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**LOVE HAS MANY FACES**



**RICHARD DUERKSEN**  
Editor

**L**ove has many faces.

I was especially reminded of that fact as I looked through the boxes of slides we received for our cover photo contest. Five things impressed me as I spread the photographs across our light table:

1. Everyone loves children!
2. We should have added a category on "people with pets."
3. Many very good photographers are reading the *Visitor*.
4. There are at least 75 ways to protect precious photographs from the postal service.
5. You're going to love the images we selected!

The cover of this issue is the first "winner" being featured on the *Visitor*. The humor that flows from the photos of the two children playing "smashy-face" makes these especially fitting images for the Valentine season. Good photos tell great stories.

Our winner list includes:

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Marc Beaven           | New Jersey    |
| Kit France            | Virginia      |
| Dale Glass (2 photos) | Ohio          |
| Nancy Krone           | West Virginia |
| Joseph Pinter         | Pennsylvania  |
| Luke Rogers           | West Virginia |

In addition to these winners, we purchased 11 more photos for use inside the magazine. Thank you all for your participation. The results will bring many smiles throughout the Columbia Union.

And start taking people photographs for the 1994 contest. Remember, good photographs tell great stories!

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**COVER:** The children on our "winning" cover were photographed by their father, Joseph Pinter, a registered nurse and amateur photographer. Esti, 2, and brother David, 5, are the children of Joseph and his wife, Nancy, teacher of grades four through six at the LeHigh Valley Adventist School in Whitehall, Pennsylvania. In good biblical tradition, the Pinters live in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, and attend the nearby Bethlehem church. Cover designed by Reger Smith Jr.

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# VISION 2000

Because Jesus Christ is both our Lord and our Saviour:

- The local church will be the central focus and the driving force of the denomination.
- The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.
- Church fellowship will be so vibrant that retention of members will improve and conflicts over lifestyle issues will decrease.

## Many hands do God's work

When Dick Thomas, pastor of the Parkville-Essex church district near Baltimore, Maryland, in the Chesapeake Conference, learned that a Revelation '92 lecture series was to be held in his area, he drew on a variety of resources to ensure that the evangelistic meetings would be successful.

Thomas, who had been a student literature evangelist for two summers while attending Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Maryland, arranged for 50 young people to canvass the area for two weeks.

The boys were housed at the Parkville church, while the girls stayed at the church in nearby Towson, Maryland. Each morning the entire group would meet together to eat the large brunch prepared for them by the church members, have worship and then leave for that day's assigned areas.

At the end of the two weeks, the students had contacted more than 40,000 homes, sold \$17,000 worth of literature and compiled the names of more than 350 individuals for use in follow-up efforts.

Thomas then got assistance from another source: Carl Hobson, a retired evangelist from Oregon and the man who started Thomas in the literature ministry when he was 19 years old. Ten days before the series was to get underway, Hobson and his wife, Ruby, joined Thomas and many members of his congregations in giving out dozens of personal invitations to the outreach meetings.

The result? When Frank Ottati, ministerial director for the Columbia Union, stepped to the pulpit on the opening night of the series, he shared the gospel message with more than 200 non-members.

That four-week series of meetings was followed with a five-day stop-smoking course, which was then followed by a five-night Bible study. More than 50 people have

been baptized into God's family on earth so far, with several others still on the road toward decision.

One special example of the Lord's leading is the experience of Rogeria Aguiar. One morning she prayed that God would somehow show her family how to find the right church. A few hours later, her son, Gabriel, said: "Mamma, someone is coming up the walk." Aguiar said she knew that God was answering her prayer at that very moment. The student colporteur sold her literature and told her about the Revelation '92 seminar. The entire family was baptized on November 14. And because Rogeria and her husband, Fernando, were married by a justice of the peace, they are now planning to be remarried in the Adventist church.

"God has a perfect timetable," Thomas said, "and I truly believe that He loves to see these souls being buried in baptism and accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour."—RH



Sharing the "Happy New Birthday in Jesus" cake with 38 of the 50 people who have been baptized as a result of the Parkville-Essex Revelation '92 lecture series are, kneeling in front: Pastor Dick Thomas; his wife, Carol; retired evangelist Carl Hobson; and Frank Ottati, ministerial director for the Columbia Union Conference.



# THE Lightning of God's love

DICK DUERKSEN

just to take whoever comes and smile as I wash his clothes.

I disagree. Marriage ought to include love. And love ought to include sparkling eyes, fluttering hearts and even a little lightning! But I haven't felt many sparks in the desolate alleys of Haran. Grandfather may have helped to establish this tiny place, but he sure forgot to include good husbands for his granddaughters!

So I dream of sparks as I carry the empty water jar to the spring. I dream of being swept off my feet by a sheik from some far-off land. I dream that a new family will move into town and that they will have a most-eligible son who will see only me among all the women of Haran.

I daydream that one day a wealthy farmer will ride into town in a silver chariot, that he will hold a contest for the finest virgin available and that I will be chosen! He will give my father great gifts of gold, silver

and jewels and then take me off to his tents where we will live—forever in love.

Ah, yes! I dream. Then I stoop down at the spring, fill the jar and walk quickly past the leering eyes by the gate. Sometimes my whole soul grows weary at the reality of my life. If only my dreams would grow bodies and save me from my boring present and terrifying future.

But I am "Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel, son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him." Those words mean that I am the granddaughter of one of Haran's "great men" and that I must do as my father and brother advise. They will tell me how I am to represent the family as a wife. They will inform me who my husband is to be. Although I will be asked if I like their choice, my only real option is to smile in agreement.

Unless God performs a miracle and breathes life into my dream.

Father speaks often of Abraham and his God, the God who calls to those who listen. The God who calls me from the drudgery of today into the adventure of tomorrow. The God who points "way off over there somewhere" and whispers for me to follow. I pray that Abraham's God will not allow drudgery to be my lot. I was made for adventure, for lightning!

I yearn for a husband who understands my hopes, a man who follows the music of God's whisper and dreams also of His great adventure.

But the men of this town laugh at the idea of a God who feels the "lightning of love" for His people. Their gods are things they make and buy and haggle over. Even worse, their gods have taken on the character of the worshippers and are themselves selfish, cruel, angry and ugly.

The jar on my shoulder is already heavy, even without the cool water it will soon hold. Maybe I can find a way to dawdle awhile at the well. I do not want to parade again past the watchers at the gate. Those men could turn a leather veil transparent.

No, I do not like this place. It is not where I belong.

His whispered callings have become a shout in my soul. I am being called to go somewhere out there beyond the gates of Haran, to a place I do not know or understand, to a place where real love waits. To a place that is filled with the lightning of adventure.

Maybe today, down at the well, one of the caravans will be for me. The rich farmer will have a quick smile, a dozen finely-dressed servants and a camel with a ready hump.

Maybe he will whisper to me of the "Lightning of God's Love."

*Dick Duerksen, Visitor editor, is vice president for creative ministries for the Columbia Union. Photo by Charlotte Coe, managing editor.*

Father thinks it's time for me to find a man. Or maybe he thinks it's time for a man to find me.

I'm old enough, I'm a woman, and I can do all of the tasks that are expected of a wife in the city of Haran. But I do not like the options I see on the streets of our town.

Yes, I've noticed all of the available husbands, but not one of them starts a spark in my heart. True, some are wealthy, others handsome, talented, well-dressed or happy. But most are just plain old, cruel, ugly, self-centered and thoughtless.

My father, Bethuel, tells me that sparks are unimportant. He says love is just washing pots, carrying water, feeding camels, mending clothes, bearing children and weaving blankets. He says I'm not to bother with such things as the size of ears, cleanliness of clothes, selfishness or ugliness. I'm

# Quigley's Kidvid is a hit for literature evangelists

C. ELWYN PLATNER

**Q**uigley's Village, a video series that teaches children values through the adventures of Mr. Quigley and his puppet friends, is one of several new products added to literature evangelists' arsenals late this past year that have pushed their sales volume to new highs.

As part of their strategy for breathing new life into the publishing ministry, Family Enrichment Resources leaders promised this past year to develop new and attractive products to meet needs of people in the 1990s.

Although not produced by FER, the organization has acquired exclusive rights to marketing *Quigley's Village* in North America. Literature evangelists are already finding it a popular item, said Harold Otis, FER president.

Among other new products being developed is a six-part video series, *Raising Children You Can Live With*, by Dr. Kay Kuzma. The programs feature Kuzma with live studio audiences of young parents.

The video subject sequence titles are "Your Baby's First Year," "Love Creates Love," "Identity: Making Your Child Feel Special," "How to Handle Emotions," "How to Teach the Lesson of Obedience" and "How to Raise a Brighter Child."

Another video series to be available by late February is a four-tape series titled *Children's Singalong*. Each video will have 10 songs sung by children in words and music children ages 4 through 10 can enjoy. A tape in Spanish will also be offered.

Already available is the 1992 revised edition of *1,250 Health Care*



*Questions Women Ask* by Joe S. McIlhane Jr., a gynecologist who developed the comprehensive medical guide to answer women's most pressing and personal concerns, said John Sherman, FER's vice president for marketing.

For more information about these and other services from literature evangelists, call (800) 926-4437.

*C. Elwyn Platner, communication director for the Pacific Union Conference, coordinated this release for the three unions represented by FER—the Pacific, Atlantic and Columbia unions.*

# Preparing children for baptism

JOSEPHINE BENTON

Is there any higher priority for evangelism than to bring to Christ the children with whom our own homes are blessed? Much of the energy of our church organization is wisely dedicated to this purpose. Yet children do slip by without ever being brought into the church by baptism. Seeking to make the invitation to baptism and church membership as attractive and readily available as possible, we need to extend it frequently and in various ways.

One method that God has been pleased to use effectively in our local church in Williamsport, Maryland,

has been a baptismal class offered right during Sabbath school class time. This is an opportunity in addition to that offered at the elementary school, and in no way competitive with it. Some children choose one route, some the other.

Our class has worked well because Sabbath school leaders have been eager for their students to have the opportunity to prepare for baptism, while parents and the church board have been supportive. A baptismal class at Sabbath school time has the advantage of reaching children who are not in church school. The way our class works is briefly outlined here.

## 1—Finding the students

To begin, the pastor or lay teacher and the Sabbath school division leadership agree on when the pastor or lay teacher will come into the junior-earliten division to talk about the meaning of baptism. (Sometimes children from the primary division ask to join the class and are admitted if the parents and baptismal class teacher agree that the child is ready; however, we don't recruit actively in the primary division.)

Following junior camp in the summer, our pastor receives names of children who have indicated a desire for baptism. The pastor or I contact these children and their parents, offering the class and asking whether this would be a good way for the child to pursue his or her goals.

The class can be announced in the church bulletin. If there appears to be a nucleus for a class (and it can be taught for one child), set the beginning date, pray and gather your materials.

## 2—Teaching the lessons

For each student we provide a set of lessons. As a result of several years' experience, I have written *Light*

*of Love*, a set of baptismal class lessons for children, including stories, thought questions and some "Bible arithmetic" for calculating tithe and points in the 2,300-year prophecy. The lessons are premised on the idea that learning can be enjoyable as well as beneficial. You might use these lessons or others that you prefer. We give each student a Bible in the New International Version because it fits with our lessons; we buy a relatively inexpensive version, but not with print too small to read! There are a few other materials, mentioned in "To the Teacher" with the *Light of Love* lessons.

The class continues through two quarters or as long as it takes us to complete the lessons, with make-up time at the end for Sabbaths missed. The spring baptism date is set well in advance. There is an even higher priority in the class than baptism, however, and that is conversion and commitment to Jesus Christ.

Over the four years the class has been conducted, God has seen fit to bless the cooperative efforts at our church with 18 baptisms, and a new class has just formed.

What an opportunity we have to bring the children to Jesus! Our Lord was "indignant" when His disciples tried to prevent children from coming to Him. Seeing our baptized children participating as committed members in the church—studying and voting on issues, serving as junior deacons and deaconesses—can stimulate the entire flock. And knowing that they are wanted and valued by their church as well as by Jesus can bind these young folk into the family of God now and for eternity.

To order the *Light of Love* baptismal class lessons for children (19 lessons covering the 27 fundamental beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists; student's and teacher's editions available), send \$12 each for one to four sets, \$11 each for five to nine sets or \$10 each for 10 or more sets, to: Josephine Benton, 11727 Crystal Falls Drive, Smithsburg, MD 21783, or call (301) 824-2396 for information.

*Josephine Benton is a retired teacher and pastor who currently serves as personal ministries leader of the Williamsport, Maryland, church in the Chesapeake Conference.*

\*Mark 10:14 NIV.

## Children baptized from baptismal classes

1989

Tommy Benton  
Donnie Seeders  
Jamie Seeders  
Jeremy Tooley  
Richie Byrd  
Niki Tooley

1990

Monte Benton  
Kami Mangum  
Erin Bergman

1991

Jesse Benton  
Jonathan Adams  
David Penner

1992

Amy Bergman  
Shana Blumenberg  
Laurelle Byrd  
Ryan Byrd  
Allison Tooley  
Shaun Brinegar

Still to complete or be baptized: Leah Kocher (scheduled for baptism in Germany in November 1992); Dawn Leather (plans to re-enter class this fall); and Amy Burcher (may re-enter class this fall).

# Creativity makes a warm setting for Zanesville's ordinances of humility



WALTER MAIER

Pastor, you just have to see how special our room is decorated for the foot-washing services."

As a new pastor, in only my second month in the new district, this invitation and the enthusiasm with which it was offered piqued my interest. In an era when some have suggested that the only way a church can get a large attendance on communion Sabbath is to have it unannounced, it was refreshing to see this excitement about the simplest and one of the most beautiful services the church observes.

Since that first quarterly service it has been a delight to see the creativity and planning by Betty White, head deaconess of the Zanesville church, as she brings a feeling of relevance and warmth to the rooms where the ordinances of humility are observed. White has used this gift of planning and decorating to uplift the special quarterly services in Zanesville for more than 15 years.

Each quarter, a theme is planned relating to the time of year, the seasons of the year, current events or other relevant occurrences. This past Christmas, the tables were decorated to reflect the simplicity of home, village and family. The table setting shown in the photo was a snow-covered landscape and a lighted village with a poinsettia arrangement as the centerpiece.

"Sometimes it is hard to find fresh, new ideas, but God always helps me to come up with a plan," says White. Her faithfulness to the church has en-

abled her to create special feelings for all the participants. "At first the special settings were only for the ladies, but then the men came to me and asked if I could arrange their table each quarter."

Last July, commemorating Independence Day, White decorated around a theme of service to country and service to God. The table exhibited the World War II uniform of her husband, Ralph, photos of church servicemen, flags and souvenir newspapers with headlines from that era. The colors of red, white and blue were used throughout to complete the theme.

The Zanesville church has found that this ministry by Betty White has brought blessings to our members and glory to God. The dignity of the ordinances of humility has been preserved, and she has created an atmosphere of service to God.

*Walter Maier is pastor of the Zanesville, Ohio, congregation.*



The theme table settings of Betty White lend a creative approach to the ordinances of humility.

# Blue Mountain Academy students

enth-day Adventists are and what we believe.

The seniors had a lot of questions. "What do you believe in?" "Do you believe in God?" "Do you believe in heaven?" "If so, how do you believe you will get there?" "What sources of written information do you use to support your faith?" "How are your services run?" "Does your religion affect your job?" "Does it affect your diet?" "Why do you believe what you believe?"

So eight students from Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg went to Sunday school. They went to answer

Liz Patten agreed. "This experience renewed my faith in my own religion. It felt really good to be able to open my Bible and put my finger on what I believed."

"To tell you the truth," added Lester Ortiz, "now I want to learn more about others and their beliefs so I can better answer their questions."

David Stone, freshman religion teacher at BMA, echoed the students' enthusiasm. "Sharing their faith does incredible things to these students. I see them feeling positive about being Seventh-day Adventists and proud of



**Left to right:** Adam Higgins, Liz Patton, David Stone, staff; Judi Berry, Steve Reese, Kim Horsham, Tony Rodriguez, Ben Cummings and Ron Gifford, staff. Not shown: Lester Ortiz.

CARON OSWALD

## go to Sunday school

**W**hy do you believe differently than we do?" The senior high Sunday school class at the Salem-Bern United Methodist Church in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, wanted to know who Sev-

the questions, to share their faith and to talk about what they believe and why.

For one hour, Methodist and Adventist teenagers talked about their beliefs. BMA students opened their Bibles to show from God's Word what they believe and why. They shared their belief in Jesus Christ as their crucified and resurrected Saviour, about His soon second coming and about the seventh-day Sabbath and its meaning in their lives.

They got excited. "This has really strengthened all our beliefs."

Steve Reese said, "It made me see how important it is for me to know what I believe for myself, to depend on my own study and not on my teachers or my parents."

having the heritage of a Bible-searching people."

The students are looking forward to continuing these new friendships. They plan to reciprocate by inviting the Sunday school members to attend Sabbath school at the academy.

Adam Higgins summed up the morning. "It's really neat how two different religions can just sit down and talk with each other about what they believe." Everyone nodded in agreement.

*Caron Oswald heads public relations and development for Blue Mountain Academy.*



# Leadership '92

Photos by Laura McComas

Over 300 church leaders, pastors and guests gathered December 4-6, 1992 at the beautiful Chesapeake Lodge of Sandy Cove Conference Center in North East, Maryland for "Leadership '92." This was one of the largest officer training conventions in Chesapeake's history.

"Leadership '92," sponsored by Chesapeake Church Ministries, had as its stated purposes: 1) Holy Spirit revival and inspiration, 2) Intensive training for church officers, and 3) Affirmation of conference laity.

John McVay, senior pastor at Pacific Union College Church in Angwin, California, helped facilitate a revival experience with his three dynamic sermons throughout the weekend.

The convention training phase was accomplished through 12 intensive seminars for leaders of the adult Sabbath school, community services, personal ministries, pathfinders, youth, children's ministries and other departments of the church. Delegates received a total of seven hours training in each area of ministry.

Guest presenters included North American Division personnel such as Norman Middag, Ted Wick and Ron and Karen Flowers. Debra Brill, asso-



A view of the Chesapeake Bay from the lodge, representing the end of a wonderful convention and weekend.



Fellowshipping during Sunday morning reception.

ciate director, Pacific Union church ministries; and Gene Anderson, president, National Adventist Singles Ministries were among the guest presenters from out of the Chesapeake Conference area. Bill McVay, Richard Parker and James Snell, Chesapeake church ministries personnel, coordinated the weekend's events.

Overheard comments from delegates included the following:

"I've never learned so much in such a short time."

"I'm a new superintendent so Ginger Church's seminar was very helpful."

"The Holy Spirit used John McVay to recharge my spiritual batteries. I needed that."

"Leadership '92"—building church leaders for today, tomorrow and eternity.



Millie Jones (left) and Barbara-Lee Boyd handled registration in the lodge lobby.



Josephine Benton, personal ministries seminar presenter.



Richard Parker, coordinator, youth seminar presenter.



Norman Middag, presenter from North American Division church ministries.



Ginger Church, adult Sabbath school seminar presenter.



John Gavin, Silver Spring Community Services Center director.



Group activity during Saturday night social.



Fillmer Hevener, communications seminar presenter.



Group praying for revival among members.



James Snell, family life seminar presenter.



Seminar groups in action.



Ted Wick, young adult ministries presenter.

## Thornton speaks at Youth Day

The A.Y.S. department of the Grace Tabernacle church in Norristown, Pennsylvania, held a Youth Day celebration program on Sabbath, December 19. George Thornton, the pastor for the Macedonia church in Chester, Pennsylvania, was the keynote speaker at the divine worship service.

The title of his sermon alone, "Red-Nosed Culprit," was enough to raise one's level of curiosity. Thornton stated: "Because we are different, we are made fun of. We can't help the way we look; we were born this way. Can you imagine how Rudolph felt? Young people going to church to worship God on Sabbath; you're different. God is concerned with the interior. You must have Jesus in the center of your life."

A luncheon was prepared for all who attended the service. Immediately following the luncheon, Thornton presented an A.Y.S. workshop on "Black Pride/Self-Esteem." He emphasized the importance of reading all one can to help put that pride and self-esteem in the black family and black children. "Parents need to be role models," stated Thornton. "The home should be a child's first school."

He stated the five things that affect young people most are: 1) Peer pres-



George Thornton enjoys the Sabbath meal with Charles and Kerrie Williams and several children at Grace Tabernacle.

sure, 2) Rap music, 3) Television, 4) Home and 5) School. The two dominating forces are peer pressure and rap music. "Parents, you need to know where your children are going, and you need to listen to their music to know what they're listening to," he said. He continued: "Screen their music and their friends."

At the close of the workshop, Thornton gave a list of books he suggested each person read. They included: *Beyond Roots: In Search of Blacks in the Bible* by William Kissic; *Black Young Adults* by Walter McCray; and *The Measure of Our Success* by Marion Wright Edleman.

Thornton also emphasized that it would be excellent to subscribe to a magazine entitled *Emerge*.

VALERIE COOPER



Pastor George Thornton

## Trust department nears accreditation

The Allegheny East Conference will soon be eligible for the coveted General Conference accreditation. Daniel Davis, trust officer, his wife, Elizabeth Davis, and Zenobia Seward, assistant conference treasurer, took the intensive training courses at Loma Linda University in California and have all passed the rigid examination.

The Allegheny East Conference trust department looks beyond traditional planning with the assistance of a team of qualified professionals from the fields of law, economics and finance who have formed a working advisory organization to assist Allegheny East Conference members in their financial and estate planning via wills, trusts, tax-saving instruments and bequests. Members needing more information should contact the conference office.

DANIEL L. DAVIS  
Trust Officer

## Conference awards 57 scholarships

Allegheny East awarded 57 scholarships totaling \$3,300 for Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, \$7,650 for Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, and \$5,800 for Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

Eleven Pine Forge Academy students were awarded the Three Way Scholarships, while 17 Columbia Union College and 29 Oakwood College students received scholarships.

Applications are made available annually through the Allegheny East Conference department of education. Each year the department makes these applications available to the pastors of our sisterhood of churches.

Recommendations are received in December and scholarships awarded. Consideration is given first to those who have met the scheduled deadlines. Careful attention is given to the financial needs represented by the applicants and the size of their immediate families.

If a recipient fails to matriculate, the scholarship is given to the next student on the original list until all available funds are depleted.

ALVIN KIBBLE  
President



During the height of the Christmas holiday season a new 43-member congregation was born in Wilmington, Delaware. It got its start not from an evangelistic meeting but through the unselfish efforts of one man—Leon Trusty Sr. of Salem, New Jersey.

Trusty relates how he returned home one evening in 1991 to find a message on his answering machine which said: "Mr. Trusty, my name is George Williams. You don't know me. However, your name was given to me as a person who could help me with some questions I have on the Bible. If you would be willing to help me, would you call me at ...?"

Trusty called Williams and found that he was the pastor of a fairly large Pentecostal church in Wilmington. He also found that Williams was searching for Bible truth. Their conversation resulted in a Bible study that completely changed the lives of Trusty and Williams, as well as many other persons.

George Williams is a proud, God-fearing man. As pastor of a Pentecostal church, he prided himself in doing what God told him to do. He always did the best he could for his congregation, approximately 100 strong. He said when he found truth, he gave them truth. When he learned new truths through the Bible study with Trusty, he would return to his pulpit to preach it to his flock.

Leon Trusty, also a proud, God-fearing man, is first elder of the Mount Calvary church in Salem and a member of the Columbia Union executive committee. He knew how to lead a soul gently to Christ through the power of God's Word.

Trusty pressed justification. Williams preached justification. Trusty taught the state of the dead. Williams preached the state of the dead. And

## Telephone message nets 41 baptisms

so it went, one truth after another, until one day Trusty taught Williams the seventh-day Sabbath. Williams stated that when it was presented to him, he could not refute it. He cried because he was so happy. He said, "I have been looking for this most of my life." He said he presented this idea to others of his first-day colleagues. They acknowledged that Saturday was the seventh day, but said that it was no longer mandatory to worship on that day.

Williams decided to preach the Sabbath to his congregation. To his dismay, it was rejected by the great majority of his congregation. He began to lose his members. However, Williams stated that he knew it was



Two women who made a last-minute decision to be baptized had to use choir robes when the baptismal robes ran out.

the truth, and he made a promise to God that he was going to go all the way with his newfound faith no matter what the cost. He had no idea how costly and trying that pledge would be.

In May of 1992, Williams and his wife, Sharon, were baptized by Patrick Green, then the pastor of the Mount Calvary church. Sixteen members of Williams' Pentecostal church watched him go down in baptism and, like Namaan, come up shouting and praising the Lord.

It was after the baptism that George and Sharon began their hardest trials to date. Williams, the new Seventh-day Adventist, now had a congregation of Pentecostal Christians numbering under 10. At one point his membership dropped to four, plus himself and Sharon. He then put his house up for mortgage so he could retain possession of the church building.

Williams stated that he was served papers one day by the constable stating that his house was going to be sold at a sheriff's auction because he was behind in his payments on the church mortgage.

Williams said that God intervened at this point and saved his house and church. During the months between May and November, Leon Trusty conducted Bible study classes. Williams was successful in getting a group together. That nucleus grew until it reached 41 persons on the day of baptism.

Gary Banks, the present pastor of the Mount Calvary church, baptized the 41 happy persons and Williams, who watched two of his daughters get baptized, announced that 27 persons were already taking Bible studies and the goal of the members was to have 100 persons in Bible studies before the end of January 1993.

Trusty could hardly be contained because God had allowed him the privilege of planting the seed. His testimony was: "Hallelujah! Praise God!"

On November 28, 1992, Charles Cheatham, Allegheny East Conference executive secretary, organized the Miracle Station Seventh-day Adventist Company.

Through provisions made in North American Division, Columbia Union and Allegheny East Conference policy, George Williams was appointed official leader over this unusual "flock of sheep."



This young girl had a ringside seat for the baptism.



The former Pentecostal-turned-Adventist Pastor George Williams and wife Sharon.

# Potomac Evangelism Recap



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1—Doug and Beth Sheffer, along with their daughter, Heidi, attend a Revelation Seminar held in Staunton, Virginia.

2—Ralph Martin, conference president, took time from his busy schedule to hold evangelistic meetings in Waynesboro, Virginia.

3—First impressions are lasting ones, and the welcome given at the reception area in Lynchburg, Virginia, provided a “warm fuzzy” to those attending each evening.



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- **Potomac Conference Goal—1,000 Baptisms**
- **Achieved 1,000+**
- **Hispanic Baptisms: 608**
- **50 percent of Potomac churches involved in 1992 active outreach and public evangelism**
- **Average cost per person baptized—\$145.45**
- **Average cost of one public effort—\$4,000**



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4—Capital Spanish had 202 baptisms this year and created a new congregation now known as “Central D.C.” Mr. and Mrs. Medrano are baptized by pastors Vilmar Gonzalez and Pablo Perla.

5—Ken Wilber, conference evangelist, is shown giving a warm welcome to some in attendance at one of the many evangelistic meetings he held in the conference. A new congregation has been established in Stafford, Virginia, as a result of one of his efforts.

6—A musical group from North Carolina performs at the meetings held in Konnarock, Virginia.

7—You don’t have to be an adult to enjoy an evangelistic meeting. These children look forward to learning about Jesus in classes designed just for them.

8—This group from Takoma Park is taking an active part in the Revelation Seminar. The informal format of these seminars provides a friendly atmosphere in which to learn Bible truths.

9—Ivan Vargas plays an Incan panpipe instrument for special music at the evangelistic meeting held in the Arlington Spanish church.

10 A great team spirit can be noted in the happy faces of pastors Bob Streib and Jim Brown of the Seabrook, Maryland, church, along with Joe Hagan, evangelistic assistant, and Tony Mavrakos, evangelist.

# A Healing ministry

## For the children

### Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

Bryan and Janet Lee have one very good reason to be thankful for their recent visit to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. That reason is a baby boy named Jesse, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee on January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee had planned to have natural childbirth at a free-standing birthing center, but complications developed that resulted in them having to go to Shady Grove, where an emergency cesarean section was performed.

"Everyone was wonderfully caring," said Mr. Lee. "The staff treated us medically, but at the same time they were aware of our emotional state. I was even allowed into the operating room to hold my wife's hand. We were provided with compassionate, caring service."

Mr. and Mrs. Lee's experience highlights Shady Grove's "Ministry of Kindness," a treatment philosophy which is an integral part of Shady Grove's care in the maternal/child health department. Shady Grove provides a full range of services for expectant mothers and for children, including childbirth education classes, maternity services and care throughout childhood and adolescence.

#### 4,800 babies

Nearly 4,800 babies are delivered at Shady Grove each year, the second highest number of deliveries in the state of Maryland. In addition, the hospital experienced a 16 percent increase in pediatric inpatients and a 25 percent increase in pediatric

same-day surgery patients in 1992.

"From birth through adolescence and beyond, children are a source of great joy for parents. At the same time, it's a challenge to keep up with the change that occurs in a child's life," said Judy Thompson, Shady Grove's director of maternal/child health. "At Shady Grove, we provide treatment and health education that helps prepare mom and dad for the birth experience and all aspects of postpartum care."

#### Before delivery

The childbirth programs, all taught by registered nurses, are some of the most popular health education courses at the hospital. These programs range from childbirth education classes for expectant parents to a class that prepares siblings for a new addition to the family.

#### ● The Healthy Moms

**Pre-natal Exercise Class** is an ongoing fitness program emphasizing stretching, toning and low-impact aerobics for expectant moms.

#### ● Childbirth preparation classes

allow active participation and sharing of the birth experience. Topics covered include breathing and relaxation techniques, signs and symptoms of labor, infant feeding and postpartum adjustments. A

refresher course is offered for couples who have previously attended a class and need a short review. Childbirth education videos, a hospital orientation class and tours of the hospital's maternity unit also are available.

● **Infant care classes** help parents prepare to care for their baby during the important first year of life. Participants



**During Shady Grove's Brother and Sister Class, children select and wrap a birthday present for their new sibling.**

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## Addiction — What is yours?

During Pastoral Care Week, the last week of October, our hospital had a special appreciation dinner to recognize and thank the local clergy of different faiths for supporting the hospital's chaplain and assisting his spiritual ministry program.



Gene C. Milton  
Hackettstown Community Hospital  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

At this dinner a retired Episcopal clergyman spoke on spirituality and addiction. He credited Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) with establishing, as early as 1935, the simple, spiritual principles that have been such a blessing to so many people through the years.

Perhaps it is because AA appears simplistic that those of us outside the program often fail to recognize or appreciate the profound wisdom of this fellowship, which has worked so many miracles in countless lives.

The dictionary tells us an addict is one who devotes or gives oneself habitually or compulsively. To me, addiction may go beyond alcohol and drugs to include such things as gambling, eating, television, music, movies and many others — yes, even work.

The founding principles of Alcoholics Anonymous are so basic and biblically related that they can be applied to all types of addictions. The first step to recovery is that individuals must recognize they are powerless over their addictions and believe there is a Power greater than themselves who can restore them. AA teaches to "let go and let God."

Other slogans developed by AA also say a lot about our Christian life. To millions of recovering persons and families, these have deep spiritual significance. The following are a few:

- **One day at a time** — their goal is progress, not perfection. It is an honest desire and life's direction that's at issue.
- **First things first** — admit and accept that there's a problem and that we are powerless to deal with it alone.
- **Identify, don't compare and utilize, don't analyze** — support, understand and love each other and share one's own experience to help another overcome their problems.
- **Live and let live** — stop trying to control or change others.
- **Pain is optional** — it reminds us that we have the power (through a higher Power) to choose not to do something; therein lies tremendous freedom.

In an article entitled "The Wisdom of AA," Christian Carlson states that new members of AA are surprised to learn they are needed to revive those who've been in the program for years and that they're welcomed because of their alcoholism, for "the greatest wisdom of AA is that it serves as a constant reminder of 'There, but for the grace of God, go I.'"

As we ponder over these AA principles and slogans, do you suppose that, if we realize we're unhappy with our relationship with God, we might have some addictions we need to confront?

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learn how to choose a pediatrician, become familiar with proper feeding practices and learn how to care for a sick infant.

Siblings can play an important part during the addition of a new baby, so Shady Grove offers a **Brother and Sister Class** for 3- to 9-year-olds. The children visit the nursery and postpartum unit and select and wrap a "birthday" present for the expected sibling.

## **Delivery**

At Shady Grove, emphasis is placed on making the birth experience as comfortable as possible. Shady Grove was one of the first hospitals in the greater Washington, D.C., area to implement the use of Labor-Delivery-Recovery rooms for the birth experience. The labor, delivery and recovery stages of birth (except for a Cesarean section) all take place in the LDR room — only after recovery does the mother go to the postpartum unit.

"The LDR room technique reflects the way attitudes about childbirth have changed in the past few years," said Jeanne Sanders, Shady Grove's senior vice president for patient care services. "Labor and delivery previously were treated more as surgical procedures with multiple room transfers. Now greater involvement by parents in the birth process is expected, and Shady Grove moved to meet this demand by bringing childbirth advances, such as the LDR, to maternal/child care."

"Responding to this consumer demand is one of the factors that has made childbirth at Shady Grove popular among the families who have their children at the hospital," said Thompson. "We also find that nurses enjoy working on the unit because of these advances."

A Level II critical care nursery with 24-hour neonatology coverage provides care for newborns who may require IV therapy, cardiac and respiratory monitoring, including a ventilator to assist in breathing, and babies who require tube feeding.

## **After delivery**

In keeping with the hospital's continuum of care philosophy, Shady Grove's

involvement with the new baby and his or her family often doesn't end when the parents take their newborn home. Health education courses such as a postpartum exercise class and a "Discovering Motherhood" program support new moms as they deal with the physical, mental and emotional changes that come with being a parent. Other courses teach child and infant first aid and CPR to parents or others who may take care of the new baby.

## **Children in the hospital**

A family-centered approach to treatment helps reduce the fears of children who have to be admitted to the hospital. Parents are allowed to sleep overnight with a child staying in a private room, and children are encouraged to use the play areas in the pediatrics unit. Nurses are prepared to answer questions or allay any fears a child or a family member may have. The unit also is prepared to provide critical care services for medical and surgical admissions.

When an infant, child or teenager requires surgery, parents stay with the patient until he or she is under anesthesia and are with them soon after they awaken from the procedure.

"Our physicians, nurses, employees and volunteers enjoy helping to make delivering and raising children a special time for the families in our community," said Bryan Breckenridge, president of Shady Grove.

"I just can't say enough good things about our experience at Shady Grove," said Bryan Lee. "If I'm ever in a town where I need emergency care, I'm going to look for an Adventist hospital."

## **News**

### **HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

#### **Personal safety seminar held**

Hackettstown Community Hospital teamed up with the local police department to offer the community a free seminar entitled "Personal Safety during the Holiday Season."

Seminar participants learned what to do to protect themselves during the holiday season, when the crime rate traditionally goes up, and received tips on motor vehicle safety during winter driving.

#### **Pregnancy services available**

Financial assistance, no-cost pregnancy tests and prenatal and nutrition education are available through Hackettstown Community Hospital's HealthStart Clinic.

HealthStart is the statewide Medicaid program for pregnant women established to improve the accessibility and scope of maternal and child services available to low-income women and children.

### **KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER**

#### **Kettering Memorial Hospital founder Bob Dell retires**

Bob Dell, assistant vice president for personnel relations, retired from Kettering Memorial Hospital after 28 years of service. Dell's service roles at Kettering ranged from operating room technician to his final position as administrator.

Acknowledging the stressful nature of his work, Dell said he looks forward to an unstructured lifestyle. He and his wife, Jackie, charter

members of the Centerville church, plan to continue work in prison ministry, giving Bible studies and many other things that a busy career's time constraints don't allow.



#### **Kettering Workers Care offers international travel services**

Making sure international travelers are medically prepared is the mission of a new service offered by Kettering Workers' Care, a division of Kettering Medical Center. The program offers immuniza-

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tions, travel-related physical examinations, individualized counseling and education. In addition, a list of health-care resources to contact should the traveler become ill while abroad also will be made available. The program is under the direction of Kettering Medical Center physicians Sandy Shrader and Catherine Bacheller, specialists in internal medicine and infectious diseases.

## **LELAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

### **■ LMH medical staff members educate students about the hazards of smoking**

Leland Memorial Hospital medical staff members Brian Bayly, Robin Bissell and Stanley Forster recently participated in "Kids Against Tobacco," an educational program sponsored by the Prince George's County (Maryland) Medical Society. KAT, a program for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders, helps kids understand the hazards of smoking.

### **■ Paulette Dendy appointed clinical supervisor of Leland's emergency department**

Registered nurse Paulette Dendy has been appointed clinical supervisor of Leland's emergency department. Dendy is certified as an emergency nurse, an intensive care nurse practitioner, a critical care nurse and a respiratory therapist. She most recently served as a charge nurse, quality assurance nurse and relief nursing supervisor in the emergency department at Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C.

## **SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL**

### **■ Shady Grove hires transplant coordinator**

Richard Kolovich has been hired to serve as transplant coordinator for Shady Grove Adventist Hospital's kidney transplant program. "Richard has

extensive experience in coordinating transplant programs and was most recently associated with the Washington (D.C.) Hospital Center," said Jeanne Sanders, senior vice president for patient care services.

Shady Grove, which received approval for the program in October 1992, is the only non-teaching hospital in Maryland to conduct kidney transplant surgery.

### **■ New physician's lecture series begins**

Shady Grove's new physician's lecture series began January 4 with a presentation about glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness in the United States. The lecture, given by Murray Hammerman, a board-certified ophthalmologist, was attended by more than 70 people from the community.

The 1993 Physician's Lecture Series will consist of nine free presentations covering a wide variety of topics, including heart disease, breast cancer, diabetes and prostate cancer.

## **WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL**

### **■ Hospital brightens holidays for local families**

Washington Adventist Hospital's social work/discharge planning department served as a clearinghouse for holiday giving, selecting several needy families to receive the gifts of hospital staff. The emergency department also collected hats, coats, gloves and blankets to give to the homeless population this winter.

### **■ Employee fund-raising tops last year's total by 20 percent**

Employees gave \$27,573 to the hospital during the 1992 fund-raising campaign, an increase of 20 percent over last year. In addition, they contributed \$6,240 to the United Way campaign. Funds contributed to the hospital's foundation are used to purchase equipment for the hospital.

## *Ways to Wellness*

### **Home Assistance, Incorporated**

#### **Finding the correct health-care professional**

In choosing a health-care provider who is right for you, consider these points:

1. Does your health-care provider take a thorough history, asking you about the health of relatives, an inventory of medicines you use and other social factors affecting your health?

2. Do you sense that your physician has a long-term commitment to your care and that he or she will continue to treat you even if your problems become very difficult? Does he or she show respect and concern for you as an individual?

3. Are you comfortable discussing personal concerns with the physician, such as emotional problems or sexual issues when they are relevant to your care?

4. Does the physician discuss alternative ways to solve your problems, or does he or she seem to prescribe drugs automatically?

5. Many hospitals have physician referral sources where you can receive information about physicians in your area who are specialists for the problems you have. If you already have a physician you trust, he or she will be able to refer you to an appropriate specialist in your area.

Hackettstown Community Hospital



## POTOMAC

### Virginia Beach church celebrates inauguration

The Virginia Beach congregation was inaugurated as a full-fledged church on November 28 with 98 members.

Ralph Martin, president of the Potomac Conference, was the main speaker. He was assisted by ministers from the Adventist churches in Virginia's Tidewater Metroplex: Ed Barnett, Norfolk church; Rex Frost, district pastor of the Chesapeake and Portsmouth churches; and Jeff Veness, principal of Tidewater Junior Academy in Chesapeake.

The day's events included Sabbath school and worship in the morning, a musical program and inauguration ceremonies that afternoon and a social in the evening featuring Philippine cultural songs and folk dances.

The Virginia Beach church was officially spawned from the Norfolk church during November of 1991, organized as a company of believers January 4, 1992, and after seven months, on August 23, 1992, was granted church status by the Potomac Conference Executive Committee. However, to make the inauguration more meaningful, the celebration was held on November 28, during Thanksgiving weekend.

The congregation's membership is predominantly Oriental with a mixture of Caucasian and African-American. It is the only Adventist church in Virginia Beach, one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States.

As of December 12, the church already had 102 members. This growth was made possible through intensive one-to-one outreach and Bible studies conducted by members and the pastor.

The congregation is renting the facilities of the Virginia Beach Church of God as a temporary place of worship. However, with a strong campaign going on for a church-building project, the members hope to purchase land for a permanent building by the end of 1993 or early 1994.

NELSON PALLASA  
*Pastor*

## PENNSYLVANIA

### BMA student scores well in piano performance

David Greene, a junior at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, placed fourth in a field of 20 during the Reading Sym-

## Adventist Resource Management Service TALENT/OPPORTUNITY BANK

The primary purpose of Adventist Resource Management Service (ARMS) is to match people with needs and opportunities in order to further the worldwide mission and ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ARMS is a department of the North American Division and is sponsored by ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries). If you could fill any of the volunteer opportunities below or would like to join the pool of Adventist volunteers, contact ARMS today.

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**Radio Engineer Assistant**—male/female. Costa Rica, working knowledge of computers, electronics, design electronics projects and transmission systems. 12 months. Beginning date: 9/1/93.

### Volunteer Resources

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phony Orchestra Women's Committee 39th Annual Youth Auditions.

This competition was Greene's first, and this student of BMA music teacher Nancy Edison performed "Concerto in C," first movement (allegro), by Franz Joseph Haydn.

A beginner on the piano when he came to the BMA campus over two years ago, Greene has developed his God-given musical talents by becoming a violinist and an organist, singing with the BMA choir, playing trombone in the academy concert band and performing solos on the recorder.

Greene's performance was rewarded with a \$100 scholarship for music instruction and the chance that he might be chosen to play with the Reading Symphony Orchestra. He plans to compete with both the violin and the piano during next year's contest.

JOHN EDISON  
*Correspondent*



David Greene

## NEW JERSEY

### Pathfinder club provides "valley" for youth

The Vallee Du Bonheur (Valley of Happiness) Pathfinder club recently held its fifth investiture ceremony at the Maranatha French church in Newark.

During the worship hour, the Pathfinders and the rest of the congregation listened to an inspiring message from Murrell Tull, who was then youth director of the New Jersey Conference.

The club, which was started back in 1983 with 15 members and three staff leaders, now has 39 members and nine staffers, six of whom were founding members of the group. There is also an Adventurers club with 16 members.

In 1990 the group was named "club of the year" for the conference under the direction of Sadrail Saint-Ulysse, who is now a local coordinator.

According to the new director of the club, Pastor Wilson Mompremier, "Vallee Du Bonheur is still serving as a 'valley' for the youth of the church."

SANDERS MOMPREMIER  
*Correspondent*



From left to right: Morgan Reeb, chairman of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the women's pilots organization; Joan Stalk; Polly Carico; Shirley Baird; Maxine Parker; Maude Walker; Betty Vinson; Sayre Graves; and Jackie Leavitt.

## POTOMAC

### Women pilots assist with Community Services

November 21 was a cloudy and rainy day, but the spirits of the Women's Pilot Wings of Warmth group were not dampened. Those who could not fly in because of the weather drove to the Tappahannock, Virginia, Municipal Airport with their gifts of winter clothing for adults and children: toys, books, sheets, blankets and canned goods.

Members from the local Seventh-day Adventist church picked up these sup-

plies and took them to the Community Services center, where they were used in the Christmas CARE boxes that were distributed to the needy in the Tappahannock area.

Wings of Warmth is sponsored by the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women pilots (non-profit) to spread the spirit of giving through aviation. Morgan Reeb from Montross, Virginia, is the Washington chapter chairman. Several of the pilots who participated in the project belong to the Virginia chapter.

VIRGINIA PEARSON  
*Communication Secretary*

## OHIO

### Vigor seminar draws healthy response

The excellent attendance during the health and vigor seminar sponsored by the Mount Vernon Hill church surpassed all expectations, according to Dale Glass, one of the organizers. More than 100 members and 100 visitors from the community attended during the four seminars held January 14-17.

The presenter was Wes Youngberg of Loma Linda University in California.

He graphically portrayed the dangers of the average American diet.

The entire seminar was centered on the concepts of balance and simplicity. In one illustration, Dr. Youngberg demonstrated that one regular order of french fries from a local fast food restaurant has more fat than 75 plain potatoes. He reminded attendees: "It's not the potato that contains the fat but the cooking method or toppings you put on it."

Throughout the seminar, Youngberg encouraged the participants to eat foods in more natural forms. A balanced lifestyle regarding diet, exercise and emo-

tional health achieves the best results, he added.

Plans for the future may include a cooking school and/or follow-up with the attendees for questions that may be answered by Youngberg via video.

RON VOZAR

*Assistant Communication Director*

## ALLEGHENY WEST

### Akron Bethel celebrates Men's Day

On behalf of the members of the House of Representatives of the 119th General Assembly of Ohio, state Representative Vernon Sykes extended special recognition to the Frank Loris Peterson Society of Adventist Men on Men's Day, October 24, during the 11 a.m. worship hour at the Bethel church in Akron.

Recognition was also made of the growth and prosperity of the congregation. Augustus Niles, president for the men's club, accepted the commendation in behalf of the club.

Sykes also honored Milton Blackmon for completing his doctorate in education administration at the University of Akron, where he is presently a student advisor. Blackmon was also commended for his community involvement.

"I am truly thankful for the recognition," Blackmon said. "However, all the praise goes to God."

ELAINE WILLIAMS  
*Communication Secretary*

## POTOMAC

### Community Services center receives award nomination

The Seventh-day Adventist Community Services Center in Silver Spring, Maryland, recently received a nomination for the esteemed Community Services Award from the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission.

Nominations were announced at an awards celebration banquet attended by John Gavin, the center's executive director, and his wife, Michele, as well as Pastor and Mrs. Paul Anderson on December 8.

Anderson, an associate pastor of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland, noted: "While the Community Services center did not receive the award, it was among only a few that were nominated." Anderson added that "The Human Relations Commission's staff and

commissioners recognize the vital service that the center performs on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many in Prince George's County."

The Community Services center offers several programs, including such material assistance as food, clothing or furniture, in addition to comprehensive case assistance and counseling services. As Gavin stated: "The center not only meets the immediate need, but also addresses the underlying needs that cause people to be in a situation where they have to seek assistance."

While headquartered in Silver Spring, the center reaches out to provide services to people across the metropolitan area. The center's Lord's Lunch program, operated by volunteers from local Adventist churches, feeds the homeless of inner-city Washington. The center is supported by the Sligo, Takoma Park, Silver Spring and Beltsville churches and also depends on private gifts for substantial support.

"Perhaps the center will receive the award next year," Anderson stated. "The people there do a lot with very little and should be recognized for their efforts."

## The Family Column

### Dr. Kay's Q&A

*Is spanking "richly deserved?"*



**Kay Kuzma**

**Question:** You made a reference to spanking in one of your columns and mentioned it was probably "richly deserved." When is corporal punishment richly deserved? Should it be?

**Answer:** In my experience there are two classes of people who consider corporal punishment (spankings) as "richly deserved." The first is parents who do at times administer spankings. And second, the children who are the recipients of spankings. But just because someone thinks a spanking is "richly deserved" isn't a good enough reason to administer one.

Because I feel strongly that spankings are not nearly as effective for changing behavior as imposing logical consequences, I enjoy asking children what they think they deserve if they disobey Mommy or Daddy or misbehave and cause trouble. Even when I give specific situations, like "Throw a dish and break it," or "Pull the dog's tail even after your mommy told you to stop," kids tell me that they deserve a spanking. This answer has puzzled me, especially when children don't like spankings.

Even when given a choice of various consequences, children often choose a spanking. I'll never forget the evening 4-year-old Kevin did something wrong (I can't remember what) and needed a consequence. My husband gave him three choices: losing the privilege of going with his cousins that next afternoon, going to bed without a story or getting a spanking. At first he chose not going with his cousins, but it wasn't long before he reconsidered and told his daddy, "Just spank me and get it over with."

Then there was the time when my little brother came home rushing into the house and called, "Mom, spank me quickly. I just broke Mrs. Jones' window." She did, and he left the house moments later with a clear conscience. What did he learn about the importance of being careful? Nothing. He just endured what he thought he deserved and was free of guilt.

So is a spanking ever deserved? Probably not. What children really deserve is a consequence that will teach them important lessons about how they should behave. In most cases the momentary pain of a spanking is quickly forgotten and seldom as effective as consequences that teach the child what he should do, instead of what he shouldn't.

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the *Family Times* newspaper. For a free year's subscription, write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (615) 339-1144.]



Mikhail Bragin (third from left) uses sign language to converse with Alicejean Nelson, secretary for deaf services at Christian Record Services, and Thompson Kay, CRS vice president, while Bragin's wife, Polena (right), looks on.

## WORLD CHURCH

### Hearing-impaired Russian Adventists visit CRS

Mikhail and Polena Bragin, hearing-impaired Russians who recently became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, visited Christian Record Services in Lincoln, Nebraska, during January to learn how to meet the needs of persons with hearing problems in their homeland.

According to Christian Record Services Vice President Thompson Kay, the Bragins' trip was sponsored by his organization and the General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Kay was an interpreter for an evangelistic series in Novosibirsk, Siberia, this past summer. At the end of that series, 908 people were baptized, 80 of whom were hearing-impaired. This is

the largest group of hearing-impaired individuals ever baptized at one time into the Adventist church.

It was then that Kay came to know the Bragins, who were among those baptized as a result of the series. Mikhail, who is director of the Association for the Deaf in Novosibirsk, has a law degree. He lost his hearing when he was 5 years old.

While in Lincoln, the Bragins learned about the services CRS provides for the hearing-impaired. They also visited the Nebraska Commission for the Hearing-Impaired, the Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation Center and the University of Nebraska Barkley Center.

Upon leaving Lincoln, the Bragins visited Gallaudet College (a university for the deaf) and the National Association for the Deaf, both of which are located in Washington, D.C.

VALERIE STRICKER  
Assistant to the President

## CHESAPEAKE

## Kindergarten class makes lessons real to students

The kindergarten Sabbath school room within the Grasonville, Maryland, church is a busy place every week as the children create a project related to each quarter's lessons under the leadership of Jeanne Radcliffe, Cheryl Conaway and Jeanne Gahley.

One recent endeavor was a study of the Sabbath, for which the youngsters learned the fourth commandment, sang a song entitled "I Love the Sabbath" and made a replica of the church building—including bushes and the parking lot.

Another student project was the landing of Noah's ark on Mount Ararat, including "playdough" animals and people, plaster of paris mountains and a hand-painted rainbow.

Recently the class prepared a replica of the crossing of the Red Sea by Moses and the children of Israel.

The teachers believe that a project created by hand will be engraved on the heart and mind of the youngster making it and will be remembered long after the students have left the classroom.

## COLUMBIA UNION CHURCH MINISTRIES

## Have you registered yet for this spring's Sabbath School 101?

You were recently elected the new Sabbath school primary leader. This is your first experience on the job. You were given the "Program Helps," shown the primary room and left to "do your own thing." The problem? How do you interest primaries in the Bible? What kind of program is appropriate for children that age? Where do you get additional help, or how do you organize the help you already have?

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If you haven't received a registration brochure, call the Columbia Union Conference at (800) 438-9600 for your copy. You need to register in advance to receive a ticket for the "survival snack" and to help us plan for the number of handouts to have available for you. *Please note:* Fill out and send in one brochure per person. Xerox as many copies as you need.

One more important note: Sabbath School 101 is free! Compliments of the Columbia Union and your local conference. After it's over, be sure to let your local leaders know how helpful it has been to you.

## Sabbath School 101

Sabbath, March 27, 1993

Eastwood church, 250 Napoleon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio

BARBARA MANSPEAKER

Associate Director, Church Ministries

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For Information Packet contact  
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## WORLD CHURCH

### AWR changes lives around the world

In this age of advanced technology and the bombardment of mass media, many messages reach the people of the world. Thousands of radio stations fill the airwaves with information.

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Here are some examples of the influence of Adventist World Radio:

● A murderer in an African prison for life was so changed by the programs he heard over AWR-Africa that his sentence was shortened, then commuted.

● A sailor on a Chinese vessel began sharing the new things he had learned from AWR-Asia on board the ship. Another sailor, who was living the most depraved of lives, was so impressed with the first sailor's witness that he--and his parents--decided to study the Bible.

"Our broadcasts are their own best promotion," Scragg continued. "AWR has become known as one of the best quality programs on radio. Many people say they happen upon our broadcasts by accident, but then they tell their friends, and the listener circle widens."

Michael Ryan, director of Global Mission for the General Conference in Sil-

ver Spring, Maryland, said that "There are hundreds of language groups in the world in which the Adventist church has no presence. It's impossible to send people to many of these places at this time. Therefore, the church enthusiastically endorses sending a message of hope via Adventist World Radio."

When the AWR offering is taken this spring in the Columbia Union, remember that these funds don't go to support just another radio program, but make possible a life-changing message of hope desperately needed in the world today.

ANDREA STEELE  
Public Relations Director

## POTOMAC

### Pennsylvania Avenue church on fire for God

The Pennsylvania Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington, D.C., has been on fire for the Lord. This past year has been devoted to soul winning and helping the community.

The church has forged forward with Bible studies and an eight-week Revelation seminar. Under the leadership of Pastor Louis Preston and the church elders, the members were encouraged to consider the concept of the "discipleship of all people." So far 14 people have been baptized into the family of God.

The congregation sought to revive the youth, who are the church of tomorrow, by holding a week of prayer December 6-12 featuring speaker-evangelist William Pergerson.

The departments of the church have worked together to provide needed programs for the community. In September, the church sponsored a financial seminar that addressed money management from a biblical perspective.

Members continue to distribute food to the hungry by providing Thanksgiving baskets, going out each week to feed the homeless and making food available to needy families.

On Thanksgiving, the departments sponsored a special dinner. The homeless were picked up by bus from various areas and brought to the church fellowship hall. More than 30 people attended, and all were served a hot meal. Not only were they fed physically, but spiritual food was also provided through the Word and music. Later they were given sack lunches and warm clothing before being taken back to their shelters.

FLONA FRANCIS  
Communication Secretary



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**THE G. ARTHUR KEOUGH LECTURESHIP SERIES,** sponsored annually by the religion department of Columbia Union College, will focus on the topic: "21st Century Adventism: Remnant or Relic?" The featured speaker will be Dr. Stuart Tyner, director of the John Hancock Center for Youth Ministry. Respondents will be pastors DeWayne Boyer and Richard Duerksen. Location: Richards Hall Chapel, Columbia Union College, 7600 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, MD. Date: Friday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 20, at 3 p.m. All are invited to attend. (31)

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**ADELPHIAN ACADEMY** Class of 1953 is planning a 40-year reunion for June 11-13 at the old campus in Holly, MI. If you know the address of any member of the classes of 1952, 1953 or 1954, please send it to: Beverly Rhodes-MacDonald, 7254 Golderest Dr., San Diego, CA 92119. Thanks so much. (215)

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Allegheny East Conference Triennial Session**

Notice is hereby given that the 10th triennial session of the Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall convene on Sunday, April 25, 1993, at 9:30 a.m. in the General Conference building auditorium at 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD. This meeting is called for the election of officers, department directors and committees; for consideration of revisions in the constitution and bylaws; and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the session at that time. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 50 members or a major fraction thereof.

Delegates-at-large include the following: all members of the executive committee; the president, secretary and treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference, North American Division and General Conference; all department directors and associate directors of the Columbia Union, North American Division and General Conference who hold membership in the Allegheny East Conference; all Allegheny East Conference employees holding ministerial, missionary or commissioned credentials or licenses issued by this conference.

To facilitate procedures, each area organizing committee for this 10th session will convene at least three weeks prior to the constituency session with the union president or his designee to choose representatives to serve on the nominating committee for the constituency session, a standing constitution and bylaws committee and other committees that may be necessary. The area organizing committees shall be constituted as follows: Each church shall choose or empower its delegates to choose one member from its membership and one member for each 500 members. The persons thus selected in each area shall constitute the organizing committee for that area. The Virginia, Washington, DC, and Baltimore area delegation shall convene on Sunday, March 7, 1993, at the Breath of Life church in Fort Washington, MD, at 10 a.m., and the northern New Jersey, Bay and Delaware Valley area delegation shall convene on Sunday, March 21, 1993, at the Macedonia church in Chester, PA, at 10 a.m.

The nominating committee, with the president of the Columbia Union or his designee serving as chairman, shall meet at least one week prior to the regular constituency session for the purpose of nominating the president of the conference. This meeting will be held on Sunday, April 18, 1993, at the Pine Forge church in Pine Forge, PA, at 10 a.m.

ALVIN M. KIBBLE, *President*  
CHARLES L. CHEATHAM, *Secretary*

**Allegheny East Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Allegheny East Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists in connection with the 10th triennial session of the Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on Sunday, April 25, 1993, at 2 p.m. in the General Conference building auditorium at 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD.

The purposes of this meeting are to elect a board of trustees for the ensuing three years and transact such other business that may properly come before the delegates at that time.

Delegates to the 10th triennial session of the Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are likewise delegates to the association meeting.

ALVIN M. KIBBLE, *President*  
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Announcements and/or advertisements must be in the *Visitor* office four weeks before the date of issue.

**New York Giants take on Garden State Academy**

Members of the New York Giants National Football League team will play the Garden State Hawks varsity team in a basketball game at Garden State Academy in Tranquility, NJ, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 6. Tickets for this event, which is being held for the second year in a row and will benefit the academy and GSA student organizations, are \$10 prepaid or \$12 at the door. Refreshments will be available at the game. If you would like more information on this fund-raising program, phone Deria Gadsden at (908) 852-0300.

**SUNSET CALENDAR**

Eastern Standard Time

	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 5
Baltimore	5:48	5:56	6:03
Cincinnati	6:19	6:27	6:35
Cleveland	6:05	6:13	6:21
Columbus	6:12	6:20	6:27
Jersey City	5:35	5:44	5:52
Norfolk	5:49	5:56	6:03
Parkersburg	6:07	6:15	6:23
Philadelphia	5:41	5:49	5:57
Pittsburgh	6:00	6:08	6:16
Reading	5:44	5:52	6:00
Richmond	5:53	6:00	6:07
Roanoke	6:03	6:11	6:17
Toledo	6:13	6:22	6:30
Trenton	5:39	5:47	5:55
Washington, DC	5:50	5:57	6:05

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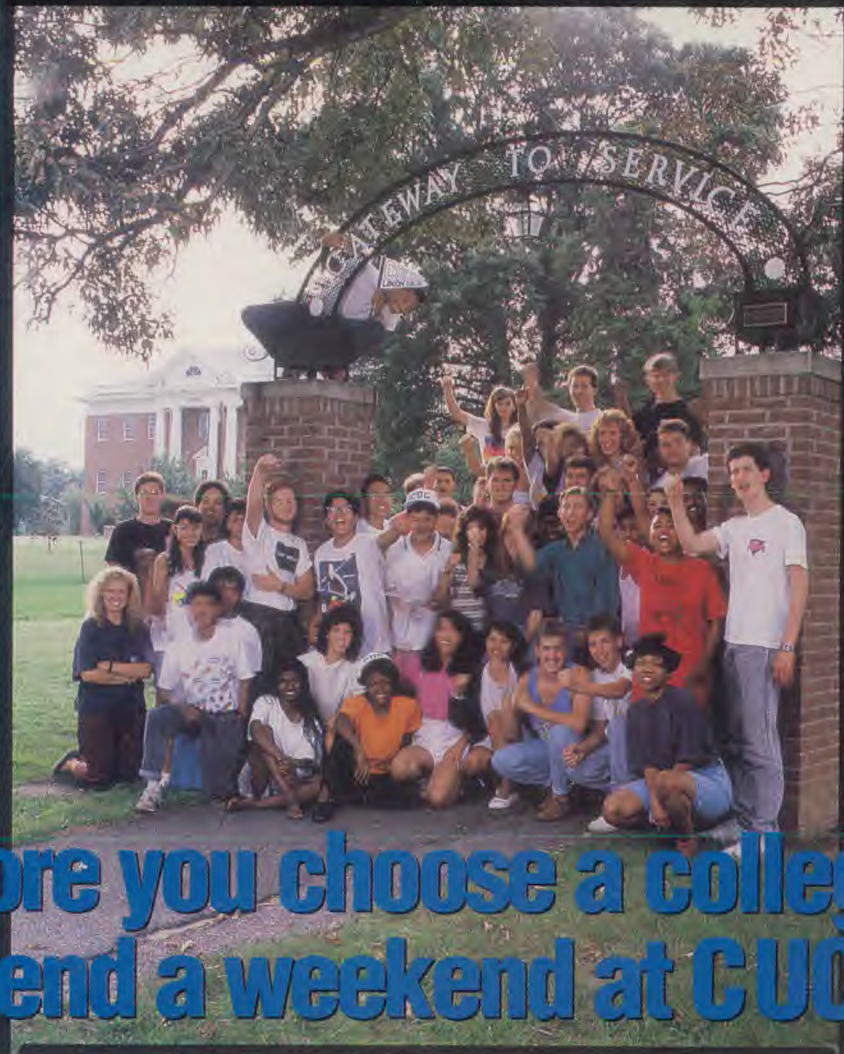
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# ALLEGHENY EAST

# Exposé

Allegheny East Conference, P.O. Box 266, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania 19548 / (215) 326-4610

## What's happening around Allegheny East

**February 26-27**  
Church Music Workshop

**February 26-28**  
Male Bonding Retreat

**March 1**  
Camp Meeting Committee

**March 3-4**  
Media Ministries Workshop

**March 20**  
Haitian Churches Unity Day

**March 28**  
Vacation Bible School Seminar—  
South

**March 29-31**  
Workers' Meeting

**April 4**  
Fit For Life Walk-A-Thon

**April 4**  
Vacation Bible School Seminar—  
North

**April 25**  
Allegheny East Constituency  
Meeting



Alvin Kibble

## President's message

"China's former leader, Mao Ze Dong, once declared war against sparrows, believing they were a pest and a nuisance. In response, millions of Chinese took to the streets, banging on woks and pans to terrify the birds. The idea: to force them to stay aloft until they dropped dead of exhaustion. And they did just that,"—*Time*, December 28, 1992, page 76.

As I thought about this, I mused to myself: "Nothing is really impossible when we respond wholeheartedly to a clarion call, each doing what they can!"

The latest U.N. projections show that the human family is growing much faster than previously thought. While presently calculated at 5.4 billion inhabitants, the world's population is expected to almost double, to 10 billion, by 2050.

As the world continues its ever-expanding growth, so grows the challenge of the church. When considering a challenge as large as giving the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and utterly helpless to affect any change whatsoever. But we must resist that response. If the task was impossible, Christ would never have bidden us, "Go ye therefore."

The message will only be given if pastors and individual members take some responsibility for it. I am not suggesting that you take on the world, the United States or even the Columbia Union territory. I would only ask that each of us work within our "circle of influence." By sharing *your* faith and telling the story of *your* experience in Christ, by using *your* influence, becoming more active spiritually and working for a finished work; in these ways and many others, each one of us can make a difference.

In his inaugural address given over 1,900 years ago, Jesus said He came to befriend the friendless. He came to cheer the cheerless. He came to be a father to the fatherless and a mother to the motherless. He came to save the lost. He came to give light to our darkness.

In these words Jesus established His mission. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted. To preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind. To set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." As He prepared to return to heaven, Jesus properly delegated specific tasks to His church outlining for us the work He expects us to do.

It is significant to me that Matthew 24:14 suggests the end will come when the gospel of the kingdom has been preached in all the world as a witness.

This year it was estimated that 750 million were expected to watch the Super Bowl telecast on Sunday, January 31. How I wish that we could command the

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attention of so many for the sake of the gospel.

It was estimated that the commercial time during the telecast would cost \$850,000 for each 30-second spot. Such are the resources that the world has at its command.

Nevertheless, I believe that as Christians we truly have the power to command the attention of the world. Man's extremity is still God's opportunity. When the need is demonstrated, I sincerely believe that God will send forth His power.

In September 1992, the eight regional conferences developed a strategic plan for evangelism entitled "Ebony Evangelism: Project 2001." In October of this past year I asked a special ad hoc committee to develop a strategic plan for our conference. My prayer is that God will give you a plan and a personal evangelistic strategy.

"Go ye therefore and make disciples," Jesus said in Matthew 28:19. As He has sent me, even so send I you!

ALVIN M. KIBBLE  
President

## Thornton speaks at Youth Day

The A.Y.S. department of the Grace Tabernacle church in Norristown, Pennsylvania, held a Youth Day celebration



George Thornton enjoys the Sabbath meal with Charles and Kerrie Williams and several children at Grace Tabernacle.

program on Sabbath, December 19. George Thornton, the pastor for the Macedonia church in Chester, Pennsylvania, was the keynote speaker at the divine worship service.

The title of his sermon alone, "Red-Nosed Culprit," was enough to raise one's level of curiosity. Thornton stated: "Because we are different, we are made fun of. We can't help the way we look; we were born this way. Can you imagine how Rudolph felt? Young people going to church to worship God on Sabbath; you're different. God is concerned with the interior. You must have Jesus in the center of your life."

A luncheon was prepared for all who attended the service. Immediately following the luncheon, Thornton presented an A.Y.S. workshop on "Black Pride/Self-Esteem." He emphasized the importance of reading all one can to help put that pride and self-esteem in the black family and black children. "Parents need to be role models," stated Thornton. "The home should be a child's first school."

He stated the five things that affect young people most are: 1) Peer pressure, 2) Rap music, 3) Television, 4) Home and 5) School. The two dominating forces are peer pressure and rap music. "Parents, you need to know where your children are going, and you need to listen to their music to know what they're listening to," he said. He continued: "Screen their music and their friends."

At the close of the workshop, Thornton gave a list of books he suggested each person read. They included: *Beyond Roots: In Search of Blacks in the Bible* by William Kissic; *Black Young Adults* by Walter McCray; and *The Measure of Our Success* by Marion Wright Edleman. Thornton also emphasized that it would be excellent to subscribe to a magazine entitled *Emerge*.

VALERIE COOPER

## Trust department nears accreditation

The Allegheny East Conference will soon be eligible for the coveted General Conference accreditation. Daniel Davis, trust officer, his wife, Elizabeth Davis, and Zenobia Seward, assistant conference treasurer, took the intensive training courses at Loma Linda University in California and have all passed the rigid examination.

The Allegheny East Conference trust department looks beyond traditional planning with the assistance of a team of qualified professionals from the fields of law, economics and finance who have formed a working advisory organization to assist Allegheny East Conference members in their financial and estate planning via wills, trusts, tax-saving instruments and bequests. Members needing more information should contact the conference office.

DANIEL L. DAVIS  
Trust Officer

## Allegheny Conference awards 57 scholarships

The Allegheny East Conference awarded 57 scholarships in the amount of \$3,300 for Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, \$7,650 for Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, and \$5,800 for Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

Eleven Pine Forge Academy students were awarded the Three Way Scholarships, while 17 Columbia Union College and 29 Oakwood College students received scholarships.

Applications are made available annually through the Allegheny East Conference Department of Education. Each year the department makes these applications available to the pastors of our sisterhood of churches.

In the December meeting of the administrative committee, recommendations are received and scholarships awarded. Consideration is given first to those who have met the scheduled deadlines. Careful attention is given to the financial needs represented by the applicants and the size of their immediate families.

If a recipient fails to matriculate, the scholarship is given to the next student on the original list until all available funds are depleted.

ALVIN KIBBLE  
President



Pastor George Thornton



During the height of the holiday season, which generally runs from just before Thanksgiving to New Year's, a new 43-member congregation was born in Wilmington, Delaware. It did not get its start from an elaborate evangelistic meeting, nor from a church revival. It came about through the unselfish efforts of one man: Leon Trusty Sr. of Salem, New Jersey.

This is his story of faith, power and perseverance.

Leon Trusty related how he had returned home one evening in 1991 to find a message on his answering machine. The message said: "Mr. Trusty, my name is George Williams. You don't know me. However, your name was given to me as a person who could help me with some questions I have on the Bible. If you would be willing to help me, would you call me at ...?"

Naturally, if you are Leon Trusty Sr., you probably felt like this was the opportunity you had been waiting for.

Trusty called Williams and found to his surprise that he was the pastor of a fairly large Pentecostal church in Wilmington. He also found that Williams was searching for Bible truth.

Trusty returned Williams' call, and their conversation resulted in a Bible study that completely changed the lives of Trusty and Williams, as well as many other persons.

George Williams is a proud, God-fearing man. As pastor of a Pentecostal church, he prided himself in doing what God told him to do. He always did the best he could for his congregation, approximately 100 strong. He said when he found truth, he gave them truth. When he learned new truths through the Bible study with Trusty, he would return to his pulpit to preach it to his flock.

Leon Trusty is also a proud, God-fearing man. First elder of the Mount Calvary church in Salem, New Jersey, and a member of the Columbia Union

## Telephone message nets 41 baptisms

executive committee, he knew how to lead a soul gently to Christ through the exactness of God's Word.

Trusty pressed justification. Williams preached justification. Trusty taught the state of the dead. Williams preached the state of the dead. And so it went, one truth after another, until one day Trusty taught Williams the seventh-day Sabbath. Williams stated that when it was presented to him, he could not refute it. He cried because he was so happy. He said, "I have been looking for this most of my life." He said he presented this idea to others of his first-day colleagues. They acknowledged that Saturday was the seventh day, but said that it was no longer mandatory to worship on that day.



Two women who made a last-minute decision to be baptized had to use choir robes when the baptismal robes ran out.

Williams decided to preach the Sabbath to his congregation. To his dismay, it was rejected by the great majority of his congregation. He began to lose his members. However, Williams stated that he knew it was the truth, and he made a promise to God that he was going to go all the way with his newfound faith no matter what the cost. He had no idea how costly and trying that pledge would be.

In May of 1992, Williams and his faithful wife, Sharon, were baptized by Patrick Green, then the pastor of the Mount Calvary church. Sixteen members of Williams' Pentecostal church watched him go down in baptism and, like Namaan, come up shouting and praising the Lord.

It was after the baptism that George and Sharon Williams began their hardest trials to date. Williams, now a Seventh-day Adventist, had a congregation of Pentecostal Christians now numbering under 10. At one point his membership dropped to four, plus himself and

Sharon. He then put his house up for mortgage so he could retain possession of the church building. Williams stated that he was served papers one day by the constable stating that his house was going to be sold at a sheriff's auction because he was behind in his payments on the church mortgage.

Williams said that God intervened at this point and saved his house and church. During the months between May and November, Leon Trusty conducted Bible study classes. Williams was successful in getting a group together.

That nucleus grew until it reached 41 persons on the day of baptism.

Gary Banks, the present pastor of the Mount Calvary church, baptized the 41 happy persons in icy cold water, due to the fact that the water heating system was not activated to heat the pool.

Trusty could hardly be contained because God had allowed him the privilege of planting the seed. His testimony was: "Hallelujah! Praise God!"

Williams, who watched two of his daughters get baptized, announced that 27 persons were already taking Bible studies and that the goal of the members was to have 100 persons in Bible studies before the end of January 1993.

On November 28, 1992, Charles Cheatham, Allegheny East Conference executive secretary, organized the Miracle Station Seventh-day Adventist Company.

Through provisions made in North American Division, Columbia Union and Allegheny East Conference policy, George Williams was appointed official leader over this unusual "flock of sheep."



This young girl had a ringside seat for the baptism.



The former Pentecostal turned-Adventist Pastor George Williams and wife Sharon.

## Sandy Cove convention a quality event

More than 150 officers from the churches of the Allegheny East Conference gathered at the Sandy Cove Convention Center in December for the second church ministries convention. This convention was to be the premier training event of the year.

According to R.L. Booker, church ministries director, the convention was an unqualified success in terms of quality, but did not meet the department's goal for attendance. The most common reason given for local church leaders not attending was the weekday scheduling of the event.

Those who were able to attend were also privileged to hear tremendous challenges given by Ron Wisbey, Columbia Union Conference president, Monte Sahlin, associate director of church ministries for the North American Division, Alvin Kibble, Allegheny East Conference president, Charles Cheatham, Allegheny East Conference executive secretary, Wintley Phipps, pastor of the Capitol Hill church, and a host of professional presenters.

Cassette tapes are available of the speakers mentioned above and can be purchased through the Allegheny East Conference for \$4 each or three for \$10. Simply write to: Allegheny East Conference, P.O. Box 266, Pine Forge, PA 19548; or call (215) 326-4610.

Booker also stated that the next event of this type will definitely be on a weekend.

During the interim, churches desiring departmentalized training should contact the particular department direct or call the department of church ministries at the number listed above.



Reather Cheatham teaches computer use to treasurers.

## Women on the move



Warren Banfield with Women's Ministries Coordinator Sandra Hayden

Like a mighty army, the women of the Allegheny East Conference have organized into an active department called women's ministries. Because the Allegheny East Conference is divided into six ministeriums, women's ministries has incorporated into a similar grouping.

The Pennsylvania area held its first women's retreat in late November at the beautiful and historic Strasburg Inn in Lancaster County. The retreat was attended by approximately 250 women. The weekend featured keynote speaker Sylvia Barnes, an English professor at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

At the Washington-Baltimore area meeting, held in late fall at the General Conference complex in Silver Spring, Maryland, women's ministries leaders expressed appreciation to Pastor Warren Banfield, who championed women's ministries in the 1980s.

In Virginia, a Spirit-filled weekend retreat was held in Hampton. The women experienced a fashion show and reviewed "365 Things Every Woman Should Know."

In the spring of 1992, more than 300 women gathered at Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey, to form the women's ministries federation, led by Gladys Brooks and Sandra Hayden, coordinators of women's ministries for the Allegheny East Conference.

The women's ministries calendar of events for the remainder of 1993 includes a variety of events geared to the aims and objectives of this ministry.

March 21	One-day seminar and banquet
May 14-17	Offshore retreat to Jamaica
July 4	Town hall and open board meeting
July 5-10	Camp meeting program
August 22-29	6-island prayer cruise with health team
Sept. 26	Leadership conference
Nov. 20-21	"Pray Away"

## Retiring again?

The Grace Tabernacle church in Norristown, Pennsylvania, recently honored Pastor and Mrs. W.W. Fordham at a surprise retirement dinner at the Norristown church.

A skit entitled "Pastor's Retirement," was performed by elders and deacons of the church with Head Elder Howard David portraying the part of Fordham. The skit centered around Fordham's autobiography, *The Righteous Rebel*.

After dinner, Mrs. Fordham remarked: "I have really enjoyed being here at Grace Tabernacle. We have grown to love all of you." Pastor Fordham commented: "I was told I was going to dinner today with a few friends. It seems that some of you here need to go to confession."

VALERIE COOPER



The "Golden Goose Award" was given to Mabel Olgesby, right, by Gwen Foster.

# Catch the Vision

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## Mark Your Calendar



**March 22-24**  
Evangelism Workshop

**April 19-21**  
Intern Pastors' Meeting

**June 23-27**



W.J. Lewis

## More than a dreamer

Joseph. He of the colorful coat. Joseph the dreamer. Joseph the exile and captive: victim of his brothers' jealousy. He was all these, but more. Joseph was a notably good steward. The Bible says so. When he found himself in Captain Potiphar's household, "Joseph found favor in his sight...and he (Potiphar) made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had,"—*Genesis 39:4*.

Joseph did not come by this favored position without proving himself. Did he then wake up every morning saying to himself, "I'm a steward. I'm a steward. I must remember this all day...?"

No. Of course not. Progressively, step by step this man went about his business: was faithful. He did all that was expected of him where he was and one step led to another. In time he was elevated to a position that called forth all of his capabilities.

It may seem to be a bit of a fairy tale ending, this Joseph story. But it is not. Joseph's success, humanly speaking, hinged on his stewardship. He was "faithful in that which was least" and ultimately gained a place where, as could be predicted, "he was faithful in that which is much,"—*Luke 16:10*.

Who is to tell how much this one man influenced the history of a nation and furthered the purposes of God—all because he was a faithful steward.

Joseph could not foresee where each step would lead, but this did not deter him from taking the steps.

God still has exciting assignments for faithful stewards.

WILLIE J. LEWIS  
President

## FAMILY '93

**March 6, 1993**  
**2:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Eastwood Church**  
**Columbus, Ohio**

A workshop to inspire and equip families to meet the challenges of family life today.

This smorgasbord of 24 seminars covers the entire gambit of life in the family of the '90s.

Don't miss out! For a pre-registration form, call Columbia Union Church Ministries at 1 (800) 438-9600.

Camp Meeting

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## Ethnan Temple Wolverines Pathfinder Day

November 28 1992 at the Ethnan Temple church in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, was a very special Sabbath for 34 Pathfinders and Adventurers. This was their first investiture service. They worked hard the entire year, and both clubs learned to help each other. The club's name is the "Wilkinsburg Wolverines."

The day was a high day all the way from the 11 a.m. worship to the evening service. The directors of the Pathfinders and Adventurers are a husband and wife team, Kevin and Janet Currie. The guest speaker for that day was none other than Carl Rogers, youth director of the Allegheny West Conference, who presented a sermon that was understood by both Pathfinders and Adventurers, entitled "The Right Boy in the Right Place at the Right Time with the Right Stuff."

Special music was presented by the youth of both clubs.

After the 11:00 service, dinner was served for the Wolverines, parents, visitors and pastors. At the Investiture service that evening, nine Pathfinders and 16 Adventurers were invested. Each



one received a Pathfinder Bible and a *Steps to Christ*. Our three Eager Beavers received tapes and a Noah doll.

It was a very inspiring Sabbath, enjoyed by all.

MABEL JOHNSON  
Communication Secretary

## New Year's Eve communion

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be in the midst." Only a few were at the Bethel church in Akron, Ohio, by 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 31st, and we opened with "To God Be the Glory," for truly God had been more than wonderful to us during the year!

As we lifted up the name of Jesus in songs of praise, the Holy Spirit drew God's people in. Each song ushered in more and more people; soon God's house was full. At the setting of the sun, we were on our knees thanking God for his many blessings, for his mercy and for our trials and our tribulations—for truly it is through many tears and tribulations that we grow. And especially asking God's forgiveness for those things we failed to do in 1992, but by God's grace we will accomplish and overcome in 1993.

During our testimony and praise, Pastor Seymour Cole had each person lead one stanza of his or her favorite hymn and then tell why that song was a favorite. Some of the testimonies given that night follow.

Maggie Williams—*What a Wonderful Saviour*, because through all of her trials and tribulations she remembers that it was God who saw her through. When there was only one set of footprints in the sand, only one was needed because it was God who carried her!

Sally Smith—*Take My Life and Let it Be*, "All I want is for God to take my life and let it be and consecrate me."

Elder Augustus Niles—*Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*, "When my trials come and that thorn presses me, I remember that we all must bear our cross, but God will carry us and our cross if we let him."

Jean Woods—*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, "That is my heart's desire, just a closer walk with God."

Milton Blackmon—*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, "Thankfulness for all of God's blessings, my family, my education, my job and knowing Christ as my personal Saviour."

Beatrice Robinson—*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*, "I've learned to accept God's will and to lose my own will in His."

Lilly Powell—*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, "The best friend to have is Jesus. Lord, help me to take everything to God in prayer, that my problems might become few."



Above: Adventurers Stephen Richardson, Melodie Harris and Matthew Adams get vested. Right, top: Pathfinder directors Janet and Kevin Currie with Carl Rogers (center). Right, center: left to right, Jai Williams Mosby, Jason Currie, Tremaine Bowman and Valeria McCrary march out of the church. Right, bottom: Pathfinders Tiffany Bowman (left) and Nina Richardson get invested by Pastor Rogers.

Brother Williams (from our sister church in Twinsburg, Ohio)—*I Must Tell Jesus*, "I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone; in my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own."

After many more songs were sung and testimonies given, we were led to the Word of God by the opening scripture, Luke 13:6-10. The focal point of Cole's sermon was "house cleaning," getting rid of those things that ought not to be there. Create in us a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within us all!

God said that in the last days man would think to change his law and time. Man celebrates New Year's at 12 midnight, just as man calls a day from midnight to midnight. But in the beginning God created a day from evening to evening, the first part of the day being dark and then end of the day being light. So we too followed God's example and observed New Year's Eve at the setting of the sun on Thursday, December 31st. Praise God that we don't have to follow cunningly devised time tables.

At the close of Pastor Cole's sermon we had a very special foot-washing service, one that I have never experienced before. The single women and young girls served one another in the fellowship hall, the single men and young boys served one another in the lower division, and the married couples served one another in the upper room. What a wonderful way to end the year, but a greater way to start the year!

As we gathered in the sanctuary, cleansed, we partook of God's broken body and shed blood. Refreshed and renewed, we sang *When We All Get to Heaven*. Truly, what a time of rejoicing that will be.

CHERYL GRANT WILLIAMS  
*Communication Secretary*

## Bethel baptism

The Lord has blessed Bethel of Cleveland this year with six new converts. It is a real blessing when a mother and son come to the Lord at the same time. They were Monique Conway and Jermaine Conway. Also dedicating their lives to God were Alisa Kelly, James Christian, John Sellers and Demetria Ward. They were baptized by Pastor Lawrence Shepherd. The members pray that the Lord will continue to bless that humble church with many more souls.

JOYCE GUERRIER  
*Correspondent*

## Youth revival at Emmanuel Church

On October 17 the youth of the Emmanuel congregation in Cincinnati, Ohio, launched their week-long youth revival. Using their theme "Together We Stand," the youth of Emmanuel were featured speakers night after night on a variety of topics ranging from "Selfish-



ness and Greed" to "Love," and also led out in all aspects of the services.

Four young men were baptized near the conclusion of that spirit-filled week. Gene Hall presented a dynamic message on the final Sabbath of the revival during the Adventist Youth program, which was concluded by the debut performance of Chapter One, Emmanuel's youth drama group.

LYNNE HOWARD  
*Correspondent*



**Top: The Emmanuel church youth choir enriched the week of prayer and revival. Above: Youth members led the singing for the revival, and Eddie Hall (far right) was the youth speaker for the Sabbath divine worship service.**

## Bethel Men's Day

The Bethel church of Cleveland, Ohio, recently celebrated Men's Day. Men who have served God and His church for 30 years or more were recognized.

These distinguished men were Maurice Landers, Lorenzo Trotter, Solomon McCall Sr. and Otis Hill. They were given awards for their services by Kenneth Hill.

The men were in charge of both Sabbath school and church. The "Bread of Life" was given by Pastor S.T. Lewis of the Allegheny West Conference. That glorious Sabbath day ended with a great feast and talent show.

## Bethel Women's Day

The Bethel church of Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated its first

Women's Day on May 23. The speaker of the hour was Bessie White of the Cleveland church. The theme was "Who Are You?" The ladies all wore white, signifying the purity that they are striving to obtain and the closeness they want with God. For the children's ministry, White sang a song she has written and recorded under the title, "God Loves His Children." The day ended with the ladies serving a delicious meal and vowing to remain faithful and true to God.

## Smyrna church

The Smyrna congregation of Lynchburg, Virginia, has started to work with a support group for people with family members on drugs or in prison. Inner City Director Gladys Jones said they meet on Thursdays to help one another deal with problems. The church and community work as a team trying to reach and help anyone suffering with these problems. They have speakers who have had these experiences in their past and know what is going on to tell them different aspects to watch out for. This is the start of something good, said Pastor Edward Brown. "We want to help in all we can."

Communication-Community Services Day was held at the Lynchburg Smyrna church recently. Awards were presented this year for work in radio broadcasting and getting the gospel over the air waves to everyone.

From the community, Robert Goins was honored for starting his own home station some 20 years ago. From the church, Ronnie Nowlin, Calvin Buck Sr. and Lee Harvey were recognized for their part in telling the good news of our Lord's soon coming. The history of Community Services was given by the head of the department, Geraldine Johnson. R.C. Lewis was speaker for the program. A potluck fellowship meal ended the day's events.

The Sensational Seniors of Smyrna had their day, with James Clements, church ministries director for the Columbia Union, speaking for the morning service. Presentations were made to Hubert Jenkins and his wife, Irma, for always sending cards to people who are sick and on birthdays and anniversaries. Audrey Pugh received an award for being the "Cookie Lady." She makes cookies and takes them to the different nursing homes. Lunch was served, and in the evening a concert was given by two guest groups from the community. The motto for the seniors is "Living for Christ."

### **Christmas celebration at Bethany church**

December 19 marked a gala occasion for the Bethany church in Charlottesville, Virginia. Members gathered at the Jefferson Park Avenue Day Care Center for the second annual Christmas celebration. The program was sponsored by the Sabbath school department, hosted by Pastor Joyce Vaughn and coordinated by Anita Ross.

Maranatha Pastor Norman Jackson and his congregation were honored guests following their inspirational Adventist Youth performance earlier that afternoon.

Pastor Steve Valles focused the festivities on the cause for celebration—the salvation proffered by Christ.

After dinner, Sabbath School Superintendent Joseph Turner distributed gifts. Youth who were not Sabbath school members selected grab bag gifts. This gift giving was followed by the Adventist Youth exchange, led by Director Lucy Jones. Pastor Harold Gaskins then recognized various officers for their service during 1992.

### **Akron Bethel's Men's Day recognition**

On behalf of the members of the House of Representatives of the 119th General Assembly of Ohio, state Representative Vernon Sykes extended special recognition to the Frank Loris Peterson Society of Adventist Men on Men's Day, October 24, during the 11 o'clock worship hour at the Bethel church. Recognition was also made of the growth and prosperity of the church. Augustus Niles, president of the men's club, accepted the commendation on behalf of the club.

Representative Sykes also extended special recognition to Milton Blackmon for completing his doctorate in education administration at the University of



**Above, left to right: Augustus Niles, Men's Club president, and Representative Vernon Sykes. Below, left to right: Milton Blackmon and Representative Vernon Sykes.**



Akron, where he is presently an academic advisor.

Recognition was also extended for Blackmon's community involvement as a board member of the Akron branch of the N.A.A.C.P., a member of the Akron Commission on Socially Disadvantaged Black Males and a volunteer chaplain at Akron General Medical Center.

Dr. Blackmon said, "I am truly thankful for the recognition. However, all the praise goes to God."

**ELAINE WILLIAMS**  
*Communication Secretary*

### *In Memory of*

**MARIE AILEEN JUSTISS**, the first child of Jacob Sr. and Beatrice Ann Price Justiss, was born October 16, 1911, in Mount Pleasant, Texas. The family moved to Ohio in October 1920.

She obtained most of her education in Toledo: first as a graduate of Navarre Elementary School's class of 1927, Waite High School in 1931 and a post-graduate course at Waite in 1932. In 1975 she earned a master's degree at the University of Toledo.

She took nurses training at Lincoln Hospital of Nurses, New York City. She became disaffected with nursing and returned from New York City just in time to find little Bethel, membership less than 50, about to embark on an ambitious program of having its first-ever church school. She was hired, an answer to the church's prayers. For five years she taught church school while attending Emmanuel Missionary College in the summer and Oakwood College one full year. She graduated from E.M.C. in 1941. The next year she taught at the Sharon church school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

From 1942-1958 she was one of the "Uncle's Nieces," the affectionate term given to the thousands of girls in the War Department in Washington, D.C.

From 1958-1982 she taught the first grade at the Lincoln school; retiring in July 1982. During that 25-year period she was never absent, not even for one day.

She was a world traveler, having visited all the continents except Antarctica and Australia.

She departed this life on Thursday, July 18, 1991. She leaves to cherish her memory: sisters Dr. Valarie Justiss Vance and Mrs. Juanita Hill, nephews James W. and Vincent A. Hill, Samuel Justiss Vance and Jacob Justiss III, niece Mrs. Joan Tynes, two great-nephews and two great-nieces, a diminishing number of cousins, a host of friends and sisters and brothers in the blessed hope.

She awaits the Lifegiver, and we look forward to meeting her on the sea of glass around the great white throne. May we all remain faithful!



# Chesapeake CHALLENGE



## COULTER'S COMMENTS



J. Wayne Coulter

## 'PEAKING AHEAD

**February 20**

Central Town Hall Meeting  
Atholton Church  
5:30 p.m.

**February 27**

Western Town Hall Meeting  
Willow Brook Church  
5:30 p.m.

**June 11-19**

Camp Meeting

### Chesapeake Challenge

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## "Seeking His Spirit for Service—Prayer Works"

Aren't you thankful the Lord affords you a opportunity to begin anew every day? The apostle Paul said, "I die daily." While there are good things and bad things constantly happening in our lives, we can ill afford to live on the blessings of yesterday, nor should we carry the baggage of those difficult moments we have experienced into the future.

It's time to start over.

It's time for a change.

In our own lives and in the life of the church.

There has been a growing desire to see that change brought about by prayer and revival. Ellen White tells us in *1 Selected Messages*, page 126—

**"The church must arouse to action. The Spirit of God can never come in until she prepares the way. There should be earnest searching of heart. There should be united, persevering prayer, and through faith a claiming of the promises of God. There should be deep humiliation of soul."**

Then in *Luke 18:1* the Word says, "That men (and women) ought always to pray."

The change can only come about through much prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

For some time now the idea of establishing a prayer chain around the world has been suggested. We want to rekindle that desire. Several of our folk have already committed themselves to becoming a part of that prayer chain by establishing a time which they will join with others throughout the world in seeking God in prayer.

*Note these points:*

1) The interest and ambition of the apostles is held before us to emulate that of revealing Christ in character and looking to enlarge His kingdom. "One interest

prevailed; one subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom." *Acts of the Apostles*, page 48.

2) The promised sending of the Holy Spirit is ours. "The lapse of time has wrought to change in Christ's parting promise to send the Holy Spirit as His representative." *Ibid*, page 50.

3) The Holy Spirit helps us in every way. "The Spirit furnishes the strength that sustains striving, wrestling souls in every emergency, amidst the hatred of the world, and the realization of their own failures and mistakes. In sorrow and affliction, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone—these are the times when, in answer to the prayer of faith, the Holy Spirit brings comfort to the heart." *Ibid*, page 51.

4) We should ask for a daily baptism. "For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should offer his petition to God." *Ibid*, page 50.

5) Daily yielding leads to service. "Daily they are improving the opportunities for service that lie within their reach. Daily they are witnessing for the Master wherever they may be, whether in some humble sphere of labor in the home, or in a public field of usefulness." *Ibid*, page 55.

Let us individually and collectively join in a decided effort of bringing a revival through prayer.

God bless you.

# Leadership '92

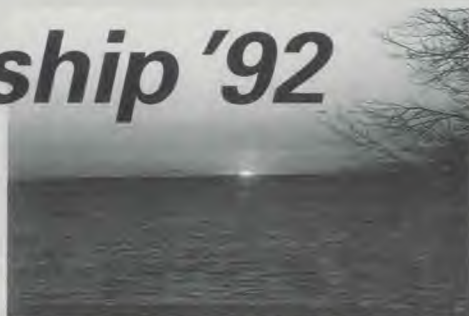
Over 300 church leaders, pastors and guests gathered December 4-6, 1992 at the beautiful Chesapeake Lodge of Sandy Cove Conference Center in North East, Maryland for "Leadership '92." This was one of the largest officer training conventions in Chesapeake's history.

"Leadership '92," sponsored by Chesapeake Church Ministries, had as its stated purposes: 1) Holy Spirit revival and inspiration, 2) Intensive training for church officers, and 3) Affirmation of conference laity.

John McVay, senior pastor at Pacific Union College Church in Angwin, California, helped facilitate a revival experience with his three dynamic sermons throughout the weekend.

The convention training phase was accomplished through 12 intensive seminars for leaders of the adult Sabbath school, community services, personal ministries, pathfinders, youth, children's ministries and other departments of the church. Delegates received a total of seven hours training in each area of ministry.

Guest presenters included North American Division personnel such as Norman Middag, Ted Wick and



View of the Chesapeake Bay from the Lodge, representing the end of a wonderful convention and weekend.



Registration in the Lodge lobby with ...

Millie Jones

and

Barbara-Lee Boyd



Fellowshipping during Sunday morning reception.

Ron and Karen Flowers. Debra Brill, associate director, Pacific Union church ministries; and Gene Anderson, president, National Adventist Singles Ministries were among the guest presenters from out of the Chesapeake Conference area. Bill McVay, Richard Parker and James Snell, Chesapeake church ministries personnel, coordinated the weekend's events.

Overheard comments from delegates included the following:

"I've never learned so much in such a short time."

"I'm a new superintendent so Ginger Church's seminar was very helpful."

"The Holy Spirit used John McVay to recharge my spiritual batteries. I needed that."

"Leadership '92"—building church leaders for today, tomorrow and eternity.

*Photos by Laura McComas*



Group praying for revival among members.

Family life seminar group.



Ted Wick, presenter for young adult ministries.



Group activity during Saturday night social.



Dr. Fillmer Hevener, presenter for communications seminar.

Richard Parker,  
coordinator and  
presenter for  
youth seminars.



Josephine  
Benton, presenter  
in personal  
ministries  
seminar.



Norman Middag,  
presenter from  
North American  
Division church  
ministries.



John Gavin,  
director of Silver  
Spring Community  
Services Center  
and presenter for  
community  
services seminar.

Ginger Church,  
presenter in adult  
Sabbath school  
seminar.



Dr. James Snell,  
presenter for  
family life seminar.

Activity in seminar group.



## Youth Summit update

Thirty-eight students from Highland View Academy spent an energy-filled, action-packed Sabbath participating in Youth Summit. Organizers of this youth event awoke on January 9 to a sleet-covered world and wondered if "Mother Nature" had pulled a coup on their well-laid plans. In spite of the weather and the hazardous driving conditions, youth from across the conference joined those from HVA and converged on Mount Aetna Camp in Hagerstown, Maryland.

As youth entered the new Mount Aetna Lodge to register for the Summit, they were given the choice of a T-shirt that exclaimed "Let's Summit Up" or "Don't Worry, Be Faithful." A rousing song service conducted by teens from HVA and Spencerville Junior Academy gave a jump-start to the day. Activities changed every 30-45 minutes and titles like "Getting Geared Up" and "Keeping Your Hold" did not give away any clues as to what the students participating would be doing during each section of the day. The youth split into small groups for some activities and worked together in one large group for others. Writing in a personal climbing journal enabled the young people to express themselves individually and helped facilitate their friendships with each other throughout the day's journey to the "summit."

*Insight/Out* magazine and the Youth Ministry Resource Center at Andrews University developed and organized



Youth Summit which has been held in various locations across the country and the world. The youth ministries department of the Chesapeake Conference sponsored this event for the youth of this area. Chris Blake, editor of *Insight* magazine and Stan Dobias from the Youth Ministries Resource Center at Andrews led the Summit.

The goals of Youth Summit include: 1) giving Seventh-day Adventist youth an opportunity to discover that Christianity can be fun and purposeful, 2) giving youth, especially those that attend public high schools, an opportunity to make Christian friends, and 3) facilitating networking between church youth groups for service projects.

"Reaching the Summit" at the end of the day found the students of Highland View Academy dialoging with their pastor, Tom Decker, to plan outreach ministries for the student body. HVA's students chose to work on prison ministries, feeding the homeless and helping disadvantaged children. To date, all three of these service projects have been launched by the students of Highland View Academy.

Lisa Steinbacher summed up the Summit with, "I had a great day. It was exhilarating!"

KATHY GODDARD  
HVA Teacher



## Baltimore City project results in a new church

What was only a dream a year ago is now a reality—an Adventist church in the downtown Baltimore, Maryland, area nicknamed for the pigs once herded down its streets from the railroad to the slaughterhouses (Pigtown).

The new congregation is a testimony to the moving of the Holy Spirit, Chesapeake members and leaders, and the efforts of 31 volunteers from across North America. "It was a tremendous experience!" exclaimed Sara Van Akker, a volunteer from Severn Bridge, Ontario, who watched several of her contacts baptized. "The Lord has shown me that I can win people to Jesus. Now I'll just have to keep doing this kind of work."

The newly organized company, called the Baltimore City Seventh-day Adventist Church, begins with 19 recently baptized members and a core of Adventists who have chosen to join the fledgling church. The members are still meeting in the empty storefront building that was host to the evangelistic series that concluded November 28. They are looking for a permanent church home.

The evangelistic series in Pigtown was part of a wider evangelistic thrust—the largest ever attempted—by the Chesapeake Conference.

Under the banner "Baltimore for Jesus '92," 11 area churches held simultaneous evangelistic meetings along with the series in Pigtown. The result? Many baptisms and a new congregation in Baltimore City.

What's special about the Baltimore City Project is that it focused so many resources on one inner-city community of about 45,000 residents (primarily Anglo) and no Seventh-day Adventists. The new church joins four black adventist churches in the city limits and seeks to reach the multicultural population of Pigtown. The project was the first formal Global Mission project in North America.

Months before the evangelistic series began, ARMS (Adventist Resource Management Service), an organization sponsored by Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), began networking church organizations, supporting ministries, lay volunteers and Global Mission leaders. The Chesapeake Conference, under the direction of Neville Harcombe and Bill McVay, coordinated the evangelists and advertising media, and ARMS coordinated the outreach of other ministries, such as the Voice of Prophecy, Quiet Hour, and Amazing Facts.

For eight weeks prior to the series, hundreds of Adventist youth from Spencerville, Baltimore First and Takoma Park churches spent their Sabbath afternoons in Pigtown witnessing to more than 130 inner-city youth through stories, skits, and recreation.

On opening night nearly 1,200 non-Adventists swelled the attendance to more than 2,300 for the 12 sites. "I have now seen the fields ripe for harvest," remarked volunteer Louise Gray, who with her husband, Jim, had come to help from Cottonwood, Arizona. "Now I have the confidence to get out and do something about it."

And what are the benefits from a project like "Baltimore for Jesus '92?" Chesapeake President, J. Wayne Coulter, sums it up: "Our goal for "Baltimore for Jesus '92" was to strengthen area churches and to establish a new congregation in Baltimore City. The 245 baptisms in this program have swelled our 1992 baptismal total to 495, or 98 percent more than 1991! Furthermore, it is our privilege to establish a thriving Chesapeake Conference church in that great city."

*Adapted from an article by Tony Finch in the December 24, 1992 Adventist Review.*

### Adventist Singles Ministries update

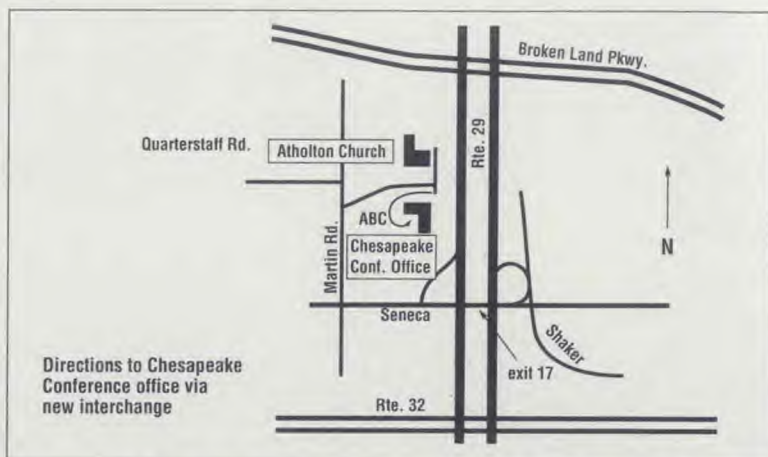
The Chesapeake chapter of Adventist Singles Ministries (ASM) will have its annual Spring Retreat at Mount Aetna Camp, April 23-25, 1993. Come and take part in the spiritual food and Christian social activities provided. The cost is reasonable. Contact John Arner at (301) 854-2221 for more information.

Other upcoming events: Singles Day—March 13 at the Frederick Church; and May 15, at the Baltimore First Church. Contact John Arner, for information regarding these events or to receive a letter listing local ASM activities or information about joining the National ASM organization.

The National ASM organization, in cooperation with Maranatha International, built a church in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic in March 1992 and in November 1992 completed a church in Zepotlejano, Mexico. ASM is currently seeking volunteers for a mission project in Jamaica at the West Indies College campus the last two weeks of April 1993. If you are interested in helping, contact Phaon Beck at (410) 586-2351.

## Important Notice !!! Road changes around the Conference office

Many of you have had trouble getting to the Conference office and the Adventist Book Center because of the many changes in the roads in this area. Below is a map which shows the new way of getting to us.



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## Mark Your Calendar



**February 25- March 4**  
Area Meetings for Church  
Boards

**March 6**  
Family Life Convention  
*Columbus Eastwood*  
(see ad on page 11)

**March 7-21**  
Help Shape the Future  
Town Hall Listening Sessions  
*Columbus Eastwood*

**March 13**  
SVA Youth Rally  
*Spring Valley Academy*

**March 13 and 14**  
Cooperative Disaster Childcare  
Training Program  
*Cincinnati First*

**March 27**  
Sabbath School 101  
*Columbus Eastwood*  
(see ad on page 10)

**May 2**  
Ohio Conference Constituency  
Session  
*Mount Vernon Hill*

**May 7-9**  
Pathfinder Fair

**June 18-26**  
Ohio Conference Camp Meeting

### Mission Ohio

is published in the *Visitor* each month  
by the Ohio Conference. President,  
Ed Motschiedler; Editor, Jeanie Hal-  
deman.



Ed Motschiedler

### ■ Mountain gazing?

What kind of problems are you facing in your personal life? Do any of them seem to be without solution?

Even your church may be facing overwhelming problems. Perhaps you feel the members of your church will never stop arguing. Or could it be that the church just can't seem to keep enough money coming in to fund the church school? Maybe the problem is that the same few members do all the work and because of this, much is left undone. Perhaps your church is not growing, numerically or spiritually.

Recently at worship, the office staff made a prayer list including a list of "mountains." This list contained issues facing Ohio that seem humanly impossible to resolve. If any change occurs, it would only be the direct result of God's power.

Some of these issues include the financing of Christian education, especially for our academies; the existing spiritual apathy; our youth; disunity; materialism; conference tithe income not keeping up with inflation; and most of all, unyielding hearts.

Remember the story in Exodus about the 12 spies? Ten of the spies saw only the mountains and brought back a bad report. It can be disheartening to focus only on the mountains. Caleb and Joshua saw the same mountains but believed that God could remove them.

The children of Israel came to numerous obstacles as they journeyed to the homeland. Their only hope was to keep their eyes on the "Pillar of Cloud." Christ alone knows the way past every difficulty and the way to solve the problems we face.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, ... you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer,"—*Matthew 21: 21, 22*.

"Throughout the history of God's people great mountains of difficulty, apparently insurmountable, have loomed up before those who were trying to carry out the purposes of heaven. Such obstacles are permitted by the Lord as a test of faith. When we are hedged about on every side, this is the time above all others to trust in God and in the power of His Spirit . . . Before the demand of faith, the obstacles placed by Satan across the pathway of the Christian will disappear; for the powers of heaven will come to his aid. 'Nothing shall be impossible unto you,'"—*Conflict and Courage*, page 258.

Our staff is praying daily prayers of praise and supplication with the confidence that God will direct and guide us personally and corporately past the obstacles to the promised land. We are determined to spend much less time "mountain" gazing and much more time in prayer. Will you join us?

ED MOTSCHIEDLER  
*President*

## ■ Hundreds blessed by health and vigor seminar

The excellent attendance at the Health and Vigor Seminar sponsored by the Mount Vernon Hill Church surpassed all expectations, according to Dale Glass, one of the organizers. More than 100 members and 100 visitors from the community attended during the four sessions held January 14-17.

The presenter, Dr. Wes Youngberg of Loma Linda University in California, graphically portrayed the dangers of the average American diet. The entire seminar was centered on the concept of *balance* and *simplicity*. In one illustration, Youngberg demonstrated that one regular order of french fries from a local fast food restaurant has more fat than 75 plain potatoes. He reminded attendees, "It's not the potato that contains the fat but the cooking method or toppings you put on it."

Throughout the seminar, Youngberg encouraged the participants to eat foods in more natural forms. A balanced lifestyle regarding diet, exercise and emotional health achieves the best re-



Dr. Wes Youngberg, seminar presenter

sults, according to Youngberg.

Plans for the future may include a cooking school and/or follow-up with the attendees for questions that may be answered by Youngberg via video.

RON VOZAR

Assistant Communication Director

## ■ Ohio Advance—a plan for growth

The education of its youth has been an important part of the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for over a century. Reflecting this priority, the sisterhood of churches in Ohio has sought to support the operation of Mount Vernon Academy, a senior boarding academy located in Mount Vernon, Ohio. The school makes Adventist Christian education accessible to students in every Ohio congregation who otherwise would not be able to receive an Adventist secondary education in Ohio.

A plan was conceived over a decade ago where every congregation in Ohio could proportionately share in the financial support of the academy. Called Ohio Advance, the plan was voted at the 1983 constituency session. It allocates to each church, based on its previous year's tithe income, a fair slice of the goal. These Ohio Advance goals are included in the church's budget, and are funded through the local church budget.

Funds received from Ohio Advance are distributed as follows:

- 67 percent to Mount Vernon Academy
- 8 percent to MVA worthy student assistance
- 20 percent to assist church and school building projects
- 5 percent to Camp Mohaven capital improvements

Although the Ohio Advance plan was voted by the entire sisterhood of churches and was later reaffirmed at the 1986 constituency session, support for the plan has been declining every year. In 1992, funds received for Ohio Advance totaled 60 percent of the goal.

Between 1981 and 1991, this decline in support has resulted in a shortfall to Mount Vernon Academy, alone, of \$433,751. This anticipated income could have guaranteed a Christian education to several more students, strengthened the overall program of the school, improved its facilities and broadened the vital service that the academy provides to members in the Ohio Conference.

If your church is supporting Ohio Advance fully, we thank you! Please continue your support! If your church's support hasn't been 100 percent, please make it 100 percent beginning now. The academy needs and desires your support. By giving to Ohio Advance, you are securing the future of Ohio youth.

WAVERLY TYSON

Advancement and Recruitment  
Director

## BACK TO THE LIVELY SABBATH SCHOOL

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Register by March 19. Contact your church Sabbath School leader for registration brochure and complete seminar information. Mail or fax registration form to Columbia Union Church Ministries, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045.

Eastwood Church, 250 Napoleon Ave., Columbus, OH (614) 235-2111 • March 27

Registration begins	2:00 p.m.
Preliminary	2:30 p.m.
Track A	3:00 p.m.
Track B	4:30 p.m.
Track C	6:00 p.m.
Survival Snack	after last seminar
ABC Sale	after last seminar



**Pastor ministers by telephone**

For over a year now, Willis Adams has conducted a telephone ministry in the greater Dayton area.

As pastor of the Miamisburg and Beavercreek churches, Adams remains as excited about *Daily Devotional Dial*, a special ministry especially for shut-ins, as he was one year ago when he started it in the Dayton area. "This first year gave us a total of 22,652 calls!" he said.

The automated devotional messages can be programmed to operate nationwide, 24 hours a day. The messages go out to more than 80 homes daily. This does not include the call-ins (usually two to four a day) made by individuals who choose to make the calls at their convenience each day.

BETTY KOSSICK  
*Miamisburg Communication Director*

■ **MVA financial aid available**

Parents and students interested in financial aid may apply now for the 1993-94 school year. Applications for endowment, matching aid, or sponsorship must be received on or before April 13, 1993. Applications for endowment received after this date will be eligible for second semester disbursements only.

Information and application materials are available at the Mount Vernon Academy administrative office or you may phone Waverly Tyson, (614) 397-5411 or write MVA, Box 311, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

WAVERLY TYSON  
*Advancement and Recruitment Director*

■ **1993 summer camps planned!**

Boys and girls and youth in Ohio can anticipate the following camps, which are scheduled for the summer of 1993.

Cub Camp (ages 8-9) June 27-July 4

Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) July 4-11

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**FAMILY '93**

March 6, 1993  
Eastwood Church  
Columbus, Ohio



Family '93, the workshop to inspire and equip families to meet the challenge of family life today. Sponsored by the Columbia Union, Ohio, Allegheny West, Pennsylvania and Mountain View conferences, this smorgasbord of 24 seminars covers the entire gambit of life in the family of the '90s.

Pre-Registration requested, (pre-registration required for Survival Snack ticket.)

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- HBO, MTV and Mickey Mouse
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- The Changing Traditions of the Black Family
- Economic Stress in the Black Family
- Spirituality and Sexuality
- Worship and Spirituality
- Coping with Divorce
- Kids in Public School
- Choosing to Be Single
- Parenting the Young Child
- The Adventist Woman
- Family Communication
- Single Again
- Dependent No More
- Family Finance

Columbia Union Church Ministries, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045

For a pre-registration form, call 1 (800) 438-9600.



### Westerville members give gifts of food

Westerville members collected food, clothing and paper products for needy families in the community during the early weeks of December. Shown are Art and Sibyl Richards, who helped pack the Christmas baskets.

DARLENE HASTILOW  
*Communication Secretary*

"Camps" continued from page 11

Junior Camp II (ages 10-12)  
July 11-18

Teen Camp (ages 13-16) July 18-25

Exciting opportunities include swimming, nature classes, crafts, campfires, games and much more. Plan now to attend Camp Mohaven this summer.

TIM BAIR  
*Summer Camp Director*

## CAMP MOHAVEN

### Marketing Advisor Needed

Camp Mohaven is seeking a volunteer with expertise in marketing and advertising to serve as a consultant and resource person to market Camp Mohaven and the summer youth camp. The person may serve as an advisor to the Camp Mohaven Committee at periodic meetings, or serve as a regular member of the committee.

To volunteer, please call:  
Raj Attiken, Ohio Conference  
secretary (614) 397-4665

### ■ Issues facing Ohio reviewed

Appointed delegates attended a special pre-constituency session to review issues facing the Ohio Conference.

President Edward Motschiedler reported that Mount Vernon Academy closed the 1991-92 budget year with an operational loss after operating in the black since 1986.

As required by the constituency action in 1986, members of the Ohio Conference Executive Committee, the Ohio Conference Board of Education and the MVA Board of Trustees were asked by Motschiedler to appoint key individuals who would study issues facing Mount Vernon Academy.

Two of those issues needing immediate resolution were: How do we make up for the shortfall from this past year?; How do we address the long-range needs of MVA?

Since it was determined that the non-support of some churches of Ohio Advance had greatly contributed to the present financial situation, the motion was made that the conference would calculate the arrears of each church that did not meet its goal in 1989, 1990 and 1991 and ask them to pay at least 50 percent of that amount while asking them to begin meeting present goals,

effective January 1993. This would make up half of the shortfall. It was voted that the other 50 percent would be paid from 1993 unallocated conference funds and conference operations.

It was agreed to have the recommendations of several study groups delegated to specific groups for follow-up.

It was voted that MVA promotional bulletin inserts be published quarterly for distribution to all Ohio constituents.

It was also voted that the same delegates meet again on March 14 to review progress.

### IN TRANSITION

Larry and Carmen Belknap from Lubbock, Texas, will soon assume pastoral leadership in the Salem/Youngstown Boardman/Youngstown Spanish district. Larry is a graduate of Walla Walla College in Walla Walla, Washington, and Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He and Carmen are bilingual and became Seventh-day Adventists while living in Spain. Two of their children, Merisa and Michael, are students at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Texas, and daughter, Veronica, is a sixth-grader. We welcome the Belknaps to our pastoral team.

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# Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE

## BMA school spirit

Service: "An act done for the benefit of another,"—Webster.

"When you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me,"—Jesus.

Service Day is always an exciting experience at Blue Mountain Academy. The entire student body



Heather Groover, front, and Amy Felker enjoying service to others.

divides into individual groups whose mission for the day is outreach to the community.

At the beginning of the year, each student selects the service project that most interests him or her. There were 15 different outreach missions offered. Family groups for each project then meet three times each week to pray and worship together and to plan for Service Days, emphasizing commitment to service, to being involved and to making a difference in the world around us.

Some students went across the street to Blue Mountain Elementary School, which has built an addition. Students painted walls, sanded lockers and prepared the floor for new carpet. At the end of the day, they made cookies to leave as a Monday morning surprise for the school children.

Some students went to Laurel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, about half a mile down Mountain Road from BMA. They sang songs and played music. The afternoon was spent listening to residents share cherished stories and favorite adventures while enjoying cookies the students had made that morning.

Other students went to the Children's Home of Reading, which houses teenagers who've had a hard life. Some are recovering from drug addiction, others are pregnant, while others have no one who wants them. They played volleyball and table games. They talked, listened to each other and began to get acquainted. Several of the students found that many of these troubled young people are very receptive to talking about Christ's love for them.

Another group began to renovate the first floor of a building in downtown Reading, Pennsylvania so a local Adventist church could expand its inner-city ministry.

These BMA students touched the lives of many people. In one day, we began to make a difference in the world around us.

On the way back to school, one tired but happy student summed up the feelings of her family group. "I could do this every day. I'm happier when I'm giving." "Yeah," chimed in another. "This is what school spirit is."

**CARON OSWALD**  
Director of Advancement

### F.Y.I.

March 26-27 Alumni Weekend

The Blue Mountain Academy Communique is published in the Visitor by Blue Mountain Academy; Editor, Cecelia Bakken.

## A Message from the Principal

He's 14 and longs for more involvement with other Christian young people. The Seventh-day Adventist church he attends is small. There is only one other teenager in the congregation, and they don't have much in common. After careful consideration, the parents decide that something must happen or their child may turn his back on God completely! He's isolated, and there just isn't any activity in the church geared specifically for him.

They decide to change their membership to the large local Episcopal church. There is a large, active youth group at that church. Their teenage son will be given good "Christian" instruction in Sunday School. During family worships at home, they will keep the youth tuned to Adventist theology. Perhaps he will even be able to witness to his youth group. He'll be involved with other "good Christian" youth, have a vibrant "Christian" experience at church, have a variety of youth activities with which he can be involved and, therefore, will have a better chance of remaining a "Christian."

Make sense? Most would say, "NO!" If this were appropriate, why would we need Seventh-day Adventist churches? So sending a young person to attend worship services for three hours a week plus to activities provided by that church would be viewed as counter-productive.

Similarly, I have to wonder how a Seventh-day Adventist parent can rationalize placing a young son or daughter at the feet of teachers from public schools for six hours a day, five days a week, plus experiencing the pull of peers and exciting activities, as an acceptable plan. Can family worships and home influence be a good gamble to counteract the majority of time spent away — especially if the teachers are excellent (increasing their influence) and the friends are "Christian" (magnifying their influence)?

Boarding academy for 14-year-olds is not exciting to most parents. But I believe that, unless there is a day academy in your area, sending your high schooler to an Adventist academy should be the only alternative short of home schooling (and for academy age, this option presents problems).

Your home foundation established before the teenage years will have a much greater chance of growing stronger if teachers, peers (choice is important here) and school atmosphere are all working to build a "Seventh-day Adventist Christian" lifestyle. The temptations are still many, but the overall program is a resource to keep the paths straight!

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?... What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?... Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord,"—II Corinthians 6:14-17 (NIV).

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight,"—Proverbs 3:5,6 (NIV).

Blue Mountain Academy takes seriously our responsibility for providing a Christ-centered education. Our priorities must go way above good "worldly" education. Our youth come to us with many backgrounds, beliefs and varying family support, so our challenges are large as Satan mounts his attacks. Pray that we will follow God's will for our school! Pray that our youth and their parents will take advantage of the opportunities the Lord gives through us.



**STAN ROUSE**  
Principal

## The other side of the storm

Blue Mountain Academy hit by fierce winds - trees snapped and uprooted; airplane destroyed; buildings damaged ...

By now most of our readers will have heard that the storm which slammed into the East Coast, claiming over a dozen lives, also caused severe damage to the BMA campus and its surrounding area. What many might call coincidence was nothing short of a miracle—evidence of God's watchful love and caring.

The worst of the winds tore through the BMA campus between 7:50 and 8:10 a.m. The work-study program is in full swing by 7:40 a.m., and second period classes begin at 7:41 a.m., placing nearly all of our students and staff in the relative safety of block, stone and brick buildings. The only structural damage, other than to roofs, was to the north end of the boys' dormitory, where the window-wall for natural lighting to the stairwell collapsed. That end of the dorm has few residents, and no one was nearby when the wall gave way.

Dozens of trees snapped in two or were uprooted on campus and near staff homes.

One jagged end of a sheared tree was thrust backwards toward the administration building, yet stopped before smashing



through a window. Other trees fell within inches of staff homes, yet miraculously all homes were spared. Dr. Christian, attempting to leave the Allens' home, stopped to move some limbs from the driveway. She had just pulled away when a tree crashed down where she had been.

Sheet metal flew off barn roofs, and gutters, downspouts and shingles were tossed through the air. Yet no students, staff or even livestock were injured.

The plexiglass cover on the roof-mounted refrigeration/freezer unit for the Adventist Book Center tore loose, broke into pieces and was hurled into their parking area. The ABC doesn't open until 8:30 a.m. The parking lot was empty.

To give some idea of the power this storm packed, an airplane that was properly secured had its tie-down support ripped from its structure, was then picked up and flipped upside down. The Hartmans had to have it hauled away as scrap

metal (for you BMA aviation buffs, 97-U came through unscratched).

Considering the thousands of dollars in damage to school property, it truly is a miracle that there

were no injuries. This storm reminded me of Peter's admonition; "Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls

around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen."—1 Peter 5:8-11 (NRSV).

**HAROLD CURTIS**  
 Printing/Graphic Instructor



weights and balance booms was on.

On the day of testing, each team had to present its design philosophy and explain why the crane was built as it was. Pupils also had to predict how their crane would fail (i.e. tip forward, collapse, fall over to the side, etc.) The crane was then loaded in small increments until it failed. The numbers were punched into the scoring formula, and out popped the magic number. The testing was videotaped so future classes could study and expand on the ideas of this class of pioneers.

The crane that scored the highest received 18,349 points and is shown here. However, all the cranes were really winners because it was fun to apply all that physics gobbledy-goop to a real problem. Maybe next year we'll build...?



**CARY CORBIN**  
 Physics Teacher

Emmett Merwin, April Russell and Eddie Tang with their first-place crane project.

## What's hanging out in physics???

This year's physics project was inspired by a simple little problem on page 78 of the textbook. It involved calculating the forces in the boom and the tie-cable of a crane.

The project was to build a crane using a simple bag of "goodies" supplied by the teacher. There were plastic straws, nails, glue, tape, rubber bands, plastic film cans, string and a block of wood. By the day of testing, these had been transformed into marvelous contraptions. All were destined to fail, but the fun was in reaching the failure point.

This was the first year that cranes were built, so these lucky students were the pioneers. Building a crane to support a weight seemed simple at first. The catch was that an arbitrary scoring formula would be used to determine the winning design. On the first day of the project, the class discussed several proposed scoring formulae and voted on the one they wanted to use. The formula chosen went like this: Score = D(W+H+D) where:

D = Horizontal distance from crane body to load cable (in cm)

W = Weight supported (in grams)

H = Height to top of support cable (in cm)

Since distance from the crane body shows up twice and effectively gets squared, a "long-reach" crane would score high. However, such a crane tends to tip over very easily. The battle of counter

## More tales from the recruiter...

Jason's first year in public school was his ninth-grade year. Not only was he the only Seventh-day Adventist in his high school, but he is the only member of the youth Sabbath school division in his home church.

His talent, hobby and first love is playing the trumpet. He has taken lessons for years and dreamed of playing in a band. But at his school, the band plays on Saturday afternoons at football games. Jason chose not to play on Sabbath.

I met Jason at teen camp last summer. Through teary eyes and a husky voice, he shared his loneliness and frustration with me. You see, academy had not seemed possible. Although his parents share one checkbook, they are of two religions.

I encouraged him to share his feelings with his parents and to let both of them know how hard it was for him. And we prayed together.

Well, we got our miracle (and a changed mind is a MAJOR miracle). Jason is at Blue Mountain Academy! The family's checkbook is not.

He loves it here and, yes, he's in the band. He needs your financial help. He needs Pennsylvania love in action.



	COST	FUNDS ANTICIPATED	NEEDED
JASON	\$7,780	\$4,600	\$3,180

## Ecology family group makes a difference

Large boxes cluttered a corner of the biology room. Several students from the Ecology Family Group were busily wrapping the boxes in bright blue paper. Clippings of yellow paper lay scattered all around as another group of students cut out the letters P, A, P, E, R. Two students pounded away on the typewriter creating memos to all staff explaining the endeavor.



Jeff Duman, ecology family group

Another group of students produced colored drawings of a cute little cartoon character shown hugging our earth. "What shall we name him? His name should reflect his gentle concern and love for our earth." "How about ECO MAN!!!" someone shouted. "Yeah, that sounds great," a student replied, voicing the group consensus.

More than 30 flashy PAPER boxes of varying sizes are now distributed throughout the administration building, each displaying ECO MAN along with a tri-arrowed recycling symbol. Each box has been strategically placed alongside a regular trash can. One hundred twenty pounds of BMA paper were saved from a wasted fate at a local landfill in less than one month. The paper included: typing paper, junk mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogs and cardboard. The Ecology Family Group collects and sorts all of the paper and then delivers it to Cogle's Recycling, Incorporated, a recycling handler in Hamburg that occupies the old Harris Pine building.

The Ecology Family Group spent over two hours at Cogle's Recycling Center on Service Day Sunday. Students cleaned the warehouse area, both inside and outside, while some sorted cardboard. Many of the students had a good workout lowering cinder blocks into the five-foot-deep cut-out floor. The cinder blocks were used to build the foundation for large conveyer belts, which will aid in the sorting of recycling material.

Cogle's Recycling Center handles not only paper but also: plastics (one and two), metals and glass jars/bottles. The Ecology Family Group plans to initiate other recycling stages throughout the school year to encompass these other items. Collection points will include not just our administration building, but also the dorms, the industrial arts building and faculty homes. We even hope to start composting the wasted organic matter in our cafeteria, not only for ecological reasons but also to create awareness of the quantity of food we waste.

Be aware of our actions and their reaction in

our environment should stimulate all of us to MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Each American creates over four pounds of trash a day. Nationwide we fill 73,000 garbage trucks a day with trash. Lined up, that would be about 622 miles of garbage trucks! Most of the trash we throw out can be recycled. It takes only a little extra effort, but in the end we will save so much of our natural resources and save our planet from pollution. Let's make a difference as we continue to be stewards of our Father's world.

**ROSEMARIE A. BECHTEL**  
*Ecology Family Group Leader*

## Works of heart

If you were to walk in on the "Works of Heart" Family Group at homeroom time, you would see heads bent over all manner of little projects, concentrating on painting, gluing, sewing, cross-stitching, doing tin-punch or some other crafty thing. The group made Christmas ornaments for elderly nursing home residents during first semester and is spending second semester building wooden toys and sewing dolls and stuffed animals for the children's ward of a local hospital. "Our homeroom is a lot of fun," says Christy O'Neal. "I really like being able to make things for others." Marden Rojas comments, "We make these crafts to give out to people to show them that somebody cares about them."

Not only do the students have an opportunity to participate in community service but also, as Stacy Karpenko says, "enjoy the bonding time" with the other members of the homeroom. Students from two different classes (freshman and junior) meet together and, through caring for others, come to care about each other as well. The goal of this homeroom, along with the others, is that by working together here on these service projects, a habit will be formed that students will take with them as they go out into their own communities.



Works of Heart family group

**KARYL L. KRAMER**  
*"Works of Heart" Homeroom Leader*

# Potomac People

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## What's happening around Potomac

### **PEDDs Meeting**

*Richmond Junior Academy*  
February 19 and 20

### **Pre-Constituency Meeting**

*Richmond Junior Academy*  
February 20

### **Teen All-Nighter**

*Washington, D.C.*  
February 20

### **Potomac Junior High Bible Conference**

*Camp Blue Ridge*  
February 25-28

### **PEDDs Meeting**

*Potomac Conference Resource  
Center*  
*Staunton, Virginia*  
March 12 and 13

### **Pre-Constituency Meeting**

*Potomac Conference Resource  
Center*  
*Staunton, Virginia*  
March 13

### **PEDDs Meeting**

*Capital Spanish Church*  
*Washington, D.C.*  
March 19 and 20

### **Pre-Constituency Meeting**

*Capitol Spanish Church*  
March 20

### **Potomac Conference Constituency Meeting**

*New Market, Virginia*  
March 28

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**Ralph Martin**

## 1992—Remembering how God led

Much of the Bible is given to looking back to remember how God has led in the past. Ellen G. White said that we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we forget the way the Lord has led in the past. This issue of *Potomac People* is devoted to reviewing the way the Lord led in 1992. It was a great year for our conference.

The priority of our churches is to expand the kingdom of God. We take seriously the command of Jesus to "go and make disciples." Our community of faith was enlarged by 1,178 new members during 1992. This is a group so large that it is beyond even our dreams. We are calling it a miracle of God, as He worked in partnership with the faithful pastors, teachers and

lay workers of the conference.

We also advanced in 1992 in pulling pastors and teachers into a team ministry. The commissioning of most of our teachers was a public recognition that they are called to ministry in the same way that pastors are called and ordained. A few weeks ago we had a joint convention of pastors and teachers to affirm that unity of divine calling and missions and to encourage both to work together toward an atmosphere of grace in our churches and schools.

We had an excellent year in stewardship and tithe. The 3.9% tithe increase would be enough for a stable, static operation. But our conference is growing dynamically like a mushroom. What financial problems that existed came from expansion and growth, not from decreased tithe and offerings. New churches are springing up everywhere. It is difficult to finance rapid growth, with its resulting demand for new pastors and buildings. The good news is that during 1993 these new members will help lift the financial load and we will grow again.

We can thank God for the excellent pastors who are deepening the spirituality and Christian fellowship of the congregations. We praise God for the dedicated teachers whose skills give us a strong and effective K-10 system, two superior academies, and a fine college. We salute the resource staff of our conference office for once again creatively guiding our churches and schools to higher holy ground.

We evangelized and raised up a new congregation in Kosice, Czechoslovakia, of 127 members with many more interested seekers attending on Sabbath. It was a great mission project. Now Ruben Ramos is in Bratislava for our second missionary project.

We have set a goal of reclaiming 1,000 of our sons and daughters this year. It will be our highest priority.

We face 1993 with confidence because we remember how God has led us in 1992.

**RALPH MARTIN**  
*President*

1992

• **Potomac Conference Goal—1,000 Baptisms**



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**Potomac Evangelism Recap**

1—Doug and Beth Sheffer, along with their daughter, Heidi, attend a Revelation Seminar held in Staunton, Virginia.

2—Ralph Martin, conference president, took time from his busy schedule to hold evangelistic meetings in Waynesboro, Virginia.

- **Achieved 1,000+**
- **Hispanic Baptisms: 608**
- **50 percent of Potomac churches involved in 1992 active outreach and public evangelism**
- **Average cost per person baptized—\$145.45**
- **Average cost of one public effort—\$4,000**



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3—First impressions are lasting ones, and the welcome given at the reception area in Lynchburg, Virginia, provided a "warm fuzzy" to those attending each evening.

4—Capital Spanish had 202 baptisms this year and created a new congregation now known as "Central D.C." Mr. and Mrs. Medrano are baptized by pastors Vilmar Gonzalez and Pablo Perla.

5—Ken Wilber, conference evangelist, is shown giving a warm welcome to some in attendance at one of the many evangelistic meetings he held in the conference. A new congregation has been established in Stafford, Virginia, as a result of one of his efforts.

6—A musical group from North Carolina performs at the meetings held in Konnarock, Virginia.

7—You don't have to be an adult to enjoy an evangelistic meeting. These children look forward to learning about Jesus in classes designed just for them.

8—This group from Takoma Park is taking an active part in the Revelation Seminar. The informal format of these seminars provides a friendly atmosphere in which to learn Bible truths.

9—Ivan Vargas plays an Incan panpipe instrument for special music at the evangelistic meeting held in the Arlington Spanish church.

10 A great team spirit can be noted in the happy faces of pastors Bob Streib and Jim Brown of the Seabrook, Maryland, church, along with Joe Hagan, evangelistic assistant, and Tony Mavrakos, evangelist.

## A REPORT FROM THE YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

## What a year for youth ministries in the Potomac Conference!



With so many different areas being covered through the youth ministries department, there always seems to be something going on...

### Pathfinders

With more than 600 Pathfinders and staff, Path-

finders is an extremely active ministry in Potomac. If every church member could visit a club meeting, they would see lives being changed. Thanks to the many staff and others who give so much to so many, our youth will be different people.

Just a few weeks ago, our clubs were part of the 2,500 Pathfinders at the Discovery Camporee organized by the Columbia Union. In September we held our annual leadership convention organized by our Spanish area coordinator, Xavier Covarubias, and his committee. Jim McNulty led out in organizing our fair held at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, a fun learning event for both Pathfinders and staff.

The conference Pathfinder organization functions very well with the support and help of the coordinating team, which does so much for the local clubs. Working with the coordinators is our Pathfinder council, which helps keep Potomac Pathfinding moving in new directions. With more and more club input, Pathfinder ministry has taken on more "ownership" by those who participate, lead out and have the vision for Pathfinders.

As I visited many of our churches for Pathfinder days, investitures and club inspections, I found young people and adults who are not only excited about Pathfinders but also excited about serving God. Pathfinders=Ministry. If you have your doubts, just go visit a club in action!

### Youth and young adult ministries

Youth ministries covers the area of junior-earliteen-teens and activities pertaining to young people and adult leaders involved in those age groups. This includes events like the Sabbath school training session held in the Tidewater, Virginia, area and sports all-nighters held both in Richmond, Virginia, and the Washington, D.C., area. Youth ministries is always changing and always active, as the sports all-nighter is.

Here are some of the exciting events of '92 for youth and young adults:

Called '92 was an event held for both teens and young adults. With workshops, speakers, drama and a Christian concert to close off the evening, Called '92 was a cutting-edge ministry activity for our teens and young adults. It also had an outreach aspect. By working with Richmond area non-Adventist



youth pastors and inviting all neighboring Christian churches, the Adventist church was seen as people who really care about teens and young adults. Plans are already being made for Called '93.

Youth ministries and our education department have been working on making Valuegenesis become more real through the junior academy Bible conference. With more than 125 participants from across the conference, values, direction and hope are being built in our young people. One of the greatest things about the Bible conference is that the young people lead out so much. They lead out in the small-group discussions and many other activities. Youth ministries and the education department hope to have a senior academy Bible conference in 1994.

The Young Adult Winter Retreat was a time of relaxing, sharing and getting to know others from the conference. This special weekend was one full of vision, dreams and ideas of what young adults could do, who young adults were and what they wanted from their church. Plans are being made for another in February 1993.

During the Dominican Republic mission trip, a group of 25, including teens, young adults and adults, helped build a church for 125 members from the little barrio called 24th of April. This trip not only blessed the local church members, but also all who helped lay block, mix cement and lead out in the vacation Bible school programming. The trip changed the lives of those who went, worked hard, got sore, slept good and had fun serving their Lord. It was a great way to "experience" Christianity!

### CBR summer camp

The ministry that takes place during summer at Camp Blue Ridge is one you cannot explain but rather must see. As the staff members interact with the campers, one can sense a real difference taking place. I think Jesus called it "discipleship"--where the staff gives to each camper. Not only are the lives of the young people being changed, but the ministry also extends to the staff, mostly college age, who leave camp with enriched tools to use in their local churches. So the ministry our conference provides through camp touches the campers, the staff and the local church.

The ministry that I am involved in is fun, creative, exciting and challenging. It needs your support. Our young people and young adults need to know they are important to you and the church. Together we can continue to strengthen and build our local and world church through the young people of the Potomac Conference.

MARC ROTT

*Director of Youth Ministries*



## A REPORT FROM CHURCH MINISTRIES AND FAMILY LIFE

## Family life is breaking out all over!

The scope of family life in the Potomac Conference has changed from a microscope to a wide-angle lens.

According to Len McMillan, family life specialist, the awareness level of what constitutes family has broadened dramatically. "When I first arrived in Potomac, the accepted concept of family seemed to be mother, dad and a couple of kids," commented McMillan. "But now more and more local family life leaders are beginning to realize that they serve a broader family: the family of God, which includes singles, traditional families, blended families, single-parent families and even close friends who function as family."

According to McMillan, the key to understanding family life is relationships. How people relate to each other and to God speaks volumes about their theology, traditions and even their temperaments. Len and Karen McMillan are both very active in providing weekend training seminars for local churches. Last year they presented 42 weekend seminars in addition to camp meeting and other special events. "We are booked into 1994, which really eliminates all indecision about what we are going to do next weekend," quipped McMillan.

In addition, all of Dr. McMillan's seminars are available free of charge to any pastor or presenter. This includes full sentence outlines and overhead masters. With 25 seminars to choose from, there is something available for almost any need in a local church.

McMillan is especially happy with the Couples Alumni Association, which was formed this past year. Its membership consists of couples who have attended a weekend couples' retreat in the Potomac Conference. Each fall a retreat is planned at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia, during the peak color season in October. In the spring, the retreat is held at Virginia Beach.

"We initially planned to develop two weekend formats," commented McMillan, "but so many couples kept returning for another retreat that we now provide new material for every weekend."

The Couples Alumni Association was a natural result of the loyalty and dedication of the attending couples; and their president, Earl Fenstermacher, is one of the most dedicated supporters.

An alumni reunion is held each year. This past year the group assembled in scenic Williamsburg, Virginia, the weekend before Christmas to renew acquaintances and learn from presenters Potomac Conference ministerial Director Marvin Wray and his wife, Ingrid, as well as Dick Duerksen, Columbia Union vice president, and his wife, Brenda.

The association includes alumni couples from seven states and the District of Columbia. From this group of dedicated alumni are chosen the staff couples who actually plan and present each retreat.

One staff couple has been with the McMillans since the beginning: Lynn and Lona Schlisner, pastor couple at the church in New Market, Virginia.

"Without the staff couples, we just couldn't do the weekends," McMillan affirmed. "They dedicate hundreds of hours in preparation, as well as taking off work to prepare the retreat setting on Friday. The success of the couples' retreats rests squarely on their shoulders." Couples retreats this year are March 5-7 at Virginia Beach and October 8-10 at Camp Blue Ridge.

Potomac also has an active Family Life Council composed of representatives from six geographic regions and one ethnic group. This council meets twice a year to review and plan family life emphasis for the coming year. Each regional coordinator couple is responsible for hosting four to eight family life events in their geographic or ethnic region each year. These events are advertised throughout the conference and the topics determined by felt needs surveys, as well as requests from local churches.

Every pastor and local family life leader also receives the Family Ministries Resource Manual compiled by Potomac family ministries each year. This rather hefty volume contains more than



Recommitment vows were exchanged at the Couples' Retreat

200 pages and includes an impressive listing of seminars available on almost every family life subject; resource personnel; counselors (divided by region); self-help organizations; a video and film library; a seminar library and many other items of interest to pastors and local family life leaders.

McMillan has also developed Seven Steps to Successful Family Ministry, designed to help any family life leader or pastor meet the needs in a local church. This step-by-step approach guarantees success rather than frustration in trying to implement family ministry within a church. Both are available free of charge from Potomac family ministries.

An exciting convention, *Faith and Friendship*, will be hosted by the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland, May 21-23 as part of the ongoing family life emphasis this year. The theme is establishing essential relationships in a world of uncertainty, pain and broken promises. Florence Littauer, a well-known speaker and humorist, will be the keynote speaker. For further information, call Norma Osborn at (301) 270-6777 or Len McMillan at (703) 886-0771.

Family life is the essence of life as created by God. He created everyone to be part of a family. Whether a church is attempting to heal broken relationships, reclaim missing members or simply energize and enrich its members, help is available from family ministries.

As McMillan is fond of quoting, "In His wisdom the Lord has decreed that the family shall be the greatest of all educational agencies,"—*Counsels to Teachers*, page 107.

LEN MCMILLAN  
Director of Church Ministries and  
Family Life Specialist



ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER RECAP OF 1992

Your community store for better living

The Potomac Adventist Book and Health Food Center is an established distribution and service center for denominational publications, Sabbath school materials, audio-visual aids, music, Bibles, food and other items to serve the needs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are the recognized conduit through which materials produced by our publishing houses and other suppliers are distributed to our customers.

It is the purpose of these materials to enhance the spiritual growth and healthful living of church members and to be a spiritual outreach to the public, presenting the unique beliefs and lifestyle of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The staff reflects the multi-cultural makeup of the community in which it is located: Pacific Islanders, Asians, Afro-Americans, Poles, Hispanics, Africans, Jordanians and Anglo-Americans.

Nine languages are spoken by our staff members, in addition to a little bit of signing for the hearing impaired.

Recent improvements to make shopping more convenient for our customers include automatic doors, additional outdoor lighting, new food freezers, electronic credit card processing, a new wholesale delivery truck, laser printing of sheet music, additional staff and longer hours.



Clyde Kinder, manager



Phyllis Stern Kinder, associate manager, food department



Paul Glen, associate manager, book department

Our toll-free 800 telephone service handles an average of 1,000 phone calls a month. This is in addition to more than 2,000 local calls a month on the seven phone lines, one fax line and one computer line.

The purpose of the Adventist Book Center is to provide products to help people grow spiritually, physically and mentally. Most of this is done by working through church members, pastors, churches and yes, the community at large. We do not have any method of measuring these intangible goals, so we report in tangible dollars—which gives us some idea of how we are progressing in achieving our real objectives: souls saved in the kingdom of God.

This past year was spectacularly successful for the ABC. The Lord has blessed it with a sales increase for the year of approximately half a million dollars. It appears at this writing as though sales for the fiscal year February 1, 1992, to January 31, 1993, will be right at \$6 million with a net profit near 2.8 percent.

Clyde Kinder, store manager, reports that the success of the ABC is largely due to the dedicated staff of workers

who love people and are eager to help people with their needs and the strong support given by the pastors, conference administrators and constituency.

J. CLYDE KINDER  
Manager

1992 IN REVIEW—

Trust services

Being a Seventh-day Adventist Christian and looking for the imminent return of Jesus are about the most exciting experiences any of us could ever anticipate. When He actually returns, we shall see the results of loved ones prayed for and friends who have been influenced by our witness. At that time our estate shall be more than mansions and streets of gold. It will be the eternal blessing of living in the presence of God.

God desires that we be aware of our heavenly estate, but He also desires that we be good stewards of our earthly estate. When we read the parable of the talents, it was just as important for the person having one talent as the person having 10 talents to invest his wealth, making plans for his estate no matter how large or small. Here is a tremendous lesson for rich and poor. God also desires that each of us make plans to not only preserve our wealth, but to invest in such a way that it will grow and keep up with inflation and at the same time bless God's work.

The Potomac Conference trust services department provides a multifaceted program that can help you preserve and multiply your assets and at the same time hasten the coming of Jesus.

During 1992, the department helped Potomac constituents with 327 wills. In



T.R. Knoll Sr.



George E. Digel

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THE YEAR IN EDUCATION

Success stories from our schools

Schools succeed because of strong administrators, caring teachers, effective school boards.

"From the fullness of His grace, we have all received one blessing after another,"—*I John 1:16 NIV*.

The Potomac education department praises God for His blessings during 1992. All of our needs have been supplied by an act of God's grace. I praise God for solutions to problems, for opening closed doors and for performing modern-day miracles. Allow me to share a few with you.

**A school reclaimed for God**

Two years ago Fredericksburg Junior Academy, a Virginia school that had



**VIOLET C. WEISS**  
Superintendent of Schools

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus,"—*Philippians 4:19*.

opened with a beautiful new building, experienced a variety of problems that hampered its effectiveness. At a school board meeting, the board joined with the education department in re-dedicat-

ing the school to the Lord.

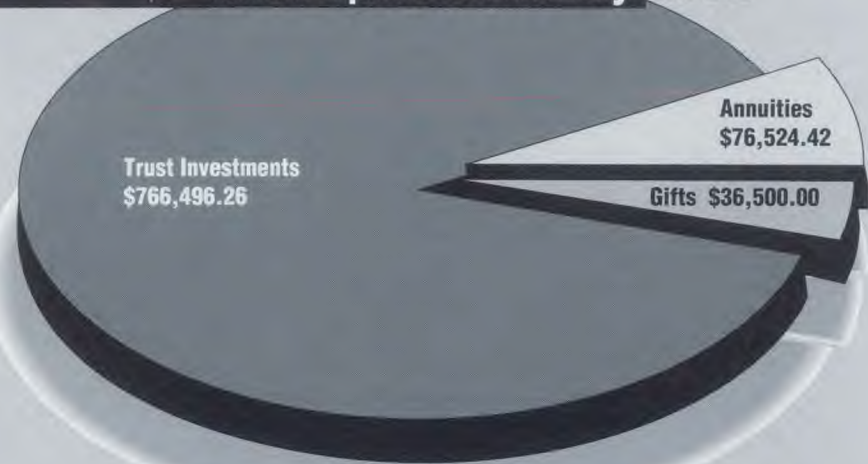
Today the school, after having dropped to a two-teacher elementary school, has returned to full junior academy status with three teachers and two aides. Enrollment has climbed from 13 students in 1991 to their current enrollment of 31 students. Carole Smith, principal, her staff and the school board praise God for these positive changes.

**Enrollment decline turned around**

During the spring of 1992, the Oxford Adventist School in Roanoke, Virginia, faced problems replacing its faculty. Historically, this was a two-teacher school, but problems and declining enrollment reduced it to one teacher.

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**Trust Department Activity 1992**



addition to wills, which are the foundation of all estate planning, there are many other creative estate planning techniques for investing in God's work. Each individual's unique need is tailored to his or her specific estate. Some of these are gift annuities, revocable trusts and unitrusts.

During 1992, \$766,496.26 was invested in revocable trusts and \$67,524.42 in gift annuities. Outright gifts to the

Lord's work during this same period amounted to \$36,500.

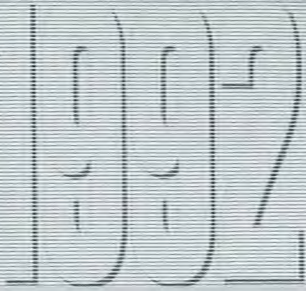
Creative estate planning is good Christian estate planning. With the complexities of tax laws, we as Christians need to seek good counsel regarding tax shelters and investments. Good stewardship demands that we obey the laws of the land but also take advantage of those laws as they provide for our family needs as well as God's needs.

It is possible to avoid some probate costs. It is possible to avoid much estate and inheritance tax. It is possible to provide a source of income for your family and at the same time give to your church. It is possible to give income to God's work with the initial gift never being depleted. It is even possible to legally circumvent capital gains on an appreciated asset (real estate, stock, etc.), receive an income for life and contribute to the Lord's work. The above are creative estate planning approaches that are legal and can bless your family and your church.

These are exciting days. What a thrill it is to see Seventh-day Adventist people live their faith, support their faith and prepare their hearts to meet Jesus.

If you have need of a will or would like to discuss your estate planning need in complete confidence, you may call the trust services department in the conference office. In Staunton, call (703) 886-0771 and in the Washington area (301) 439-8000. We look forward to hearing from you and serving you.

THOMAS R. KNOLL SR.  
Trust Services Director  
GEORGE E. DIGEL  
Associate Trust Services Director



The school board prayed for God to send a teaching team that would help the school grow.

The board and education department interviewed six teachers before placing a call to Pamela Consuegra and Kent Greve. Under their leadership, enrollment climbed from 16 to 27 students.

The new faculty and board have completely redecorated the building and developed an exciting academic program. Recently, they voted to change the school's name to Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School.

**God provides leaders**

Late in the spring of 1992, when most principalships had been filled and the pool of experienced candidates was limited, the Sligo Adventist School in Takoma Park, Maryland, needed a principal. They wouldn't accept just any person. The candidate had to be a team builder, a developer of staff morale and a leader who could strengthen their new middle school program.

The education department did not know where to find that kind of leader. God did, however. In a chance conversation, we learned that Eugene Brewer, an experienced junior academy and academy principal, was about to complete his doctoral program.

The match between his skills and Sligo's needs was perfect. The focus of Brewer's doctoral program was in an area of Sligo's specific needs. Under his leadership, the Sligo Adventist School has made outstanding progress.

**Enrollment jumps 35 percent**

Vienna Junior Academy made tremendous progress in developing commitment to the ministry of teaching and morale. Improved marketing has brought a 35 percent increase in enrollment. In 1990, the enrollment was 57. Currently, 88 students attend the Virginia school. The education department commends Gary Wilson, principal, the faculty and the school board for their vigor in increasing interest in Christian education.

**God provides a leader in mid-year**

A superintendent's nightmare is to lose a principal in mid-year. That's exactly what happened in December. Jeff Veness, former principal of Tidewater Junior Academy in Chesapeake, Virginia, accepted the invitation of Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, to join their staff. Once again, God intervened and located an experienced, qualified principal in Hawaii.

We don't have the space to tell of the miracles God worked to handle the expenses of bringing Pastor Don Watson to Norfolk from Hawaii. God truly does move in ways that are mysterious to human beings.



**ELAINE PLEMONS**  
Associate Superintendent of Schools

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity,"—Colossians 3:12-14.*

**Educators minister to students and each other**

I praise God for the camaraderie of Potomac Conference K-10 educators. Our teachers really do care about each other. Their sharing and helping extends far beyond the mentoring program we have in place to help beginning teachers and those who need extra coaching.

When teachers learn of a colleague who is hurting, experiencing frustration or simply needing an idea or suggestion, they willingly share from their repertoire of ideas.



**CLARENCE DUNBEBIN**  
Associate Superintendent of Schools

*"Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom, but according to God's grace,"—II Corinthians 1:12.*

Because teachers are being initiated into the world of ministry, we find it refreshing to watch the camaraderie extend beyond the education staff to include pastors who are their colleagues in ministry. Potomac teachers look for opportunities to invite pastors into their classrooms and search for ways to involve them in their school programs.

Potomac schools are much more than principals, teachers and students. They include the pastors, parents, members of the congregation and the men and women who volunteer to serve children and teachers as school board members. We give praise to God and to nominating committees who carefully select qualified persons for board membership.

As superintendents, we find it gratifying to attend school board meetings. We understand the struggles members face as they set goals, search for money to provide supplies and teacher salaries and give support to their teachers.

We have found boards receptive to our offers of help and guidance. Individual members take their responsibilities seriously. They want the best teachers available for their schools, and they want to provide a safe environment for their children.

Many school boards invite the superintendents to their meetings to present specialized information. Elaine Plemons has presented reports to the school boards about their school's achievement test results and their implications.

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## Ministerial department— 1992

With more than 80 pastors and 90+ churches, you can imagine that the ministerial department of the Potomac Conference can be a busy place. The ministerial director is not the "boss" or even the supervisor, but rather the pastor's pastor. Pastor Marvin Wray has been the ministerial director in this conference for the past year and a half, and he truly loves his work and those with whom he is privileged to work.



Marvin Wray

The regular schedule of work includes pastoral and church visitation. Wray visited in the homes or offices of 37 of the pastors, preached in 45 churches and visited in 10 others during 1992.

Another large segment of time is taken up in planning and preparing various meetings and seminars for the pastors' spiritual growth and continuing education. There are one-day pastors' meetings every spring in Staunton, Virginia, and Takoma Park, Maryland. There is also a three-day ministerium in Williamsburg, Virginia, every January and the three-day C.E. Bradford Lectureship Series, which is a preaching seminar, every October. In addition, there are five one-day workshops for pastors who are looking ahead to ordination. Twice a year Wray holds a re-entry seminar, which is a two-day event for pastors who have recently changed

responsibilities.

One popular part of Wray's ministry to ministers includes a weekly letter called the VIP for Very Important Pastors. In this he keeps them up to date on events, needs and changes around the conference. He always includes some words of encouragement and just a little humor to lift their spirits for another week.

Another large responsibility is comprised of working with churches during pastoral turnover. This often requires several meetings with church boards to select the potential candidates and then the interview process itself. There is obviously a great deal of time involved in researching and processing the names, meeting with the boards, bringing the results before the conference personnel committee and working with the pastors through the interviewing and moving process.

As an adjunct to his ministry to the pastors, Wray coordinates the stewardship and health/temperance departments for the Potomac Conference. These areas he has just recently taken on, but there are already *Best Stressed People* seminars or workshops scheduled for Farmville and Roanoke, Virginia, and a stop-smoking seminar for Charlottesville, Virginia, in the first quarter of '93. Wray also conducted seminars for the pastors of the Southern California Conference and the pastors and teachers in Idaho.

Still considering himself a pastor in every sense, Wray senses a need to be personally involved in evangelism. He conducted a full series of evangelistic meetings in the Burnt Mills church in Silver Spring, Maryland, this past May, which resulted in 10 precious souls being added to the church. The effort also served as a field school of evangelism for 12 theology students from Columbia Union College in nearby Takoma Park. This February and March he will be conducting a similar series in Charlottesville.

During the coming year Wray, along

with Roger Weiss, will be coordinating Project Reclamation, an intense coordinated effort to reach and reclaim missing members.

Wray is still looking for more work. He has a seminar that has, as yet, been presented only in the Danville, Virginia, church. It helps the local church evaluate and strengthen their three-fold ministry to the community, the local church and their pastor. He has a strong burden to see these areas developed and would very much like the opportunity to come to your church.

There are obviously a multitude of other committees, contacts, calls, counseling needs and correspondence that are part of the routine of Potomac's ministerial department; but all together it is a very rewarding and satisfying assignment.

Pastor Wray appeals to you to assist him in his ministry. Pray for the pastors of your conference. Lift them up and encourage them. Tell them often what they are doing well and pray for the areas where you feel they need to improve. Offer to get involved in their ministry. Potomac's pastors come from a wide variety of backgrounds with diverse gifts and goals. The good news is that there is room for all of them in God's vineyard. Reproof and correction will always be part of ministry; but it must always be in Christ's spirit of love, compassion and patience.

Perhaps it would be well to place a sign where you would see it several times a day that asks the question, "Have you hugged your pastor today?" You can hug him over the phone or through the mail just as well as in person. You too could be a Very Important Parishioner holding up the hands of a Very Important Pastor.

If you have suggestions or concerns related to this ministry of the Potomac Conference, Wray invites and welcomes your input and covets your prayers.

MARVIN WRAY  
Ministerial Director

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### School Success

Clarence Dunbebin has kept boards abreast of governmental regulations and has conducted sessions about preparing for school evaluations. When boards have taken advantage of these services, we have seen improved board achievement.