs**

The Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C., pledged to make its school affordable to all members' children.

Church officers were invited to a special town meeting. Commitments were made to continue or to start returning a faithful tithe and a liberal local offering. On February 8, 400 of its 1,541 members filled out commitment sheets. The church has an average attendance between 900 to 1,000 members.

This past February, the church took in the largest offering ever received during that month. The total offering came to \$158,211, of which \$111,132 was for tithe and \$31,779 church expense. The offering during February of 1991 was \$106,352, of which \$71,924 was tithe and \$18,534 church expense.

The church treasurer stated that he expected present economic conditions, with layoffs, furloughs and a growing number of retirees, to start a trend of decreasing contributions in the church. However, just the opposite has taken place. He is sure that faithfulness to the Lord still pays in all situations.

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Small school receives physical support from church members**

Faced with the challenge of operating a church school that has only five students, Coudersport church members ranging in age from 3 to 73 spend their Sunday mornings hard at work cutting, splitting and stacking wood.

The goal: 150 face cords of firewood to help offset school operation costs for the 1991-92 academic year, according to teacher David Morgan.

**JEANETTE REESE**  
*Communication Secretary*





### MOUNTAIN VIEW

Charleston, West Virginia, volunteers help unload fruit each month to raise funds for their church school. During this past academic year, the citrus program brought in \$17,000. Wanda Hayes and Lena McKemy direct the fruit sales.

### NEW JERSEY

#### Global Mission is "on call" in Dennis

Sunday, February 16, was the grand opening of the newest Community Services center in New Jersey.

The Parkway South church, under the leadership of Pastor Cordell Reiner and Director Yvonne Wood, welcomed the mayors of Woodbine as well as Upper and Dennis townships to the opening, which was well attended.

Free blood pressure checks were administered by Dotty Lasisi, a nurse at Tomlin Memorial Hospital, and Steve Chambers from the Upper Township Rescue Squad.

The center is open each Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but is "on call" seven days a week.

### POTOMAC

#### Buena Vista church redecorates with Jesus in mind

Under the direction of former Pastor Mike Stevenson and an appointed decorating committee, the Buena Vista, Virginia, church was totally refurbished.

The color scheme was derived from the beautiful stained glass windows of the church, which was built in 1958.

The walls were painted a soft mauve throughout the sanctuary and the classrooms, giving a feeling of spaciousness. The foyer was enlarged by setting back a hall wall. A large mirror was installed on the foyer wall to reflect light and add to the feeling of openness.

New carpet was purchased for the sanctuary. Oak entrance doors were installed to match the wood used in the new pews, communion table and pulpit.

Stevenson and the decorating committee were careful to include suggestions from all church members. It was

important to this committee that a comfortable and friendly atmosphere be created in which members and visitors feel they are part of the family of God.

The Buena Vista church was rededicated to the Lord on February 8 with visitors from several neighboring congregations in attendance.

SHIRLEY LEECH  
*Decorating Committee*

### ALLEGHENY WEST

#### Smyrna church shares food in Lynchburg

The Ushers and Dorcas Society from the Smyrna church put on a pre-holiday dinner for the less fortunate of Lynchburg, Virginia, on November 24.

Nearly 60 people were served a hot meal while entertained by piano music. Meals were delivered to some sick people and shut-ins, also. Transportation was available for anyone wanting to come. Church literature was given to all.

VERNETTA CLARK  
*Communication Secretary*

### COLUMBIA UNION MARKETING

#### Union school leaders study marketing plans for higher education

Making successful marketing a reality in the management of Seventh-day Adventist schools was the theme of an advanced marketing seminar sponsored for Columbia Union school leaders at the union headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, March 23-25.

More than 100 people representing 34 schools within the union—as well as some from Florida and Mississippi—came together to learn how to effectively market their schools. Under the guidance of facilitators Dick Duerksen, vice president for communication, marketing and creative ministries in the Columbia Union, and Keith Murray, assistant professor of marketing from Northeastern University, participants honed skills in how to enhance opportunities for greater marketing success. They also learned such useful affirmation as "great visions do not have to vaporize."

"We are very pleased with the commitment of participants and their broad representation for better education," said Duerksen. "Those who came were from three nearly equal groups: about one-third teachers, one-third school board members and one-third pastors."

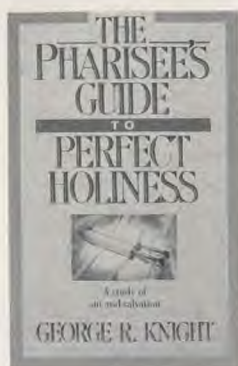
Customer service was a major focus of the seminar. A number of participant schools created drafts of a service philosophy, committing to finding new ways to truly meet the needs of students, parents and friends. "If an institution wants to create a caring, responsive environment for its students, it must review and revise all aspects of campus life affecting the quality of a student's experience on campus," said Duerksen. "The major challenge presented in the section on student retention grew out of this customer focus."

"Students are seeking a role model that is visibly in touch with the Lord," Duerksen added. "That's what we try to encourage as we challenge schools to be more customer-oriented. We want to help kids experience something more real as the school, church and home work together for our youth."

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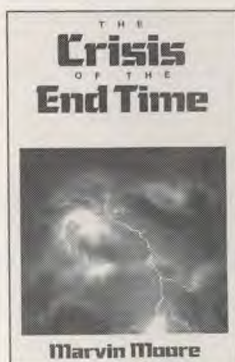
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Cleveland	8:01	8:09	8:16
Columbus	8:05	8:12	8:19
Jersey City	7:30	7:37	7:45
Norfolk	7:35	7:41	7:47
Parkersburg	7:59	8:05	8:12
Philadelphia	7:34	7:41	7:48
Pittsburgh	7:54	8:01	8:08
Reading	7:37	7:44	7:52
Richmond	7:40	7:46	7:53
Roanoke	7:50	7:56	8:03
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