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ALLEGHENY EAST *Expose*

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What's happening around Allegheny East

School Starts

Pine Forge Academy
Pine Forge, PA

August 16 - registration

August 17 - orientation

August 18 - classes begin

Allegheny East Schools
Kindergarten-10th grade

August 24 - classes begin

Columbia Union College
Takoma Park, MD

August 26-29 - 1st year orientation

August 30 - registration

August 31 - classes begin

September 3-6

First United Laymen's Evangelism
Congress
Atlanta, GA

November 27-29

Church Ministries Convention
Sandy Cove, MD



Alvin Kibble

Anniversaries are for looking ahead

In 1966 the Allegheny Conference voted to be divided into two sections, Allegheny East and Allegheny West. For our 25th anniversary year, camp meeting has been dedicated not to divide, but to reunite the family—the individual family and the church family—for we know that in unity in the family and in the church there is strength.

Our camp meeting theme is one that has been prayerfully chosen because we are asking and pleading for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our members, ministers, teachers, literature evangelists and administrators. In the outpouring at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out when they were all of one accord. The disciples were in the “upper room,” and there was a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind.

Look at the similarities: We are in the mountains of Pennsylvania, we are in one place, and we are praying for one accord. In the letter sent to our members, we asked all to fast and pray on June 26. We are trying to meet the physical requirements for the great outpouring. However, all internal strife in our families and all bickering and arguing in our churches must be resolved, and all hidden iniquities must be confessed before this special prayer can be answered.

Look at the signs around us. God has opened the doors to areas where many wondered if the gospel could ever be preached. Just this past week there were earthquakes in California. We all know about the pestilences that afflict so many in the form of AIDS and cancer. There are wars and rumors of war in some of the European and Asian countries. Famines and unrest have left thousands of young boys homeless in the Sudan. Mozambique is experiencing a physical time of trouble such as never was before. And yes, there is corruption in high places. What's left to be fulfilled? Take a few minutes to read Matthew 24 and Luke 21, and you will see that all that needs to be done is the completion of the gospel to all the world.

Do not hesitate to make your peace, calling and election sure. If you ask, God will give you the courage to make things right and say, “I'm sorry.” If you ask, God will take away the very desire for those habits that so easily beset us. He said: “Ask, and ye shall receive.”

Let's pray, let's ask, let's reunite and—by God's grace—let's finish the work so that our next big anniversary year will be celebrated not on these grounds but in the heavenly campground.

ALVIN KIBBLE
President

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Revival at Philadelphia's Mizpah

Elders from the Mizpah church in Philadelphia recently conducted a three-week community family revival. The speaker during the entire three weeks was Head Elder Malcolm O'Dean.

Whether the attendance was small, medium or large, O'Dean spoke with great vigor, urgently warning the people that now is the appointed time to do what they are going to do for Jesus.

Beautiful music was rendered each

night by soloists and singing groups from various churches. Quizzes were given each night. At the end of the crusade, a \$100 box of groceries was given to the person who brought the most guests during the three weeks.

Two precious souls were baptized by O'Dean on the last day of the crusade.

RUTH WILKERSON

Communication Secretary



Malcolm O'Dean baptizes Benita Bird.

Delaware Valley churches celebrate Ebenezer rededication

The 10 Adventist churches in the Delaware Valley recently celebrated the rededication of Philadelphia's Ebenezer church, "mother" to 10 other churches in Pennsylvania.

A love feast and communion service began the celebration with former Pastor Charles Cheatham, executive secretary of the Allegheny East Conference, leading out. Melvyn Hayden, pastor from 1975 to 1981, delivered the sermon on the first Sabbath.

The Sabbath afternoon rededication program was conducted by Timothy Henderson, the current pastor, and Bernice Banner, the oldest woman in Ebenezer, gave welcome remarks. Banner has witnessed many changes at Ebenezer through its 80-year history.

Meade C. Van Putten, associate treasurer of the North American Division, delivered the rededication address. Van Putten was Allegheny East Conference president when the Ebenezer church

asked for funding through the Columbia Union Revolving Fund. The Ebenezer church choir gave emphasis to Van Putten's theme with "The Lord Be Praised," featuring soloist Joya Foster.

Henderson stated that some members had wanted to leave the 15th and Christian location rather than renovate. The dedication program was a testament to the fact that the majority of members believed Ebenezer should stay in the community and fulfill the mission God had given to it.

The congregation, sitting on rented chairs because the pews had not arrived due to a shipping error, was hushed as the renowned Ebenezer choir filled the newly renovated sanctuary with the melodic strains of "God and God Alone."

Perhaps the most inspiring part of the rededication was the account William Niles, chairman of the renovation committee, gave of the struggles the committee went through to bring the project to its completion. "And even while we celebrate, the project is still not completed. You can tell that because there are no pews," Niles said.

Organized in 1911 as the first black Seventh-day Adventist church in the Philadelphia area, Ebenezer was a part of the East Pennsylvania Conference. During the next 19 years of its existence, Ebenezer changed its location eight times until it purchased the African Methodist Episcopal church located on the corner of 15th and Christian streets in August 1930.



M.C. Van Putten

advised to put a heater in it for the winter. However, the building was purchased without help from the East Penn-



Renovation chairman William Niles received recognition for his hard work, including a hard hat, an appreciation booklet and Tylenol.

sylvania Conference. Willow Grove, 1957; Newtonville, New Jersey, 1960; Germantown, 1970; and Southwest, 1971.

In addition to earlier improvements such as electrical rewiring, new air conditioning, enlargement of the choir loft and painting, 1992 has seen the addition of new carpeting and pews, new rest rooms and an outside ramp to the first floor. Future plans include off-street parking and converting adjacent church property into a church annex with a fellowship hall, dining room, kitchen and offices.

R.L. BOOKER

Communication Director

Four ordained at '92 camp meeting

Donald L. McPhaul

Since he was 8 years old, Don McPhaul has known which path his life would take—to be a radio announcer and to live in Los Angeles.

McPhaul was born August 15, 1949, in Omaha, Nebraska, the second of five children. His real learning took place at the knee of his mother, who loved the Lord and taught him early the value of personal communion with God and the "golden" rule.

After high school, McPhaul joined the United States Air Force in 1967 as a medic, serving duty in Vietnam during the last of his four years. While stationed in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1967, he met Gladys Taylor of Kansas City, Kansas, and the two were married in June of 1968. They have been blessed with four children: Leighton, 23, now married to Cheryl (Patton) from Hunts-

ville, Alabama; Eldridge, 22; Benjamin, 15; and Ashlei, 7.

After his service, McPhaul enrolled at the Don Martin School of Radio and Television in Hollywood, California, and soon began his second dream—a broadcasting career. Starting at KACY radio in Oxnard, California, he moved to program director of WOL in Washington D.C., KGFJ in Los Angeles and KKTT in Los Angeles. In 1975, while at KDAY in Los Angeles, he earned a coveted “Gavin Award” as music director of the year.

Capitol Records asked McPhaul in 1979 to serve as national promotion director of black product, a job that earned him widespread recognition in the music industry. It was from that position that the Lord called him to the gospel ministry in December of 1981. Nearly two years before, Don and Gladys were led to be baptized into the Adventist church. After leaving Capitol, McPhaul enrolled at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he began his study of theology.

McPhaul and his family moved to Huntsville, Alabama, in 1982, where he entered Oakwood College. While there until his graduation, McPhaul served as general manager of WOCG-FM, the college radio station and, under his leadership, WOCG became the full-time radio ministry of Oakwood.

McPhaul officially began his ministry in June of 1986 within the Central States Conference pastoring churches in Columbia, Sedalia and Kansas City, Missouri.

His call to serve in the Allegheny East Conference came in October of 1988, when he came to the Capitol Hill church in Washington D.C. as associate pastor. McPhaul is presently pastor of the Community church in Englewood, New Jersey. In addition, he hosts the “Joy of Faith Radio Hour” heard weekly in New York City, Huntsville, Alabama, and Greenville, South Carolina.

In his brief ministry thus far, McPhaul has been blessed to gain international experience conducting evangelistic campaigns in Kinshasa, Zaire; Manchester, England; Perth, Australia; Preston, England; and Melbourne, Australia; as well as a number of cities in the U.S.

His pastoral influences include pastors S.J. Jackson, W.C. Scales Jr., Trevor Fraser, Harold Linsey, Henry M. Wright, Wintley Phipps, T.M. Kelly and C.D. Brooks, as well as his mother, Maggie McPhaul, whose many prayers for him were answered by the Lord before her passing on May 25 of this year.

McPhaul’s hobbies include collecting gospel music, reading, traveling and languages. His favorite biblical character is Paul, whose words in Galatians 2:20 serve as the foundation for his ministry.

Patrick Winston Green

Patrick Winston Green, born in Philadelphia June 16, 1953, felt the call of God to gospel ministry at an early age, but it was while he was working on the docks in Philadelphia in 1981 that God allowed his call to be realized. January of 1982 found Green at Oakwood fulfilling his call. Green graduated with honors in 1985.

After pastoring the Mantua church for one year, Green attended the semi-

Pastor Patrick Green and family



nary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he received his master of divinity degree in 1988.

Green has since served as the pastor of the Glassboro/Salem district in southern New Jersey, where he has conducted two Revelation seminars, a tent effort and two church meetings. From these endeavors more than 25 people have been baptized.

Pastor Green and his wife, Lillian, will celebrate their 19th anniversary in November. Lillian works for the Tri-County Day Care Center in Vineland, New Jersey. They have two children: Dorian, 7; and Patrick, 13.

Green enjoys traveling, reading and basketball. The text anchoring his life is 1 Corinthians 2:9: “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”

Frank E. Legette III

Frank Legette III from Trenton, New Jersey, graduated in theology from Oakwood College in 1980. In 1982 he completed his master’s in religion at Andrews University, specializing in biblical languages. He has begun working on his Ph.D. in New Testament studies at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

Legette’s ministry began at the East Trenton (Ephesus) church in Trenton, New Jersey. The church tripled from 33 to 91 members and, through the generosity of the church, Legette broadcast a radio program from 1983 to 1986.

Currently pastor of the Metropolitan church in Plainfield and the University



Pastor Don McPhaul and family



Pastor Frank Legette and family

Heights church in New Brunswick, New Jersey, Legette is leading the Metropolitan church in a major fund-raising renovation project. University Heights recently relocated to another edifice where they will hold services.

The father of two children, Terri, 20, and Damon, 17, Legette enjoys reading, tennis, volleyball, softball, learning foreign languages and conducting his "Satisfied Singles" seminar. The author of several plays and scripts for Christian motion pictures, his goal is to make Christian movies depicting the three angels' message.

Legette's favorite text is "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths."—*Proverbs 3:5, 6*.

Gary Steven Adams

Adams, born in 1954, was the second of seven children of a Baptist minister,

a family that has been a major influence in his life.

Determined to turn a natural talent into a career of a pro athlete, Adams pursued football for 12 years. He was scouted by the Kansas City Chiefs, but his potential career was abruptly halted in 1976 with an injury.

Realizing that God must have something more for his life, Adams pursued a degree in natural resources management and recreation and became a ranger with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

In 1981, Adams was introduced to the Adventist church by his brother, Derek, and was baptized, a change which led to several pivotal turning points in his life. He met and married Darla Van Putten and soon thereafter lost his job for refusing to work on the Sabbath. After a year of intense soul-searching and encouragement from Pastor John Smith, Adams answered God's call to the ministry. In 1984 Gary enrolled at Andrews University to pursue a master of divinity degree.

Adams was called to the Allegheny East Conference as an intern in 1988, serving as assistant pastor of the First church in Washington, D.C., under Pastor Melvyn Hayden. He led the New Believers Ministry and helped to chair the church board and raise conference goals.

Since June 1989, Adams has been the first full-time pastor of the Sharon church in Crewe, Virginia. He has held several evangelistic campaigns, reclaimed members and overseen a much-needed church renovation project.

Adams has pioneered a radio ministry in Crewe and has begun a work in Emporia, Virginia, where he will work this summer in the second evangelistic campaign to be held in this unentered area.

Pastor Adams especially enjoys the outdoors, weight-lifting and walking.

Maurice N. Taylor

Maurice Taylor, a native of Snow Hill, Maryland, is the youngest of nine children.

Taylor was convinced of his call to ministry while in his teens, working at his own church in Salisbury, Maryland, as junior/youth Sabbath school teacher, assistant Adventist

Youth leader and Pathfinder director. He spent his summers around the Allegheny East Conference office, working as a groundskeeper and rubbing shoulders with ministers whose lives left an impact on him.

After high school, Taylor worked in construction for many years, saving money to attend Oakwood College. He realized his dream, graduating from Oakwood in 1985 and then receiving his master of divinity degree from Andrews University in 1987.

Taylor officially began his ministry in 1988 as the assistant pastor of North Philadelphia church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he received invaluable instruction and inspiration from his senior pastor, J. Alfred Johnson III. He is grateful for the tutelage and paternal care manifested by Pastor Johnson.

In August 1988, Taylor assumed the pastorate of the Franklin and Suffolk, Virginia, district. His ministry has been a revitalizing force in both congregations. Breathing fresh enthusiasm and spirituality into both senior and youth programs and challenging all segments

of the church to reach new heights has been the most beneficial contribution of his ministry. The caring and evangelistic interest that he brought has flowed as a spring of water to all who have partaken. His assertive attitude can be seen in the physical plant itself.

Taylor serves on the Suffolk Ministerial Alliance as secretary and is one of the chaplains of the Suffolk Police Department.

Pastor Taylor's favorite hobbies are playing basketball and bowling. His sentiment is expressed in his favorite scripture: "Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me."—*Psalm 51:1*.

Maurice met his wife, the former F. Luella Lake, while attending Andrews University. They were married in August of 1988. Luella worked a year in the Central States Conference teaching church school in Kansas City, Kansas. She is currently a science and math high school teacher in the Portsmouth, Virginia, public schools.



Pastor Maurice and Luella Taylor



Pastor Gary Adams and family

Catch the Vision

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Mark Your Calendar



September 4-6

Trailer Owners' Retreat

September 26-28

1992 Workers' Meeting

November 15

Church Officers' Training
Session
Virginia and West Virginia
Roanoke, Virginia

December 6

Church Officers' Training
Session
Northern Ohio and
Pennsylvania
Cleveland, Ohio

December 13

Church Officers' Training
Session
Southern Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

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W.J. Lewis

Support Adventist education in Allegheny West Conference

Christian education is important, and we have a responsibility as members of the family of God to provide a program of Christian education for our youth. "The church has a special work to do in educating and training its children. ... Wherever there are a few Sabbathkeepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed,"—*Counsels for the Church*, page 203.

In a few days school will be open, and I urge each parent and member to ask themselves the following questions:

1. Do we have a church school for our children?
2. Will the young people in our congregation be attending church school for the 1992-93 academic year?
3. As a believer, am I doing my best to support Christian education with my time, talents and treasures?

If the answer to any of these questions is "no," I would suggest that you do the following:

1. Meet with your pastor to discuss your concern for Christian education.
2. Contact parents and other members to enlist their support.
3. Make a commitment of your time, talents and treasures for Christian education.

We can strengthen the Christian education program in the churches throughout the Allegheny West Conference with the support of the parents and members in the conference.

WILLIE J. LEWIS
President

Temple Emmanuel holds health fair

Coordinator Joan Orange, who is also a nurse, said the entire event, especially because of the cooks' enthusiasm, was more than worthwhile. She said she is looking forward to an expanded version--including cholesterol, diabetes and blood pressure screening in the fall.

The healthier Christian is what Gloria Vanderhorst, the church Sabbath school superintendent, was after with a yummy carob dessert. She stated that not only did she forego chocolate, but she also deleted the eggs and cut the sugar. The results were so tasty that one teenage visitor

tried to sweettalk himself into another helping, although "one taste to a customer" was the rule. He didn't succeed.

M. FERGUSON-TINSLEY
Communication Secretary

Pastor returns home to Bethel

On Sabbath, July 4, Julius Jones returned to where he was baptized, the Bethel church in Staunton, Virginia. Jones is currently serving as pastor of the Central church in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has also pastored in California.

His message was taken from Revelation and entitled "We Shall Overcome." Members of Bethel, both family and friends, were glad to see and hear this wonderful message delivered by Jones after he had been away from "home" for 10 years.

THOMAS JOHNSON JR.
Communication Secretary

Berea and Shiloh churches join for communion service

The Berea church of Charleston, West Virginia, and the Shiloh church in Huntington, West Virginia, joined together with visitors for a communion service at Berea on Sabbath morning, June 13.

The morning service began with Superintendent Lloyd Lockett leading out in song service and presenting the Sabbath school mission story. The lesson study was taught by Ronald McCowan. The 11 o'clock service also began with McCowan leading out in the invocation.

McCowan and his wife, Karen, were blessed with the birth of their new son, Ryan Anthony, on June 10. Welcome and announcements were presented by Berea church Clerk Joyce Adkins. The Scripture reading was given by David Fryson, who also introduced visiting guests William and Diana Ferguson of Aston, Virginia. Diana serves on the Allegheny West Conference Committee. Special music was performed by the children's choir. The sermon was presented by the pastor of the



Gloria Vanderhorst, Sabbath school superintendent, gives some healthy sweets to a visitor at the health fair.

The Lord's abundance flowed in the form of delicious food at the first health food fair at the Temple Emmanuel church in Youngstown, Ohio, April 25.

At least 100 food tasters sampled more than 20 varieties of vegetarian meat dishes, sweets and side dishes.

Zebbie Shannon, a Youngstown native and visitor to the church, said the food was enough to bring him and his wife, Shirley, back, perhaps to stay as members now that he knows what the church's stand on healthy eating entails.



Milton Evans, Gloria Kelley and Dorothy Gilmore help at the health fair.

Here's the recipe:

Carob-Filled Walnut-Oatmeal Bars

- 1 cup butter or margarine (softened)
- 2 cups packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large mixer bowl, beat butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla; beat well. In separate bowl stir together oats, flour, baking soda, salt and 1 cup nuts; gradually add to butter mixture. Batter will be stiff; stir in last part by hand. Remove 2 cups dough; set aside.

Press remaining dough evenly over the bottom of

an ungreased 15 1/2 by 10 1/2 by 1-inch jellyroll pan. Prepare carob filling.

Carob Filling

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup carob
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

In medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Stir in carob and sugar. Add sweetened condensed milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla.

Spread filling evenly over dough. Sprinkle remaining oatmeal mixture over filling. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup nuts over top. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 25 minutes or until top is golden. (Carob will be soft.) Cool completely; cut into bars. Makes about 4 dozen bars.

Submitted by Gloria Vanderhorst

both churches, Derrick Moffett.

The communion service for the two churches followed the morning service with Pastor Moffett, elders L. Johnson and Ron McCowan, Head Deacon William Robinson, Deacon Lloyd Lockett, Head Deaconess Dorothy Fryson and Deaconess Savannah Buford participating in the serving at communion. Everyone present was invited to enjoy a fellowship dinner at the Moffett home.

JAMES BUFORD
Communication Secretary

Mother's Day program includes youth baptism

A baptism highlighted the worship service at the Berea church for the Charleston, West Virginia, congregation's Mother's Day program on May 9.

David Fryson Jr., age 14, was baptized by Pastor Derrick Moffett and assisted by Elder David Fryson Sr., David's father. Also assisting in the preparation for David's baptism was Head Deacon William Robinson, Superintendent



Now happy because of his own baptism, David Fryson promises to bring others to Christ.

and Deacon Lloyd Lockett and Head Deaconess Dorothy Fryson, David's grandmother. Also present at David's baptism was another grandparent, Martha Morris, David's brother and sister, mother Joy Fryson, uncle Sim Fryson, visitors and the Berea church congregation.

Before the baptism ceremony, Assistant Superintendent Ramona Lockett read a poem entitled "Words," which

touched the hearts of all who were present. The children's corner was given by Karleen McCowan. The sermon preached by Pastor Derrick Moffett focused on the needy in the recent Los Angeles crisis.

Youth ushers for the church program were Kristina Fryson, David's sister, and Catrice Moffett, Pastor and Mrs. Moffett's eldest daughter. The begonia flowers given to all mothers at the conclusion of the program were donated by the Lockett family.

JAMES BUFORD
Communication Secretary

Hillcrest members distribute "ugly bags"

About 65 members of the Hillcrest church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, met on a recent Sabbath afternoon and undertook a project of making warm sleeping bags to be distributed to those less fortunate persons who, often through no fault of their own, find themselves among the homeless.

The ages of the members ranged from 6 to 76, and with the help of a few experienced seamstresses, these willing hands and loving hearts put together 10 sleeping bags in less than five hours.

The "Ugly Bag" is a handmade sleeping bag that consists of an army blanket upon which scrap material of all sorts is layered and then stitched together with large needles and knitting yarn of all colors. Strong carrying straps are then attached.

The downstairs fellowship hall of Hillcrest had the appearance of a factory, as there were four sewing machines in operation and two work tables measuring seven by seven feet, as well as some layout and cutting work being done on the floor.

A week later, Hillcrest members passed out the Ugly Bags to people in the downtown area. One bag was given to a man named Frank who lives on the street and sleeps in a corridor off Lib-

erty Avenue. His possessions are all with him when he sits on an old suitcase as strangers pass him by each day; a suitcase, a couple of bags and old pair of boots and several layers of clothes and jackets. At night Frank sleeps sitting up with his back to the wall, for he has no place to go. When Frank received an Ugly Bag, he said: "You mean I can have this for free? Thank you, and God bless you!" as he turned and walked away with a stunned look on his face.

Frank and nine other homeless people were given the Ugly Bags. They and many others on Liberty Avenue and Market Square and in the Northside area also received bag lunches.

It was a gray and drizzly day, but Hillcrest members helped to bring a little sunshine and warmth of caring that Sabbath afternoon into the lives of a few people. Although we may not be able to change the big picture of poverty, we can all do our part in helping to make our town or community a better place in which to live.

Virginia and West Virginia hold youth federation

The Bethel church in Staunton, Virginia, recently hosted the Virginia and West Virginia Youth Federation. C.R. Rogers, youth director for the Allegheny West Conference, and his wife, Tecora, were present for the event.

The guest speaker was Pastor Eddie Hall, literature coordinator for the Columbus, Ohio, area. His sermon was entitled "Joseph's Choice to Do Right."

Youth and adults from Afton, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Martinsville, Charlottesville and the host church in Staunton enjoyed a Sabbath filled with blessings.

The afternoon was full of activities. Along with a workshop on dating, a group called the Young Connections presented a play entitled "Greater Love Hath No Man Than This, That He Lay Down His Life for His Friend."

Vespers was a musical given by the C.F. Richards school bell choir. After sunset, recreation was held at the local Old Lee High School gymnasium. At the end of the day, the young people seemed to have a better understanding of the future of youth in the Adventist church.

THOMAS JOHNSON JR.
Bethel Communication Secretary

“Youth Fit for the Kingdom”

The young people of the Ethnan Temple church in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, held their first Youth Day early this year using the theme “Youth Fit for the Kingdom in 1992.” It was a beautiful day in the Lord, beginning with Sabbath school taught by Pastor and Mrs. Derek Adams.



The A.Y. department of the Glenville church ended Black History Month with a celebration.

For the 11 o'clock service, none other than our own Pastor Alfred Booker preached the message, which was entitled “The Snares of Satan.” He had all the children and youth move to the front so they could talk “eyeball to eyeball” because this was their day. Then he preached to the young people on how to “resist the devil and be on the Lord’s side.” There is so much out in the world today that young people have to be very careful. Some of the Scripture texts quoted were Isaiah 14:13-14, Revelation 12:9, Matthew 4:1-10 and James 4:7.

The children’s and youth choir rendered the music from which all in attendance received a blessing, and the children ushered. Dinner was served immediately following the service, and the entire church was blessed on this first Youth Day of 1992.

MABEL JOHNSON
Communication Secretary

Glenville ends Black History Month celebrating

It could not have ended any better. This leap-year Sabbath and Black His-

tory Month coincided to make not only a special Sabbath, but also an extra-special month at the Glenville church in Cleveland, Ohio.

It was a scene reminiscent of the traditional parade of nations at General Conference sessions. The beautiful multicolored gowns, head pieces, belts, ties and Kenta cloth transformed Glenville into a sea of colors.

The Adventist youth department and other members of Glenville were asked to make this Black History Sabbath a special one. Members were asked to wear something traditional of African heritage.

“We expected participation but nothing of this magnitude,” said A.Y. Director Raymond Poole. “The purpose of this day was not just to dress up, but to honor those who have made positive contributions to this nation and keep alive a rich African-

American heritage,” Poole added.

The A.Y. program featured a panel of black professionals from Glenville, with Ohio State Senator Jeffery Johnson as a special guest. The panel discussion focused on the role the church should play in developing a strong heritage.

Johnson addressed issues that face blacks today and what the state is doing to help; groans were heard from the congregation when Johnson said that “Columbus isn’t doing much to help blacks in this state” as far as employment, education and basic social skills. The black churches must train young blacks to make it in this society.

The panel was to be the highlight of the evening, but it was upstaged by Alby Vannoy, who recited Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech with no notes and not missing a word. The church exploded with cheers and applause. It was a scene reminiscent of that day in the nation’s capital.

The event came to an end only too soon, with some requesting to repeat this day not just once but several times during the year.

CARL POOLE
Correspondent

Glenville church prison ministry



The prison ministry of the Glenville church in Cleveland, Ohio, has been organized under the leadership of Pastor John Smith of the Allegheny West Conference. Three souls were baptized during 1991 from the Cleveland House of Correction. The prison ministry consists of five members who have dedicated their time and effort to the cause of God. The officers are Wesley Dunn, president, and Brenda Moton, secretary. Pictured are Glenville Pastor Jack Morris (upper left corner) and the prison ministry team.

**WHAT'S
HAPPENING
AROUND
MOUNTAIN VIEW**

August 17
Executive Committee
Parkersburg

August 24
Church Schools Open

August 29
Sabbath School Workshop

September 27
Lay Advisory Meeting

October 2-4
Elders' and Deacons'
Meeting
Valley Vista

October 8-10
Union Pathfinder Camporee

October 11
Northern Community
Services Federation

October 17
Young Adults Listening
Session
Charleston

October 18
Southern Community
Services Federation
K-10 Board of Education

October 19
Executive Committee
Parkersburg

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MSA seniors take trip to Russia

When Mountain State Academy seniors first talked about their class trip, they set aside the traditional "entertainment idea," looking instead for a meaningful experience of service to others. Since their home congregation in Pennsboro, West Virginia, was actively raising funds to construct a church in Vladimir, Russia, the seniors and their sponsors thought big. Why not go to Russia and help begin the construction? They could also reach out to young people there and share why they have chosen Jesus Christ to rule in their lives.

To reach their exciting goal the seniors at this small self-supporting academy held car washes, sold themselves as "slaves for a day" to families who would hire them to do chores, conducted bake sales and wrote letters requesting donations. The Lord blessed their efforts in many ways, including the reduction of the final airfare prices to half of what had originally been quoted.

Nothing worthwhile comes easily, the group discovered. Reaching the airport in Washington, D.C., where they were to leave May 17, was no exception. First there was a misplaced passport. Then the vehicle carrying most of their luggage and gifts to the Russian people broke down enroute. A U-Haul truck rented for the remaining three hours of the trip got them there just in time. Visas were delivered to the airport at the last minute.

With the group were Mahlon and Feryl Harris, class sponsors; Kingsley Whitsett, Mountain View Conference secretary and youth coordinator; and Bob Bobier, a friend from the Parkersburg church who served as photographer. MSA students included Lisa Clark, Amanda Trent, Adrian Boyce, Eddie Whitsett, Natasha Maxwell, Erin Murphy, John Thomas and Douglas McCoy.

Upon arriving in Moscow the next day, they were met by Paul Kulakov, an Adventist who came just in time to help with a mistake on one of the visas made by the Russian embassy. This was the start of one of the most meaningful and fulfilling experiences in the students' lives.

"We really had to pack in our 42 pieces of luggage when they picked us up," recalled one of the travelers. Before leaving the U.S. they requested donations of used suitcases that could carry their gifts to the Russian people: medicines for the clinic, 100 Russian Bibles, 106 Valley Vista T-shirts and two three-year-cycle felt sets (one for the Adventist seminary and the other for the church in Vladimir), plus other books.

Although tremendous inflation and lack of supplies prevented their helping in the construction of the Vladimir church, the MSA group did talk with students at a Vladimir school that emphasizes the study of English. Here they shared why they choose not to smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs and why they believe Jesus Christ is the Creator and Redeemer of all

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peoples on earth.

Then Kingsley Whitsett told the students and teachers that these students from Mountain State Academy have chosen a clean, healthy lifestyle because they have learned values in school. These values are taught through Bible classes each day, he explained, and only when values are taught through Bible study can students receive a balanced education.

Following the program, Russian students gathered around the MSA students, asking questions about life in America, what MSA is like and why they believe in Jesus and the Bible. "It was encouraging to hear our students testify to these Russian youth of the reality of creation, of Jesus' life on earth and death on the cross for us and what Jesus means to them," said Whitsett.

While MSA youth toured the 1,200-pupil school, some of the staff talked with Feryl Harris, Whitsett and local Adventist Pastor Ivan Naltchedgee. Then the headmistress (principal) of the school announced that she had decided they would teach values through Bible study in their school. She turned to the Russian pastor and said she would like him to be their Bible class instructor. He was ecstatic!

Later Pastor Ivan told the MSA visitors that if they accomplished nothing else on their trip, that one invitation would open the doors for many Russian young people to get acquainted with their Saviour. They thanked and praised the Lord for this tremendous opportunity to share God's truth with these young people.

A similar door was opened when the MSA group visited, sang and prayed with patients in a Vladimir hospital. Pastor Ivan plans to continue this hospital ministry by making regular visits with members of his church.

On Sabbath morning the group worshipped with Russian believers at a

rented meeting hall. The service began at 11 o'clock with lots of music and speaking by various members of the Russian church. At 12:45 they asked the American group to lead out. Students gave special music and several heart-stirring testimonies.

Pastor Whitsett then read a letter from conference President Randall Murphy to the Vladimir church and presented a lovely communion set, a gift from the conference. He assured them of the earnest desire of many Mountain View members to continue raising funds for their church building to the glory of God. An interpreter translated his worship message emphasizing the sure and blessed hope we have in Jesus and His soon return. The service concluded at 2 p.m.!

Especially meaningful was a Sabbath afternoon service by the river, where MSA seniors and members of the Vladimir church shared testimonies of how they came to accept Jesus in their lives. "Listening to their experiences was very moving," said Feryl Harris. "One 16-year-old boy stepped out in faith in spite of his parents' hiding one of his shoes and some clothing to keep him from attending church services. A bread baker told us he now receives only half



of his former salary as punishment for choosing not to be at his workplace on Sabbaths."

Later in Moscow, the MSA students worked on the grounds of the medical center under construction and were happy to help prepare for the opening of this outreach.

Living with four Russian Adventist families allowed for further blessings as they shared simple meals of kasha (barley), potatoes, cabbage, rice and bread. "It was amazing how well we could communicate with our Russian brothers and sisters," said Whitsett, "when they knew no English and we knew no Russian.

Sometimes we laughed to watch conversations taking place with the help of dictionaries, picture drawing and playing charades."

Due to tremendous inflation, the Vladimir church that originally could be built for \$2,500 will now cost \$25,000. But in asking the members if they have personal needs not being met, their response was not to worry because God is caring for them. Their main desire is for a building in which to worship and further God's work while the window of freedom is still open. Many expressed concern about rumblings in the Orthodox church against the spread of Christianity.

As the Sabbath service concluded, Vladimir members presented the MSA group with a chain made of one piece of wood, each link beautifully carved. At each end of the chain is an open handcuff—a symbol of the opportunity they now have to spread the good news. The Vladimir pastor asked that the chain hang on the wall of Mountain View's conference office as a constant reminder of their gratitude for the faithful Mountain View members who are helping them build a church.

Since the Mountain View Conference has officially adopted the Vladimir congregation as a sister church, Mountain State Academy and the Toll Gate church in Pennsboro are praying that others in Mountain View will share in the commitment they feel toward raising these funds.

MSA seniors thought big, and each felt he or she was rewarded in a big way on this trip. Some are planning to return when construction of the Vladimir church actually begins.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

At its April 20 meeting in Parkersburg, West Virginia, the Mountain View Conference Executive Committee heard reports from Ron M. Wisbey, Columbia Union president, on Columbia Union College and the new Family Enrichment Resources organization. In conducting conference business, they also:

- Approved the March 1992 financial statement
- Voted an optional one-time "food shower" for Miracle Meadows School, for which churches would collect non-perishable foods
- Invited Pastor Ken and Connie Stewart from the Parkersburg church to serve as volunteer coordinators of retir-

Food for the hungry this fall

This past October the eight students of the Summersville Adventist School distributed more than 500 grocery sacks in their community, inviting food donations for needy families. They collected food from 175 homes for use in Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes. Left to right are Anastacia Carden, Amy Nicholas, Patrick Sharp, Kimberly Nicholas, Heather Shank, Aundreasha Carden and Andrew Carden. (Absent for the picture was Curtis Ward.)



This fall your Sabbath school class or Pathfinder club could also take on this project. If your church doesn't have an active Community Services center, the food could be donated to the Salvation Army or other community food pantry.

ees' affairs since the previous invitees declined

- Officially adopted the Vladimir, Russia, congregation as a sister church for the conference and voted that the second Sabbath camp meeting offering go to special projects in Russia
- Voted financial assistance for Greg Knight as summer camps director
- Heard a report on teacher changes for 1992-93 in conference church schools
- Requested that Rory Daily of the Parkersburg school serve as classroom supervisor to visit schools one week per semester
- Approved the retirement request of Homer Dever from the church school in Cumberland, Maryland, beginning July 1 with 37 years of service
- Voted transfers of membership to the conference church and tabled others pending further evaluation of the local situations
- Were informed about progress of calls for pastors to the Parkersburg/Toll Gate district, upcoming vacancies in the Wheeling/Weirton district in June and the need to replace Pastor Herbert Morgan, who is retiring from the Central Hills/Fairmont/Morgantown district in West Virginia on June 1

The committee meeting scheduled for June 8 was deferred until June 21 due to extenuating circumstances.

SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

The Willowbrook school in Cumberland is offering a ninth grade this fall. **Harry Janetzko**, principal, will teach grades 7-9; **Patricia Hall**, wife of the pastor, has grades 1-6. Now

under construction is an addition to the school building.

Different but not "new" teachers this year include **Alicia Reed Walton**, who is returning to teach at Toll Gate in Pennsboro, West Virginia; **Donna Nicholas**, who is back at the school in Summersville, West Virginia; and **Dennis and Jill Richards**, former Valley View teachers who are now at Charleston after completing work at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Rory Daily of the Parkersburg school was invited by the executive committee to serve as classroom supervisor and will be visiting conference schools one week each semester.

Elkins Highland school teacher **Cheryl Jacko** is spending the first two weeks of August at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbank in a class offered for teachers from all over the country called "Exploring the Universe."

Church schools in the conference will open Monday, August 24.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Cumberland Pathfinders visited Dayton's Dairy and tried what to some was a new experience—milking a cow! They also enjoyed an old-fashioned hayride.

Former district pastor **Roland Smith** was among returning guests for the May 23 homecoming of the **Fairmont, West Virginia, church**, which included a program by the **Miracle Meadows School** girls' choir. **Tom Knoll's** mission story

described an evangelistic crusade he conducted in Africa in which more than 650 were baptized. He and his wife and two children dressed in African costumes for the report. (Knoll, a former member at Fairmont, now is trust and religious liberty director of the Potomac Conference, an ordained minister and attorney.)

Recent "gospel sings" at the **Summersville church** involving members and guest groups drew many community visitors, said Pastor Larry Boggess.

Statewide West Virginia winner of the 1992 Sons of the American Revolution Award is **Jonathan Michael** of Lewisburg, West Virginia. At the recognition dinner in Charleston he received a large bronze agle trophy and SAR medal. The valedictorian at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, Jonathan plans to attend Southern College in Collegedale, Tennessee, in the fall.

The **Valley View church** in Bluefield, West Virginia, plans its first homecoming on October 3, according to Pastor Don Byard. Former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Among the top 10 literature salesmen in the new Family Enrichment Resources organization, which includes three unions and Bermuda, are **Rocky Davis, Jabe Morris** and **Ed Rockwell** from Mountain View. Congratulations to them and their district leader, **Dan Shafer!** Ron M. Wisbey, Columbia Union president, reports that in December 1991 only 12 colporteurs in the three unions qualified for benefits; in April 1992, 52 qualified under the new FER program.

As a result of contacts made by **Dr. Peter Hart**, conference health-temperance director, 10 dental chairs were donated to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency by Allegheny Community College in Maryland.

The Devers and Morgan retire from conference

Homer and Arlene Dever, co-teachers at the Willowbrook Adventist School in Cumberland, Maryland, for the past four years, moved recently to their retirement home in Dunlap, Tennessee.



Homer and Arlene Dever

Homer retired with 37 years' teaching experience.

Their students presented the teachers with an album of individual appreciation letters,

22 red roses (one from each child) and a handmade quilt that included each pupil's handprint in various colors.

The Devers were 1991 recipients of



Students present the Devers with a homemade quilt, including each of their handprints.

the Thomas and Violet Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award.



Herbert and Ardyce Morgan

Also retiring with 41 years' service but continuing on as conference Community Services director is Herbert Morgan, the former Central Hills/Fairmont/

Morgantown district pastor. He became a full-time literature evangelist in 1950, an assistant publishing secretary two years later, then publishing secretary for five years. During the next five years he managed the Columbia Union Home Health Education Service.

In 1969 Morgan entered the pastoral ministry and has been in the Mountain View Conference for the past 18 years. "I took on Community Services just temporarily," he remembers, "but that position has lasted 18 years, too."

Ardyce Morgan is school psychologist for Lewis County. They plan to remain in the Clarksburg, West Virginia, area "for several years at least."

Camp meeting 1992; better than ever!

Camp meeting cabins and RV spaces were filled to capacity as members and friends from West Virginia and western Maryland joined in a camp meeting family reunion. "I didn't think camp meeting could be better this year than last year, but it is!" said one camper enthusiastically. Someone else responded, "Maybe it's because we're more anxious to see the Lord come!"

Enlarging on the theme, "We Are Family," guest speakers and seminar presenters described the role of the Holy Spirit in God's family (Russell Burrill, NAD Evangelism Institute); emphasized God's provisions to keep His family healthy for service and a relationship with Him (Dr. Jackson Saxon, Charleston, West Virginia); shared stories of His providences for Christians under communism (Mikhail Kulakov, Moscow Adventist Seminary); taught family relationship skills (Bill and Gayle Clark, conference family life directors, with Dr. Kay Kuzma, Family Matters Ministry); and educated on "Christianomics" and family finance (Dale Tunnell, Charleston/Huntington pastor).



Conference President Randy Murphy challenged the opening Sabbath congregation to love, accept and serve each other so God can safely add to his Adventist church family. Lay members involved in home Bible study seminars since last camp meeting enthusiastically reported in the Project 100 afternoon rally and introduced several new members who became part of the family as a result of seminars and evangelism.

Evening speakers included Columbia Union President Ron M. Wisbey, Vice President for Communication Dick Duerksen and Evangelism Coordinator Frank Ottati; Mountain View's secretary, Kingsley Whitsett, and Dr. Kay Kuzma and Pastor Russell Burrill. Dr. Ben Carson of Johns Hopkins

Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, was a special guest.

Guest musicians Steve and Joni Darmody of Morning Song Music Ministry and Paul St. Villiards from the New Jersey Conference brought inspiration in song.

Not only did Mountain View youth describe their recent mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Russia, but the second Sabbath offering assisted Adventist family members in Russia with special projects.

Returning home, Mountain View family members carried with them memories of an earthly family reunion and joyful expectation of the future family reunion when Jesus comes.



Top: Valley Vista's main auditorium was named in honor of retired departmental director Carl E. Calfee. Pastors Dale Tunnell (left) and Allen Fine hold the new sign as President Randy Murphy looks on.

Center: Murphy and Pastor Wayne Wright prepare to baptize Rynne McCoy, a former satanist. Three of the five camp meeting baptisms resulted from Project 100 home study seminars.

Bottom: Stretched across the auditorium on tapes are over \$25,000 in cash and pledges for the Adventist church in Vladimir, Russia. This unusual way to receive the offering demonstrated on video tape the Mountain View family's love for their Russian brothers and sisters.

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What's happening around New Jersey

August 5-8

ASI National Convention
Palm Springs, CA

August 9

ABC Open

August 22

Marriage Enrichment Seminar
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Rider College

August 24

New Jersey Conference Schools
Start

September 3

New Jersey Conference
Committee

September 7

Conference Office Closed—
Holiday

September 12

Church Leadership Seminar
Dr. Gerhard Hasel
from Andrews University

September 13

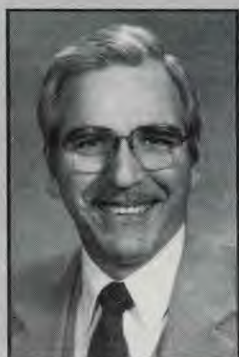
ABC Open

September 13

Garden State Academy Board

September 26

Sabbath School 101
1:30 p.m.; 27 different
workshops
Meadow View School



Bob Boggess

**“Train up a child in the way
that he should go ... !” —Proverbs 22:6**

Behavioral scientists have discovered that the secret of noble living is correct decisions based upon right training. Noble character is the result of self-discipline springing from correct thinking, and sanctified character comes from the personal choice to obey God and serve others.

Of all the currents or influences that affect character development, nothing besides the home has so powerful an influence as the school in determining the nobility of the character or the sanctification of the life-style.

For Seventh-day Adventists, the church school plays a key role in the development of a noble and sanctified character and in the inclination to be loyal and supportive to the programs and

biblical principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Here are some reasons that impact is so strong. They are compelling reasons for the church to maintain a strong commitment to Christian education and for parents to enroll their children in a church-operated school instead of a public institution.

1. Church schools positively and openly address prayer, Bible study and religious moral values both in the classroom curriculum and in the teachers' personal interaction with students in the learning process.
2. Church school teachers have unlimited freedom to express their spiritual ideals and to encourage students to personally accept Jesus Christ and the principles of the Bible.
3. Church school students share a common religious outlook that is conducive to the development of strong practices of moral behavior, personal integrity and social responsibility.
4. Church school activities both in the classroom and in extracurricular programs are compatible with Adventist spiritual values and reduce conflicts about Sabbath keeping, church standards and personal behavior.
5. Church schools present biblical and scientific reasons for belief in creation by a personal God, which helps prepare the student for faithful living in an evolution-believing and increasingly atheistic world.
6. The spiritual atmosphere of the church school complements the spiritual atmosphere of the church and the home.
7. Love and support for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its mission are developed in the church school through classroom studies about the history and cultural heritage of the church.
8. Students in church school receive a quality education in the traditional studies of math, reading and science, which are monitored and improved through the use

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of standardized national testing programs.

9. Church school activities are integrated with the church and home life activities.
10. The life-shaping philosophy of mission and service to others is modeled, taught and emphasized in the church school instead of the usual philosophy of personal gain through wealth or fame.

Youth in our contemporary society face many currents or pressures that shape their practices and ways of thinking. Many of these currents are encountered in the educational institution where peer pressure, teacher credibility and societal norms are often in conflict with personal convictions and the teachings of the home and church.

In the Seventh-day Adventist church school, the overall flow of these influences is in the right direction—towards positive faith, upright morals and personal acceptance of Jesus and His life-style. The flow of this influence is often not positive in public institutions.

This does not mean that all church schools are perfect, just that they are better. Students and teachers are human and will make very human errors. But the prevailing flow of influence, the general direction of teacher and curricular influences, of philosophy and religious expression and of cooperation with church and home ideals is in the right direction, controlled by a common faith in God and belief in the return of Jesus.

If we want our youth to have the best opportunity to develop a strong Christian life-style and to accept and continue in the message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we will want to support the Adventist elementary, academy and college programs with our sacrificial offerings and by sending our children and young people to an Adventist school.

For more information or to discuss how your child may be enrolled, contact your local pastor or call (609) 392-7131. Limited scholarships and special assistance may be available.

"It is right that you should feel that you must climb to the highest round of the educational ladder. Philosophy and history are important studies; but your sacrifice of time and money will avail nothing if you do not use your attainments for the honor of God and the good

of humanity. Unless knowledge of science is a stepping stone to the attainment of the highest purposes, it is worthless.

"The education that does not furnish knowledge as enduring as eternity is of no purpose. Unless you keep heaven and the future immortal life before you, your attainments are of no permanent value. But if Jesus is your teacher, not simply on one day of the week, but every day, every hour, you may have His smile upon you in the pursuit of literary acquirements."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, pages 191-192.

BOB BOGCESS
President

Spring highlights

The final weeks of a school year are always busy, and this year it seemed especially so as New Jersey Conference schools prepared for special events.

Realizing it is the "extras" that help round out a quality education program, the principals and teachers worked with Education Di-



Exhibits and experiments were highlights at both the Meadow View and Tranquility school science fairs.



rector Ron Patterson to develop a calendar that allowed time to have many such programs scheduled.

Several schools, such as Waldwick, Lillian Whitfield, Tranquility and Meadow View, hosted **science/education fairs** to highlight the academic and creative achievements of their students. Other schools, such as Lake Nelson, Cohansey, Delaware Valley, Central Jersey and Prescott, worked on musical programs.

All schools worked on preparing for the **music festival** held at the Meadow View school on April 25. The festival choir for grades 5-12 was directed by Bruce O'Neil from Garden State Academy. Sandra Dickhaut, 5th and 6th grade teacher from Meadow View, di-



Music festival students prepare for their performance.

rected the K-4 choir. Carol McDaniel, music teacher at the Prescott and Delaware Valley schools, worked with the individual bell choir leaders as the clinician. Pam Dickhaut, kindergarten teacher at Lake Nelson, accompanied the various groups as pianist. Ron Adams, music committee chairman and principal of the hosting school, made sure that everything ran smoothly and on time.

Waldwick hosted a **scholastic bowl**. All schools were invited to send a representative from each grade to participate. This was a "first" for the conference, at least in recent years. Teachers and parents expressed their approval and want to see the program continued next year.

Something else appeared in the calendar this year that has not happened here before. That was an **outdoor school**. Approximately 170 students from grades 5-10 traveled to Tranquil Valley Camp to spend four days learning more about God and His special textbook, nature. Ninth- and 10th-grade students served as group

counselors under the direction of the teachers. This time together gave an opportunity for a real sense of community to develop among the students from the various schools.

Pitching in at the last minute to take some of the load off the superintendent (who was on crutches), Janet Ledesma cared for all the



Sean Williams and Scott Fogg, outdoor school partners in "elbow tag."

to become a part of a positive winning experience. All of our New Jersey schools are experiencing success that is beyond our expectations.

The 1991-92 school year was an overwhelming success, but as we look to the future we see that the hand of the Lord is holding steadfast over the boys and girls of the New Jersey Conference. When we unite the energies of a dedicated Christian teacher, the commitment of a Christian home and the foundation of a solid church family with the power of Jesus Christ, our children will be given the advantage necessary to live a Christian life patterned after the true Maker and Creator.

will give our students the ability to develop the skills needed to compete in WordPerfect word processing and Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet, along with many other software packages commonly used in the business world today. The computer lab will add a new dimension to our campus that is needed for our students. We encourage you to come and visit our campus this summer and share in the excitement.

Three teachers commissioned

Our prayers are with the three teachers commissioned to service this year. Ron Adams, Meadow View school; Cathy Tomlinson, Cohansey school, and Tom Fogg, principal of Garden State Academy.

Tom Fogg recently joined the staff at Garden State Academy as its principal. Fogg comes from Browns Mills, New Jersey. He holds a B.A. degree in education and a master's in business management.

"I'm excited about the programs in place here at Garden State Academy and look forward to working with the terrific students, parents and staff. Everyone I've met at Garden State has been so pleasant and helpful," said Fogg. Tom's wife, Laure, is a housewife caring for their two children: Scottie, age 11, who will be attending the Tranquility Elementary School; and Marshall, age 12 months.

Principal Fogg feels an urgency to assist young people in arranging their priorities so that they are seeking first the kingdom of God. This life direction will naturally enhance the quality of life now, provide society with God-fearing leaders and develop within students Christ-like characters that are unique possessions for eternity.

This ordering of priorities will encourage the pursuit of balanced excellence in physical development, mental training, social interaction and spiritual commitment. Fogg wants each staff member to be dedicated to encouraging students to develop a love for God that will be expressed in unselfish service, self-discipline and a better understanding of the biblical principles by which to make decisions. The new principal is seeking to make Garden State Academy a place where each student may behold Christ and share the good news of His love.

Congratulations to Zapara Award winner(s)!

We are extremely pleased to announce that this year's Zapara Award has been received by not one but two of our teachers; John Falconbridge and Selma Cole. John teaches seventh and eighth grades at the Lake Nelson school, while Selma teaches kindergarten to second grade at the Tranquility Elementary School.

What's new and exciting?

We are pleased to share with you the good news that our **Collingwood Park** school will be opening its doors once again with a full house of eager boys and girls! They expect to have eight to 10 first-graders this coming school year.

Both the **Waldwick** and **Meadow View** schools are expanding once again by adding kindergarten programs. Between the two programs, our schools will be ministering to an additional 25 to 30 boys and girls.

Garden State Academy has some exciting things shaping up for its fall opening. Both the girls' and boys' dorm have a new look. With the new carpet and fresh paint, the dorms are ready to welcome their residents back with a warm and pleasant environment.

The students at GSA will also be greeted by a new computer lab. This lab

Outdoor school students in Sandra Dickhaut's group (top) and the equipment required for them to attend the event (bottom).

final organization details and made sure that everything ran smoothly all day and all night for students and staff.

Mark Knowles, an outdoor school specialist employed by the New York state parks, directed the overall program. He helped teachers make the transition from teaching in a classroom with books and papers to becoming facilitators of learning in the out-of-doors.

Fran Gladden, a secretary from the New Jersey Conference office, found her way into everyone's heart by preparing delicious meals. Each and every teacher who came offered something special to the program. While the teachers were working on wrapping everything up and making sure that everyone got back on the vans and bus, the students were laying plans for a reunion at next year's outdoor school.

LINDA PATTERSON
Teacher, Meadow View School

New school year begins August 24

Your local Seventh-day Adventist schools and Garden State Academy in Tranquility will be opening Monday, August 24. We would like to invite you

Victoria Robinzine teaches at Waldwick

Victoria Robinzine joins the Waldwick school as teacher of grades five and six, coming from the Northeastern Conference where her husband is currently serving as a pastor. She has a lot of creative skills that can be used in her classroom, such as the book writing project she developed for the Northeastern Conference Education Department. She will be a great asset, not only to the Waldwick school, but also to the students, parents and surrounding community.

Robin Clark teaches grades 3, 4 at Meadow View

Robin Clark has just completed studies in elementary education at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland. She brings a special interest in art and design, which will be a real asset to her classroom. She was a lifetime resident of the Beltsville, Maryland, area and spent one year as an interior decorator, also working with Risk Management Services at the General Conference headquarters in Maryland.

Abbotts join GSA faculty

Michael and Lori Abbott join us this year from Jefferson Academy in the Texas Conference, where they served for the past four years. Lori was the business education teacher. All references have recommended her as one of the finest (and best liked) teachers they have worked with in the past several years. We are very pleased that she has chosen to move to Garden State Academy to teach business classes and serve as our registrar.

Michael served as the history and shop teacher at Jefferson. His excitement for his work shows through from the first introduction. He has intriguing plans for the upcoming school year, including tours and visits to the many historical sites available in this area. We are very pleased that he also has chosen to come to Garden State Academy and teach history. The Abbotts have two children.

School directory

For more information on the local Seventh-day Adventist school near you, we have printed a list of New Jersey schools, along with the phone numbers you may call for registration dates and any further information you may desire.

Central Jersey School

260 State Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
(908) 826-4022

Cohansey Elementary School

RD 9, Box 256
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
(609) 451-3437
Cathy Tomlinson—Grades 5-8/Head Teacher
Patricia Reiner—Grades 1-4

Delaware Valley Junior Academy

314 Sickle Lane
Deptford, NJ 08096
(609) 227-0513
Barbara Chew—Grades 5-10/Principal
Anagyros Margaritis—Grades 5-10
April Margaritis—Grades 1-4

Lake Nelson School

555 South Randolphville Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854
(908) 981-0626
John Falconbridge—Grades 7-8
Lynn Neergaard—Grades 5-6
Regina Gray—Grades 3-4/Administrative Head
Kim Bickford—Grades 1-2
Pam Dickhaut—Kindergarten

Lillian Whitfield School

3 West 4th Avenue
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609) 463-1800
Ruthanne Wasson—Grades 5-8/Head Teacher
Nancy Ruvo—Grades K-4

Meadow View School

241 Bordentown/Chesterfield Rd.

Trenton, NJ 08620
(609) 298-1122

Ron Adams—Grades 9-10/Principal
Stan Michael—Grades 7-8
Sandra Dickhaut—Grades 5-6
Robin Clark—Grades 3-4
Linda Patterson—Grades K-2

Collingwood Park School

475-B Shark River Road
Neptune, NJ 07753
(908) 922-0553
Carmen Lopez—Grades 1-4/Head Teacher

Prescott Elementary School

700 Cooper Landing Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
(609) 667-3332
Malissa Luste—Grades 5-8/Head Teacher
Patricia Vasquez—Grades 1-4

Tranquility Elementary School

Route 517, Box 23
Tranquility, NJ 07879
(908) 852-1391
Mark Walker—Grades 7-8/Principal
Tim Fisher—Grades 5-6
Robin Fisher—Grades 3-4
Selma Cole—Grades K-2

Waldwick School

70 Wyckoff Avenue
Waldwick, NJ 07463
(201) 652-6078
Janet Ledesma—Principal
Jeff Locke—Grades 7-10
Charles Mowry—Grades 7-10
Victoria Robinzine—Grades 5-6
Anna Adkins—Grades 3-4
Elizabeth Diminich—Grade 2
Glenda Creighton—Grades K-1

The Adamses cover English, health, P.E. and the girl's dorm

Sylvia Adams joins GSA as girl's dean and English teacher from Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where she was involved in many extra-curricular and academic activities. One of her accomplishments was playing the cello with the New England Youth Ensemble at Atlantic Union College.

Adams will add a dynamism to the girls' dorm that will be appreciated by all parents bringing their children to Garden State Academy.

Sylvia is joined by her husband, Steve, who will teach health and physical education at Garden State Academy. Steve Adams is also from Atlantic Union College where he studied religion and physical education. Adams brings a unique experience with him in that his father was an academy principal, allowing him to spend most of his life on academy campuses.

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August 28-30

Senior SDA Retreat
Camp Mohaven
contact Marjorie Seasley
(513/433-1487) for more details
and reservations

September 11-13

Pathfinder Leadership
Weekend
Camp Mohaven
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Rapper

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Ed Motschiedler greets camp meeting attendee Pam Farley of Westerville.

123rd OHIO CAMP MEETING 1992—JUNE 12-20

Proclaiming our hope for 123 years

The first Adventist church to be organized in Ohio, in 1862, was the church at Lovett's Grove, located very close to Bowling Green. Small companies began to form as the truth was shared. By 1869, the members of the Ohio constituency decided, after hearing of the success of the very first Adventist camp meeting, held in Michigan, to begin yearly camp meetings in Ohio. The first one was held in Clyde, Ohio, in 1869.

The primary purpose at that time was to provide an opportunity to corporately proclaim the blessed hope in communities

throughout Ohio. With this evangelistic purpose, the camp meetings were held in a different location each year.

Secondly, this gathering together was to provide an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, gain skills and receive instruction, books and tracts that would enable attendees to return home encouraged and equipped to share the truth.

Why do Ohio members make the yearly journey to the campus of Mount Vernon Academy to meet together for camp meeting? What do they like about this historical event? Does it make an impact on their lives? What are the results of them having attended Ohio Camp Meeting 1992? These questions were asked of several who attended, and we would like to share some of their responses to those questions.

Also take a look at the photos reflecting the kinds of opportunities and blessings that were enjoyed at Ohio Camp Meeting 1992. See if you don't agree that now is the time to begin to plan to attend the 124th Ohio camp meeting to be held on the campus of Mount Vernon Academy June 18-26, 1993. God's special blessings are poured out to His people when they come together to worship and praise Him in this way! Pray with us throughout the year for the Holy Spirit to guide in the planning and the special blessings in store for next year's camp meeting!

ED MOTSCHIEDLER
President



Alyssa Sharpe brings her parents to camp meeting.



And they came from the

CAMP
19**What prompted you to come to camp meeting this year?**

"I've done it for several years. I knew that I was going to receive a spiritual blessing, and I enjoy the fellowship with my brothers and sister, the speakers and the seminars."

Denver Conkel, Athens

"Well, I've never been here before. A friend, Rhonda, a kindergarten teacher, was talking to my Mom about camp meeting, and she just invited me."

Jason Salamone, Wilmington, age 9

"What shall I say? This is what I do every year. I have lived in this vicinity for 50 years. I take vacation from work so that I can come to camp meeting."

Mary Kelly, Mount Vernon Hill

"I came this year because last year was

such a great experience."
Deborah Rauch, Cincinnati First

What did you particularly enjoy—favorite(s)?

"The music is a favorite."

Beatrice Linsley, Mount Vernon Hill

"Enjoyed the King's Heralds! I've been coming here for 70 years—a good habit."

Wayne Behner, Mount Vernon Hill

"Singing and camp fire stories by Mr. Strong."

Sarah Warner, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Primary Division

"7 a.m. with Fredericks was my favorite. I attended all of Venden's and Fredericks' meetings. Also, Coon was good."

Jack Fritzsche, Centerville

"The health fair provided a wonderful opportunity to make the Adventist health message known. With front page coverage in the *Mount Vernon News*, approximately 150 of the 500 individuals were from the community."

Jeff Wilson, Ohio Conference staff

"Stories."



north, south, east and west . . .

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As a result of attending this year's camp meeting, do you see your life changing in any way?

Katie Paul, Canton, Cradle Roll Division

"We like Walt Sherman's trumpet! I think the story about the happenings in Russia (Lonnie Melashenko—Sunday evening message) helps you realize that things are changing. Helps you get things into perspective."

Harold Linsley, Mount Vernon Hill

"Just being able to fellowship with everybody. Being in a spiritual setting where you can just openly talk to people about things that are in your heart. It's just beautiful!"

Deborah Rauch, Cincinnati First

"Swimming, stories, movies and activities."

Gina Cain, Cleveland, Junior Division

"The boys! And the speakers and songs and the guy who teaches our lesson is good."

Erin Bale, Columbus, Teen Division

"The Heritage Museum is always of interest to attendees. This year a guest artist painted the 'Atlas'—the ship J.N. Andrews took to Europe in 1879."

Raj Attiken, Ohio Conference staff

"Oh, yes! I think that we need to be reassured constantly that Jesus is our Saviour and that the cross is central. I take that reassurance with me."

Betty Robinson, New Philadelphia

"Yes, I'll study my Bible more. I've made some new friends. They are really good to me."

Jason Salamone, Willoughby, age 10

"Very much! I've made the Lord the center of my life—day to day and hour to hour. Even though I have known this message before, it was presented in a new way—really made an impact on me—the message that Christ is the center—the message of the cross!"

Mercedes McPherson, Worthington

"Yes, I want to take advantage of what I found regarding Christ's righteousness and sanctification. It was made more real to me. I know we don't have to go around so discouraged because Christ has accomplished it (salvation) for us."

Dr. Harry Slough, Madison

"Yes, it already has (made a difference). The Scriptures are clearer to me regarding the plan of salvation."

Denver Conkel, Athens





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	<i>Description</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Contribution</i>	<i>Matching Fund</i>	<i>Total Received</i>
Project #1	Four village churches \$2,000 each Northeast India Union	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Project #2	Two village churches \$2,500 each North Andhra Section	\$5,000	1,250	1,250	2,500
Project #3	Scheerer Memorial Hospital-new roof	\$4,000	-0-		
Project #4	100 felt sets at \$35 each Divisionwide project	\$3,500	305	305	610
Project #5	100 bicycles for pastors at \$50 each	\$5,000	1,702.90	1,702.90	3,405.80

*Please note that if the selected project is already fully funded, your donation will go toward another project.

If you would like to help, send your name and address, along with the project you would like to help fund, to: Ohio Conference, Operation Thomas, P.O. Box 1230, Mount Vernon, OH 43050

These totals represent those funds turned in by May, 1992.

Potomac People

Potomac Conference, P.O. Box 1208, Staunton, Virginia 24401 / (703) 886-0771 or (202) 554-4581

What's happening around Potomac

Youth Ministries Mission Trip

Santo Domingo
August 5-13

First Day of School 1992-93

Shenandoah Valley Academy
August 17

First Day of School 1992-93

*Kindergarten-10th Grade,
Potomac Schools*
August 24

First Day of School 1992-93

Takoma Academy
August 31

Romantic Couples' Retreat

Camp Blue Ridge
October 9-11



Skip Bell

Anticipating registration fees

Summer is passing, and our children are again anticipating school. It is time to buy supplies and clothes, make decisions regarding class schedules and roommates and, yes, to get the registration fees together! We cannot help but consider the value of having our children in an Adventist school at this time of year.

It is expensive to keep our children in a Seventh-day Adventist school. Is it worth it? Absolutely! We can make no better investment than giving our children an education in harmony with the values of our homes and churches.

My experience in Seventh-day Adventist schools has shaped my life for eternity. I can never forget the love, encouragement and Christian example of my teachers. While my parents sacrificed to keep my brothers and me in Adventist schools, they now say it was the best decision they ever made as parents.

Robert W. Rice reports research of 202 Adventist graduates of 1976 from five southern California schools compared with 175 Adventist graduates from public schools the same year. A comparison of the two groups shows more of the graduates from Adventist schools are church members (77 percent versus 37 percent), attend church (59 percent versus 32 percent) and demonstrate faith and support of the church in 11 other comparisons. (See "Christian Administrator," February 1992, page nine, published by the Potomac Conference). Research supports what we know from experience: Adventist education changes lives for eternity.

We have great Adventist schools in the Potomac Conference; our teachers are a group of dedicated professionals, and our churches give outstanding support. Pray for our teachers as they prepare for the coming school year. God has called them to a sacred ministry, and we need to give them all the support we can.

Don't let anything keep you from giving your children a Seventh-day Adventist education. Your children are worth any sacrifice. You will be happy you did . . . forever.

SKIP BELL
Executive Secretary

Potomac People

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Shenandoah Valley Academy graduation

Graduation at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, took place the weekend of May 22-24. Of the 69 seniors, nine graduated with honors (a minimum grade-point average of 3.5) and 11 with high honors (a minimum GPA of 3.75). Twenty of the students



Left to right: Esther Herd, Justin Coe and Nicole Plantier are all smiles following their graduation from SVA. Photos by Bert Williams.

had attended SVA all four years, and 15 were members of the National Honor Society.

Scholarships were given to many of the students, with Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, and Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, presenting scholarships to those students with a GPA of 3.0 and higher. Kettering College of Medical Arts in Ohio also presented scholarships to the students who had expressed an interest in attending that school.

SVA graduates are known for their tradition of sending children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren to their alma mater. The tradition continued this year, as eight of the students were second-generation graduates and three were third-generation graduates.

Douglas Dunbein, the alumni association president, welcomed the new graduates into the alumni association and reminded them that SVA will always be their school and they will always be welcomed back.



Shelly VanArsdale hugs fellow graduate Heather Sigler on the front campus of SVA following graduation. In the background, Principal Dean Hunt congratulates Justin Coe while Scott Flemmer and Chet Williams look on.

Stirewalt ordained to the ministry



Dennis Stirewalt, the newly ordained minister, is joined by his wife, Rashelle; his sons, Jason (left) and Travis, and his father, Fred.

On April 25 a wonderful worship service took place at the church in Harrisonburg, Virginia. It was a high Sabbath indeed as friends, family, colleagues and members gathered to witness the ordination to the gospel ministry of Dennis Stirewalt.

Stirewalt serves as the guidance counselor and Bible teacher at Shenandoah Valley Academy in nearby New Market, and during this past year has most ably served as pastor of the Harrisonburg church as well. Obviously, he is a busy man.

Dennis, his wife, Rashelle, and their two sons, Travis and Jason, joined the Potomac Conference in July of 1990. After graduating from La Sierra University in Riverside, California, in 1968 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, Dennis worked as a probation officer in California for 11 years.

The Stirewalts then moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to join the Madison Academy staff. While there he also completed his secondary teaching certificate.

Anyone who knows this exceptional family will appreciate it when we say that we value them very much and that our whole conference is blessed by their dedicated ministry.

MARVIN WRAY
Ministerial
Director

Dedicated with honor

On May 3 of this year the Silver Spring, Maryland, Adventist Community Services Center was honored by church and public officials at the building dedication. The Honorable Derick Berlage, a member of the Montgomery County Council, was the featured speaker on this beautiful sunny day. On



The Honorable Derick Berlage (left), a Montgomery County Council member, presented the main address for the building dedication. John Gavin, community center executive director, welcomes guests to the dedication.

the lawn in front of the center, Rino Aldrighetti, former Takoma Park City Council member, presented a tribute to the late H.R. Thurber, prime promoter at the heart of the building project.

In the years since the open house on May 15, 1983, thousands of people have been assisted in their particular areas of need. John Gavin, current executive director, reported that nearly 2,000 clients were served in 1991. All of this outreach is possible only through thousands of hours donated by volunteer personnel.

Pastors from various denominations in the area participated in the service, making this truly a community program.



Some of the people who gathered early captured front row seats to enjoy the string quartet. The dedication service was held on the lovely lawn of the Community Services center.

Pastors in transition

It is time to bring you up to date once again with pastoral changes within the Potomac Conference, and I want to begin with a few who are going the extra mile to help our work advance.

Carroll Brauer is a "retired" pastor living in the northern Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. For a few months he helped us by caring for the Damascus, Maryland, church while members were waiting for their new pastor. Now that Richard and Sallie Fredericks have arrived in Damascus, the Brauers can return home. But not to rest. They will be giving full coverage to the Strasburg, Virginia, church. Thanks, Carroll.

Another soldier is found in **Joseph Harold**, who has filled in so many times before for us. Joseph and his wife, **Lillian**, live in Norfolk but have been pastoring the Yale/Hopewell churches for the past few months and will continue through the summer. They are not just filling the pulpit but are covering other ground as well.

Another real-life soldier is found in **Art Slagle**, a U.S. Navy chaplain who is serving as interim pastor in the Wheaton, Maryland, church. Art is stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital but has been spending most of his off-duty time on duty for us. We give a special salute and "thank you" to all three of these men and their families for sharing our load.

Moves within the conference include **Jeff and Dawn Taylor**, who left Strasburg/Front Royal to take up the helm in Buena Vista/Grottoes. The Front Royal church was added to the responsibilities of Cliff Gleason, pastor of the Stanley church in Virginia.

Mike and Karen Lawhorn moved from the church in Beltsville, Maryland, where Mike was an associate pastor, to assume the leadership of the Petersburg/Ford district in Virginia. They replace **Denis and Joy Breetzke**, who have become the new pastoral couple at the Powell Valley church in Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

Tony Mavrakos has left the pastoral position at the Wheaton church so that he can serve in evangelism full time. He recently completed a se-

ries in Kosice, Czechoslovakia, and is now an evangelist for the Potomac Conference.

We had to go a long way to find a new pastoral couple for the Beltsville church, but it was worth the trip. **Norman and Kathy Yergen**—with their two children, Amy and Georgemichael—join us from Anchorage, Alaska. Their things must

have thawed out on the way because they have been in motion ever since they arrived. We are so thankful to have them as part of our team, and we welcome them to Potomac. Norman pastored in Alaska for 10 years, serving most recently as the O'Malley Road church pastor.

MARVIN WRAY
Ministerial Director

Women's Retreat

August 22, 1992

featuring Rebecca Manley Pippert

General Conference Headquarters Building
Silver Spring, Maryland

Advance registration required by August 19.

\$16 fee before August 7

\$20 fee after August 7

For more information or a registration form,
contact the Sligo church at (301) 270-6777.

Potomac says good-bye to Debra Brill



Wednesday afternoon, June 10, the Potomac Conference resource staff and their families gathered to bid farewell and bon voyage to Debra Brill, associate church ministries director. For the past six years Brill has worn many hats for the conference; primary among them was children's ministries director.

Brill has been asked to join the Pacific Union Conference staff as project coordinator for research and development for the department of religious education.

Top: The "Sandwich Quartet": from left; Norma Martin, receptionist; Debra Brill, Len McMillan, church ministries director; and Karen McMillan, assistant office manager.

Bottom: President Ralph Martin says farewell to Debra and George Brill and their son, Ivan.



Small groups—

Excitement and enthusiasm abounds in Potomac! The small group philosophy has been readily accepted, and churches have grown! Congregations all around the conference have adopted the cutting edge message of some foremost church growth specialists: "Small group ministry will win people to Christ."

Current Thoughts & Trends states: "Regardless of how small your congregation may be, if there are unchurched people in your community, your church can grow through home cell groups. Just as in the physical body, growth takes place as cells multiply.... One of the best systems a church can develop is a small group program.... Home cell groups meet members' needs in three vital areas.

- (1) Bible study: The Bible is the only textbook a group needs. Study aids may be helpful, but the focus should be on Scripture.
- (2) Witnessing: Home groups build up the body of Christ by the members sharing each others' burdens and by bringing outsiders into the fellowship.
- (3) Prayer: Praying with and for one another nourishes a small group and bonds the members together...."

From all around the conference come sensational stories about the ministry of small groups:

Terri Sanders, Pennsylvania Avenue church in Washington, D.C.—"Our teen group meets every other Friday night in different homes. The members discuss Bible doctrines and non-religious impacts on their daily lives. The women's group meets one

Friday a month to practice creative arts like knitting, quilting, baking and painting while discussing women of the Bible and how to relate their lives to our practical existence."

Sheila Converse, Fairfax, Virginia, church—"We meet in different members' homes every Friday night for sharing, Bible study, prayer, discussion and socializing. It started with just two people and has grown to a regular group of about 10 persons each week."

Mark Kitchen, Petersburg, Virginia, church—"We have one active small group in our church. The Lord is helping us more and more each day. Hopefully, we will have at least two more before September."

Bob Lehrer, Yale, Virginia, church—"Everyone seems to be enjoying the small groups. It seems to be unifying us. We are getting to be more and more a spiritual family."

Shirley Madison, Fredericksburg, Virginia, church—"Our Mothers and Others (mothers and their small children) group meets on a weekly basis. The members visit nursing homes, send greeting cards and prepare food or meals for new mothers. The Prayer Group meets every week, plus they have a church prayer

chain that is very active. Along with Ladies Friendship Circle, monthly socials and Bible study groups, we have a prison ministries group that meets each week and deals with all non-Adventists."

Roger A. Brown, Hyattsville, Maryland, church—"The Hyattsville church has six active small groups; and so far, four people have been baptized."

Pastor Harry Sharley, Wytheville/Pulaski/Rocky Gap District in Virginia—"I have been so surprised how God has worked through small groups.



big results!

We have five groups in Wytheville and three in Pulaski. There was a great response to our training session. We now have a Bible study with a contact from one of the groups at Pulaski, and I have every reason to believe it will result in baptism. Eleven guests have

been attending our small group three-month series this spring. We will be using our small group ministry in our follow-up program for evangelism this fall. All I can say is that God does some amazing things through small groups!"

Isn't this splendid? But wait; there's more!

Marvin and Judy Brauer of Woodstock, Virginia (and the New Market church), have been working with a small group for approximately a year.

Marvin is a physician,

and this results in

most of his daily contacts being with medical professionals.

The group started small but has grown to an average of 15 individuals each week.

All of these people are in the medical field and are non-Adventists. The Brauers are very dedicated to this ministry and are hopeful that another group will develop as a result of the interest thus generated.

Are you excited yet? Well, keep on reading—it gets better and better!

During the first quarter of

this year the Capital Spanish church in Silver Spring, Maryland, had 20 active small groups with 130 non-Adventists in attendance. On April 30, 38 people were welcomed into the church through baptism and profession of faith. That makes this the first "Centurion Church" (a church with 100 baptisms in a year) in the Potomac Conference. They have at this date 116 baptisms and are striving for 200. This amazing account is the result of dedicated outreach through small group ministry in the Capital Spanish church.

It would seem that if you want your congregation to "get big," first you're going to have to "get small"—groups, that is! If you would like to know more about this ministry, give Roger Weiss a call at the Potomac Conference office. It is his conviction that small group ministry should not be an appendage of the church family, but a *totally integrated program*.

Pictures, from left:

This energetic group from the Tappahannock, Virginia, church participated in a recent small group training seminar.

The newly organized Filipino Capitol church responded with a large percentage of the congregation in attendance at the April 4 small group training seminar.

April 30 was a high Sabbath for the Capital Spanish church as 38 people were added to the membership by baptism and profession of faith. This is the first Potomac "Centurion Church."

The New Market church hosted a small group training seminar with Marvin Brauer (second from left, back row) in attendance. His group of 12 to 15 is active in the Woodstock, Virginia, area.



An evangelism miracle in Burnt Mills

Several months ago Bruce Moyer, professor of religion at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, approached me with the idea of involving several theology students in an evangelistic series. I was planning to do a series somewhere anyway and asked if we could combine our desires. We did, and the Burnt Mills church in nearby Silver Spring invited us to hold the effort there. We began



Marvin Wray

May 8 and ended June 6, with meetings every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Twelve students joined Pastor Lou Badillo and me for an exciting month. The blessings were many and varied. One great blessing was the students themselves. They worked hard and added much enthusiasm, encouragement and often a touch of humor. The members of the Burnt Mills church were faithful and worked hard to provide music, organization and quality programs for the children.

But, as always, God provided blessings that we could have never imagined. The end result was 10 precious souls baptized into a deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ and united with the Burnt Mills family. Let me share one of the stories with you.

For the past several months I have been fighting some form of arthritis that spread through all my joints; by the time the meetings began it had gone into my feet, making walking difficult. My concern was great enough that I asked the three conference officers to conduct an anointing service for me, which they did.

Relief was not forthcoming, however; and the further into the meetings we got, the worse I became. After standing to preach for 45 minutes, I could hardly tolerate walking to the entry and shaking hands. During the next to the last weekend I actually didn't know if I would be able to finish.

Jeff and Kitty Powell, a young couple, were attending each evening. Jeff, who does building and remodeling work, was obviously suffering from back pain to the point that he could not stand straight. He would have loved to come home from work, take a hot bath and just lie down; but he kept coming, feeling that if I

could stand and preach in pain, he could sit and listen in pain. Just before the final Sabbath, Jeff and Kitty made their decision and were baptized. That was the same weekend my pain left me after five long months. The Lord knows how to time His answers better than we do.

There is another exciting story from these meetings that perhaps I can share with you at another time. God is still leading His church and His people, and I am just thankful to be a part of the family.

MARVIN WRAY
Ministerial Director

Mavrakos preaches in Luray

May 8 saw the beginning of an evangelistic series in scenic Luray, Virginia. Recently returned from evangelism in Kosice, Czechoslovakia, Tony Mavrakos conducted meetings four nights a week in Luray. The series will be followed by a Daniel and Revelation seminar.



Tony Mavrakos

The church members have been both enthusiastic and helpful. According to Pastor Dan Kovacs, attendance has been good and has gradually increased—contrary to the norm for meetings such as this—as time has passed.

A five-day stop-smoking plan held in conjunction with the series met with 100 percent success: All three participants gave up the smoking habit. At the end of the fifth night, the presenter, Francis Soper, had special prayer with the group.

About an hour later, the 9-year-old son of one of the women in the group was hit by a car driven by a teenage girl going at least 20 miles an hour over the speed limit. Miraculously, he had no broken bones. He was hospitalized with a head injury but was released two days later and is doing well. His mother remembered Soper's prayer and felt that an angel had protected her son.

Ellen G. White books stocked by public library

A copy of the Conflict of the Ages series by Ellen G. White now occupies the shelves of the public library in Staunton, Virginia. This classic set of five volumes was purchased with special contributions provided by Staunton church members. Each book is inscribed with "Donated by members of the Staunton Seventh-day Adventist Church" done in calligraphy by church member Teresa Pappalardo.

The idea came to Joe Pappalardo when he went to the library for some personal research. Searching the indexing computer for "E.G. White" or "Seventh-day Adventist," he found only *Seventh-day Adventists Believe...* and an old (1946 or 1948) hymnal.

After discussing his idea of donating the books with Staunton Pastor Bob Clarke, Pappalardo asked the librarian if the books would be accepted. When she was informed that Mrs. White is a co-founder of the church and one of the most prolific female authors in the world, she became quite interested in obtaining the books for Staunton library.

A major problem arose, however, when Pappalardo discovered that if a book is not checked out frequently enough, it goes to a flea market. Pappalardo registered alarm and concern over the potential fate of this literary work. Further discussion led the librarian to get permission to put the books into the library's permanent collection.

The next obstacle presented itself as "But we can accept only two of the books." Pappalardo persisted and went on to explain how the five books go together to represent the spiritual beliefs of the church. His perseverance was rewarded. The librarian agreed to take all five for the permanent collection!

Pappalardo said, "The potential for evangelism is great if every church in the conference were to put a set of these books in their local library.

"Just think about meeting someone in church who has checked out *The Desire of Ages* [one of the volumes], was moved by what he or she read and decided to come to church." It's something to think about, isn't it?

Pastor Clarke added, "The power of the printed page can never be overestimated. Unlike us, the print never argues. It simply states the truth of its messages."

LURA DEMERS
Staunton



Margaret Deavers (left) and Barbara Darr greet guests at the Luray crusade.

More than 50 students graduate from Takoma Academy as Class of '92

Fifty-four students graduated from Takoma Academy on June 14 as the smallest class since the baby boom of the '70s. Though small in number, this group of young people have a large drive for success.

The class chose as its aim: "To strive for the best in the end means success," and continued that theme with their class motto: "Success is a journey, not a destination."

Success is obviously their ultimate goal. However, by their aim and motto, it is easy to see that the road to success is also important. The speakers during the weekend concentrated on that road, the "here and now's of that journey."

Columbia Union College Vice President for Student Services Joseph F. Dent II was the speaker for the Friday evening consecration at the nearby Sligo church. Dent is the father of two of the graduates—twins Eleanor and Frank. He reworded the evening's scripture, Psalm 119:9, to title his message: "How can a young man or young woman steer a steady course?"

He compared the students' anxiousness to graduate and get on with life with his recent boating trip while in Ocean City. He couldn't wait to get out on the water, where he was free on the wide open water without street signs and all the rules of the road.

Too anxious to pay attention to the warnings—such as the fact that there was a low tide—and nautical maps he had been given when he rented the boat, Dent sped along the water, happy and content for quite a while. Before he knew it, he had hit a sandbar—which he could have avoided if he had read the map. "You can't always go by what you see on the surface," he added.

At the close of his message, Elder Dent referred back to the scrip-

ture and said, "How can a young man or a young woman steer a steady course? By holding on to Thy Word."

The baccalaureate speaker Sabbath morning was TA Bible Teacher Kelly Jones, who was not only their senior class sponsor, but their friend as well. Jones conducted his sermon as if he were addressing these students in class. It was obvious that he was there to speak to the students directly; the rest of the congregation were just observers.



Above: Principal Harvey Bristow presents senior class President Nina Hayden with her diploma.

Right: senior class Valedictorian Jenny Samuel addresses her classmates.

He urged the soon-to-be graduates not to feel overwhelmed by numbers, because "when we begin feeling that way, it's fairly easy to begin feeling insignificant ... I'm only one citizen among all the citizens of this country. What can I do?"

Continuing the citizen theme, Jones



The students were challenged not to live for themselves, but to live for others and God. The "rewards don't always come in the present, but sometimes in the future," Jones said.

The message he presented showed his concern that young people not live in the past or too anxiously for the future, but that they live in the present. The day-to-day decisions they make will build or diminish their character. He reminded them that "the only thing you will carry with you out of this world is the character you have developed here on earth."

Class night, Saturday night, was a time for the students to let off some of that steam of excitement. The seniors and their families and friends gathered in the J.P. Laurence Auditorium, where several seniors showed off their musical talents and presented their class video—which consisted of video footage taken during their four years at TA.

The commencement address was given by former TA Vice Principal Frank L. Jones III, who is now vice principal at San Pasqual Academy in California. Jones titled his address: "You can make a difference. You are the difference."

mentioned all the presidents who were elected by one vote, as well as the states that were gained statehood by one vote.

He added: "We do make a difference. ... If we give up, if we feel that we cannot make a difference, then the difference we make will be a negative one. If, however, we know that what we do now will have an effect tomorrow ... then we will do our best at all times, and that best will make a positive and flowing contribution to the world."

After the address, the presentation of the diplomas and the tassel ceremony, the Takoma Academy Alumni Association began a new tradition. The newly elected alumni president, Dennis LaBare (Class of 1972), welcomed the graduates into the alumni association. He gave them a new perspective of TA, as alumni. He said: "Anytime you apply for college or apply for a job in the future, you will carry your Takoma Academy credentials. Carry them proudly!"

Then on Sunday—June 14, 1992—54 young adults walked out of their academy years, shook hands with and hugged their teachers and mentors and are now on their journey to success.



Takoma Academy Bible teacher and baccalaureate speaker Kelly Jones with senior and close friend Melanie Rumble.

This is your life, Joyce Marie Hevener Miller

Colleagues, students, friends and family of Joyce Miller gathered at C.F. Richards Junior Academy in Staunton, Virginia, on the evening of June 6 to honor her for 42 years of teaching and to celebrate with her the beginning of her retirement.

The program followed a "This Is Your Life" format and was emceed by Potomac Conference Education Superintendent Violet Weiss.

Among the surprise guests were Geraldine Cooke, a childhood friend; Pauline Dutton, a high school teacher; Madeline Hevener, a college roommate; Tom Stone, a principal with whom Miller worked from 1968 through 1973; and a former student, Diana Boyd, whose two daughters were also taught by Miller.

Weiss shared excerpts of letters from former students and colleagues who could not be present.

Students of Mrs. Miller's "last class" serenaded her and presented her with a large greeting card they had designed for her.

The capstone of the evening was the presentation by C.F. Richards Principal Bob Rice of a plaque that will hang in the school library. This plaque com-



Joyce, her husband, John, and daughter Jeannetta.



Miller's class serenades her during the program.

memorates Miller's service and names the library for her.

Not only remarkable for spanning 42 years, Miller's teaching career is remarkable in that 31 of those years were spent at the C.F. Richards school. She began teaching in 1948 in the basement of the old stone Staunton church. Her salary for instructing seven students in grades one through seven was \$25.25 a week.

Through the years Miller worked on completing her college degree. This she accomplished through the adult degree

program at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, finishing in 1977.

In 1989 she was chosen by the Columbia Union department of education to receive the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award. This honor is given to 16 of the approximately 590 teachers in the union annually. It consists of an engraved plaque and a substantial monetary gift. In 1990 she was awarded a 40-year service pin by the Potomac Conference.

Human Relations

POSITION STATEMENT

We pledge

We recognize

That because we live in a broken world this diversity brings the risk of misunderstanding and of perceived injustice. We understand that differences always represent a challenge to fully integrate all members into the total life of the church.

We believe

That Scripture provides sufficient guidance for all human beings to learn to relate to one another as true brothers and sisters, since: "From one ancestor He made all nations to inhabit the whole earth,"—Acts 17:26 NRSV. But more importantly, Christ has destroyed "the dividing wall of hostility," created by the entrance of sin,—Ephesians 2:14. Therefore, in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus,"—Galatians 3:28.

That in the church body new members are brought into fellowship where they become transformed into new people, a new community, and a new society based on love and peace.

That the Seventh-day Church should be an

object lesson and an example to the world of what Christ can do with surrendered and converted lives in establishing true fellowship, respect and oneness in the gospel. The remnant church, in order to witness the gospel, must demonstrate the agape love of Christ that unites all believers. Jesus made it clear: "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another,"—John 13:35.

We affirm

That as members of the human family, we are brothers and sisters under God and enjoy equal worth in His sight.

That as members it is our duty and privilege to actively promote harmony, understanding and love among all people.

That as members we must cherish the differences among us while we work toward a harmonious balancing of the diverse in the total life of the church.

That as members we are to use courtesy, kindness, fairness, justice and integrity in all of our dealings with others.

To oppose intolerance, bigotry or acts of contempt or violence against any individual or group.

To deal fairly with all in educational, publishing and medical institutions and to encourage fair treatment through employment practices and business dealings.

To publish and encourage the writing of articles to promote better human relations.

To give attention to the needs and concerns of the various groups represented when planning church events and activities.

To work to ensure that all members have full opportunity to use their gifts and their skills in strengthening the church.

We pray

That our triune God, who is the personification of inclusion and wholeness, will bring us into that unity of faith and love described in Acts 2:44 and 4:32, which the first century apostolic church enjoyed; for "all the believers were one in heart and mind." We also pray that as we work together in preparation for life in the kingdom of heaven, it may be said of us, "See how the love these Christians have for one another overflows to all they meet."