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Editor



The ordination of women has become a point of division within the North American Seventh-day Adventist Church. Some believe it is morally imperative to ordain women as ministers. Others believe it is morally reprehensible to do so. Some threaten to leave the church "if we do not abandon this position of legislated discrimination." Others threaten to abandon

the church "if we abandon our commitment to follow the Scriptures." And there are some who see the entire conversation as an irrelevant detour from the real mission of the church.

The issues are myriad and diverse. It's all about how we interpret the Scriptures. It's about equality. It's about culture. It's about the full employment of spiritual gifts. It's about meeting the needs of ALL church members. It's about accepting the female aspect of God's character. It's about power and control. It's about personalities.

For those who have chosen this battle, the "other side" is often seen as an enemy who must be annihilated. For many, it's really about "winning."

But the Christian life is about much more than winning or losing battles over the ordination of women. Christianity is about learning to converse comfortably together as we listen intently for God's clear voice amidst the devil's distracting static. It is about following what we hear the Voice commanding us to do, today.

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Christianity is not about winning. It is about yielding to the leading of God. It is about OUR lives presenting a clear picture of HIS character.

COVER: The Oak Hill cemetery in Battle Creek, Michigan, is an important stop for all Adventist heritage tours. Ellen and James White, W.K. and J.H. Kellogg, Uriah Smith, James Byington and Sojourner Truth are just a few of the pioneers buried here. The quiet beauty of the cemetery itself seems to speak of the "peaceful pause before the resurrection." The photo was taken by Visitor Editor Dick Duerksen and Lake Union Herald Editor Dick Dower.

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Howard Koontz, Lancaster, Ohio. Howard joined the Lancaster church in August by profession of faith with his wife, Ivy.



Ivy Koontz, Lancaster, Ohio. Ivy and husband Harold joined the Lancaster church following Bible studies using the Kenneth Cox tape series.



Face 2 Face Baptism Profiles

Laura Norris, Winchester, Potomac. Laura was baptized with her sister, Cheryl, in March of this year by Pastor Denis Segebartt.



Cheryl Norris, Winchester, Potomac. Cheryl was baptized in March of this year by Pastor Denis Segebartt.



Earl Lee Armel Sr., Winchester, Potomac. Earl joined the Winchester church by profession of faith. Earl suffered a stroke and doesn't speak a lot, but he shared his desire to join the church with Pastor Denis Segebartt.



Ray Peters, Winchester, Potomac. Ray joined the Winchester church by profession of faith in April of this year. He wanted to be with the congregation that day, but a bad heart condition makes him unable to attend church. He looks forward to daily worship with his wife, Eileen.

Mark Youngberg
Allentown Church Pastor

A vision to build people

I wanted to share what I believe in my heart to be God's vision for this church. Where the One Holy Spirit affirms all the richness and complexity of our congregation. Where people are attracted by the genuine and authentic love that extends out to all people, languages and cultures. It is my belief that this can only be accomplished by a systematic and focused attempt to build up people.

Let me say it differently. In John 15, Jesus said that bearing fruit is the essential task of the Christian—what He most desires for each of us. By connecting to Christ and abiding in Him, people are tied into the source of life, thus bearing fruit. Bearing fruit brings glory to the Father, Jesus' central focus and purpose.

I believe that Jesus is suggesting that connecting to Christ opens up the life to an ongoing, dynamic process of

progressive change. When people are converted and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord begins to transform their attitudes and actions. This is why when people do not grow, they are often filled with pain, discouragement and even anger. Christ intended that the church be an instrument to guide, support and encourage that growth, especially for those who are struggling.

I am sure that Christians are meant to grow. By faith, they are grafted into the vine, Christ Jesus, washed in the blood and filled with His Spirit to bear fruit. Christ places the new believer then in the church, a new community. Within this group of inter-related believers, they are provided nourishment for growth through fellowship, worship, teaching and evangelism. We must take this responsibility to build people up seriously. It is as essential for

the oldest believer in the congregation to grow as the most recent. In fact, the spiritual growth of the church is dependent upon the growth of the pastor and the leaders. If they don't grow, receive pruning and bear more fruit, the community of faith begins to suffer.

How does God design growth to take place? The Holy Spirit distributes the various gifts to each member to nurture and foster this growth. Ministry is the work of all believers.

Those with discernment would offer insight into the spiritual dynamics of the struggle. Love would flow from the congregation to this individual in a river of concern. And by a common ministry shared by all, this struggling individual would be released to growth upward into the fullness of Christ.

God has a vision for a new community that builds people and celebrates growth and fruitfulness. *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* May God convict us to be a growing church.

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Eternal implications

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Ministry

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Columbia Union College
President Charles Scriven
with Pastor Kendra
Haloviak

SHANA VISSER

Some moments live in your mind forever." With these words, Kendra Haloviak perfectly expressed my thoughts about the September 23 ordination service at the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Like many others, I'd tried to deal with my disappointment following the vote at Utrecht. The ordination of women appeared to be a goal that would always be just slightly in the future. But after years of setbacks and arguments regarding the rightful position of women in ministry, Sligo chose to take a stand.

Three women stood on the platform waiting to be ordained into gospel ministry. Toward the conclusion of the ceremony, Penny Shell commented on the pain of belonging to a church that refuses to ordain women, then added: "I no longer belong to such a church, and it's a great joy."

When I stepped into the church that Sabbath afternoon, I was both apprehensive and curious to see how people would react. I stood tentatively at the back of the sanctuary, feeling more tense than glad or joyous. The atmosphere on the platform was a mixture of excitement and caution—everyone waited for something to happen. How would the congregation respond to the service? Was Sligo prepared to handle the controversy?

But only a short time later, when Kendra Haloviak, Norma Osborn and Penny Shell knelt on the platform, touched by the hands of colleagues, mentors, family and friends and were further supported by the congregation's good wishes, all of my questions vanished. As Pastor Rudy Torres said, I could see the future beginning.

The ordination service emphasized the need for expanding vision in church leadership, an updated picture of the future and a renewed understanding that we are all equal under God. Even the hymn, "Be Thou My Vision," stressed the idea

that the ultimate authority to choose ministers for ordination lies with God.

In his homily, "Let the Future Begin," Pastor Torres drew attention to the need for people who can envision future possibilities in present circumstances. He spoke of prophets, for whom life in the moment is "a stepping stone to the stars." Prophets can turn fantasy into vision because they inevitably look at an event in terms of its "eternal implications."

As Pastor Torres concluded his talk, and I saw the congregation rise for a standing ovation, I realized that the impact of this ordination service would far outlast the moment.

When I consider the ordination service in terms of "eternal implications," I see more than a few hours spent in a sanctuary. With each passing year, it becomes increasingly difficult for my generation to picture ourselves as part of a church that refuses to treat women and men equally.

Regardless of the official recognition received by Norma, Penny and Kendra, this event holds symbolic significance for the next generation of Seventh-day Adventists. We can proudly attend Sligo with the knowledge that we belong to a church whose leadership and members are willing to take risks for what they believe.

As Charles Scriven, president of nearby Columbia Union College, pointed out, the conflict is between the entrenched hierarchy of the "old" world and the growing movement toward equality in the "new" world. Hopefully, in the new world there will be no examples such as the one offered by Norma in which she was contrasted with a "real" pastor because of her gender.

I drove home from the service with a renewed hope that traditions *can* change. Only when the gifts of each individual are fully recognized will the future really arrive.

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Sligo pastor
Rudy Torres

A Statement of Commitment to Women in Gospel Ministry from the North American Division Union Presidents

October 13, 1995

Because we believe that God calls both women and men to the gospel ministry, we were disappointed by the General Conference vote in Utrecht to deny ordination to women. While loyal to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we still firmly believe in the biblical rightness of women's ordination.

We appreciate the leadership role that Elder A.C. McClure, our North American Division president, exhibited at Utrecht as he represented our division's request that the decision to ordain women be made regionally by the various world divisions. We are pleased that Elder McClure has already taken steps to establish a presidential commission on women in ministry to find ways to validate our commitment to women in ministry.

Therefore, in support of the work of the presidential commission and our desire for full equality of men and women in ministry, we ask that the following steps be taken and pledge our vigorous support.

1. **Authorize full equality of practice in ministry:** Grant women and men full equality in the practice of ministry by eliminating all policies where ordination is a prerequisite and/or men and women ministers are treated differently, including the authority to:
 - A. Hold any church office, including being a conference, union, division or General Conference president;
 - B. Ordain local elders and deacons;
 - C. Organize and disband churches; and
 - D. Perform pastoral functions outside one's own district.
2. **Enhance the commissioning service:** We encourage enhancing the currently authorized commissioning service as a public affirmation of women set apart for a life of ministry.
3. **Increase the role of women in the church:** We believe that we must take steps to increase the presence and participation of women in ministry by:
 - A. Encouraging conferences to call more women into pastoral ministry.
 - B. Recruiting women to greater leadership and officer roles at all levels of the church.
4. **Clarify our theology of ordination:** We request that the General Conference initiate a study process to clarify our understanding of ordination so that it more fully reflects biblical theology and Adventist mission. We need confidence that our practice of ministry ordination is grounded in the Word of God and not in church history. The dialogue at Utrecht regarding the ordination of women demonstrated the church's need to increase our members' understanding and application of basic biblical hermeneutical principles.

While we support the vote in Utrecht, we are also committed to the goal of women's ordination. We believe that the same Holy Spirit who calls, leads and blesses women in pastoral ministry is also calling our entire church to increased faithfulness in its affirmation and validation of women in gospel ministry. We ask all our brothers and sisters in the North American Division to actively and prayerfully join that journey. Let us be "a priesthood of all believers" in proclaiming together the good news that Christ is coming soon.

NAD UNION PRESIDENTS

McClure responds

to questions about women in ministry

In a statement released on September 26, Alfred McClure, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, addressed questions raised about an event at the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Responding to queries about the scope of this event, which had been described locally as an "ordination service," McClure stated that "Our ecclesiology has not changed in regard to ordination, and local churches do not have the authority to ordain to the ministry of the world church."

Further clarification came from Arthur Torres, senior pastor of the 3,200-member congregation. He presided at the service during which public affirmation was given to three women who serve in pastoral ministry in the congregation and related institutions.

In an open letter on September 9, Torres wrote: "The Sligo church will not ordain anyone to the gospel ministry, as that phrase is understood by Seventh-day Adventists." It "is an ordination to the local church only. ... We make no claim

MONTE SAHLIN

that this ordination is to the world church or that it has any authority outside our local area."


Ordination to the worldwide gospel ministry in the Adventist church requires a local conference to issue credentials, as well as the endorsement of higher authorities. In this case, the Potomac Conference refused the request for credentials.

"In spite of our disappointment at the vote by the world church not to allow the decision to ordain women pastors to be made regionally by the various world divisions," McClure said, "we stand by our pledge to support the outcome of the vote and urge all pastors and

church leaders to support the decision."

McClure also made it clear that the North American church has not changed in its support of women in ministry. "The leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is committed to finding effective ways to affirm and support the women who serve as pastors, chaplains and professors of religion."

Monte Sahlin is assistant to the president of the North American Division for ministries at the church headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.



Pastor Louis Venden (with microphone), a professor at Pacific Union College, with Pastor Norma Osborn (right) and a friend, Linda Tatum (center).

From Utrecht to eternity

ED CHRISTIAN

As I watched the satellite broadcasts of the General Conference session at my church every evening, I looked forward to the vote on whether or not the North American Division would be allowed to ordain women as pastors. I was confident that the vote would be positive. I prayed daily that the Holy Spirit would move the delegates to do God's will.

When the vote came and was two to one against, I was devastated. It was 1888 revisited, with the majority refusing to do God's will.

I turned to a conservative brother sitting behind me and said, "I predict that tithe funds next year will be down 15 percent."

A wiser sister, also disappointed, told me: "Don't lose heart. Seek God's will in this."

I knew she was right, but I couldn't do it yet. The next night, the Sabbath school superintendent asked me to give a report on the session and the decisions made. I refused. I didn't have anything good to say, and I didn't want to say anything harmful in public.

The vote of the delegates is not necessarily the voice of God. There are too many testimonies from Ellen White stating that earlier GC sessions refused to do God's will and accept His Spirit. Maybe they did God's will in Utrecht, and maybe they didn't. We'll find out in heaven.

The Bible teaches, though, that we're "a nation of priests," that when we accept Jesus and are baptized into His blood, we are ordained by God as priests serving under our great High Priest in heaven. Yes, this means we don't need earthly intermediaries to talk to God and be forgiven. It also means, though, that we are all or-

dained as priests to minister to others and lift them up to God.

Here's an amazing thing: Even though the delegates from Africa, South America and Inter-America voted against the ordination of women as pastors, it was clear from their division reports that they accept the priestly role of women. What Spirit-filled devotion to service and evangelism those women exhibit! It's a devotion I've rarely seen among women in North America—or among men, for that matter. What an example for us!

We are instructed to refrain from ordaining women as pastors. We were not told to keep women from sharing Christ and bringing people to God. The Spirit was not quenched. God calls all of us to submit, to be filled and to serve.

Wherever you stand on this issue, give your bitterness to God. Give your gloating to God. Give your disappointment to God. Give your jubilation to God. These attitudes are all from the evil one. They poison you and keep you from the joyful service to which God calls you.

Wherever you stand, whatever happens, don't leave the church. Don't hold back your support for it. Don't turn cold. Don't be cynical. Don't defame our leaders. Don't defame our brothers and sisters in other lands. God has a life of joyful peace and service planned for you. It's the

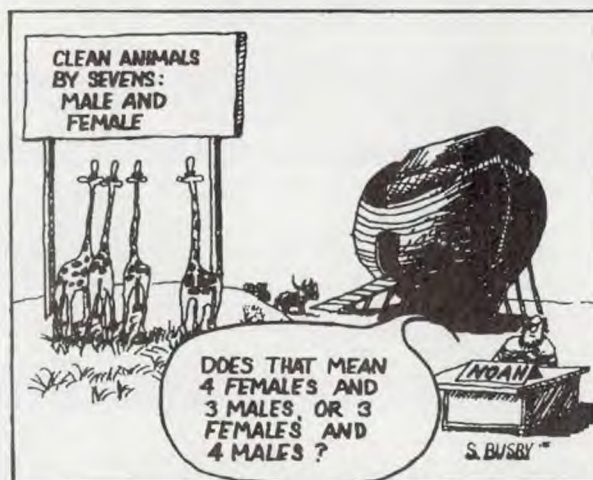
work to which He has called you. Put aside your own concerns and accept His.

Here is God's word for today, for all of us who have argued and threatened and bombarded delegates with letters and pamphlets, whatever our views:

"Like Korah and his companions, many, even of the professed followers of Christ, are thinking, planning and working so eagerly for self-exaltation that in order to gain the sympathy and support of the people, they are ready to pervert the truth, falsifying and misrepresenting the Lord's servants and even charging them with the base and selfish motives that inspire their own hearts,"—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 403-404.

God has healing and happiness waiting for you. God has challenging and satisfying service He wants you to do. If you seek Him with all your heart, you'll find Him. He's longing to tell you what He has in mind for you to do. Just ask Him.

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CHARLOTTE PEDERSEN MCCLURE
VISITOR MANAGING EDITOR

Curling up with a book and listening to music is so luxurious and comforting, I wish I had the time—or took the time—to do it much more. I put on two or three CDs, stack pillows into the wing of the sofa, get comfy with the remote in hand under a Pendleton throw I purchased from the factory near my grand-parents' home and have a "good read."

During the holiday season, the Adventist Book Centers offer hundreds of books and recordings for people who covet that kind of cozy experience. This special issue of the Visitor focuses on a beloved devotional book and wonderful Christian music. *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers is a classic of devotional literature. One of the most enduring bestsellers of our time, this book has touched the lives of millions, leading them into a deeper and more passionate walk with God.

Among the many whose lives have been influenced by this book are contemporary Christian musicians who testify to the impact it has had on their personal walk with God. They have chosen to express their commitment to Christ by issuing a selection of recorded Christian music using the theme of "My Utmost for His Highest." The next several pages feature the musical releases of many Christian artists offering their utmost gifts for

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Transformed by beholding

"We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image ..."—2 Corinthians 3:18.

The greatest characteristic a Christian can exhibit is this completely unveiled openness before God, which allows that person's life to become a mirror for others. When the Spirit fills us, we are transformed, and by beholding God, we become mirrors. You can always tell when someone has been beholding the glory of the Lord because your inner spirit senses that he mirrors the Lord's own character. Beware of anything that would spot or tarnish that mirror in you. It is almost always something good that will stain it—something good, but not what is best.

The most important rule for us is to concentrate on keeping our lives open to God. Let everything else, including work, clothes and food, be set aside. The business of things obscures our concentration on God. We must maintain a position of beholding Him, keeping our lives completely spiritual through and through. Let other things come and go as they will; let other people criticize us as they will; but never allow anything to obscure the life that "is hidden with Christ in God,"—Colossians 3:3. Never let a hurried

lifestyle disturb the relationship of abiding in Him. This is an easy thing to allow, but we must guard against it. The most difficult lesson of the Christian life is learning how to continue "beholding as in a mirror the glory of the lord."



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CeCe Winans



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Kathy Troccoli



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Larnelle Harris



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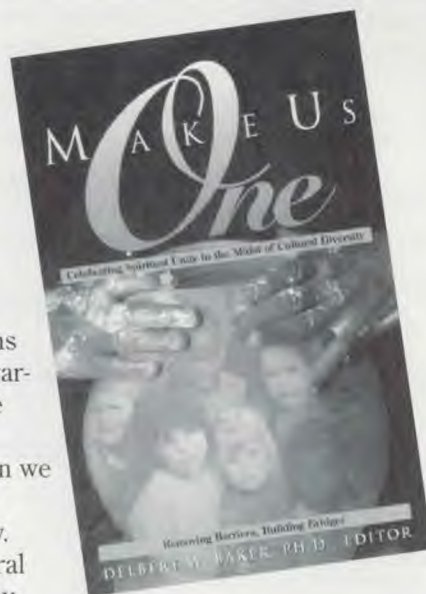
At a time when technology has brought the world's populations together in a "global community," the forces of separatism, tribal warfare, ethnic rivalry, and racism seem to be out of control. Sadly, the church of Christ—and that includes the Seventh-day Adventist Church—has not been immune to these gospel-denying forces. Can we get back to the cross, where all men and women are made "one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28)? The answer is Yes. The time is now.

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Can you come down from the mountain?

"While you have the light, believe in the light ...,"—John 12:36.

We all have moments when we feel better than ever before, and we say, "I feel fit for anything; if only I could always be like this!" We are not meant to be. Those moments are moments of insight which we have to live up to even when we do not feel like it. Many of us are no good for the everyday world when we are not on the mountaintop. Yet we must bring our everyday life up to the standard revealed to us on the mountaintop when we were there.

Never allow a feeling that was awakened in you on the mountaintop to evaporate. Don't place yourself on the shelf by thinking, "How great to be in such a wonderful state of mind!" Act immediately—do something, even if your only reason to act is that you would rather not. If, during a prayer meeting, God shows you something to do, don't say, "I'll do it"—just *do it*! Pick yourself up by the back of the neck and shake off your fleshly laziness. Laziness can always be seen in our cravings for a mountaintop experience; all we talk about is our planning for our time on

the mountain. We must learn to live in the ordinary "gray" day according to what we saw on the mountain.

Don't give up because you have been blocked and confused once—go after it again. Burn your bridges behind you, and stand committed to God by an act of your own will. Never change your decisions, but be sure to make your decisions in the light of what you saw and learned on the mountain.

What do you want?

"Do you seek great things for yourself?"—Jeremiah 45:5.

Are you seeking great things for yourself, instead of seeking to be a great person? God wants you to be in a much closer relationship with Himself than simply receiving His gifts—He wants you to get to know Him. Even some large thing we want is only incidental; it comes and it goes. But God never gives us anything incidental. There is nothing easier than getting into the right relationship with God, unless it is not God you seek, but only what He can give you.

Ask God for what you want and do not be concerned about asking for the wrong thing, because as you draw ever closer to Him, you will cease asking for things altogether. "Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him,"—Matthew 6:8. Then why should you ask? So that you may get to know Him.

Are you prepared to ask yourself what it is you want from God and why you want it? God always ignores your present level of completeness in favor of your ultimate future completeness. ... He's continually working out His ultimate perfection for you—"that they may be one just as We are one,"—John 17:22.

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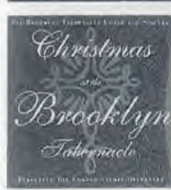
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Yolanda Adams



A Healing ministry

Finding the health care you need

Locating a good doctor or a nursing and rehabilitation center for a loved one can be a difficult experience. With all the choices available, how can you find one that's right for you?

In the following articles, you'll discover helpful information that can make this process an easier one if you're looking for a doctor for your son or daughter or searching for a skilled nursing facility for a family member or friend.

Choosing a physician for your child

In choosing a pediatrician or a physician in family practice, consider your children's ages and needs, your lifestyle, expectations and budget, as well as what is available in your community.

Here are some suggestions:

- As with choosing a physician for yourself, ask about his or her medical background, residency training and continuing medical education.
 - Ask about the age range of the doctor's patients and any special arrangements for adolescents, such as separate waiting rooms or office hours.
 - Is the office "child oriented?"
- Does the office staff greet the patients by name? Do you feel comfortable with the pediatrician and office staff?



- How are your questions answered? Does the physician listen to your questions and give you an answer related to each question? Is the response respectful, not patronizing?
- What are the office hours? Who is on duty during off hours and weekends? How are emergencies handled?
- Does the physician perform routine exams?

● Review your insurance policy to see whether regular checkups, immunizations and sick visits are covered.

● If he or she is in a group practice, does anyone in the group have a subspecialty such as neurology, allergies, dermatology, etc.? Ask to meet the other physicians in the office since your child may have to see them if your physician isn't available.

● Does the physician keep parents up to date on their child's progress?

Again, as with choosing your own physician, consider scheduling interviews with several pediatricians or physicians in family practice. Choose someone who respects your philosophy on child care and to whom you feel confident entrusting your child.

If you live in Montgomery, Prince George's or lower Frederick counties in Maryland and are looking for a doctor, call Physician Preference at (301) 680-6800 during regular business hours.

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Editorial

The case against underage smoking

(Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic has taken a public stand against smoking. The following is excerpted from an op-ed article written by Adventist HealthCare President Bryan Breckenridge that was published in a local newspaper.)



Bryan L. Breckenridge
President and Chief Executive Officer
Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic

As a health-care executive, I applaud and support President Clinton's recent actions to classify tobacco as an addictive drug and regulate its sale and distribution to minors. His actions serve as yet another wake-up call for Americans about the devastating effects of tobacco and sounds the death knell to the tobacco industry that their glory days of profiting from polluting the health of Americans may soon be behind them.

For decades, the health-care community has been treating the ravaging effects of tobacco and has known about the addicting powers of nicotine. The difference today is that the President of the United States, an individual capable of putting the tobacco industry in its rightful place, has decided to take action.

Tobacco companies already are challenging this decision by the Clinton administration, but while their high-priced attorneys are filing claims, here are just a few items from the

mountain of evidence against smoking they will have to refute:

- **Smoking kills.** Smoking remains the number one cause of preventable death in the United States. Each day, smoking is responsible for 1,100 deaths or more than 434,000 annually. In addition, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has reported that 35,000 to 40,000 annual heart disease deaths can be attributed to passive smoke.

- **Cost to society.** The total cost of smoking to society has been estimated at more than \$52 billion each year, of which at least \$23.7 billion is direct morbidity costs (health-care costs). "There is no way we can control health-care costs in this country until we eliminate smoking," says Alfred Munzer, a Montgomery County pulmonologist and former president of the American Lung Association. "That's why the campaign to keep children from smoking is so important."

- **The campaign against children.** Unfortunately, the illicit attempts by Joe Camel and his friends to hook young smokers on the addictive power of tobacco have been wildly successful. Eighty to 90 percent of smokers begin before age 21, and an estimated 3,000 teenagers start smoking each day, 1,000 of whom will eventually die from smoking-related disease. At least 3.1 million adolescents and 25 percent of 17- and 18-year-olds are current smokers.

I urge my colleagues in health care, as well as community leaders in both the public and private sectors, to vigorously support the recent efforts to stop underage smoking.

Finding health care, continued from page 11
How to choose a nursing and rehabilitation center

Long-term care facilities are a far cry from the nursing homes of yesterday. Mandatory regulations, state-of-the-art

equipment and wellness techniques make today's nursing and rehabilitation center not only a safer place to be, but also an infinitely more pleasant one for both resident and family.

Who is a nursing center for?

Today's nursing center is for young

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Healing ministry

and old alike. It is for convalescents who expect to recover fully and those needing long-term care. The emphasis is on improving the quality of life for each resident through medical monitoring and social, recreational and spiritual opportunities.

What kinds of services can a nursing center offer?

A quality nursing facility offers a full array of personal, dietary, therapeutic, social, pastoral, recreational and nursing services. Meals, laundry, housekeeping and medical services are provided.

What should every good nursing center have?

- A current operating state license;
- Certification for Medicare and Medicaid;
- A location that suits the resident and any family or friends who'll be making regular visits;
- Handrails, grab bars, clearly marked exits and other safety features;
- Cleanliness, no heavy odors, an attractive dining room with food that looks appetizing;
- A friendly and available staff who appear pleasant and caring to residents and visitors;
- An activity room for intersocial involvement;
- A volunteer program; and
- An active resident council enabling residents to recommend changes within the center.

How can I find the right nursing center?

After you and the physician or social worker have discussed the type of services needed, ask for a list of nursing facilities in your area. You can also contact your local church, state affiliate of the American Health Care Association, local medical society or community welfare agency.

Plan to visit several facilities. Don't be afraid to ask questions. You deserve the peace of mind that comes from knowing your loved one will be cared for with the same devotion he or she would receive if you could care for him or her.

If you would like more information, contact Suzanne Gorman at Adventist Senior Living Services by calling (301) 309-0660 during regular office hours.

News

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE MID-ATLANTIC

■ Pediatric health fair promotes services

A children's health fair held by Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic on Sunday, October 8, at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital attracted between 400 and 500 people from the community.

The event was part of an overall marketing plan to promote Adventist HealthCare's pediatric services, which are based primarily at Shady Grove. The health fair included a variety of activities designed for preschoolers, including vision, hearing and blood pressure screenings; educational activities, such as a simulated 911 emergency call, an exhibit on lead poisoning, fire safety information and a video identification system; entertainment, including kids' aerobics, a puppet show, a washboard band and face painting; food and free prizes.

■ Radio spot saves man's life

(The following is excerpted from a letter recently sent to Cory Chambers, chief operations officer at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.)

"I'm writing to tell you how your hospital, and possibly one of your radio commercials, saved my life. I'm a 55-year-old male in excellent overall health. About 10 weeks ago, before lunch, I began feeling chest pains, which I'd never had before. I worked through the rest of the day with the pains not getting any better. I alternated between telling myself it was just indigestion and thinking this could be the Big One.

"As I drove home that evening, I was trying to decide whether to just go home and sleep it off or to go to the hospital to have it checked. What tipped the bal-

ance, just as I was getting off I-270 onto 370 (in Montgomery County, Maryland), was remembering the radio commercials for your chest pain center.

"If you had advertised it as a coronary care center, I probably would have told myself, 'Nah, I don't have that,' and gone home. But instead, I thought: 'Well, I do have chest pains, no doubt about that. So I might as well let those people take a look at it, let them tell me I've got a muscle spasm or something, take two Advils and go home.'

"So I doubled back and drove to your chest pain center, where they found my coronary arteries to be massively obstructed; I was on the verge of what could have been a fatal heart attack. The next day, they transferred me to Washington Adventist Hospital, where Dr. Shawl did an angioplasty that appears to have been entirely successful.

"If not for your radio commercials, I could well have gone home to bed and never awakened."

READING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

■ Youngberg honored by RRRH

Russell Youngberg was honored by the board of trustees of Reading Rehabilitation Hospital with a special dinner on September 21. Dr. Youngberg, who co-founded RRRH in 1960, announced his retirement earlier this spring. "Doctor Youngberg's practice and presence was a tangible testimony to his lifelong commitment to the mission of Adventist health care," said Joseph Nicosia, assistant to the president for mission.

SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ Woman receives kidney from sister

Jill Durbin, 27, of Rockville, Maryland, received a kidney from her 24-year-old sister, Carrie, during surgery performed at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital on September 5.

This was the third procedure to be performed at Shady Grove since the hospital received approval from state officials to

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perform kidney transplant surgery in October 1992. Shady Grove is the only Maryland hospital outside of Baltimore approved for the procedure.

The four-and-a-half-hour surgery was performed on Jill, the kidney recipient, by Carlos Fernandez-Bueno, medical director of the hospital's transplant program. Doctors Barry Aron and Robert Fox removed the kidney from Carrie.

Jill required the transplant because of decreasing kidney function and as a result is able to avoid lengthy, expensive and time-consuming dialysis treatment. Both sisters have been released from the hospital, are recovering well and were jubilant during a press conference held September 12. The story of the sister-to-sister kidney donation was covered by four local television stations. (The hospital's fourth kidney transplant was performed September 13 on a Washington, D.C., man who received the kidney from a cadaver.)

Shady Grove's transplant program received a boost recently when more than 40 patients waiting for a kidney transplant joined the hospital's waiting list, raising the total number of transplant candidates at the hospital to more than 60.

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ **New technology improves breast biopsy procedure**

Washington Adventist Hospital has begun using new, state-of-the-art technology that is less traumatic than surgery for women who require a breast biopsy. The hospital installed an advanced stereotactic breast biopsy unit in early September, and more than 15 biopsies have already been performed.

When the breast biopsy unit is used, the patient lays on a table, and a local anesthetic is used on the breast. The machine's computer helps precisely position a needle that is inserted into the lump to extract a small portion for testing at the lab. The entire process takes 30 to 60 minutes (as opposed to

two to three hours for a surgical biopsy) and is about one-third the cost of surgery.

■ **Hospital opens chest pain observation unit**

Washington Adventist Hospital has opened a chest pain observation unit designed to ensure more efficient treatment of patients who visit the emergency department with chest pain. Each year, Washington Adventist sees about 1,800 patients with symptoms of a heart attack at the chest pain center. Until now, these patients were either admitted for observation as inpatients or discharged for follow-up care.

The chest pain observation unit allows patients with chest pain who have not been clearly diagnosed to remain under medical care without being admitted for a longer period of time until a definite diagnosis can be established. This service will avoid unnecessary admissions and help reduce the risk of an incorrect diagnosis.

■ **Marriage workshop to be held**

"Foundational Issues of Marriage," a 12-week workshop for engaged couples and newlyweds, will be held at Washington Adventist Hospital from Tuesday, January 23, through Tuesday, April 16.

Presented by Chaplain Clifford Verwey, the hospital's manager of pastoral care, the course will cover topics including:

- an overview of marriage and marital expectations;
- how to make a marriage succeed (why relationships fail);
- the essential qualities of a successful marriage; and
- developing oneness in marriage.

The cost will be \$12 per person. For more information, call (301) 891-5265 during regular office hours.

Ways to Wellness

When the weather outside is frightful, outdoor exercise can still be delightful ... if you're careful.

- Exercise during the warmest part of the day.

- When there is a wind chill (the actual chill factor when wind and low temperatures combine), your heart tends to beat faster, so check your heart rate more frequently.

- Temperatures lower than 40 require some protection. Wear a scarf or mask over your nose and mouth. Learn to breathe through your nose instead of your mouth to warm the air slightly.

- Wear one less layer of clothing than you would wear if you were outside but not exercising. Wear "breathable" clothing that does not hold the moisture in next to your body.

- Remember that low temperatures raise your blood pressure both at rest and with exercise, causing your heart to require more oxygen. Immediately stop exercising if you feel chest pain.

Provided by Kettering Medical Center



RALPH MARTIN

As I write this, I am sitting in the home of James and Ellen White in Battle Creek, Michigan, renewing my confidence in God's prophetic gift to this church. Surrounding me is a home full of nostalgia from another generation that has deeply affected me and will influence my children and grandchildren throughout their lifetime.

I did not come to this small Midwest city to be spiritually renewed. The North American Division called their annual year-end committee meeting for this historic location where more than half of the General Conference sessions have been held. The church's business took two or three days of making policies and discussion of current problems and opportunities. Reports of those meetings will be printed in the *Adventist Review*.

But for me, it was a pilgrimage to my church roots of 140 years ago, when Seventh-day Adventists numbered about 2,000 members and had little prospects of fulfilling in their lifetime the gospel commission to share their remnant message worldwide. James and Ellen White came to Battle Creek in 1855 for \$7 weekly wages and paid \$1.50 a week rent.

The church helped them build a small house on Wood Street for \$500. It had a living room and meager kitchen on the ground floor and a bedroom on the second level reached by scaling a steep, dangerous flight of stairs. Ellen cared for their three small children while expecting her fourth child. I find it difficult to see how she made it up those stairs many times a day. Later, a room was built on the south side

Pioneers founded growing, thriving church

of the house for the boys. Two more rooms were added on the north side to house the parents of James, and after that used by the parents of Ellen. Sitting in that house, I could feel the struggles of a young family trying to cope in the midst of starting a new, unpopular church. Heroes of the church are real people, also.

But the fledgling church did prosper. It grew and expanded primarily under the instruction and guidance of Ellen White. Those who doubt the divine gift find it hard to explain what happened in Battle Creek. Ellen encouraged John Harvey Kellogg to get his medical training so he could help the new health work that the church was establishing. His leadership changed the medical profession profoundly. At its zenith, the Battle Creek Sanitarium (a word coined by Kellogg) hosted William Jennings Bryant, Luther Burbank, J. C. Penney, George Bernard Shaw, John D. Rockefeller, Booker T. Washington and most of the great names of the day. The 100,000th guest was President William Howard Taft. At one time, the San had up to 4,000 guests a day. Kellogg was the inspiration for the Mayo brothers to start their clinic in Minnesota. The younger brother was Will Keith, who founded the largest cereal company in the world. Much of this success was launched by the visionary encouragement of Mrs. White.

But Battle Creek is not just about dry cereal and new methods for treating the sick. The church established a home for the aged and a large orphanage. Kellogg and his wife raised 42 children in their own home. It was a church community that covered the broad expanse of needs and interests of all people. The community had more than a religious focus. The harmonious development of the body, mind and spirit were vigorously promoted.

At the same time all of this was happening in the health field, Ellen White was pushing the publishing

work to new attainments. It has been a trademark of our church to print the best literature available to the public. That philosophy and business grew and prospered in Battle Creek.

On another front, the educational system was started. Goodloe Harper Bell came to the San because overwork had made him unwell. While there, he accepted the Adventist message. After his health improved, he began a private school for Adventist children, which soon became Battle Creek College. It was guided and nurtured continually by the voice and pen of Ellen White.

Space has limited me to only a portion of the memories and church records at Battle Creek. How I wish that small flock of believers could see the church today, with gospel work in 529 of the 536 nations of the world. From 2,000 to almost nine million! It started in the mind of God, passed through the pen of Ellen White and ended in the hearts and lives of a faithful remnant around the world.

The home of James and Ellen White stands in Battle Creek as a reminder to Adventists of the early years of the church. Photo by Dick Duerksen.



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THE PERSON, PRESENCE, AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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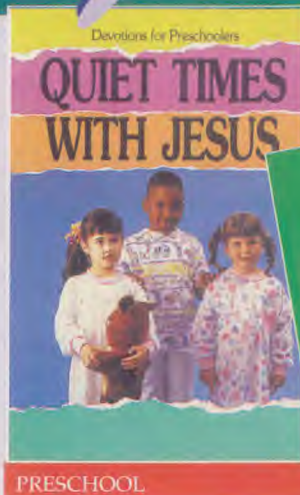
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Demeaning parents

Question: What can I say to a former son-in-law who tells his 8-year-old child that his mother is no good? I'm close to this child, and it hurts me to hear his father poisoning his mind.

Answer: A child is the product of a mother and a father. A child's self-concept is an outgrowth of how the child feels about his or her parents. If critical, demeaning statements are made about the parents, it will affect the child's personal sense of value.

As a grandparent, there is probably not much you can do to change things. Anything you say is likely to be interpreted as bias toward your side of the family. Try some "feeling" statements. "I feel hurt when I see Johnnie so sad after you have told him negative things about his mother. It really hurts him when you say those things. Perhaps you should talk to him sometime to learn how he feels when you say these things."

Encourage your grandson to be assertive and to tell his dad how he feels. "It hurts me when you say those things about Mom." Then let your message to this child be: "All parents make mistakes and do things they shouldn't, but you are a special child. You are important and valuable, and nothing that is said will ever change that!"



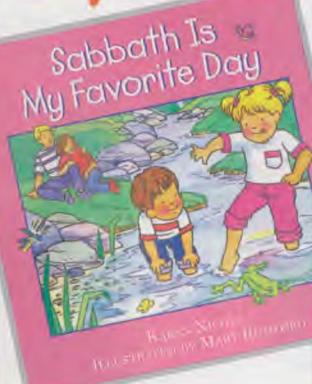
The *Visitor* is proud to feature another poster that was created for Hands Across the World by a student attending one of the church schools in the Columbia Union. The next Hands Across the World rally in the union is scheduled to be held next March in Washington, D.C.—RANDY HALL

New for Preschoolers



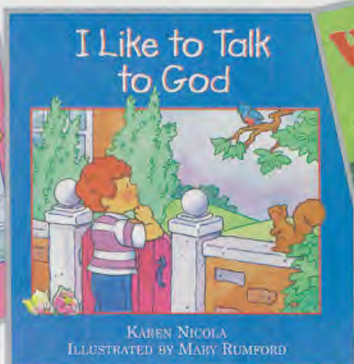
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CUC joins annual street festival

Several Columbia Union College students did a lot of clowning around on Sunday, October 1. The students, members of the CUC campus ministry Faces of Christ, entertained children—and adults—at the 15th annual Takoma Park Street Festival. The group is part of CUC's traveling ministry team, Bridge the Gap Ministries.

The college's puppet ministry, Shepherd's Hands, also participated in the festival, giving three shows from their stage along the festival route. The group performed songs and skits teaching lessons of kindness and friendship.

Other CUC departments that participated in the event included the adult evening program, the public relations office, the CUC business club and WGTS-FM.

The adult evening program and the public relations office hosted a booth with information on both the evening and traditional programs. Members of the CUC business club introduced their new business venture Movable Munchies to the Takoma Park community. Movable Munchies is a mail-order gift service offering various healthy snacks ranging from trail mix to gummy bears.

WGTS-FM, the college radio station, broadcasted live from the festival, holding several prize drawings and featuring *Kyrie—Lord Have Mercy*, the new album by CUC's musical groups, the Columbia Collegiate Chorale and the New England Youth Ensemble.

The festivities ended with a performance by another CUC musical group, the Brass Mosaic. The quintet was featured on one of the main stages and performed a program that included *Amazing Grace*, the *Washington Post* March and *Lassus Trombone*.



The CUC Brass Mosaic performing on stage at the Takoma Park Street Festival.



Sharon Kuykendall, WGTS music and public service director, conducting a live view during the Takoma Park Street Festival.

November 1995

News Notes

Articles published by CUC faculty/staff

Doug Morgan, assistant professor of history, recently published the article "Sabbath Keepers in the 17th Century" in the September 21, 1995, issue of the *Adventist Review*.

Debra Banks, enrollment services assistant, also recently published an article, "L'Elegance," in the October 7, 1995, issue of *Insight*.

Board of trustees establishes grant

The Columbia Union College board recently established a board of trustees grant for Seventh-day Adventist first-time students who are in need. "The grant can be up to \$3,000 based on what students need," says Don Tucker, director of

financial aid. "A total of \$100,000 has been set aside for the board of trustees grant this school year."

WGTS available on Internet

WGTS was listed in the September 7 issue of the *Washington Post* as a good Internet source for audio books, <http://www.cuc.edu/~wgts/audio/audbook.htm/>. WGTS may also be accessed through cyberspace on CUC's home page, <http://www.cuc.edu/>. The college's radio station provides cyberspace information on the station's history, current personnel and a description of the program host each month. WGTS also lists vegetarian recipes and a guide to local vegetarian restaurants.

Jones receives \$6,000 grant

Steve Jones, music instructor, recently received a \$6,000 grant from the Maryland State Arts Council for a jazz piece he composed. Jones has taught piano and guitar at CUC for the past 10 years.

"Since my wife and I just had a baby, we will use some of the money for Pampers and formula," said Jones when asked how he would spend the money.

Harper earns doctorate

Brian Harper, assistant professor of religion, recently completed his doctoral studies in ethics and theology at Baylor University in Texas. Harper joined the CUC Religion Department faculty this past year.



Doug Morgan



Debra Banks

Views from the Gateway

A reason for thanks



BRIAN HARPER,
CUC assistant
professor of religion

It's the time of year when people ask, "What are you thankful for?" Although that's a simple question, I found myself needing to pause awhile before half-heartedly mumbling, "I'm thankful for so-n-so."

These days, however, I have an immediate answer. I'm thankful for the opportunity to teach at a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic college that works toward unity amidst diversity based on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In an age when ethnic and cultural differences threaten to tear the global village apart and turn neighbor against neighbor, Columbia Union College offers the world a ray of hope. Most students, as well as faculty, learn how to form friendships and work alongside people of difference without sacrificing their own particular

identity. We find the ability to develop these social skills in our pursuit to implement the social teachings of the gospel in the ordinary, everyday life of our community.

The social skills and habits we develop in our struggle to be a faithful community equip each person with the abilities to positively contribute to the worldwide church. Also, these skills make graduates more employable in a business world that places a high premium on employees who can thrive in a diverse work environment. Columbia Union College provides a great opportunity for thankfulness.

CUC offers collegiate church

Columbia Union College now offers a collegiate church every Sabbath morning at 10:15 a.m. in the Richards Hall Chapel. The service is sponsored by the chaplain's office and is coordinated by Rajkumar Dixit, campus ministries director, and Michael Flores, student association religious vice president.

CUC listed among top colleges in Money Guide

Columbia Union College is listed as one of the leading four-year colleges and universities in the 1996 issue of *Money Guide* from the editors of *Money Magazine*. CUC is listed on page 74.

Honesty still the best policy

A lady who had just returned home to Tokyo, Japan, was distressed to learn she had left her wallet in a guest room at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland. She called the college to see if the wallet had been found and was thrilled to learn that a housekeeper had found the wallet and given it to Renee Phillips, dean of women.

"The lady was so excited to have her wallet back that she sent the dorm \$50," says Phillips. Ten dollars was given to the housekeeper, and \$40 started a fund for the hurricane victims in the Virgin Islands. Halcyon Hall's donations to aid the people of the Virgin Islands will be donated to the Adventist Development Relief Agency.

Calendar of Events

November 20

S. A. Assembly, 11:15 a.m.

November 21

Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m.
General Assembly, 4:15 p.m.

November 22

Thanksgiving holiday begins

November 25

Church with Arthur Torres, First Advent, 9/11:15 a.m.

November 26 - December 2

Manhood/Womanhood Week

November 27

Departmentals, 11:15 a.m.

November 29

Chapel, Covenant Players, 11:15 a.m.
Gateway to Christmas, 5 p.m.

December 1

Vespers, Harp Concert, 7:30 p.m.
Singspiration, 8:30 p.m.
Phase II, 9:30 p.m.

December 2

Church with Arthur Torres, Second Advent, 9/11:15 a.m.
Collegiate Church, 10 a.m.
Campus Ministries Outing, 3 p.m.

December 3

Men and Women's Dorm Open House

December 4

Assembly, Concert Band, 11:15 a.m.

December 6

S.A. Fast Break, 8-10 a.m.
Chapel with Joe Wheeler, 11:15 a.m.

December 8

Vespers, Columbia Collegiate Chorale/New England Youth Ensemble Christmas Celebration, 7:30 p.m.
Singspiration, 8:30 p.m.
Phase II, 9:30 p.m.

December 9

Church with guest speaker, Third Advent; music by the Columbia Collegiate Chorale/New England Youth Ensemble, 9/11:15 a.m.
Collegiate Celebration, 10 a.m.
Campus Ministries Outing, 3 p.m.

December 10

S.A. Stress Buster Break, 8-10 p.m.

December 12

Final Exams

December 14

Faculty-Staff Christmas Party

December 15

Christmas vacation begins
Sligo's Open House Vespers, Candlelight Concert, 7:30 p.m.
Children's Connection Trip



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Is He really my Lord?

"... so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus,"—*Acts 20:24*.

Joy comes from seeing the complete fulfillment of the specific purpose for which I was created and born again, not from successfully doing something of my own choosing. The joy our Lord experienced came from doing what the Father sent Him to do. And He says to us, "As the Father has sent Me, I also

send you,"—*John 20:21*. Have you received a ministry from the Lord? If so, you must be faithful to it—to consider your life valuable only for the purpose of fulfilling that ministry. Knowing that you have done what Jesus sent you to do, think how satisfying it will be to hear Him say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant,"—*Matthew 25:21*. We each have to find a niche in life, and spiritually we find it when we receive a ministry from the Lord. To do this, we must have close fellowship with Jesus and must know Him as more than our personal Saviour. And we must be willing to experience the full impact of *Acts 9:16*—"I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

"Do you love Me?" Then, "Feed My sheep,"—*John 21:17*. He is not offering us a choice of how we can serve Him; He is asking for absolute loyalty to His commission, a faithfulness to what we discern when we are in the closest possible fellowship with God. If you have received a ministry from the Lord Jesus, you will know that the need is not the same as the call—the need is the opportunity to exercise the call. The call is to be faithful to the ministry you received when you were in true

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Gracious uncertainty

"... it has not yet been revealed what we shall be,"—1 John 3:2.

Our natural inclination is to be so precise—trying always to forecast accurately what will happen next—that we look upon uncertainty as a bad thing. We think that we must reach some predetermined goal, but that is not the nature of the spiritual life. The nature of the spiritual life is that we are certain in our uncertainty. Consequently, we do not put down roots. Our common sense says, "Well, what if I were in that circumstance?" We cannot presume to see ourselves in any circumstance in which we have never been.

Certainty is the mark of the common sense life—gracious uncertainty is the mark of the spiritual life. To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, not knowing what tomorrow may bring. This is generally expressed with a sigh of sadness, but it should be an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. As soon as we abandon ourselves to God and do

the task He has placed closest to us, He begins to fill our lives with surprises. When we become simply a promoter or a defender of a particular belief, something within us dies. That is not believing God—it is only believing our belief about Him.

Jesus said, "Unless you become as little children,"—Matthew 18:3. The spiritual life is the life of a child. We are not uncertain of God, just uncertain of what He is going to do next. If our certainty is only in our beliefs, we develop a sense of self-righteousness, become overly critical and are limited by the view that our beliefs are complete and settled. But when we have the right relationship with God, life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy. Jesus said, "Believe also in Me,"—John 14:1; not, "Believe certain things about Me." Leave everything to Him, and it will be gloriously and graciously uncertain how He will come in—but you can be certain that He will come. Remain faithful to Him.

Spontaneous love

"Love suffers long and is kind,"—1 Corinthians 13:4.

The fountains from which love flows are in God, not in us. It is absurd to think that the love of God is naturally in our hearts, as a result of our own nature. His love is there only because it "has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,"—Romans 5:5.

If we try to prove to God how much we love Him, it is a sure sign that we really don't love Him. The evidence of our love for Him is the absolute spontaneity of our love, which flows naturally from His nature within us. And when we look back, we will not be able to determine why we did certain things, but we can know that we did them according to the spontaneous nature of His love in us. The life of God exhibits itself in this spontaneous way because the fountains of His love are in the Holy Spirit.

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The drawing of the Father

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him," —John 6:44.

When God begins to draw me to Himself, the problem of my will comes in immediately. Will I react positively to the truth that God has revealed? Will I come to Him? To discuss or deliberate over spiritual matters when God calls is inappropriate and disrespectful to Him. When God speaks, never discuss it with anyone as if to decide what your response may be (see Galatians 1:15-16). Belief is not the result of an intellectual act, but the result of an act of my will whereby I deliberately commit myself. But will I commit, placing myself completely and absolutely on God, and be willing to act solely on what He says? If I will, I will find that I am grounded on reality as certain as God's throne.

Love one another

"... add to your ... brotherly kindness love," —2 Peter 1:5, 7.

Love is an indefinite thing to most of us; we don't know what we mean when we talk about love. Love is the loftiest preference of one person for another, and spiritually Jesus demands that this sovereign preference be for Himself (see Luke 14:26). Initially, when "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit," —Romans 5:5, it is easy to put Jesus first. But then we must practice the things mentioned in 2 Peter 1 to see them worked out in our lives.

The first thing God does is forcibly remove any insincerity, pride and vanity from my life. And the Holy Spirit reveals to me that God loved me not because I was lovable, but because it was His nature to do so. Now He commands me to show the same love to others by saying, "love one another as I have loved you," —

John 15:12. He is saying, "I will bring a number of people around you whom you cannot respect, but you must exhibit My love to them, just as I have exhibited it to you." This kind of love is not a patronizing love for the unlovable—it is His love, and it will not be evidenced in us overnight. Some of us may have tried to force it, but we were soon tired and frustrated.

"The Lord ... is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish," —2 Peter 3:9. I should look within and remember how wonderfully He has dealt with me. The knowledge that God has loved me beyond all limits will compel me to go into the world to love others in the same way. I may get irritated because I have to live with an unusually difficult person. But just think how disagreeable I have been with God! Am I prepared to be identified so closely with the Lord Jesus that His life and His sweetness will be continually poured out through Me? Neither natural love nor God's divine love will remain and grow in me unless it is nurtured. Love is spontaneous, but it has to be maintained through discipline.

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The habit of keeping a clear conscience

"Strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men,"—*Acts 24:16*.

God's commands to us are actually given to the life of His Son in us. Consequently, to our human nature in which God's Son has been formed (see *Galatians 4:19*), His commands are difficult. But they become divinely easy once we obey.

Conscience is that ability within me that attaches itself to the highest standard I know and then continually reminds me of what that standard demands that I do. It is the eye of the soul which looks out either toward God or toward what we regard as the highest standard. This explains why conscience is different in different people. If I am in the habit of continually holding God's standard in front of me, my conscience will always direct me to God's perfect law and indicate what I should do. The question is, will I obey? I have to make an effort to keep my conscience so sensitive that

I can live without any offense toward anyone. I should be living in such perfect harmony with God's Son that the spirit of my mind is being renewed through every circumstance of life, and that I may be able to quickly "prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God,"—*Romans 12:2*; also see *Ephesians 4:23*.

God always instructs us down to the last detail. Is my ear sensitive enough to hear even the softest whisper of the Spirit, so that I know what I should do? "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,"—*Ephesians 4:30*. He does not speak with a voice like thunder—His voice is so gentle that it is easy for us to ignore. And the only thing that keeps our conscience sensitive to Him is the habit of being open to God on the inside. When you begin to debate, stop immediately. Don't ask, "Why can't I do this?" You are on the wrong track. There is no debating possible once your conscience speaks. Whatever it is—drop it and see that you keep your inner vision clear.

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Becoming entirely His

"Let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing,"—James 1:4.

Many of us appear to be all right in general, but there are still some areas in which we are careless and lazy; it is not a matter of sin, but the remnants of our carnal life that tend to make us careless. Carelessness is an insult to the Holy Spirit. We should have no carelessness about us either in the way we worship God or even in the way we eat and drink.

Not only must our relationship to God be right, but the outward expression of that relationship must also be right. Ultimately, God will allow nothing to escape; every detail of our lives is under His scrutiny. God will bring us back in countless ways to the same point over and over again. And He never tires of bringing us back to that one point until we learn the lesson because His purpose is to produce the finished product. It may be a problem arising from our impulsive nature, but again and

again, with the most persistent patience, God has brought us back to that one particular point. Or the problem may be our idle and wandering thinking or our independent nature and self-interest. Through this process, God is trying to impress upon us the one thing that is not entirely right in our lives.

Whatever it may be, God will point it out with persistence until we become entirely his.

God's silence—then what?

"When He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was,"—John 11:6.

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answer? God will give you the very blessings you ask if you refuse to go any further without them, but His silence is the sign that He is bringing you into an even more wonderful understanding of Himself. ... If God has given you a silence, then praise Him—He is bringing you into the mainstream of His purposes.

A wonderful thing about God's silence is that His stillness is contagious—it get into you, causing you to become perfectly confident so that you can honestly say, "I know that God has heard me." His silence is the very proof that He has. As long as you have the idea that God will always bless you in answer to prayer, He will do it, but He will never give you the grace of His silence. If Jesus Christ is bringing you into the understanding that prayer is for the glorifying of His Father, then He will give you the first sign of His intimacy—silence.



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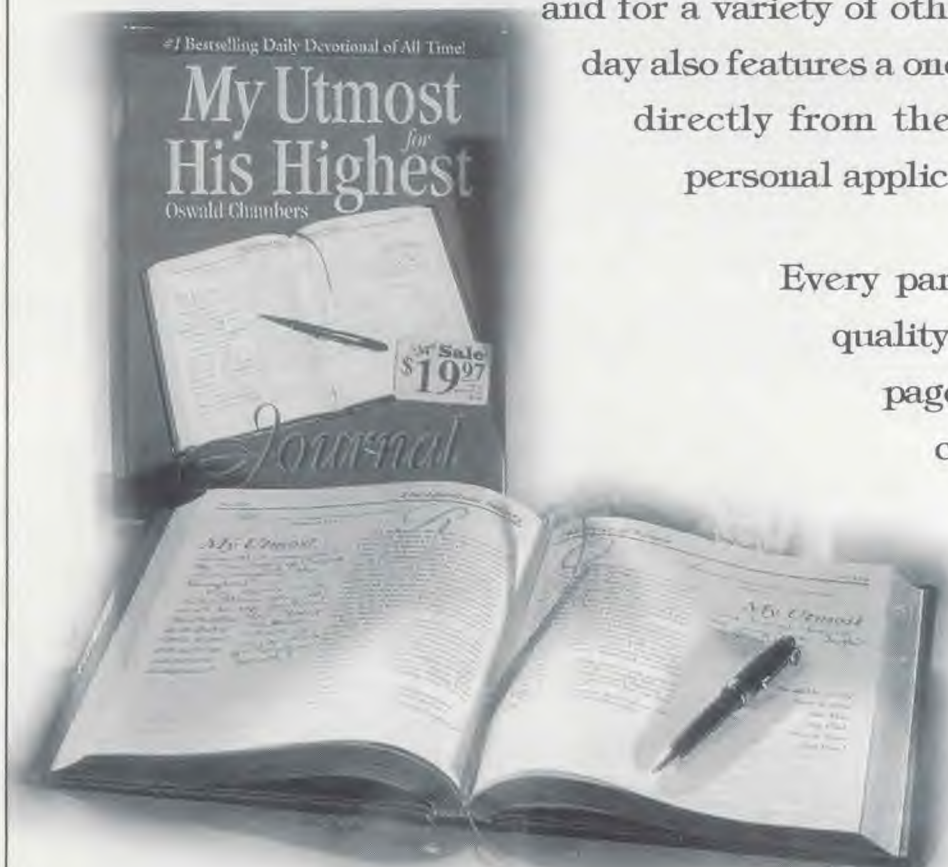
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The regular annual session of the Miracle Meadows School is hereby called to convene at the Miracle Meadows School, Rt. 1, P.O. Box 289-B, Buffalo Calf Rd., Salem, WV, on Sunday, November 19, 1995, beginning at 10 a.m.

Delegates to this meeting are the members of the Mountain View Conference Executive Committee, members of the MMS Board of Directors, educational directors, family life directors and youth directors of the Columbia Union and each conference within the union, pastors and teachers of the Mountain View Conference, staff members of MMS and members of the Toll Gate Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The purpose of this meeting is to make decisions in matters regarding the policies, finance and development of the school.

Also amendments to the constitution and bylaws of MMS will be voted upon to give direction to the future of the school. Any delegate who cannot be there is encouraged to share suggestions and concerns with MMS before the session begins by mail or sending a fax to (304) 782-3660.

RANDALL MURPHY, Board Chairman
BETTY LOU HARTLEIN, Secretary

OBITUARIES

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.... Therefore encourage each other with these words," —1 Thessalonians 4:16, 18 NIV. The Visitor joins the church family in expressing sympathy to all who have lost loved ones.

BROPHY, Thomas J., born September 5, 1917; died September 28, 1995, Telford, PA. He was a deacon at the Souderton, PA, church. Survivors: wife Lillian, daughters Sharon Russell and Patricia Coverdale, son Thomas Jr., six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

CLIFFORD, Mary (Haas), born July 2, 1920, Scranton, PA; died September 11, 1995, Bethesda, MD. She lived in Waldwick, NJ, and was a member of the Hackensack, NJ, church. Survivors: daughter Caroline, son Roger, brothers Charles Haas and Richard Haas and four granddaughters.

FREDRICK, Karl H., born February 15, 1943, Bermuda; died August 12, 1995, Hackensack, NJ. He was a member of the Hackensack church. Survivors: mother Lydia and sisters Carol-Ann Piscatelli, Linda Iannia, Joan Crowtha and Noreen Burkee.

GATTIS, Lucy B., born April 11, 1911, Clio, GA; died April 20, 1995, Orlando, FL. She was a Bible worker for 42 years in the Potomac, Florida, Georgia-Cumberland and Gulf States conferences. Survivors: daughter Jean Kreuger, sons Pat and John, 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

LING, Mabel C., born December 5, 1906, Holmes, OH; died September 3, 1995, Millersburg, OH. She was a member of the Millersburg church. Survivors: son Robert Miller, one grandson and four great-grandchildren.

MCCLLOUD, Kathryn L., born November 26, 1909, Ford, VA; died August 19, 1995, Oil City, PA. She was a member of the Seneca, PA, church. Survivors: sons Ralph Kahle and Kenneth Kahle, daughters Geraldine Reagle, Barbara D'Olympio, Doris Kahle, Joan Penn and Betty Russell, adopted daughter Betty Mae Spence, sister Doris Boocks, 22 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

NORTHRUP, Margaret F., born October 12, 1918, Bedford, IN; died in September 1995, Lancaster, OH. She was a member of the Lancaster congregation. Survivors: husband Elbert, daughter Peggy Swaggart,

sons Elbert and Nicholas and eight grandchildren.

YOUNG, Thomas B., born December 6, 1908, Tazewell Co., VA; died October 12, 1995, Winchester, VA. He was a member of the Strasburg, VA, church. Survivors: daughter Cora Ramirez, sons Robert and Walter, 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements and/or advertisements must be in to the Columbia Union Visitor office four weeks before the date of issue.

Petersburg church celebrates 75th anniversary

The Petersburg, VA, congregation will commemorate its 75th anniversary on Sabbath, November 18. The church is located at 300 Poplar Dr. in Petersburg. For more information, call (804) 732-9538.

Singles plan national New Year's retreat

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Eastern Standard Time

| | Nov. 17 | Nov. 24 | Dec. 1 |
|----------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Baltimore | 4:51 | 4:47 | 4:44 |
| Cincinnati | 5:23 | 5:18 | 5:16 |
| Cleveland | 5:05 | 5:00 | 4:57 |
| Columbus | 5:14 | 5:10 | 5:07 |
| Jersey City | 4:37 | 4:32 | 4:29 |
| Norfolk | 4:54 | 4:51 | 4:49 |
| Parkersburg | 5:10 | 5:06 | 5:04 |
| Philadelphia | 4:44 | 4:39 | 4:37 |
| Pittsburgh | 5:01 | 4:57 | 4:54 |
| Reading | 4:46 | 4:41 | 4:38 |
| Richmond | 4:58 | 4:54 | 4:52 |
| Roanoke | 5:08 | 5:05 | 5:03 |
| Toledo | 5:14 | 5:09 | 5:06 |
| Trenton | 4:41 | 4:37 | 4:34 |
| Washington, DC | 4:53 | 4:49 | 4:47 |



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What's happening around ALLEGHENY EAST

November 18, 19

Community Services
Federation
Virginia area

November 23, 24

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December 1-3

Family Life Leaders Symposium
Aberdeen, MD

December 16, 11 a.m.

"Messiah" Performance
Ebenezer SDA Church
Philadelphia, PA

December 17

Conference Executive
Committee
Pine Forge, PA

December 25

Office Closed

December 27-January 1

LE Convention
Greenelefe Resort
Haines City, FL

January 1, 1996

Office Closed



Charles Cheatham, Bennie Mann and Alvin Kibble

Mission statements drive conference officers

A profile of conference administrators

The Allegheny East Conference officers, staff, pastors and teachers developed a mission statement that is patterned after the gospel commission of Jesus to his disciples. "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age," — Matthew 28:19, 20 NIV.

The conference mission statement states, "The Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-day Adventists exists to promote the sharing of the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ with varied ethnic groups within its assigned territory through Christ-centered leadership and responsible resource management." The office leaders in Pine Forge believe in this mission, trusting Jesus' promise to be with them until He returns to redeem those who love Him.

Conference administrators wrote mission statements for their own assignments, as did departmental directors and associates and all support staff. In the next several issues of the *Exposé*, readers will become acquainted with the conference staff and the work done throughout the conference under their leadership. Resources and opportunities will become evident; members and leaders will have the opportunity to network "the sharing of the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ." This issue gives an "insider's view" of the conference administrators: the president, executive secretary and treasurer.

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Personal and family devotion are important!



"His humanity made prayer a necessity ..." —*Steps to Christ*, page 64. These words have come back to me again and again. "His humanity made prayer a necessity." They seem to have been lifted from the text almost in a three-dimensional fashion. I was having devotion with my son, Jason. We read together the chapter "The Privilege of Prayer" in the book *Steps to Christ*. I paused and reflected as the statement continued to register upon my mind. I thought to myself even as I began to respond audibly, "His humanity made prayer a necessity." I thought of myself and countered, my humanity makes water a necessity. My humanity makes oxygen a necessity. My humanity makes food and rest a necessity, but "His humanity made prayer a necessity." The conclusion was obvious. "... and if the Saviour of men, the Son of God, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel the necessity of fervent, constant prayer." —*Ibid*.

We often refer to ourselves as a praying people, but this passage implies so much more than what we in our glib and conventional ways refer to when we speak of our prayer life. Our recent conference-wide survey, entitled "A Portrait of a Regional Conference," reported that while 68 percent of the membership of our conference practices the habit of private prayer, only 36 percent engage in personal Bible study and 32 percent in family worship.

Are we truly a praying people? Are we sincerely people of the Book? Do we relish the moments that we spend in meditation and prayer with our Heavenly Father? The admonition from the servant of the Lord is, "Let nothing hinder you ... Seek every opportunity to go where prayer is wont to be made," —*Ibid*, page 68.

The dictionary defines devotion as, "To dedicate, consecrate; to give up or apply oneself, or one's time, energy to some purpose, activity or person." Do you have a devotional life? Is it one that is definitive? We all need to examine ourselves occasionally to discover where our true devotion lies. Paul said to Corinthian Christians in II Corinthians 11:36 that you must have "a sincere and pure devotion of Christ."

The time we spend in prayer and Bible study is called devotional time. However, the things we spend our time and energy on represent that which we are devoted to. When we spend time and energy with God, praying, reading His Word and sharing, we are showing our devotion to God. When we do this with our families, we are teaching them that God is important in our lives.

All of us need to assess our values. It would be profitable for every family and member of our conference to examine his or her values, taking a good look at how he or she spends time, energy, talents and resources. In this way, we will uncover our value system. Listing those items according to priorities will help us to truly discover what is important to us. What we see as important will be the things that our children view as important. As busy as we are today, we must not allow anything to stand in the way of our devotional life.

Admonish our conference family to ensure, or if necessary, restore the practice of family devotion. "We should pray in the family circle, and above all we must not neglect secret prayer, for this is the life of the soul," —*Ibid*, page 68.

ALVIN KIBBLE
President

Poet writes tribute of love

Jeannette Henri was only 17 when W.W. Fordham pitched a tent in the Asbury Park in Neptune, New Jersey. She came to the tent with her grandmother, an aunt and other members of her family, as well as some neighbors. They sang while Mrs. Fordham played and listened to the powerful preaching of Elder Fordham. "It changed the course of our lives," says Jeannette, "and we're happy." Five of them were baptized as a result of those meetings, and a few weeks later, 12 more were added.

Jeannette went to Pine Forge Academy and graduated in 1950, took nurse's training at the Glendale Medical Center in California and then came to Columbia Union College to finish her degree in 1969. She married James Adams, and the couple lives in Takoma Park, Maryland, where they are members of the Capitol Hill church.

Though joyful about her life as a Seventh-day Adventist, Jeannette Adams has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Fordham and the long illness of W.W. Fordham. Her heart is filled with gratitude for those tent meetings and the ministry of Elder Fordham. She is an award-winning poet, and she wrote the following poem as an expression of thanksgiving.

A Tribute of Love to Elder W.W. Fordham

Dear Elder Fordham, You've worked so hard to help others on this earth as you trod.

O heal him with Your gentleness, dear Lord, is our faithful prayer to God.

A stroll with his family, a colorful sunset he will enjoy so much,

We think of his laughter and his broad smile and his gentle touch!

We pray for the servant of the Lord in every caring way.

We want you to enjoy life as you awaken every day.

Our tribute of love and thanks to you for your ministry to people.

Your lasting friendship and kindness is taller than any steeple!

JEANNETTE HENRI ADAMS, 1995



The office of the president...

Jewel and Alvin Kibble

...created a mission statement that is the umbrella over his responsibilities and goals. "The Allegheny East Conference office of the president is dedicated to the task of providing Christ-centered servant leadership to the workers, churches, institutions and members of the conference by ensuring its mission, doctrines and unity and by integrating spiritual principles into personal relation-

ships and corporate leadership roles." President Alvin Kibble says that his job description in a nutshell is the "ensure the mission of the conference."

As a minister and administrator, Kibble has worked in the Allegheny East Conference for 26 years. He's pastored several churches in New Jersey: The First church in

Englewood, the First church in Montclair, Beth-El in Jersey City, the First church in Paterson, the Trinity Temple in Newark, as well as the Berea Temple in Baltimore, Maryland, and Calvary in Newport News, Virginia. Though often not at home on Sabbaths, he is currently a member of the Walnut Street church in Pottstown. He was ordained in 1974.

Kibble enjoys the variety of his task and the development of people. He is frustrated, however, by the inadequate facilities of the office. His big dream for Allegheny East is "that each member might become truly Christian, and that they evidence a Spirit-filled life."

He and his wife, Jewel, have two adult children, Santo and Jason. Jewel is a registered nurse and musician.

When he has the time or opportunity, Kibble likes to play golf, travel, go horseback riding and shoot pictures. But the largest item on his slate is the preparation of people for the coming of Jesus. "Time is running



out," says Kibble. "If left to our own plans, goals and interests, we shall surely fail. I am convinced this is God's work, and He will finish it with a greater power than when it began. I want to be a part of that finished work. We must begin to make the message known, our presence felt. Christ is soon to come."

"Maranatha! Let's get busy!" he adds.



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Reather and Charles Cheatham

department in accounting, auditing and church and school building programs. He manages assets, insurance and loss control, the moving of personnel and grounds and maintenance. The treasurer monitors all aspects of the budget and is chair of the Finance committee and the building committee. The only job frustration might be "tight budgets."

Treasurer Bennie Mann's mission statement says, "The mission of the Allegheny East Conference department of treasury is

The office of the executive secretary...

...deals with data, planning and organizing. The mission statement says, "The office of the secretariat in the Allegheny East Conference is committed to providing accurate data to convey the status of corporate responsibility and growth and to aid the president, executive committee, employees and constituency in the achievement of the spiritual and corporate role of the conference." Executive Secretary Charles Cheatham works closely with church clerks and pastors. His administrative responsibilities include the management of statistics, service records, corporate minutes and committee chair, as well as the office and field itinerary.

Like Elder Kibble, Cheatham has worked in the Allegheny East Conference for 26 years, but he was part of the Allegheny Conference for four years before that conference divided into East and West leadership. As a minister, he was ordained in 1963. He pastored three churches in Georgia: Albany, Blakely and Columbus; the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia; and in New Jersey, the Englewood, Montclair, Jersey City, Paterson and Camden churches. He is now a member of the Pine Forge church.

He and his wife, Reather, a secretary in the treasury department of the conference, live in Pottstown. They enjoy time spent with one grandchild and three adult children: Charles II, Tracey and Ramsey.

A busy man with professional memberships in Operation Reachback and AVMA (Media), Cheatham likes to find time to travel and relax by fishing and model railroading.

He particularly appreciates the aspects of his job that associate with people and in planning, training, instruction and creative thinking. Cheatham dreams of a bigger and better conference with increased "use of available technology, spiritual growth and maturity, statistical growth and more church planting."



Bennie and Gertrude Mann

The office of the conference treasurer...

...works with the president in the areas of finance, planning and general administration. It receives and disburses the funds of the Allegheny East Conference. The treasurer supervises the work of the treasury



to receipt, manage, disburse and safeguard the financial resources of the conference in accordance with denominational policy and to provide updated financial information for all levels of the organization." Mann enjoys the job challenges this brings and the association with employees, constituents and, particularly, having a part in hastening the coming of Jesus.

He has his own dreams and hopes for Allegheny East. "I'd like for us to have a new conference office building and to divide our vast conference territory," Mann says. "And I'd like to see excellence in every aspect of God's cause."

Mann is a member of AMA and earned an administrator license in 1980. He has worked in the Allegheny East Conference for 23 years. He is a member of the Pine Forge church, where he serves as a deacon and on the finance committee.

His wife, Gertrude, is now retired, but she taught in public schools for 34 years. They have two sons, Dave and Bennie Jr., and five grandchildren.

Mann enjoys several free-time activities: golf, football, photography, reading and landscaping.

November 1995

Honoring the faithful

Church Elder Talton A. John Day

Roses for you on this, your day With the intent of these words in their hearts, the elders, officers and members of the Cleveland Bethel and Cleveland Maranatha churches gathered in beautiful Pymatuning Lake State Park to pay tribute to one of God's special servants. The person of honor was Talton A. John, holder of an enviable 20-year service record as local elder of both these churches.

Elder John served from 1975 to 1987 as elder and then first elder of the Cleveland Bethel church. In 1987, when the Cleveland Maranatha church was established, he consented to "come over to Macedonia" and help the young church, where he continues to serve even though he is the victim of a terminally ill disease. Yet only those who have been blessed to have served with him or by him could ever know the seemingly inexhaustable store of not only his faith and steadfastness in Christ, but also his never-failing sufficiency, capacity and inclination to encourage, salvage and rescue others in the name of Jesus Christ.

July 30, 1995, was established as Elder Talton A. John Day by a resolution of his peers. Among the tokens of appreciation he received was a crystal vase with roses, "while he could still smell them" a plaque bearing his name and etched likeness with an honorary and commemorative inscription; a congregation-sized cake also bearing his likeness and an inscription; and keepsake photos of the occasion.

In attendance were his present pastor, Harcourt King some of his former pastors, Carl R. Rogers and Lawrence Shepherd, both from the Allegheny West Conference office; Buford Griffith Jr., presently the pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, Ephesus church; and a host of family and friends.

Elder Albert N. Covington
Bethel church
Communication Leader



Local Elder Talton A. John poses with his flowers and plaque.



Pastor Buford Griffith Jr. (left), Pastor Carl R. Rogers, Pastor Lawrence Shepherd and First Elder Albert N. Covington from the Bethel Cleveland church pose with honored guest Talton A. John.

South Fountain church ordains elder

George Washington Jones Jr. was born July 18, 1951, in Palmer Springs, Virginia. His parents were the late George W. and Harriet Jones, from whom he received his early Christian training. He was baptized at the age of 12 in the Jerusalem Christian church. He also received his elementary and secondary education in Palmer Springs, Virginia.

During 1971 to 1973, he served in the armed forces and was honorably discharged. After completion of truck-driving school, he held several positions using this skill.

Elder Jones accepted the Adventist message in 1976 through Bible studies conducted by his sister, Georgia, and late brother-in-law, Stanford Williams. He was baptized into the First church in Teaneck, New Jersey. There he sang in the choir, served as an usher and helped wherever needed. Elder Jones diligently studied the Word of God and was tenacious in this commitment.

He entered Bergen Community College in 1980 and received training in business management. Wherever he was employed, Elder Jones' life has been a witness to others with his winning smile.

From 1980 to 1985, Elder Jones was deacon of the First church of Teaneck, New Jersey, and served as acting elder from 1985 to 1988. In June of 1988, he moved his family to Wilmington, Ohio. They transferred their membership to the South Fountain church in Springfield, Ohio, where he has actively served as a deacon until his appointment as an elder.

Elder Jones prayed for a Christian wife and states "God sent me an angel." He has been married to the former Karen Medley for 17 years and blessed with three beautiful children: Kristopher, Alicia and Derrek. He is currently employed at Wright Patterson AFB.

We have nothing to fear for the future unless we forget the way the Lord has lead us in the past.

Parkwood church celebrates Community Guest Day

Community Guest Day at the Parkwood church in Toledo, Ohio, on May 20 was a very special day. Pastor James L. Lewis, Allegheny West Conference treasurer, was the guest speaker.

Herma Harris received a plaque for 45 years of community service in the Toledo area and the past 15 years at the Parkwood church. Herma Harris, along with Pastor Timothy Henderson, started the soup kitchen in 1980. She has continued to be the head cook for the kitchen ever since. The kitchen is opened every Tuesday and serves 20 to 30 individuals on a regular basis.

Churches hold District Day

District Day for the Hilltop and Victory Delaware churches was hosted by the Central church in Columbus, Ohio, on August 19. The Sabbath school lesson was taught by the district pastor, Elder Rupert Bushner. At the beginning of the divine worship service, the sanctuary was filled to capacity. Special music was presented by Sister JoAnn Bushner, who sang "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" and "He Touched Me." Chaplain Barry Black of the U.S. Navy was the divine worship service speaker. The subject of his sermon was "The Extra Touch." Visitors included guests from Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia and St. Thomas Virgin Islands.

Officers from the Allegheny West Conference who were present at the celebration included Elders Carl Rogers, R.C. Lewis, S. T. Lewis and Sister Barbara Lewis. The event can best be described as a one-day spiritual revival.

Flora C. Smith

Hilltop Communication Leader

Pastor Rupert Bushner



JoAnn Bushner



Chaplain Barry Black



Vacation Bible School in unusual setting

Not all Vacation Bible Schools are held in church. Some people in the Green Street area didn't even have to leave their neighborhood this week to study the Bible.

Several members of the Ross Street church sponsored a Vacation Bible School away from the usual church setting for youths and adults who reside in the Green and Colquhoun street neighborhoods. The week-long school was held in an apartment building off Colquhoun Street.

This summer marked the third year for members of the community service group at the church to do some outreach and sponsor the week-long Bible school. Dorothy Morton, Sabbath school superintendent at the church, says people in the area have responded positively to the Bible school with such comments such as, "Our neighbors are understanding and so kind."

Classes have been held in the apartment building owned by Morris DeShazor, on the front porch and outdoors. The classes are broken down into age groups: cradle roll, birth to age 3; kindergarten, 4 to 6; the primary group, 7 to 9; juniors, 10 to 12; youth, 13 to 18; and adults. Attendance has been good all week, but the peak numbers occurred on Wednesday, with a total of 49 children and about 15 to 20 adults.

Nine-year-old Derrick Moffett says he is attending the Bible school for the second year in a row because "It's good, and it's fun." He is also a member of the Ross Street church.

Among the adults, B.P. Marshall of Chatham was on hand for the week "to learn more about God's commandments. Bible school is beneficial to children and adults. We're going over the Scriptures, and I need to study the Word." Marshall is also a church member at Ross Street.

Vacation Bible School was held from 5 to 6:30 each night. Sadie Allen, the community service coordinator and a Sabbath school teacher, is teaching the juniors. "I love helping people," she says. Her group crafted



birdhouses using popsicle sticks and pegboard. She said another project the group made was a cross with popsicle sticks.

Some other youths wrote Bible verses in pasta and framed them with macaroni shell noodles. The toddlers were busy coloring pictures with biblical themes. A re-enactment of the Apostle Paul's transformation put the Bible into action for the youths.

The reason church members targeted the Green Street Park area in the first place was because some members thought about going out into the community a few streets over that "We want people to see that the area is much nicer these days, and folks are very helpful," Morton added.

The church also sponsors a soup kitchen and clothes giveaway every fourth Sunday for members or area residents. Special dinners are offered at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Pastor Derrick Moffett said he has been pleased with the turnout at this year's Vacation Bible School. "It's been overwhelming. It's a blessing to the kids and parents and is something constructive for them."

Barbara Mack Moore

Elder ordained at South Fountain church

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

These words are on the certificate of promotion from the cradle roll to the beginners department of the Mount Zion Baptist Church for William Earl Richardson dated September 28, 1952.

Elder Richardson is the son of retired Pastor William E. Richardson of the Mount Zion church. His mother is Mary Clark Richardson, a retired school teacher. Both of them live in Springfield, Ohio.

In 1966, Elder Richardson graduated from South High School and then entered the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served in Vietnam, California and Hawaii.

While he was a student at Ohio University, the Lord revealed His love to him in answer to prayer. He was later baptized into the Corinthian Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

After years of study, he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is now a literature evangelist with the Allegheny West Conference.

His wife is the former Joyce Ann Cordell, also of Springfield. She is a graduate of Oakwood College and Ohio State University. She is presently director of rehabilitation at Harborside Rehabilitation Center in Troy, Ohio.

God has blessed them with three children: William Grant, 16; Henry Able, 14; and Joy Marie, 11.

Elder Richardson enjoys studying the Bible and; the Spirit of Prophecy, evangelism and learning about God through nature.

It is his goal to continue to study and learn of Christ, to become more like Him and to help to give the gospel to the world in this generation. He requests your prayers to this end.

Youth are on the battlefield for the Lord

The youth of the South Fountain church are on the battlefield for the Lord! Four of our young people are now leaders of our Adventist youth department. They are: Able Richardson, 15; Heather Samuels, 15; Andrea Samuels, 16; and Erin Mills, 17.

These young people are working very hard and are showing leadership and responsibility in the church and community. They are reaching out to the community by colporteur and sharing the gospel with those in nursing homes.

They planned a Father's Day program that brought the families closer together. We, the members of the South Fountain church, endeavor to support our young people. Please pray for our young people as they continue to be on the battlefield for the Lord.

Icho Pat Samuels
Communication Leader

Focusing on the family



Elder John K. Guy was the guest speaker for the Lorain Lakeview church Family Day.

While many institutions are looking for ways to keep the family unit focused and together, it was emphasized and highlighted by Family Day at the Lorain Lakeview church, where Pastor James W. Davis coordinated the program.

Every family present was recognized and presented with a special gift, the book *Health and Happiness*. Many family members were asked to assist with the Sabbath divine worship service. Sister Evelyn Guy, wife of the late Pastor John F. Guy, taught the adult Sabbath school lesson study. Brother Lynn Jackson from the Park Avenue church in Oberlin, Ohio, accompanied our congregational hymn and the meditation selection on the piano. Brother Michael Saunders from the Cleveland Southeast church captivated the children as he presented the children's message. Our guest speaker was Pastor John K. Guy from the Northeastern Conference, who pastored the church in Harlem, New York.

Pastor James Davis pointed out the importance of keeping the family unit together and recognizing the individual contribution of each family member.

The service was climaxed with a fellowship dinner as we continued to praise God, from whom all blessings flow. The members of Lorain Lakeview plan to make Family Day an annual event.

William Blue
Communication Leader



Meet Lay Pastor Frank White

Frank White is a lay pastor in the Allegheny West Conference and enjoys witnessing for the Master. On Saturday nights and Sunday evenings, Pastor White sets up a table in the shopping center in Louisa, Virginia, and gives away free literature, *Steps to Christ*, *Bible Answers* and signs up individuals for a Bible study course. His banners speak of the second coming of Christ and the three angels' messages.

Pastor White loves the ministry and is grateful for the many rich blessings God is pouring out upon His work and people.

Robert C. Lewis
Communication Leader

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Chesapeake CHALLENGE

A family affair

All three members of the Smith family—mother, father and daughter—marched to “Pomp and Circumstance” on August 16 at Andrews University. It was a momentous occasion for the family. We congratulate them, especially Carole Smith, our conference assistant education superintendent and children’s ministries director.

Carole B. Smith, the mother, received her doctor of education degree in curriculum and instruction. Her dissertation is entitled “Descriptive Case Studies of the Socialization and Acculturation of Two Mentored First-Year Elementary Teachers Within the Seventh-day Adventist School System.” She knows that her findings and research will benefit school administrators and future beginning teachers.

Roland M. Smith, the father, received his doctor of ministry degree. His research focused on Adventist ministry in the Appalachia area of West Virginia.

Deborah M. Smith, the daughter, received two degrees—a B.A. in Spanish and a B.S. in chemistry. She is currently teaching in Bridgeton, New Jersey, at the Cohansey church school.



Left to right: Deborah, Roland and Carole Smith

COULTER'S COMMENTS



J. Wayne Coulter

This will be my last article in the *Challenge*. It was more than 10 years ago that Sharon and I joined the Chesapeake Conference. At that time, the communication department sent out a newsletter called *The Chesapeake Chatter*. We changed the name to the *Chesapeake Challenge* and I began reporting to you in a column called “Coulter’s Comments.” While there have been many challenges, most of the news has been good. God has blessed our conference, and as a result of the commitment of our members and their sacrificial spirit, we have been able to accomplish many things. In 1984, our membership stood at 6,938. Today, it is 9,280. In 1984, our tithe was \$4,179,975 for that year. Last year, it was \$7,410,465. Soul winning has been a major concern in Chesapeake. While we aren’t interested in just numbers, every one of these represents a soul saved for the Kingdom.

I’m proud of the Chesapeake TEAM! Pastors, teachers, our administrators and staff are second to none! Encircled by the membership and led by the Holy Spirit, WOW! It’s been wonderful. We’ve enjoyed our time here and will long remember God’s blessings upon us.

While it is good to reflect upon all this, nevertheless we are reminded there is yet much more to do. We cannot, must not, rest until every man, woman and child within our territory has had the privilege of hearing the “Old, old story of Jesus and His glory—of Jesus and His love.” That’s our challenge. We must not let anything prevent us from doing this work.

As Sharon and I take our leave, our prayers are with you. A big part of our hearts remain behind. Please pray for us as we assume our new responsibilities in Illinois. We will not forget you—don’t forget us.

A parting word...Do I dare?...So much to say...I guess if I had one thing to say, it would be...Don’t lose HOPE! Jesus is coming SOON! By God’s grace, let’s determine to be ready. God bless.

“The church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be . . . is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard.” TM p.15

IN WITH THE NEW

Trust / stewardship director

Paul Saint-Villiers is the new conference trust and stewardship director. Paul and his wife, Paula, and their three daughters, Ashley, Yvonne and Allison, have moved from the New Jersey Conference, where he served as the trust and stewardship director.

Paul began his church-related ministry with Amazing Facts as the development director and singing evangelist in 1990. His special gift is music. He has given solo concerts throughout the Eastern region of the United States.

We welcome this lovely family to our conference office staff.



The Saint-Villiers Family. Back row: Ashley, Paul and Paula. Front row: Yvonne and Allison.

Chesapeake teachers / teacher changes within Chesapeake / auxiliary personnel

Each year, faces change. We'd like to introduce you to our new teachers, those who have changed schools and our auxiliary personnel.

Dan Boyd is the new principal/teacher of grades six to eight at the Wilmington, Delaware school. He came to Chesapeake from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, where he was principal/teacher in London, Kentucky. Dan's wife works in the Wilmington Day Care, and they have three children. His leadership skills have appeared to assist in the development of an

esprit de corps that has sparked the school year off on a positive note with an immediate increase in enrollment. Dan's calm but steady demeanor has won the confidence and support of students, faculty and community alike.

tion to SJA and the Chesapeake team. She brings with her three years of teaching experience in the New Jersey and Potomac conferences. Her professional goals are to make learning a fun experience for her students and to complete her master's degree. Robin and her husband, Larry, live in Columbia, Maryland.

Rebecca Hargrove is the teacher for grades four to six at Eastern Shore Junior Academy, and she has come most recently from the Rocky Mountain Conference, where she has been teaching at Fort Collins for the past several years. Rebecca earned an M.A. from Loma Linda University in 1991 and has a professional goal to complete her Ed.D. She has already won the hearts of her students, colleagues and community on the Eastern Shore and is a positive addition to the ESJA and Chesapeake teams. The Hargroves have three children, two of whom are in college. The third is in academy. Rebecca would like to be known for bringing students to Jesus, providing excellence in education in her classroom and contributing significantly to the improvement of curriculum materials. Someday, she would like to write children's books.

Harry Janetko is a new teacher at Mt. Aetna. He team teaches grades seven and eight. Harry has come to Chesapeake from the Mountain View Conference where he was principal/teacher in Cumberland, Maryland. He completed an M.A. in religious education at Andrews University in 1994 and would like to pursue a Ph.D. and help develop religious materials for Adventist schools. Harry is very much appreciated at Mt. Aetna for his talents, expertise and the many ideas he would like to develop/implement. He pioneered the elementary school literature work with *He Taught Love* and *Happiness Digest*. Harry is a 1990 Zapara Award recipient. We are very pleased to have Harry, his wife Linda and their three children, Heather, Jason and Christopher, as part of our Chesapeake team.

Robin Griffin has come to Chesapeake from the Potomac Conference, where she most recently taught at the Sligo Elementary School. Robin, a 1992 graduate of Columbia Union College, is teaching grade three at Spencerville Junior Academy. She is a very appreciated addi-

Michelle Kuebler, more affectionately known as Shellie, is a new teacher at Eastern Shore Junior Academy who has come to Chesapeake from the Illinois Conference. Shellie began her teaching five years ago at North Shore Junior Academy in Chicago. She is the homeroom teacher for grades seven and eight, but team teaches with grades nine and 10 as well. Shellie earned her bachelor's degree in

Youth director

Pastor Steve Wade is our new youth ministries director. He served as youth director of the Iowa-Missouri conference before accepting our invitation. He also has served as a pastor in the Gulf States Conference after graduating from Southern College.

He and his wife, Johnnie, have two children; Steven, 14, and Dustin, 12. We are happy to have this good family working here in our conference.



The Wade family

elementary education with minors in behavioral science and general science from Andrews University. Since then, she has earned 15 hours toward a master's in learning disabilities while attending Northwestern University. Another professional goal of Shellie's, along with earning an M.A., is to someday begin a special education school for Adventists. Her personal goals are to be like Christ, to be a good teacher and friend to her students and to make the world a little bit better place. She wants to be remembered as a fair and enthusiastic teacher who inspires and instills a love for God and a love for learning.

Preethie Meesarapu is the new technology-math teacher at Spencerville Junior Academy. She graduated from Columbia Union College in 1994 with a double degree: a B.S. in computer science and a B.A. in English with a minor in philosophy. Preethie most recently came from Dominican Adventist University where she taught English and supervised the computer lab. Her professional goals are to show students their potential, how to have self-confidence, how to think and persevere. Her personal goal is to always move in a direction that will bring a greater understanding and closer relationship with God. She wants to be known as a teacher who really cares about her students and a teacher who can take abstract, sometimes complex concepts and present them in a meaningful and relevant way. Preethie is very welcomed and much appreciated at SJA by her colleagues. She is a great addition to the Chesapeake team.

Nadine Murtaugh is a new conference employee at Wilmington, Delaware. She has worked at Wilmington in previous years in the day care and as a science teacher. Nadine is currently finishing her elementary certification from Eastern College. She brings with her a love for her students and a desire for them to recognize the need to lean on Christ daily. Nadine has a personal desire to daily strengthen her relationship with the Lord and be the best teacher in whatever direction the Lord leads.

Mindi Nix is the sixth-grade teacher at Spencerville Junior Academy this year. She comes from the Potomac Conference, where she taught grade four at Sligo Elementary School for the past three years. Mindi also had teaching experience in Southeastern California. She is an enthusiastic member of the team at SJA and a much appreciated new member of the Chesapeake team. Mindi and her husband, Jim (who works in the White Estate), live in Laurel, Maryland.

Jonathan Scriven is an exuberant young man who has joined the Spencerville Junior

Academy/Chesapeake teaching team this year on a full-time basis. He previously taught as part-time instructor of math and history at SJA. Jonathan brings with him a background of experience and education that will be an asset to the program at SJA. A 1993 graduate of Andrews University, Jonathan earned a bachelor's degree in history. He team teaches grades seven to 10 and has a strong desire to teach students to think for themselves and be excited about whatever they are studying. One of Jonathan's professional goals is to eventually teach history or political science at the university level. His personal goal is to live a long, healthy, happy life with his wife and future children. He and his wife, Kerri, currently live in Columbia, Maryland.

Dan Wirsz and his wife, Melinda, spent their first two years out of college teaching English in the SDA Language School in Seoul, Korea. Dan currently is teaching grades five and six at the Mt. Aetna school. He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education with minors in general science and physical education in 1993 from Andrews University. One of Dan's personal goals is to never stop learning. Dan believes a Christian education plays a vital role in helping our young people become mature Christians. He also believes that teaching is a sacred trust, and his aspiration is to inspire his students to desire life-long learning. It is a pleasure to have Dan on the Mt. Aetna and Chesapeake team.

Wendy Benton is the new grades one to three teacher at the Rocky Knoll school in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Wendy was previously at the Frederick Adventist School as a school employee in charge of the kindergarten program. She brings with her many years of educational experience in different school settings. The Rocky Knoll school and the Chesapeake Conference are glad to have Wendy as a full-time conference employee.

Marian Baker shifted from the lower grades classroom arena in Spencerville to head teacher at the Crest Lane School in Westminster, Maryland. She is the teacher for the upper grades and has played a major part in getting the school year off to a positive beginning.

Shirlee Godsey has been hired by the Frederick Adventist School to direct their kindergarten program for this year. She comes from the Potomac Conference, where she has been head teacher for grades one to eight in Winchester, Virginia. Shirlee brings with her several years of teaching experience from the

Potomac and Florida conferences. Frederick is pleased to have her on their team.

Robin Quade has been hired by the Southern Maryland SDA School to teach the kindergarten program in the mornings and assist Head Teacher Becky Maxwell in the afternoons. As a former director of a private day care program, Robin brings to her new position several years of experience in working with young children.

Lon Gruesbeck
Superintendent of Schools

Pastors

The New Hope church welcomes their new senior pastor, **Martin Weber**, his wife Darlene and their children Steve and Christine, along with Associate Pastor **Tim Goff**, his wife, Carolyn, and their soon-to-be baby.

The Weber



The Goffs



Friends forever at VBS

"Friends Forever" was the theme for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) held July 10-21 at the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia, Maryland. A total of 98 children attended the meetings that emphasized friendship and talked about lives of famous Bible characters.

A highlight of the VBS was the survival skill presentation given each day by several different qualified professionals. The presentations covered such topics as water safety, home safety, fire rescue and others. The children were fascinated by the appearance of

police officers who talked about their jobs and demonstrated the procedure of fingerprinting.

Another interesting feature was a presentation by the local fire department. The children learned about fire safety and even got to explore a real hook and ladder fire truck.

The Atholton church VBS director, Vivian Stevens, and another 33 staff members worked together with community members to make VBS an educational and friendship-building experience.

Tamara Fisher

*Communication Leader,
Atholton Church*

Several children from the Atholton church stand in front of a hook and ladder fire truck during a presentation given for Vacation Bible School. Standing in the back on the right is Pastor Gary Jensen.

Now is the time to plan ahead

He was only 48 years old when he died on the operating table at Cincinnati's Jewish Hospital. The surgeons did all they could to revive him after five hours of open-heart surgery, but his damaged heart simply refused to pump on its own.

The night before, with his four adolescent children and wife gathered around his bed, he gave his family a lesson in faith, as he calmly explained that the doctors gave him a 50/50 chance of surviving the operation. But no one ever seriously considered the possibility that by noon the next day...

My father had become a very spiritual man during the last 10 years of his life; he actively sought to win souls even as he lay in his hospital bed. He trusted completely in Jesus to know what was best and to provide accordingly. He loved his family and worked hard all of his life to provide for us. But, like

so many others, he kept putting off planning for the inevitable.

So many mistakenly think that they can delay death by not talking about it. Yet, they only make it harder on those who remain, those they love, if they do not talk about it and then actively plan for it.

Now is the time to review your estate plan—your will and other related documents. And if you do not have a will, take this opportunity to write or call the Chesapeake Conference Trust Department for more information about how we can help you plan ahead, for your immediate family and the Lord's work. Contact: Chesapeake Conference Trust Department, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, MD 21044; (410) 995-1910 or (301) 596-5600.

Paul Saint-Villiers

Trust Services Director

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November 21

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Spencerville church*

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HIGHLAND Views

Leadership Camp '95— "The Mission"

September 28 through October 1 was the Columbia Union Academy Leadership Weekend. This year's program was held at Mt. Aetna Camp, the Chesapeake Conference's retreat center in Hagerstown, Maryland. The annual weekend is specifically designed to provide student leaders attending various academies within the Columbia Union an opportunity for creative interaction, as well as exchange of information on school traditions.

Usually during Leadership Weekend, ideas, imaginations and expectations run wild, and this year's conference was no exception. It's hard to contain the creativity and ingenuity that more than 90 student leaders can generate when placed in the same room with energetic, prominent Adventist church leaders.

Ten HVA students were privileged to represent their school as the conference's host academy. Between group discussions and casual fellowship with new friends, these students enjoyed the help of fellow

students as they developed skills in planning and organizing in preparation for leading school functions.

The theme of this year's program was "The Mission." Students were reminded that leadership doesn't occur in just the academic and social arenas of school life, but in the spiritual arena as well. Dick Duerksen, the Columbia Union's vice president for creative ministries, and William Tallaferro, Philadelphia's "Nick Tallaferro Show" talk show host, challenged the student leaders to realize that true leadership is for a greater mission, the gospel proclamation.



Top: Nine of HVA's student leaders pose together at this year's Columbia Union Academy Leadership Conference. (Back row) Sal Sarcona, Bob Blinci (sponsor), Andrew Sickler and Herbie Dennison; (middle row) Mike Herr, Bryan Faehner, Isabella Miera and Kami Russell; (front) Sasha Ross and Tara Van Hyning.

Top right: HVA and Blue Mountain Academy work together to present song service for leadership conference vespers.

Left: Kami Russell, Student Association social V.P. and Tara Van Hyning, yearbook editor-in-chief, work together to post HVA's Mission to the World statement at the leadership conference.

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Middle right: Senior Class President Bryan Faehner describes his plan of action.

Bottom right: Speaker Dick Duerksen explains the focus of the school mission and vision posters as HVA students listen.



Campus Ministry

Agape feast

Top: Esther Whieldon, Lenny Woode and Joey Norwood praise the Lord in song.

Middle left: Mike Herr, student association pastor, shares some inspirational thoughts with fellow students.

Middle right: Students fellowship during the Agape Feast.

Bottom left: Opening the school year on a spiritual note, students enjoy fruit and bread at the annual Agape Feast on August 25, 1995.

Bottom right: Pastor Ron challenges the students to walk with Jesus.





Baptism

Principal Morgan Hellgren presents Elysia Ames, a HVA senior, with flowers and a dry blanket after her baptism at Greenbrier State Park. Fellow students, friends and family members were present to witness this special event in her life.



Campus faculty Victor Gilbert, Pete Brame, Ron Aguilera, and Gene Hobbs portray their younger counterparts in a mini-skit during a Friday night's vesper program.

"Meet me at the flagpole"—nationwide prayer bands

On September 20, Highland View Academy participated in a nationwide student-led prayer band. More than 30 students met at the flagpole in the center of HVA's campus to pray for each other and fellow youth across the country. The inter-denominational event reminded those present that students all over the country face similar problems, and there is a common unity between students.



Bottom left: (L-R) Steven Herr, Monte Benton, Megan Minner and Michelle Loomis take a moment from their busy schedules to pray together.

Top right: Shaune Martin and Aimee Burgess share a quiet moment together in prayer.



Outreach Schedule

Nov 17
7:30 p.m. Drama Team Vespers: "Through the Eyes of the People"

Nov 18
Outdoor Sabbath to Greenbrier State Park

Nov 28-29
HVA Ingathering Days

Dec 1
Handel's Messiah Production

Dec 8
7:30 p.m. Faculty Home Vespers



Left: Susan Braman, teacher, at play with students.

Top: Susan Braman, teacher; Daveen Ross, administrator; and Sandra Greenleaf, director and kindergarten teacher.

Bottom: HVA Child Care Center Administrator Daveen Ross at registration accepting applications for student aides to work at the center.

Highland View Academy Daycare

During the past six months, representatives from the Chesapeake Conference and Highland View Academy have been developing plans for the opening of new businesses and services to the surrounding Hagerstown community. As an outgrowth of these plans, the Highland View Child Care Center opened August 21, 1995.

The center, which will be inspected and licensed annually by the Child Care Administration of Maryland's Department of Human Resources, provides quality daycare, pre-school and kindergarten to children ages 2 1/2 to 6. Before- and after-school child care services are also provided.

One of the main objectives of the center is to provide the community with a facility that offers a caring, safe, happy, relaxed and developmentally appropriate environment for its children. The center provides an atmosphere for growth—physically, emotionally, socially,

intellectually and spiritually—where children are encouraged to be curious, to ask questions and to discover and respond to their world.

The center's staff includes dedicated teachers who have experience working with young children and hold credentials in early childhood education, as well as Highland View Academy student aides who have an interest in gaining experience in child care. When the center is at full capacity, it will train and orient approximately eight academy students to work in the center.

According to the center's administrator, Daveen Ross, the center is placing strong emphasis on a positive environment that enhances the individuality of each child, allowing each one to feel his/her sense of worth in the Creator's eyes.

The center will be open year-round and is housed in the lower level of the Highland View Academy church.



EEP: motivating for success

Regardless of how good you think your ideas are, you will never know if they will work or not until you try them. Such was the case of EEP.

Although the staff of HVA had expressed frustration for some time with the number of students whose names were on "downgrades," they were unsure what should be done to best help students improve their grades. Solution? EEP.

EEP is an acronym for Educational Enrichment Program. Started this past year, it is a creation of the teaching faculty. EEP was initiated by designating each evening of the week to a specific course of study supervised by teachers in that particular discipline. Students who attend the EEP sessions are able to get personal tutoring from the teachers in their specific area of need.

Since its inception, teachers have noticed a marked decrease in students on the 'downgrade list' after the first official grading period. Another positive outcome of the program is that, although the program was originally designed to help students struggling academically, the program has now evolved into a positive enrichment program for all students, regardless of their grade status. This is perhaps EEP's best endorsement.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW CHALLENGE

What's happening around Mountain View

November 20

10:00 a.m. Finance Committee
Parkersburg

November 23 & 24

Thanksgiving Vacation
Office & Schools Closed

November 27

Teachers' Inservice
Schools Closed

December 10

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Board of Education
6:30 p.m. Staff Social
Parkersburg

December 11

10:00 a.m. Executive Committee

December 16

Singles Meeting - Len McMillian,
Speaker
Charleston Church

December 18

10:00 a.m. Finance Committee
Parkersburg

December 22-January 2

Christmas Vacation
No School

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Rain on the mown grass

The oldest book ever written is well in advance of the age. The Bible has the best description of what has been and is the surest record of what is yet future. And to think that all this was written when the light of truth shone only upon one small land when the rest of the world was veiled in heathen darkness.

Notice the imagery of Psalm 72:6. "*He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth.*"

Consider this scenario. There have been many days of fair weather. In every direction, we see smoothly shaven lawns, hay fields and pastures. The farmers have used the beautiful fair weather nicely, and now the hay is neatly baled and stacked into the barns or in neat rolls along the fences. Only short stubble remains. Stubble that cannot protect the roots from the burning sun. Every day, it dries more and more. Even the dew of night ceases. The ground lies parched. Weeks pass on, and it looks like the grass will never grow again.

At length the sky begins to change. A gentle tremor runs along the tree tops, although there seems to be no wind. Bees begin returning to their hives. Birds begin to seek shelter. The sky grows dark. The winds begin to blow. Then we see the rain falling in the distance, and the column marches our way. All at once the whole

air is filled with cooling drops that fall upon the parched earth like tears of pity cooling a fevered brow.

Behold! The dry stubble revives, and the withered roots shoot out new fibers into the moist earth. Soon the brown dryness is changed into a lush and lovely carpet of green.

This truth in nature is also true in us. Many are parched and dry. How we need the refreshing of the promised latter rain. Here is a promise I would like to share with you today.

"And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: and the Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul in drought and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not," Isaiah 58:10, 11.

Have you noticed the drought? We certainly need rain, don't we? I see the column in the distance. It looks as if it is coming our way. Pray, my friends, ask God to send it to us now. We must have rain, or we will perish.



Randy Murphy
President



Russell Burrill, director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute is shown with baptismal candidates and others who worked with them during the "Prophecy Explosion" meetings held in Parkersburg, August 11- September 16. Twenty-eight people have joined God's remnant church as the result of the Lord's leading during the five-week series that was a joint evangelistic endeavor between the Mountain View Conference (Parkersburg/Tollgate churches) and the Ohio Conference (Marietta church).

MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Lewisburg - A new community service center was recently opened in Lewisburg. Church members renovated the kitchen at the center, which will be available for holding public functions in the near future. Kester Erskine, church CS director, stated: "Good quality used clothing and small household items are available for as little as 25 cents per item. Proceeds from the sale of the items is used to assist those in need throughout the community." The center is open each Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The **Buckhannon** members celebrated the grand opening of their new church

building on Sabbath, August 5. Following Pastor John Pancerzewski's message entitled "Friendship," the group enjoyed a "friendship" lunch in the church fellowship hall.

An in-depth seminar on "Understanding the Final Crisis" was held at the **Lewisburg** church September 29-30. The seminar presented by J. Allen Fine, pastor of the Glenville/Spencer district, included topics such as: "What Role Will the Christian Coalition Play," "Facing the Coming Crisis," "Understanding the Crisis" and "Recognizing the Crisis—When, How and Why?"

Hope and Floyd Hayner, charter members of the **Logan** church, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a ceremony and reception.



A cooking clinic entitled "Leaves from the Tree of Life," was recently held in the **Logan** church fellowship room. A banquet was held and certificates presented to everyone attending.



Parkersburg Junior Academy had a special flag-raising ceremony on September 1. Special guests for the event were the Mayor of Parkersburg, Eugene Knotts, and members of the American Legion. The flag, a gift from West Virginia's senator, Robert C. Byrd, was flown over our nation's capitol and came with a special document. Students participated in the short program, and refreshments were served afterward.



The **Charleston** Pathfinder club recently enjoyed a campout on Pastor Harold Wightman's property near Buckhannon. The group, along with their leader, Evaldo DeArmes, "roughed it" as they learned skills in fire building, cooking, knot tying, hiking, etc.

Lay advisory council elects new officers

The Grafton church hosted the lay advisory council on Sunday, October 1, with approximately 30 in attendance. The group elected new officers who will serve for the next three years. They are as follows: Don Megale, Wheeling, chairman; Rose Payne, Parkersburg, vice chairman; Donald Hickman, Clarksburg, vice chairman; and Paul Bauer, Morgantown, secretary/treasurer.

One of the programs that the Lay Advisory Council sponsors is the **SIGNS** box that is rotated throughout the conference. Following is the schedule when churches will have the **SIGNS** box in their district:

Date

December '95, January, February '96
March, April, May '96
June, July, August '96
September, October, November '96
December '96, January, February '97
March, April, May '97
June, July, August '97
September, October, November '97

District

Romney, Moorefield, Franklin
Lewisburg, Rainelle, Beckley
Charleston, Ripley
Parkersburg, Toll Gate
Morgantown, Oakland
Clarksburg, Grafton, Fairmont
Point Pleasant, Huntington
Valley View, Indian Creek

Children and adults enjoy vacation Bible school

Grafton

After a 20-year hiatus, the Grafton, West Virginia, Vacation Bible School returned with resounding success July 9-14. More than 40 people, including 31 children and youth, attended the "Friends Forever" classes. Fifteen non-Adventists attended on a regular basis, and nearly 75 were present for the closing service on Friday evening.

The VBS began with registration and refreshments on Sunday evening and continued Monday through Friday, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each day's program opened with a welcome and song service led by Nancy Perkins, wife of Pastor Richard Perkins, who led out in the devotions each day. This was followed by a brief "Friends Forever" skit presented by a cast of Jessica Gregg, Nathan, Elisabeth and Rebekah Perkins and Jim Daddysman, local church head elder.

Classes were divided into Beginners (Jean Daddysman, teacher), Kindergarten (Nicole Visniski and Nathan Perkins, teachers), Primary (Sharren Yoke and Diane Gregg, teachers), Junior/Earliteens (Nancy Perkins, teacher) and Adults (Pastor Richard Perkins, teacher). Each 30-minute youth class stressed a "Friends Forever" Bible lesson, songs, activities and prayer. The adult class emphasized "Positive Parenting" based upon biblical principles.

Barbara Visniski and Kim Shafferman led out in daily crafts for each group, which included making bird houses, spiritual magnets, hand-print poems, snapshot frames, "Friends Forever" T-shirts and other activities.

Recreational activities were part of the program each day with Jim Daddysman and John Teter. The activities took place on the new outdoor recreational area at the church and included basketball, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, ring toss, frisbees, wheelbarrow races and more.

Dona Powell and Red Cathell led out in providing refreshments each evening. Ethel Bartlett, Theda Brannon and Mary Shafferman assisted.

Becky Hickman of the Central Hills church in Clarksburg served as Bible school pianist.

"It was a special experience for all of us involved. Everyone came out of the week with closer friendships and a closer walk

with the Lord," stated Jean Daddysman, VBS director.

"The Lord blessed us, and it surpassed our greatest expectations in every way," she added.

"The team, under Jean's leadership and including nearly everyone in the church, worked for many weeks preparing for the VBS. It has helped lay the ground-work for the further expansion of the Lord's work in the area," stated Pastor Perkins.

Plans are already being developed for an even bigger and better vacation Bible school next year.

JIM DADDYSMAN
Communications Leader



Left to right, Nathan Perkins, Jim Daddysman, Elisabeth Perkins, Rebekah Perkins and Jessica Gregg perform during one of the daily "Friends Forever" skits.

Spencer

Nineteen children participated in the Spencer, West Virginia, VBS that took place July 24-28 with the closing program held on Sabbath, July 29, during the church service. The children will long remember the precious lessons of Bible "Friends,"

Queen Esther, Ruth and Naomi and others, as presented each day by the pastor's wife, Deanna Fine. Church members assisted in the program by bringing children, working with crafts, serving refreshments, teaching classes, cleaning up, decorations, music, making bread, etc.

The children experienced an answer to their prayers during the week. A neighbor requested that

the children pray for a lost cat that her teenaged son had adopted, nursed and fed. It had been gone for about three weeks when the children began praying each day that the cat would be found. One day it was not included in the prayer, and the children reminded the leader that they needed to pray "about the cat." They did. The last day of VBS the cat was found, and the children were thrilled at God's response to their prayers. "We saw a lot of faith at work and received many blessings from our heavenly Father during the week," stated Chris Hasse, VBS leader. She added, "We plan to follow up our VBS with a newsletter and special programs including songs, crafts and stories for the children each quarter."

Other churches participating in VBS programs in the conference were Franklin, Frostburg, Summersville and the Valley View church in Bluefield/Princeton.

CHRIS HASSE
Communications Leader



New member of the Spencer church, Jane Lawaty, tells a story with a poem, "Boys flying kites, all in their white winged birds; I can't do that when you're young words."

The children loved it when "Farmer John" Hasse made a daily appearance with a "mystery seed" at the Spencer Vacation Bible School.



FOCUS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Advent School Movement

The Adventist schools of Mountain View are off and running with some notable changes. It is most encouraging to note that two new schools were added this year, at Point Pleasant and Indian Creek. There are 11 schools in operation, with 21 teachers and 138 students. Five of these are one-teacher schools, five are two-teacher schools, and one is a six-teacher school. The Willowbrook school at Cumberland is a 10-grade junior academy, and the Highland Adventist school at Elkins is offering K-11 grades this year, with plans to expand to the 12th grade next year. We are grateful for the 12 teachers who are new to their schools this year:

In August, the Valley View school felt they would not have enough students for a full-time teacher, so Joel Stecker accepted the invitation of the Charleston school to enhance their educational program as a two-teacher school, teaming up with Deanna Fine, principal.

Sharon Davis is the K-2 teacher, and Debbie Smith is the third to eighth grade teacher at Valley View after they discovered they would have enough students with Mrs. Smith's three boys to keep their school open this year. The Toll Gate school

where Debbie Smith taught last year has closed for this year due to an insufficient number of students.

Suzette Cowgill comes to us from teaching in the New York Conference to be the head teacher of the Mountain Top school at Oakland, Maryland.

We welcome back Yonnie Michael to our family of teachers as she leads out at the Lewisburg school, where she taught several years ago.

Ron and Joan Malloch are our new teachers at Willowbrook Junior Academy after teaching for many years in the Collegedale, Tennessee area. Ron is principal, teaching grades one to four, as well as secondary math, and Joan teaches grades five to 10.

The Parkersburg school is now a two-teacher school with Darlene Wightman being added as the one to four grade teacher. She recently completed requirements for her Associate in early childhood education at Columbia Union College, and will continue studies toward her elementary education degree.

David Onchagwa comes to us from Kenya, Africa, where he received his teaching degree from Kamagambo Adventist College and taught for 10 years. He is

currently finishing his master's degree in the U.S. and is the head teacher of our new school at Point Pleasant.

It's exciting that not only has the church been re-established at Indian Creek, but now they have a new school as well! We welcome Maria Echemendia as the school teacher, who taught the previous year at Heritage Academy in Tennessee. Before that, she taught elementary school in the Gulf States Conference.

The Highland Adventist Academy at Elkins is currently seeking full accreditation from the Columbia Union as an academy, offering grades K-11. Cheryl Jacko, our conference classroom supervisor, continues as principal, K-8 teacher and secondary health teacher. Teaching on the secondary level are the following teachers: Don Jacko - math & science, Robert Toms - Bible, Linda Gerath - history & life skills, Bobbi Blanz - English & journalism, and John Pancerzewski - P.E.

Thank the Lord for all of our dedicated teachers, students, parents and church members who together make Adventist education a vibrant reality in the Mountain View Conference!

KINGSLEY WHITSETT
Education Director

New Summersville church school has grand opening

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held on Monday, August 28 to mark the official opening of the new elementary church school in Summersville. The new building, consisting of two classrooms, is located adjacent to the Summersville church and the Friends-R-Fun day care building. The building is a one-story wooden frame structure that was built entirely with volunteer labor.

The school had its beginning several years ago in a small building on the farm of Dr. Wesley Olsen where education was provided for the children of Dr. Olsen and his colleagues. The school gradually grew to include all phases of a school curriculum, and 22 children now attend the school in kindergarten through the eighth grade.

During the ceremony, Dr. Stephen Shank, head elder of the local church, commended the efforts of Dr. Mark Wantz, school board chairman, and Larry Boggess, pastor, for their time and effort in spearheading the project. Plans are to construct a gymnasium in the near future.

Randall Murphy, president of the Mountain View Conference, commended the local congregation for their time, resources and effort in making the newest school in the conference a reality. Donna Nicholas serves as principal of the school and teaches grades three through eight. Jo'an Boggess teaches kindergarten through second grade.



Cutting the ribbon of the new Summersville elementary school are, from left: Larry Boggess, pastor of the Summersville church; Jonathan Greenberg, student; Donna Nicholas, principal and teacher; Dr. Mark Wantz, school board chairman; and Randall Murphy, president of the Mountain View Conference. Others participating, but not shown, were Dr. Steve Shank, head elder of the Summersville church, and Michelle Wantz, student.



DATELINE

November 1995



Profiles of executive committee lay members

Members of the New Jersey Conference Executive Committee truly represent the church members in the conference, the churches and schools. In addition to the three officers of the conference, President Larry Evans, Secretary Don Baker and Treasurer Dowell Chow, there are pastors from the front lines of church leadership and strong, supportive lay people serving the constituents and goals of New Jersey Seventh-day Adventists.

Miguel Thomas is an aerospace engineer from Lakewood, where he serves the Lakewood Spanish congregation as church ministries leader. His wife, Margarita, is a social worker, and the couple has two daughters: Margeline, 12, and Valerie, 6. He enjoys music and reading, but he has a burning desire to "reach the entire state of New Jersey with a radio program to spread the Gospel to those who would not hear it otherwise."

John Nettleford from Long Branch is head elder, school board member and chair of the finance committee and teaches a Sabbath school class in the Collingwood church. He is an accountant, and his wife, Beverly, is a teacher and day care director. Their son, Paul, and daughter-in-law, Leslie, are both students at Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C. Daughter Faith, 16, is at home with mom and dad. John enjoys taking still pictures and says, "I like to make big plans for soul winning."

Earl Cook lives in Greendell with his wife, Gail, a secretary. Earl owns a health food store and is a Sabbath school teacher in the Phillipsburg church. Both of their children, Jennifer and Brandon, are students at Andrews University. Earl likes to travel and play golf. His dream is "that everyone in New Jersey hears about the love of Jesus."

Susana Soto is a student, but she is the Pathfinder director and involved in the youth department of the Passaic Spanish #1 church. She appreciates serving on the executive committee. "It's an opportunity to learn how the church runs in New Jersey," she says. She would like to see more evangelistic meetings taking place. Susana enjoys handcrafts and playing volleyball.

Eric Hepburn is an educator who has been in New Jersey

Committee members serve conference



for 26 years. He and his wife, Leticia, live in Old Bridge and have two adult sons, Ron and Arnold. They attend the Perth Amboy Spanish church, where Eric serves in religious liberty and education and is an elder. He likes his assignment to the executive committee, "to serve the church as a lay-

man in a corporate sense." He enjoys jogging, photography and travel.

Deria Gedsden of Newton is a member of the Hackettstown church, where she is busy with kindergarten and primary, and she is chair of the Tranquility Adventist School. Her husband, Ronald, is a project manager for IBM. Their daughter, Dannyette, is a student at Columbia Union College, and their sons, Christopher and Clifton, attend Garden State Academy. Deria likes to read, share the love of Jesus with neighbors and family and spend time with her husband. She appreciates getting acquainted with conference administrators and dreams that ethnic backgrounds will be viewed positively.

David Waddington is first elder of the First church of Cherry Hill, Sabbath school teacher, Prescott school board chair and lay Pathfinder director for New Jersey. He is an account executive and paramedic and lives in Wenonah with his wife, Wanda, a

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November 18

Women's Ministries Sabbath

November 24-26

Hispanic Lay Festival
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

November 30

Conference Executive Committee
1 p.m., Trenton

November 23, 24

Conference Office and ABC closed

December 3-15

ABC Holiday Sale

December 18-January 2

Christmas Break for Schools

December 22, 25

Conference Office and ABC closed

January 3

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EDITORIAL

When I was in school, there were many rules—some spoken and some not. I'd like to see two of these rules changed when it comes to the church. The first is, "Do not daydream!" Granted, daydreaming is a problem if it

We're changing the rules!

interferes with our work, but there is an equal danger of allowing our routine work to stymie our imagination for what God wants for His church. Rather than simply thinking about all the problems, maybe we need to spend time "dreaming" of unique opportunities for the church. Joel's prophecy suggests that when the Holy Spirit is poured out, this dreaming is indeed what will be happening, and it won't be limited to the clergy. He says that our "sons and daughters" and "both men and women" will have an important part to play. He even suggests that in the last days, there will be "dreams and visions." Just imagine the creative enthusiasm that lies ahead as the Holy Spirit is poured out!

A second rule that I would like to see changed is, "Do not look over your neighbor's shoulder!" Please, don't get me wrong. I'm not in favor of cheating! However, neither am I in favor of working independently of each other. We need each other for support, balance and what we can accomplish when we work together. Just prior to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost, the church was described as: "All believers were together." Being together meant far more than idly watching time go by. It meant seasons of prayer. It meant study of God's Word, and it meant sharing common ministries. What was the result? Luke describes it this way: "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

I invite you to join with me and the other members of the New Jersey Conference in a revival of true godliness—a godliness that flows from a relationship with Christ to a ministry. That ministry will be seen as working with and for others. I truly believe that the best days for the church are just ahead!

LARRY R. EVANS
President

Executive Committee (cont. from NJ-1)

pre-school/kindergarten teacher. Their adult sons, Kevin and Daryl, attended Columbia Union College. He has specific dreams for New Jersey: 1) to reduce pastors' workloads to one or two churches; 2) add new churches to our field; and 3) new office building and more conference leaders with less workload so they can spend more time with each church. He enjoys hiking and working with his hands.

Jorge Garcia lives in Newark, where he works in maintenance, and his wife,

Aura, is secretary at the Waldwick school. He is first elder and stewardship leader for the Harrison Spanish church. The couple's son, Edilson, attends Antillean College in Puerto Rico, and their daughter, Ada, is at Blue Mountain Academy. Jorge likes swimming and playing soccer. He believes his work on the executive committee helps decide how the gospel should be preached in New Jersey, and he hopes Jesus will come soon.

In the next issue of *Dateline*, you will become acquainted with the

pastors who serve on the New Jersey Conference Executive Committee.

Union City/Hackensack welcome new pastor

José Antonio Rivera is the pastor of the Union City English and Hackensack churches, where he enjoys giving Bible studies and getting involved in community activities. He and his wife, Sharon, a gifted Sabbath school leader, came recently with their teenagers, Juan and Smyrna, from the Silver Spring, Maryland church, where he was assistant pastor.

Rivera is a graduate of Columbia Union College and has worked as assistant coordinator for campus services/personnel, student chaplain at Washington Adventist Hospital and been a student missionary in Totonacapan, Guatemala. He was born in Ceiba, Puerto Rico.

Besides athletics and learning, he especially enjoys church socials. Rivera's objective in life, however, is to make souls ready for the kingdom.



Pastor Tony and Sharon Rivera



Waldwick breaks ground for new school

A ground-breaking ceremony on September 8 marked the beginning of building a new school on the firm foundation of the Waldwick Seventh-day Adventist School. The project became a reality because of a determined and stubborn building committee and a dedicated, Christian school principal with the "tenacity of a bulldog."

At 9 a.m. sharp, all the students quietly left their classrooms to assemble on the playground where the stage was set. Friends, well-wishers and special guests filled the seats around the students and teachers.

Beautiful and celestial music filled the air, presented by grades one through five and by Louis Negretti, Dianne Rodor, Angel Romero and Kevin Baptiste. The audience was challenged by the charges given by Gary Kratz and Bruce Whittaker.

Excitement and pleasure mounted as the anticipated moment arrived. The audience applauded and shouted while board members, distinguished participants and Principal Janet Ledesma pushed shovels into the earth, turning dirt in the symbolic "breaking ground."

The dream is now a reality, and earnest efforts are underway to raise \$300,000 from generous friends, dedi-

cated parents and people interested in the Waldwick school and Adventist Christian education. The three congregations that sponsor the school are Wayne, Hackensack and Westwood. The plan is to see the new school building completed in the spring of 1996.

Participants in the ground-breaking ceremony included: James Mallen, business administrator board secretary for the Waldwick school district; William Patterson, Waldwick councilman; Robert Connell, Waldwick town inspector; Gary Kratz, Waldwick Borough administrator; Christian Pirl, Trinity Development Corporation; Ben Kitchen, Kitchen & Associates Architectural Services; Bruce Whittaker, counselor at law; Don Baker, New Jersey Conference secretary; Ron Patterson, New Jersey Conference superintendent of schools; Kathy Grosse, Waldwick Adventist School board chair; and Frank Paruolo, building committee chair.

JANET LEDESMA
Waldwick School Principal



1- Ninth- and 10th-grade students move past ground-breaking shovels and artist's renderings of their new school.

2- School Board Chair Kathy Grosse and Principal Janet Ledesma smile as their dream for a new school becomes reality.

3- Town and school officials "bend their backs" to the task of breaking ground.

4- Ron Patterson (from left), Don Baker and Janet Ledesma take front row seats.

5- Dignitaries participating in the Waldwick school ground-breaking ceremony greet first- and second-grade students.



Bible instructor leads people to Jesus



Glenda Perez and her son, Carlitos, (both at left) and Luis Cuzco Rodriguez (right) surround Pastor Eduardo Rojas and Bertha Rojas, Bible instructor, who led them to church membership.

Bertha Rojas, Bible instructor and pastor's wife from the Hammonton, Atlantic City and Mount Holly church district, recently had a stroke and went to Loma Linda Medical Center for surgery in February. She returned home on July 19 in much better health.

Prior to the stroke, Bertha studied the Bible with Glenda Perez and her son, Carlitos, and Luis Cuzco Rodriguez. While she was in California, the group had given their hearts to Jesus and were baptized by Pastor Eduardo Rojas in the Hammonton church.

Executive committee conducts business, calls youth director in regular meeting

The New Jersey Conference Executive Committee met September 28 in Trenton. During this regularly scheduled meeting, reports were heard, and numerous actions were taken.

Garden State Academy. Upon hearing of the immediate financial needs of Garden State Academy, the committee voted to pursue efforts to give some financial assistance to meet the most pressing needs. The committee, however, accepted the recommendation of an expanded GSA Executive Committee to form three ad hoc committees: marketing, finance and alternatives. A report of these findings will be made at a specially called joint meeting of the GSA board and conference committee on October 31. It was noted that the preparation for this meeting must be given priority. Columbia Union representatives serving on these ad hoc committees will be Dick Osborn, Dick Duerksen, Don Russell and Harold Lee.

Camp meeting. Dates for camp meetings in 1996 were approved: June 26-30, English; July 3-7, Spanish; July 11-13, Indonesian and Filipino. It was also recommended that a weekend camp meeting be held in the fall in the central or southern portion of the state.

Conference properties. A proposal was presented that would turn the maintenance of conference properties over to Adventist Management Services, a newly organized branch of the Hackettstown Hospital. After some discussion, an enabling action was granted to pursue this arrangement. The estimated savings for the conference are still being studied.

Tithe. The tithe showed a sharp decline of 20.48 percent for the month of August. Partially to blame was a record number of late remittances to the conference for August. One month does not make a trend. This came at a time when several churches were showing a significant tithe increase.

Conference staff. Approval was granted for the recommended distribution of conference responsibilities among its office staff.

Youth and family ministries director. After an extensive search process, the conference personnel committee recommended that Carl Rodriguez be called to serve as youth and family ministries director. The executive committee agreed, and Elder Rodriguez has accepted the call. He will arrive from the Florida Conference in mid-October.

Conference staff and distribution of responsibilities

Larry Evans

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Health/Temperance (Don Bozarth)

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Ministerial
Evangelism Coordinator
Secretary, *Nancy Ortiz*
Carrie Evans, Conference Clerk
Nancy Ortiz, Conference Archives

Dowell Chow

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Office Manager
Secretary, *Ruth Covell*
Raymond Jimenez, Asst. Treasurer
Adelheid Chow, Accountant
Ceila Astacio, Auditor
Barbara Baker, Receptionist
Other Office Support Personnel
Outsourced: Property Management, AMS

Position to be filled

Association Secretary
Trust Services
Stewardship
Secretary, *Carrie Evans*

Carl Rodriguez

Youth/Pathfinders/Adventurers
Young Adults
Family Life
National Servicemen's Organization/
Medical Cadet Corp
Secretary, *Nanette Pitre*

Frank Lopez Jr.

Spanish Coordinator
Community Services/Ingathering
Secretary, *Nanette Pitre*

Ron Patterson

Superintendent of Schools
Adult Sabbath School
Secretary, *Carrie Evans*

Herb Shiroma

Manager, Adventist Book Center
Children's Ministries
Secretary, *Jeanette Shiroma*
Gwen Simon
Anne Spair, part-time

Mission Ohio

OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER



School Board Chairman Kevin Shaw met with Harding Hospital personnel and law enforcement officers outside the church to discuss the meeting agenda.

Shooting leads to increased security

Staff, students and parents of students at Griswold Christian Academy in Worthington will long remember September 14, 1995. The school and grounds were cordoned off for two and a half hours that Thursday as police searched for a man with a hand gun.

The man entered the school about 2:30 p.m. after firing two shots at a day care worker as she fled into the building. Teacher Mardell Harris immediately called 911 and alerted the Worthington police. Students and teachers waited in locked classrooms while S.W.A.T. teams searched and secured the school gymnasium and then escorted the children, a class at a time, from the school to the gym.

Parents waited anxiously behind police barricades during the search. Ohio Conference President Edward Mot-

schiedler, Superintendent of Schools Carol Myers and Associate Superintendent Jay Colburn drove from Mount Vernon to lend support and monitor the situation as they waited with the parents. A second sweep of the school and grounds convinced police the man was no longer in the area, and parents were allowed to pick up their children.

Myers accompanied the first group into the gymnasium and reported that the students were under much less stress than their parents. She praised the school staff for the calm, efficient manner in which they reacted to the emergency. The police also commended the staff and praised the students because they did not panic and followed all directions quickly and calmly.

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Ohio teachers enter cyberspace

Change was the byword at the teachers' convention conducted by the Ohio Conference Education Department at Spring Valley Academy, August 21 and 22. Superintendent Carol Myers organized the convention to bring teachers up to date on new curriculum items and the latest trends in the educational field, including the use of computers in the classroom. Fifty-seven teachers and aides attended the meetings.

During the devotional Monday morning, Robert Skeggs challenged teachers to strengthen the dimension of religion in Adventist education. "Each of us must be truly Adventist in teaching and practice," he told them.

The keynote speaker for the opening session was Dr. Joseph Whelen of John Carroll University in Cleveland. Whelen talked about changes in education and challenged teachers to adopt different teaching methods to provide students with a better education. He said, "Fairness means giving students what they need."

He told a story of a scientist and a poet. A scientist was walking on the beach and saw ahead of him what looked like someone dancing on the shore. As he came closer, he saw that a man was picking up starfish, running to the water and throwing them into the waves. The man explained, "If I don't throw them back into the water, they will die." The scientist asked him if he really thought he was making a difference. As he flung yet another starfish into the ocean, the man said, "I did for that one."

Whelen concluded by likening the starfish to children in the classroom. He

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Edward Motschiedler

Grilled cheese, weed salad and leftover stew

One of the finest Sabbath dinners I ever had was a grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup. A couple in the church had invited my family, including our three small children, to have Sabbath dinner with them. They were new members, and I was their new pastor. When we arrived at their small trailer, cheese sandwiches were in the frying pan, and tomato soup was warming in a pot. They made no excuses for not having a fancy roast, several vegetables and a choice of desserts. They had simply invited the pastor's family over for a meal and fellowship. What wonderful fellowship we enjoyed. Valeetah and I were pleased that our members would feel comfortable enough with us to invite us home for a simple meal.

I have had other simple meals in members' homes. One elderly lady explained that the salad she was serving us came from weeds in her yard. She said if you let the weeds grow too long, they would turn poisonous. I remember looking at the salad on my plate and trying to determine whether those weeds looked young or old. Sensing my nervousness, she assured me that those were young weeds and safe to eat. Another hostess told us that she had thrown all the week's leftovers in a pot, and we were going to have leftover stew. My wife and I felt blessed to be invited into their home and into their hearts.

Another outstanding Sabbath meal was one to which we were not even invited. A couple in our church invited our children home for Sabbath dinner so my wife and I could have a quiet Sabbath together. We were told to pick up the kids as late as we wanted.

The Sabbath commandment does not say anything about fellowship and friends. However, we know the Sabbath is to be a delight. (Isaiah 58:13) We also know that believers are encouraged to assemble together on Sabbath and will do the same through all eternity. The assembling together is both for worship and fellowship. Both are essential for people to be revitalized by the Sabbath rest.

When I visit a church on Sabbath morning, I find myself looking for indicators of a healthy church. One indicator I look for is how fast the parking lot empties after church is over. In some places, the parking lot is empty within minutes; in others' people are still visiting with each other 45 minutes after the meeting is over. Which do you think are the healthy churches?

Let's enjoy Sabbath by mixing together worship, rest from our normal routine and work, fellowship and friends.



Volunteers at the Newark Community Services Center shipped 134 boxes of clothing to ADRA in early September. Center Director, Elizabeth White says the boxes were packed over a period of eight months since they moved into their new building in January. This represents a lot of work for the six or seven people who work at the center on a regular basis. Pictured left to right: Wendell Proctor, Sid Young, John Loveridge and Elizabeth White.

Homecoming at Hamilton church

More than 200 friends and former members attended the Hamilton church's homecoming August 25 and 26.

The event also marked the completion of Project 30, the church renovation project. According to church Communication Leader Judy Northcutt, the renovation included new carpet, new paint and newly upholstered pews. The project, started in late 1994, was planned to be finished by the homecoming and the 30th anniversary of the church. As Northcutt said, "We did it!"

Dick Duerksen, editor of the Columbia Union *Visitor* and vice president of creative ministries, was the guest speaker for the worship service. Ohio Conference Secretary Raj Attiken taught the adult Sabbath school lesson.

The afternoon activities featured a musical program and the burning of the mortgage for the church addition. The day closed with an inspirational concert given by Patricia White.

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Parents met the next evening with school staff and law enforcement personnel to discuss student reaction and school security. School Principal Sharon Lewis told parents that personnel from Harding Hospital attended the morning assembly and spent 40 to 45 minutes in each classroom talking with students. She said students showed little stress, and the day progressed in a normal manner. Her class did show some apprehension when a strange man knocked on the classroom door. He was delivering a floral arrangement to Griswold from another school and stopped at Lewis' classroom to ask directions.

This incident started discussions about the easy access to the classrooms by anyone entering the building and how to increase school security. Myers encouraged the installation of doors with crash bars that could be opened from inside but be locked to unauthorized persons outside. Intercoms, cordless phones and an emergency buzzer system for each class-

room were also suggested.

Griswold school board Chairman Kevin Shaw introduced Lieutenant Oppenheimer of Support Services, Sergeant Murphy of the Worthington Police and Detective Sergeant Bill Gobert. They told what happened from the time the man stopped the day care worker in the parking lot until he was arrested later that night at a local hospital. Oppenheimer outlined the charges being filed against the man and the reasons for each. He also explained the victim's rights law and told parents what they could do to help ensure a conviction. After the meeting, parents received information about a letter-writing campaign to the city prosecutor urging prosecution of the man accused of the shooting.

As bad as this situation was, it could have been much worse. No one was injured, and the children do not seem to be seriously traumatized. Everyone involved praises and thanks God for His protection.

Bag lady for the Lord

Dawna Hoerner of the Miamisburg church is a "bag lady." No, she doesn't pick through trash cans or carry her worldly possessions around in a shopping bag. Hoerner has found a way to turn a hobby into a community service project. As a consequence, she has earned the nickname of "Bag Lady."

Hoerner likes to browse garage sales looking for ruby glass and tiny glass bottles. She often finds good buys on children's clothing, usually priced at 10 to 25 cents, while searching for these collectibles. In July, her church board voted to give her \$100 from their community fund to buy children's clothing for the Good Neighbor House in Dayton. When people learned why she was buying the clothing, they responded by the bagful. Hoerner now fills her car with boxes and bags full of good, usable clothing for Good Neighbor House.

Carol Clark, also a Miamisburg member, stops by the Hoerner home after church and fills her car with the garage sale bargains and delivers them to the Good Neighbor House. As of the end of September, the Miamisburg church had spent \$120 from their comity fund for an estimated \$3,000 return!

Bombs awaaaay! (You may want to look above you)

Actually, Ray Brown's seventh- and eighth-graders from Mount Vernon elementary school dropped raw eggs, not bombs, from the roof of the First Knox Bank in downtown Mount Vernon on September 13.

According to Brown, the egg drop was an experiment in the scientific method of problem solving and had the full approval of bank management. A portion of the bank parking lot was roped off, and cars were removed from the area so students could safely drop their fragile cargo, encased in shoe boxes, from four flights up.

The students had to determine the best kind of packing to use in the shoe boxes so their eggs would not break when they hit the ground. They could not use paper products or food as packing nor use parachutes. Eleven of the 27 students participating successfully landed their eggs.

Brown said the students came up with some ingenious ways to protect the eggs. One student used truck grease as part of his packing, and his egg slipped through unscathed. Another student used dirt, which was too heavy, and the egg did not survive. Yet another student designed his shoe box like a

maple key. Two wings protruded from the sides of the box on the theory that the box would slowly spin to the ground. It didn't quite work that way, and the egg broke. Rubber bands strung inside another shoe box successfully cushioned its cargo.

The students learned that the lighter packing materials had the best success rate. Brown said that everyone who participated, including the bank employees, enjoyed the experiment. Who said school can't be fun?



Chris Barr watches as Jeremiah Pelton checks the condition of his egg.

"Cyberspace" continued from page 1

challenged teachers to "throw them wisely and well into the 21st century."

Each teacher attended three computer classes. Nancy Lamoreaux from the Columbia Union explained CompuServe, stressing its uses in the classroom. Harold Greene, also from the union office, instructed them in the use of PowerPoint, a word-processing program. The third class, held at ERI Net Online Communication in Dayton, gave teachers a chance to explore the Internet.

The banquet Monday evening was a special highlight of the convention. It was also a



Dr. Joseph Whelen, top right, stressed the need for change in teaching methods to meet the needs of today's student while teachers learned the many uses of computers in the classroom.

retirement/farewell party for Bob and Thelma Skeggs and a welcome for Jay Colburn, new assistant superintendent.



Carol Myers presented Skeggs with a plaque shaped like the state of Ohio as a remembrance of his 43 years of service to Adventist education. Skeggs said, "Any success I have had over those

40 years I owe to the support of my wife, who has stood by my side for those 40 years, and the people I've worked with."

Education personnel strive to provide the best for conference teachers so they can provide the best for our children.

President "up in air" over Kettering

When General Conference President Robert Folkenberg visited the Kettering-Dayton area in September for a Hands Across the World emphasis at the Kettering church, he probably didn't expect to pilot the TV 7 news helicopter.

Accompanied by Peter Bath, Kettering College president; Frank Perez, president of Kettering Medical Center (KMC); and Roy Chew, vice president of KMC, Folkenberg took an air tour of area hospitals and nursing homes. As the group prepared to leave the Sycamore Medical Center, the pilot offered the controls to Elder Folkenberg for the ride to KMC. Folkenberg, an experienced helicopter pilot, gladly accepted the offer.

In addition to the area hospitals and nursing homes, the air tour included the KMC nursing home under construction at Alex-Bell and Cloy Road. On the ground, Folkenberg visited the emergency department at Sycamore Hospital and the radiation oncology, nuclear medicine and PET departments at KMC.

Folkenberg spoke on the subject of "The Cross and the Judgment" Sabbath at the Kettering church. He also answered questions during an afternoon Adventist Forum at the church.



A beautiful experience was felt by family, friends and guests on June 10, 1995, at the Brooklyn church in Cleveland, Ohio.

After studies and guidance by Pastor Igor Botansky, five young people gave their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ.

Rebecca and Rachael Braun, Missy Fligel, Michael Wisecup and Daniel Lukic all became members of God's family.

MARION KOHLER
Community Leader

Sandusky members worship in their new sanctuary

It was a long wait, but members of the Sandusky church are now worshipping in their new sanctuary.

Conference President Edward Motschieder was the guest speaker for the opening celebration on September 16.

The Sandusky congregation worshipped in the old building at Central Avenue and Tyler Street for over 30 years. The building was in need of many repairs and improvements so members decided to build a new church on Venice Road. Construction of Phase I, the educational wing, began in the summer of 1989. Church services were held in the fellowship hall that December. The debt for Phase I was retired in May 1993, and church members broke ground for Phase II, the sanctuary, in the fall of 1994. Construction was completed this past August.



MVA - off to a great start!

November
1995

New staff . . .



Robert Schimp- Already in the 1995-96 school year, students are enthusiastic and excited about the choral program at MVA! Less than three weeks after school started, the choir presented an outstanding performance during the worship service at Hands Across the World, a union-sponsored event held on our campus. Bob served as music director at Takoma and Highland academies prior to accepting the call to the same position at MVA. In addition, he is an experienced and skilled art teacher.



TASK FORCE ...
Sari Clark - completed one year at Southern College before making a decision to take a year out to serve as assistant girls' dean at MVA. Sari is well equipped to work

with teens after serving at Miracle Meadows, a school for behavior-challenged youth.

Aaron Payne - completed three years toward a theology degree at Southern College.

Aaron is serving MVA this year as assistant boys' dean. In addition, he assists with the intermural and varsity programs.



Heather Ripley - completed one year at Union College prior to serving half-time at

MVA as campus ministries coordinator and assistant in the journalism department. Heather also works at the Adventist elementary school as assistant kindergarten instructor.



New students ...

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MVA

Joshua Loucks - "The teachers and the staff are friendly and helpful. I've made new friends. The cafe makes good food most of the time. All in all, MVA has been a growing experience for me!"

Lisa Diaz - "I really like MVA because of all the great friendships that I've made. I came here knowing only a few people and after the first week, I feel like I've known everyone forever! I also like a lot of the faculty. They made me feel welcome. I look forward to having a good year here."

Anthony Dotson - "The Christian environment of Mount Vernon Academy is a welcome change to any student who has ever attended a public school. While not perfect, it still provides more shelter from temptation."



Joshua
Loucks



Lisa
Diaz



Anthony
Dotson

**Mount
Vernon
Academy**

Enrollment soars!

MVA starts the 1995-96 school year with many praises to God. He makes all things possible. To His glory, we count 122 students enrolled at MVA! This enrollment reflects close to a 20 percent increase over the 1994-95 school year.

Exactly one-half of the student body is comprised of new students. These 61 students come from Ohio and beyond. By tracking several groupings, we can see areas of growth and growth potential. Compared to last school year, each of the following groups show a marked increase:

| | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Students from Adventist schools in Ohio | 19 | 23 |
| Other Adventist schools | 5 | 12 |
| Home schools | 0 | 6 |
| Christian schools | 1 | 3 |
| Public schools | 12 | 17 |
| New students | 37 | 61 |

At this writing, the enrollment of new students is not complete. Foreign students add an additional dynamic to the student body. A Japanese student returned from last year. Included in the enrollment of 61 new students, is a student from Bermuda. Recently enrolled but not reflected in the overall count is a student from Brazil. At least one additional student from Japan is expected to enroll second semester. These students add not only numbers to our school, but also a diversity of cultural learning.

Students and faculty are excited about the increased enrollment and look forward to the positive effect it will have on the overall program for this school year. In addition, recruitment for coming years will be positively affected by the freshman class, which numbers 35.

Louie Parra, MVA Recruiter

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Spiritually ...



Far left: Many opportunities exist for student involvement in outreach ministries. Assisted by Bruce Bellchambers, physical education instructor, students bake cookies to take to shut-ins.

Left: Dean Sari Clark washes the feet of Faith Calhoun, a senior from Smithburg, West Virginia, during a special communion service. Pledging their service and love to students, staff served students during the ordinance of humility at the first Friday evening service of the new school year.

Left below: Students meet together for small group sharing and prayer time during the fall week of prayer. Gail Clark, director of Miracle Meadows, was the featured speaker. In addition to a call to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ, students learned skills that lead to more rewarding relationships.



Clockwise from right: Laura Chinn, a sophomore from Worthington, works on a dress prepared for a doll company. Darla Buhler and Chris Cleveland, Adventist ladies who operate a cottage industry locally, hired Laura to assist them.

Nathan Rude, a sophomore from Mount Vernon, rakes leaves in front of the gymnasium. Nathan is employed by the maintenance department.

Kurt Reed, a freshman from Wellington, scours walls in the Hadley Hall (boys' dorm) laundry room in preparation for installation of new washers and dryers.

Gabriel Rosario, a freshman from Cleveland, serves as check-out attendant in the cafeteria lunch line.



Physically ...



Mentally ...





Socially ...



Fall picnic

On September 4, MVA gathered at the chapel for morning worship before a great day of fun. Anticipation was high as we listened for our instructions. It was the day of our fall picnic!

One of the first events of the day was a relay race, which was won by the juniors. Some of the events that followed were earth ball games, flag football and sand volleyball. An earth ball is a giant, multi-colored ball used in a variety of active team games.

At the end of the day, the sophomores were the leaders, with the juniors trailing close behind. Next were the seniors, and then the freshmen. It was a wonderful day that helped us get closer to our classmates by learning teamwork and cooperation.

Megan Shoemaker
Junior



Students develop leadership skills

On September 28, MVA student leaders traveled to Mount Aetna Youth Camp near Hagerstown, Maryland, to attend the annual youth leadership training event sponsored by the Columbia Union Conference.

The following MVA leaders were able to participate: Jennifer Anders, girls' club president; Jill Bookman, junior class president; Dan Czaja, boys' club president; Jeremy Johnson, student association president; Stacy Litzenberger, student association religious vice president; Keri Payne, student association social vice president; Sarah Rude, senior class president; Amy Studer, newspaper editor; and Nikki Swetnam, student association vice president. Sponsors at-

tending included: Steve Davis, principal; and Sari Butler, registrar/guidance counselor.

Students were challenged by speaker Dick Duerksen, Columbia Union vice president for creative ministries, who helped students develop the vision they desire to stretch forward in the 1995-96 school term. With that in hand, each leadership team wrote a mission statement and obtainable objectives.

The keynote speaker, William Tallaferro, a talk show host for WHHE in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shared stories that exemplified leadership qualities. Academy leadership teams presented portions of the weekend programming. "It was a great benefit to meet with like leaders and hear how they deal with the same issues we face at MVA," said Jennifer Anders, girls' club president.

Jennifer Anders
MVA Girl's Club President

Principal's message

The most valuable resource we as parents and as a church have is our youth. This year, we have an opening enrollment of 122 students. This is an increase of 17 percent over this past year. We had budgeted for an increase of six percent and are grateful for the opportunity to serve more students and parents than originally anticipated. It was a pleasant surprise to have a large freshman class of 35 students, only a couple of students shy of being the largest class.

During the summer and early fall, the plans to renovate the old administration building have continued to take shape. We have received bids and continue discussion as to the best way to address the renovation. The fund-raising aspects are about ready to begin so this project can be completed to enhance the educational process.

MVA students, staff and Ohio Conference office employees joined together to prepare for Hands Across the World, a union-wide event held at MVA on September 9. Students were a great asset in helping guests by directing traffic, greeting attendees and presenting portions of the program. Children were blessed by MVA puppeteers bringing lessons through their musical presentations.

Prayer makes a difference, and we would like to request your prayers for the students and staff on a daily basis. Recently, a group of students went to Ozark Academy for a week-long prayer conference. About 200 students from the North American Division met to learn how to start prayer groups on their campuses. Please pray for these students as they begin prayer groups on our campus. Also pray that they will join with David in saying, "But as for me, it is good to be near God,"—Psalm 73:28.



Steve Davis
MVA Principal

Class officers elected

FRESHMAN CLASS

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Sports Coords.

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Sarah Englebert
Jeff Benefiel
Matt Craig
Azzrik Hahn
Tina Nelson
Kattie Thompson
Ivan Reed
Ben Moreno

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Sports Coords.

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Lisa Robinson
Amy Studer
Sara Salinas
Melinda Mason
Laura Chinn
Dan Czaja
Caleb Hughes
Christina Shafer
Charla Banks

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Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Pastor
SA Reps

Sports Coords.

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Sarah Godie
Kate Shobe
Matt White
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Jennifer Anders
Julie Washabaugh
Stefanie Bascomb
Faith Calhoun
Jim Myers
Nikki Swetnam
Naomi John
Rick Smith



The old administration building awaits renovation.

Women find joy in His presence

Singing, a campfire, prayers and joy were all part of the annual Pennsylvania Conference Women's Prayer Retreat held September 22-24 at Laurelville Mennonite Center east of Pittsburgh.

Guest speaker Ginny Allen of Vancouver, Washington, spoke on finding "Joy in His Presence." Women were moved by Ginny's sincerity and honesty as she shared how to know God rather than just know about Him. Many felt freedom in knowing that God doesn't call them to be "super women," but that He is a "super abundant God" who longs to do the work in us as we come to Him with willing hearts.

Three seminars were offered during the weekend. Nancy Manente used humor and her own experiences to share how to overcome fear and procrastination. Monarch butterfly chrysalises and caterpillars were a part

A highlight of the weekend was the prayer hikes each morning before dawn. Ladies meditated on Scripture while hiking in pairs up Sunset Hill. At the top, the group gathered in prayer as the sun came up and turned the sky around them brilliant reds. Many also enjoyed singing and sharing around a camp fire on Sunset Hill Saturday night.

As they left, ladies shared what the weekend meant to them. "I feel like a new person!" Many shared commitments to make quiet time with God a priority in their lives. Asked if they would encourage a friend to come next year, every lady answered, "Yes!"

TAMI HORST

Women's Ministries Director

Far left: Many attend Linda McCabe's seminar on growing in Christ.



Left: Ginny Allen speaks on finding joy in God's presence.

Below: The women's retreat provides opportunity for praying together.



of Linda McCabe's seminar on growing in Christ. Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly by eating milkweed, we become the women God has called us to be by eating His Word. Ellen Hokanson shared how often God turns what seems to be a curse into a blessing in our lives. He truly desires to work all things out for good for His people.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND PENNSYLVANIA

▲ NOVEMBER 16-18

▲ *Pennsylvania Bible Conference*
▲ Philadelphia Boulevard church

▲ NOVEMBER 21-26

▲ *Blue Mountain Academy*
▲ *Thanksgiving Homeleave*

▲ NOVEMBER 24

▲ *Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday*
(Prayer for Educators and Youth)

▲ NOVEMBER 24-26

▲ *Columbia Union Hispanic Festival '95*
▲ Gettysburg

▲ DECEMBER 2

▲ *Next Step Training Seminar*
▲ Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy

▲ DECEMBER 21

▲ *Blue Mountain Academy Christmas Homeleave*

▲ JANUARY 2-DECEMBER 29

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Thanksgiving, as defined by the *American Heritage Dictionary*, is an act of giving thanks; an expression of gratitude, especially to God. Psalm 69:30 says: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him

with thanksgiving."

But what do you do when you don't feel like giving thanks to God? You know you have a lot to be thankful for, but a shadow of tragedy hangs over your life.

On July 25, 1994, my mother died of congestive heart failure. She had lived only 70 years and was taken from us. I miss my Mom. Thanksgiving was difficult this past year without her, and this year will be no exception.

When confronted with tragedy,

friends often quote Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Yet without a good understanding of that text, it is like pouring salt into a wound of the person who is grieving. It makes no sense at the time.

A closer look at Romans 8:28-32 reveals a key to its meaning. Note the phrase, "the called according to His purpose." God's purpose is to bring us to His Kingdom. John 3:16 tells us that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Paul continues, "whom He called, them He also justified; and who He justified, them He also glorified,"—*Romans 8:32*. God's purpose will prevail.

There will be one less person at our Thanksgiving table this year—like there was this past year and like there will be until the Lord comes. I will continue to

miss my mother. However, I am thankful to our God and Father that He "spared not his own Son." Before my mother passed away, she had personally accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour. Before she closed her eyes for "the best sleep she would ever have," we agreed to meet at the Tree of Life.

I am looking forward to the day when we shall "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise,"—*Psalm 100:4*. That will be the best Thanksgiving Day of all, and that is when I will realize the full meaning of Romans 8:28.

THOMAS KAPUSTA

Trust/Stewardship Director

Thanksgiving

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It's not just a youth meeting.

It's something to be **THANKFUL** for!

"It's thought-provoking, instructive and should be done quarterly!" — Arnold Oyoyo, Professor of Business, University of Pittsburgh, Elder, S.S. Coordinator, Pittsburgh Shadyside Church, Next Step Attendee

"It's a great STEP in the right direction towards providing effective, spiritual programing for our young people — plus it gave youth leaders around Western PA the chance to identify and share similar challenges with each other. Many names and numbers were exchanged." — Harry LaRosse, Youth Director, Lewistown SDA Church, Next Step Attendee

So, if you missed it in Pittsburgh, come to Philadelphia for the next **NEXT STEP** seminar, Sabbath, December 2, 1:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy.

Cost: \$39.00

Registration: Name, address, phone number and church you attend should be sent to the Pennsylvania Conference, 720 Museum Rd., Reading, PA 19611 — **ASAP**.

Questions? Your conference youth leaders, Dave or Sally, can be reached at (610) 374-8331 and would welcome any of your questions or concerns — they'll even register you over the phone.

Be there for this special youth and young adult LEADERS training experience.

Western members recharged by mini camp meeting

More than 300 people attended the Western Pennsylvania Camp Meeting held September 15-16 at Greater Pittsburgh Junior Academy. Various churches were represented from Erie to Washington and many in between. The weekend was a refreshing time to come together, greet old friends, meet new people and get spiritually recharged.

Charles Haugabrooks, a lay minister from Orlando, Florida, was the speaker for the weekend. He kept our minds tuned with three relevant messages. The first on Friday evening, entitled "The Standard," reviewed our need to shoot for a higher level of righteous living with the grace of Christ. On Sabbath morning, he brought us "The Work" that admonished listeners to act upon our faith and actively try to reach others. His last sermon, entitled "The Reward," reminded us that soon this world will be no more. If we are faithful to Him, soon we will enjoy what Jesus has promised us in heaven.

Not only did Haugabrooks speak to our souls, but he uplifted our spirits with a tremendous selection of songs, including "Amazing Grace" and "The Holy City." His rendition of "Listen to

the Hammer Ring" turned our thoughts to the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us all. Pianist Kelly Mower accompanied him, and was an inspiration to everyone as well.

Other highlights included a skit during Sabbath school by pastors Dean Negri and Tony Cortes about sharing our faith. Later in the afternoon, David and Denise Reinwald presented a musical concert that featured many selections they had written. The annual fellowship feast of fruit topped off the afternoon before the final sermon. The evening ended with an Adventist Book Center sale.

CHERYL MCKNIGHT



Top: David and Denise Reinwald present a musical concert.

Above: Charles Haugabrooks shares in sermon and in song.



Dean Negri and Tony Cortes perform a skit on sharing faith.

Faithful stewardship benefits NET '96

Working in trust and stewardship for the conference offers opportunity to visit with many of our Lord's faithful stewards.

On one recent visit with a long-time trustor, during a discussion on the nearness of Christ's second coming, this individual said, "I really believe His coming will be soon. There is no need for me to keep all the money I have in savings. God has blessed me all my life and will continue to care for me. I want you to take one-half of what is in my trust account with the conference and use it now for the work in Pennsylvania."

Three specific needs that had been a matter of prayer for some time were requested by the trustor: money for a youth resource library, funding of the student literature evangelism summer program, and satellite downlink for NET '96 matching funds to the local churches. What an answer to prayer!

The satellite downlink for NET '96 portion of this generous gift will provide funding on a subsidy basis for churches in the conference to purchase equipment necessary for receiving and viewing the NET '96 evangelistic meetings, as well as other services available on the Adventist downlink system. A subsidy of \$1,000 is being offered to each church that votes to purchase the downlink equipment and the video projection unit that is needed for this service. Details about this program are available by contacting the president's office at (610) 374-8331.

Inspired counsel tells us, "God has made men His stewards. The property which He has placed in their hands is the means that He has provided for the spread of the gospel. To those who prove themselves faithful stewards, He will commit greater trusts. Saith the

continued on PA-4

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

I am thankful for Jesus' love—Victoria, *Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy*
Praise the Lord Almighty, for His greatness endures forever—Amy, *Reading Junior Academy*
Praise God for my family—Jessica, *Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy*
I thank the Lord for giving me loving parents—Misty, grade 6, *Fair Oaks School*
I am thankful to God for my clothes and shoes—Lisa, grade 4, *Wyoming Valley Elementary*

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

I am thankful to God for dying for me—David, grade 9, *Fair Oaks School*
I'm thankful my mom provides dinner for us—Noah, grade 2, *Lancaster Church School*
I praise God for the peace in my home—Gregory, *Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy*
I'm most thankful for the kindness in everyone's heart—Joshua, grade 8, *Lancaster Church School*
I thank God for giving us all kinds of food—B.J., grade 6, *Harrisburg Church School*



Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

My greatest praise this Thanksgiving will be giving love—Jason, grade 4, *Gettysburg Elementary School*
I'm thankful for my life God gave me—Alan, grade 5, *Blue Mountain Elementary School*
I am thankful that my mom got baptized—Mike, grade 4, *Lancaster Church School*
My praise is that I know that Jesus loves me—Rachael, *West Chester School*
I'm grateful that God died for our sins, for all of us!—Chrissie, grade 7, *Reading Junior Academy*

Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

My praise is that I have become closer to God—Patricia, *Reading Junior Academy*
I'm thankful that God will always be there for you and me—Heather, grade 7, *Reading Junior Academy*
I praise God for our safety—Jillian, *Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy*
I am thankful someone is paying for me to go to an Adventist school—Jazmine, grade 4, *Lancaster School*
My greatest praise is for people to live peacefully with one another no matter what nationality—Ruberto, *West Chester School*

Remember his marvelous works that he hath done ...

I want to give praise to the Lord for giving me my life ... I love you and thanks—Candice, *Reading Junior Academy*

I am thankful to God for saving my father from cancer—Karey, grade 7, *Wyoming Valley School*

I thank Jesus for helping my parents with my Christian education—Marilis, *Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy*

I am thankful for answers to my prayers—Karen, grade 5, *Blue Mountain Elementary School*

I am thankful for my church school and teachers to teach us—Dynasty, grade 4, *Wyoming Valley School*

My greatest praise is that my aunt is still alive. You see, she has been diagnosed with leukemia—Kandi, grade 8, *Irving Comstock School*

Praise ye the Lord!

Lord, "Them that honor Me I will honor,"—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 136.

The trustor who made this generous gift found God's inspired counsel to be true and stated, "Anyway, every time I give to God he always seems to give back more." Such will be the experience of every faithful steward who puts the gospel message first.

THOMAS KAPUSTA
Trust/Stewardship Director

SALLY WORLEY
Youth Department Task Force

Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE

Focus On Christ's Ultimate Sacrifice

Fall Week of Prayer

"I would like young people to live their lives on purpose, to respond to the gospel, to purposefully make their own choices. Our youth really want something to believe in, to live for and to die for. My goal is to bring them to commitment.

"If there is someone struggling or hurting, or someone who is too passive about God, if just one person gets in touch with God's spirit and comes alive, then that's enough ... that's the payoff."

Pastor David Ferguson, youth director of the Pennsylvania Conference, was the fall F.O.C.U.S. week speaker. Meeting with the students in daily chapels, Bible classes and evening meetings, he challenged them to "choose to believe in God, a personal God, a God that's worthwhile."

"I looked forward to going each night." "He made it really interesting, and it didn't seem like he preached to us." "He could make his point, and it stuck." "I had kind of let life go by, and I'd never thought about how much my daily decisions affect my life."

"He really made me think about what I'm going to do with my life and how important my everyday choices are. Even the smallest decisions affect my life, everyday choices like what I wear, what I

choose to eat. I had never thought about it like that before." "I had to look inside myself and face some decisions I'd made that weren't good for me. I found out some things about myself I needed to know."

More than half the students participated in a special communion service Friday evening after vespers. "It was so special, so reverent. You could feel God's presence. I like sharing with a partner. I always keep my cup and write the date and name of my partner."

The Passion Play was performed Saturday evening. The cast included a quarter of the student body. "The whole week was so spiritual and uplifting, to go back to just an ordinary Saturday night program would have killed the mood." "It would have been like, OK, that's the end of that. It would have left us hanging." "It was like we weren't leaving Sabbath—we could begin the week on a better note." "The Passion Play is so riveting, so touching. You have to remember, you just can't get away from what Jesus did for you."

Students quoted for this article include Diana Piper, Aprille Febré, Malusi Ohobosheane, Kerron Warrick and Ricardo Linares.

Below: Guest speaker David Ferguson.

At left: Veronica Bonilla and Erin Golden share a special moment during the communion service.



Joseph Destin portrayed Jesus in the Passion Play. The soldiers are Jason Smith, Cassie Matthews, Eric Nagley, Rachelle Hallman and Kosta Mitsouras.

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New staff

Troy and Shannon McFarland joined the BMA staff in August. Troy teaches industrial arts, World Cultures and American Government. A graduate of Bass Memorial Academy and Southern College, he taught English in China for 18 months as a student missionary. Troy completed his master's in educational administration at the University of Mississippi last spring.

Working with teenagers has been a dream for Troy. "I always wanted to work at an Adventist academy. It's more than academics, it's a mission. Teachers make a real difference and are some of the most influential adults in a child's life. I want to be part of educating for life, to help them [youth] become people who can benefit society."

The McFarlands were married just one week before school began, and part of their honeymoon included driving to BMA and setting up housekeeping. Says Shannon, "I know a lot of denominational employees who began their married lives like this." She is attending a local college, majoring in education.

Michael Merginio has a one-year position as librarian assistant and tutor. A 1995 graduate of Andrews University, he plans to begin a master's program in library science next year. His responsibilities include library automation (converting from a card catalog to a computerized format) and evening library access with tutoring. He tutors a freshman study hall on Wednesday evenings and has library hours Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Mike says he had never thought of taskforce work, but when he saw a sign advertising for a librarian/tutor, "for some reason it called to me."

Glenn Sutton joined the academy as an assistant maintenance director in July. He comes from Garden State Academy, where he was director of maintenance.

Glenn says, "I believe very strongly that our young people need to be in an academy, and by working here, we can touch many lives."

The Sutton family includes wife Kathy; Jeremy, a senior; Jennifer, a freshman; and Joanna, an eighth grader. Not pictured is daughter Linda Gilbert, who is married and lives in Reading.

Kathy was executive secretary to Pennsylvania Conference President Jerry Page for four years and is children's ministries coordinator for the Pennsylvania Conference.

Kathy says moving back to Pennsylvania "is like coming home."

Volunteer In Profile

Duane Wardecke was on staff at BMA for 20 years. During that time, he worked as dairyman and as a classroom instructor, teaching

Survey in Industrial Arts, freshman science and World Cultures.

When he took a "civilian" position just 12 miles north of the school, Duane's heart stayed at BMA. And he stayed involved,



volunteering whenever there was a need. He currently serves as chairman of the BMA Farm Committee, helping guide us through difficult decisions concerning the dairy. He is also Sabbath school superintendent and oversees student involvement, teaching valuable leadership skills. And he is "on call" for research on needed parts for our maintenance equipment.

"I feel the academy gave my kids an exceptional education, and I am grateful," says Wardecke. "All four kids graduated from BMA. That's a pretty big debt to repay."

F.Y.I.

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| November 10-11 | Senior Recognition |
| November 12 | Parent Day |
| November 21-26 | Thanksgiving Homeleave |
| December 8-9 | Christmas Concerts |
| Friday, 7:30 p.m.: | Sylvan Singers, |
| | La Sonnette & Bel Canto |
| Sabbath, 4:00 p.m.: | Keyboard Vespers |
| Saturday, 8:00 p.m.: | BMA Concert Band |
| December 21-January 2 | Christmas break |
| January 3 | Second semester begins |
| March 29-30 | Alumni Weekend |

Service Day

Editor's note: This is the fourth year BMA staff have committed to empowering students to make a difference in the world around them. On Service Day, the entire student body takes time out from the classroom to get involved. (There are several service days each year, in addition to the 16 outreach or service groups who have ongoing ministries.)

The day after our last outing, I stopped by the student lounge to ask how Service Day went. One student jumped to his feet, enthusiastically describing what his group had accomplished and with an exuberant sense of pride exclaimed, "You should have seen the place when we left!"

From breakfast until supper, BMA students spackled and painted, cleaned a camp and stained a new deck, did fund-raising mailings for the Red Cross and Muscular Dystrophy Association, fed the homeless, tutored kids, scrubbed a church, put up storm windows for an elderly Hamburg resident and raked another's leaves, picked apples for a neighbor, tidied up our highway and volunteered at three hospitals and a nursing home.

On September 28, BMA students touched a lot of places. And, more importantly, they touched a lot of people, including themselves.



Above, left: BMA participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program and is responsible for keeping two miles of Interstate 78 litter-free. Twenty-one students worked on the clean-up. Pictured are Alvin Ramos, Amy Wolcott, Jen Brown and Brian Becker.



Above, right: Hamburg's Senior Citizens Center and BMA have a long-standing relationship. Each week, students help prepare, serve and deliver meals. On Service Day, students decorated the center for fall and addressed some of the seniors' needs. Pictured are Gabriel Ramirez and Norine Briner with a Hamburg resident who needed her storm windows installed for the winter.



Above, from left: "Felt Through God," BMA's puppet ministry, spent the afternoon at the YMCA Day Care Center in Reading. Our students performed skits and helped the children make

hand puppets. Pictured is Linda Walsh.

The Berks Reading Conference of Churches had a problem—their director's office needed a face lift. Working two shifts, students cleaned, patched, spackled and painted the room, completing the job in one day. Pictured are Leah Patch, Amanda Edwards (on ladder), Dave Hallman and Heather Mattison.

Camp Olivet, a summer camp for underprivileged children, just completed a building project. Students stained the new decks and cleaned up the construction debris. Pictured are Joel Beaven, Andrew Cupino, Albert Cheatham and Staci Gray (kneeling). They were part of a 17-member work crew.

At left: The Reading Emergency Shelter houses some of the area's homeless. It required two four-hour shifts of 15 students each to sort, fold and organize the bags of donated clothes that filled their attic. The morning crew also prepared lunch. Pictured are Melissa Brenes, Jami Thoman and Kelly Leach.





Where are they now?

Tysone Scott, class of '85, came to BMA as a 13-year-old sophomore. "I was the youngest in my graduating class. BMA was good for me. The discipline and leadership skills I learned have been instrumental in the success I've had."

Scott graduated from Atlantic Union College with a B.A. in history and minors in economics and business. He has taught social studies and sold securities and insurance products for Pru-

dential Securities. He is completing his third year of law at Albany Law School, Union University in Schenectady, New York.

Vielka Scott followed her brother to BMA. "I learned to be independent, to be more responsible for my studying, to manage my time well. These were very helpful skills in college." Another benefit was experiencing different cultures. "I had grown up in an all-black community. Because of the ethnic mix, I learned to live with all different kinds of people."

Vielka received a B.S. degree in speech and language pathology from A & M University and is currently working on her master's at St. Johns University. She works for the New York City Board of Education as a speech therapist and language evaluator.

Did You Know?

Keyboarding I is a required freshman course. Taught by Shelly Dinning, students spend first semester learning to find the letters, numbers and symbols by touch and building speed and accuracy. Second semester they learn WordPerfect. Passing the course requires a minimum of 35 words per minute with no more than three errors. Pictured left to right are Jesse Leone, Donna Kibble and Mariana Zuniga.



"Breakfast in Bed" is a tradition at BMA. On Sabbath morning near the beginning of the school year, students are awakened by gentle knocks and greetings of "Happy Sabbath!" as staff visit each dormitory room. Pictured are Pam Buller and Shelly Dinning serving breakfast to Samantha Fleary.

When Pine Forge Academy needed help meeting a deadline in their industry, Blue Mountain Academy students were more than willing to get involved. Thirty-four students spent an entire Sunday working to finish an order.



A parent/son picnic was held September 10. The afternoon was filled with sports and good food. "It was a time for parents to interact with their sons, the deans, the other guys and their parents," reports Dean Ringer. Pictured is Ed Pileggi, with his dad Vincent and brother Andrew.

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Richmond, Virginia
December 13

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January 19 & 20
Norfolk, VA

January 26 & 27
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Richmond, VA

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Thankful for
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Offering shelter for 60 years:

Woman shares her home in Dumfries with roomers

by Lisa Gerrard, Staff Writer, used with permission from *Potomac News*, Sunday Lifestyle, March 5, 1995. Photo above by Larry Kobelka, staff photographer.

Dumfries — The colors of White Haven are faded now. The floor slopes in odd places, and the carpets upstairs could use a good cleaning.

But Agnes Cato doesn't mind.

For the past 60 years, since the day she and her husband, Horace, hammered the sign in their front yard announcing "Rooms: \$1 and \$1.50," the Dumfries landlady and community leader never gave much thought to worldly goods.

What she has, friends gave her, she said in a living room cluttered with things: family photographs, blue and gold glass, bronze praying hands and a picture of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

No, it's people that are important to this 84-year-old talker, who grew up poor in Washington, D.C., and remembers like it was yesterday how she and her husband slept in the attic so they could rent out their own bedroom when they were just getting started.

Fourteen years since Horace's death, and she's still answering her door to strangers, despite her 62-year-old son's admonitions.

When she came to the tiny town just north of the Quantico Marine Corps base in 1934—as a blond, blue-eyed bride of a railroad man—there were seven houses like hers, called tourist homes. "There weren't any hotels in those days," she said.

But now, it's the rooming houses—and landladies like Cato—that are rare.

The Virginia Employment Commission knows of just 42 boarding

"Agnes Cato" continued on page PP-5



**Top: Agnes Cato
at home.**

**Below: Agnes
with husband
Horace in 1950.**

Prescription for praise

November is synonymous with Thanksgiving. Even though counting blessings may not be habitual in our society, Thanksgiving is one day that most people at least give a nod in that direction. Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy counsel us repeatedly to praise the Lord for His goodness to us.

We are benefited by the very expression of praise. Ellen White tells us that "A fragrant atmosphere surrounds the believing, thankful soul who offers praise to his Heavenly Father."¹ Also, that praise produces more power in prayer² and multiplies blessings.³

Glenn Coon Sr., in his *ABCs of Prayer*, offers a prescription for people who are dealing with problems. He asks them at the beginning of a day for a period of 10 days to three weeks, to make a list of 10 things for which they are thankful. Throughout the day they are to recount these items, saying each time, "Thank you, Lord, for ____." I can personally testify that it is a prescription that gets results.

Is it hard to think of 10 items each day? Not really. Look around you in the morning when you wake up. You'll be surprised at how your physical surroundings say, "Thank God for me." Maybe it's a photo of a loved one that speaks or a pillow your sister made you. (These are also nudges to pray for relatives and friends.)

Stop reading now, grab a pen or pencil and see if you can come up with 10 causes for thanksgiving.

That wasn't difficult, was it?

Oftentimes at the top of my list will appear the word "friends." Mine are so important to me. Serendipitous things—like accidentally running into a dear friend not seen for a long time—also may appear on my list.

Frequently, I have had occasion to praise Him for sending an omen for good. Through a series of circumstances that there's desire but no space to recount, finding a coin or coins on the ground has come to say to me, "God is watching over you. Everything's going to be all right." These coins have appeared at some very hard times in my experience. Of course, they won't make me rich; small change doesn't do that. In fact, they ride in a pocket or under the floor mat of the car until I carry them to a keeping place for an investment offering. But these tokens for good, as David called them,⁴ have lifted me when sometimes I have felt I was sinking.

I challenge you to keep your list in front of you today and go through it each time your eye falls on it. Tomorrow, find 10 new things, and the next day, 10 more. Try this prescription for a couple of weeks and see what the Lord will do for you.

One parting thought: "If we would be among those who will praise God in the world to come, we must begin to praise Him here and now."⁵

Happy Thanks Giving!

SUZANNE K. BENDALL
Editor

¹The Southern Watchman, Dec. 25, 1902

²Testimonies, Volume 5, page 317

³Ibid., & Ministry of Healing, page 100

⁴Psalms 66:17

⁵Bible Echo and Signs of the Times, April 2, 1889



North Valley church ordains

The North Valley church in Roanoke, Virginia, a fairly new congregation, has been very busy this summer. Among other activities, two ordinations took place. Charles Lockhart was ordained an elder; and Brett Young, James Sloan and Ron Black were ordained deacons.

Our church continues to grow. The Lord has blessed us; and hopefully we can build our church in the near future. We are looking forward to the Bill Zima revival soon.

JEAN WILLS
North Valley Communication
Leader

Above, from left: Eddie Howerton, James Sloan, Pastor McGraw, Charles Lockhart, Brett Young and Bob Young.

Below, from left: Eddie Howerton, Ron Black and Pastor McGraw.



Thankful for talent

Sharon Koh places first in Orkney Springs festival

Used with permission from *In Touch*, the New Market church newsletter, August 1995.

Sharon Koh has won first place in the Katharine Benshoff Performance Awards, offered by the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival. The winners of this five-county competition were announced July 22 at the Orkney Springs Shenandoah Valley Music Festival orchestra concert.

This is the third consecutive year that a Shenandoah Valley Academy student has

placed in the Katharine Benshoff awards. Last year, Amy Wade, a senior, received second place, and in 1993, Jee-Song Ghil was first-place winner.

Sharon is the daughter of Chang and Lily Koh of New Market. She has been the student of Nancy Cross for the past two years and will be a junior at Shenandoah Valley Academy this fall.

Congratulations to Sharon, her proud parents and her music teacher!

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Tazewell church news

Members of the Tazewell, Virginia, Seventh-day Adventist Church held a series of Revelation Lectures. The meetings began July 21 and continued through August 26. Ken Wilber was the evangelist. On opening night, in addition to regular members, there were 21 non-Adventists present. As a result of the meetings, on August 26 Dave Hubble was baptized as a new member of the Tazewell congregation. His wife, Bertha, was rebaptized with him. Ken Wilber performed the baptisms. Wilber is also conducting Bible studies with approximately 20 people. Donations made it pos-

Virginia Beach holds first evangelistic crusade



Top: Members of the Virginia Beach church who faithfully attended the nightly meetings.

Inset: Five people were baptized at the end of the crusade. From left: Jesse Castillo, Robin Routhe, Cathy Barerra, Kristina Nopia and May Manela.

After months of planning, the Virginia Beach church recently launched its first-ever evangelistic crusade. Four weeks before its opening night, Lina Reyes, the church women's ministries director, and church members formed prayer bands. Each group faithfully met every Wednesday and prayed that the Holy Spirit encourage everyone invited and their families as well as visitors to come and receive God's message.

On April 5, with Pastor Abbey Reyes as the crusade speaker, the 19-lecture series crusade entitled "Security in Today's Uncertainty" began with an attendance of 81. Although the attendance tapered off a bit, the people kept coming. Visitors listened to the gospel atten-

tively and often were deeply stirred.

On May 6, a baptism took place. Five persons made a new covenant with God. Even more satisfying is the active religious interest the newly won members have awakened in their families and friends.

CESAR PEREZ

Virginia Beach Communication
Leader



Above: Baptism day for Dave and Bertha Hubble, with evangelist Ken Wilber, right, and Lay Pastor Harold Toms, left.

Inset: Denis Breetzke dedicates Matthew Christopher and his parents, Tobi and Suzi Crigger.

sible to replace the church's outdoor sign, which was destroyed by heavy winds. The sign was erected on July 2, 1995, in time to serve as additional advertising for each upcoming lecture topic.

On August 19, Matthew Christopher Crigger, born on March 28, 1995, son of Tobi and Suzi Crigger, was dedicated to the Lord. The ceremony was conducted by Denis Breetzke.

LARRY CRIGGER

Tazewell Communication Leader

Thankful for outreach

FLAG (Fun Learning About God) Camp

Trencin (Slovakia) 22.09.1995

At the beginning, many of us didn't anticipate what is hidden behind those two words. Full of expectations, we got acquainted with Buz Menhardt and his team. The schedule they introduced for the week was very attractive: American sports and games, crafts, English, Bible stories, nature and ukulele class. It was clear to us right away that they had brought to Trencin something we had been expecting for a long time. We were sure that during FLAG Camp we would spend together wonderful moments full of joy, friendship and mainly God's blessing. The only question we had in our minds was: "How will children from Trencin respond to our invitation?"

We got the answer on Monday morning. In front of the school, where FLAG Camp took place, stood a long row of parents with their children waiting for registration. More than 100 girls and boys registered. We had only dreamed about something like this and couldn't believe it had become a reality.

Buz gained the interest of the children from the beginning. Nobody was able to approach them like Buz. We were surprised how he was able to communicate with them even though he didn't speak their language, nor the children his.

During the first day, we tried to get acquainted with all the children and establish new friendships. The children were very curious about many things, asking their new American friends various questions.

That day, the children spent their time in many activities, and the staff gained

new experiences. We dismissed saying: "Ahoj zajtra (See you tomorrow)!"

The next day, more than 100 children, 25 staff members and the pastor with his wife met again. Every day, we had a wonderful time working together.

In the evening, after the camp day was over, we had staff meeting. We shared the experiences of the day, sang songs and prayed together. Buz and his team members taught us how to become good leaders. We have tried to every day put into practice the useful ideas shared with us. Each evening was different, but the feeling that the love of Jesus Christ binds us together was the same.

As a result of our staff meetings, we became better acquainted, and we were able to communicate better with the young people. Something happened that we didn't expect: FLAG Camp helped our staffs to realize the commission we have and the meaning our work has for other people. We were led to think more deeply about ourselves and our relationship with our God and our neighbors. That was something that united our focus. Every one of us has experienced the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Encouraged and filled with many new ideas, we were ready to continue with meetings for the children. Every day, we experienced something new. It is hard to describe what we saw and learned; you would have to experience it yourself.

The climax of the whole week came on Sabbath. Everyone who worshipped

with us gained a blessing and responded either silently or physically to the appeal Buz made at the end of his sermon.

That evening, we held a program for the children and their parents in a rented hall. Boys and girls, directed by the leaders of each of the activities, performed what they had learned during the week. When the program was over, the parents expressed their thankfulness for the care we had provided for their children; and almost all of them wanted to take pictures of the children with their leaders. It was hard for us and for the children to say goodbye. We have promised that we will continue our meetings every week and that we will have FLAG Camp next summer again.

What advantage did the FLAG Camp bring for the church in Trencin? In the first place, everybody realizes that in his work for God, he is irreplaceable. By the grace of God, we are able to share what we have received with others. The Holy Spirit leads us to the new activities. We highly esteem the work that God has done through Buz and his team in Trencin. We believe that the seed of the truth was sowed in the hearts of many people and that it will continue to grow. We would welcome the possibility that Buz could come again to our city and conduct public evangelism. Our church is praying for this possibility

and believe that God will make things possible as He did in the past.

Your brother in Christ,
Peter Januska



New pastor comes to Arlington

Arlington members welcomed their new pastor, Daniel Kovacs, and his family on Sabbath, July 29. A fellowship dinner was held in their honor after worship services.

Pastor Kovacs succeeds Keith McNabb, who transferred to the Petersburg church. During his ministry in Arlington, the church celebrated its centennial on May 14, 1994.

The new pastor was born in Hungary. He attended Atlantic Union College and Columbia Union College, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in theology. He earned his master's degree in theology at Andrews University. He was ordained in the Culpeper, Virginia, church in 1987.

Pastor Kovacs has served at the Brotherhood church in Washington, D.C., Culpeper-Orange, Roanoke-Rocky Mount and Luray-Elkton churches.

Dan Kovacs and his wife, Jenny, were married on July 4, 1976, in Switzerland, where he spent his adulthood. They have two children: Daniel, 18; and Lisa, 12.

EVELYN S. ROBINSON
Arlington Communication Leader

Budgeting the pastors

With the input of more than a quarter of our pastoral staff, the Potomac Conference has begun applying a staffing formula for pastoral placement. In a time when resources are exceedingly precious and needs are expanding rapidly, we need to be very careful stewards. Here is how it works.

The first of three factors is baptisms and professions of faith. These figures are averaged over the past three years. The conference average over that period is 1,053 BAP/POF per year, for which we praise God mightily. Our current budget allows for 80 full-time pastoral employees. If we divide the 1,053 new members by the 80 pastors, we have an average of 13 new members per pastor. Therefore, on this factor alone a church with 13 BAP/POF per year would qualify for one pastor. This factor carries a 15 percent weight in the overall formula.

The second factor is attendance. This figure is based on the past year's reports only, which allows for churches that are growing rapidly to receive help more quickly. We are asking church clerks to arrange for an actual head count every week at about 11:30 a.m., or just before the sermon. On an average Sabbath in 1994, there were 14,453 people in our churches. If we divided this among our 80 pastors, it would average at 181 attendees per worker. This factor receives a 35 percent weight in the formula.

The final factor is tithe, which is the source of all income for pastoral needs and receives a 50 percent weight in the overall picture. Tithe is averaged over the past three years as well. The

Potomac Conference has, over the past three years, averaged \$13,625,750 in tithe per year. Keep in mind that 40 percent is immediately sent on to other levels of administration for the world work. In fact, only 25 percent of each tithe dollar is available for pastors' salaries. The result is that a church must generate a little over \$170,000 per year to qualify for a full-time pastor. That only covers the immediate expenses related to salary and benefits.

A church with tithe of \$170,000, attendance of 180 and BAP/POF of 13 would require the full attention of one pastor. Smaller churches would need to be grouped together in such a way as to provide a full assignment. This is the ideal. The goal is to assign an equal work load to each pastor and to give each

church member equal access to pastoral care. The challenge is to make it work in the real world. While that may not be always possible, it is still our goal, and we now have a formula to help keep us on track.

We do recognize that it is easier to manage and care for 180 people in one congregation that if they are spread between two, three or even four churches, and that is taken into consideration. We will not move pastors in order to accommodate a formula, but whenever there is pastoral change, we will be evaluating the churches involved and surrounding districts to determine if a more equitable alignment is possible.

The office staff is committed to the best possible care for all churches and members with the resources available. If you would like

someone to meet with your church to explain and discuss this formula more fully, please let us know. Each time this has been done, it has proven to be a blessing. Statistics are sometimes cold and impersonal, but they do give us an indication of growth and needs. We need the warmth of your involvement and the power of the Holy Spirit to move this church forward.

I should also mention that it was clearly the mandate of pastors working on this formula that within the 80 budgets for pastors, four be set aside as floaters to be used in areas where churches are growing rapidly or in areas with great potential and no church. Please pray with us that God will guide us and enable us to do the very best with the resources we have.

MARVIN WRAY
Ministerial Director

Agnes Cato: landlady continued from PP-1

houses in the state, with just two listed in Prince William and none in Stafford County. They don't even have a category for Cato's work, which she says is different from boarding houses because she doesn't cook for her tenants.

Not knowing where tomorrow will take her, the vivacious, white-haired woman has already cut her available rooms from eight to six, keeping the two in the basement for any visiting grandchildren.

And she recently toured a retirement community in Manassas that she's still thinking about, in the back of her mind. "From time to time, I wanted to get out," she said.

"But then I thought about all the alternatives. When I thought about all the alternatives, I came right back here. And probably, this will be where I'll be when the good Lord takes me."

So far, except for one bizarre incident two years ago, she's been lucky with the truck drivers, soldiers, students and wanderers who have found their way to her

Dumfries home. . . .

"I guess we've kept thousands over the years," she said about her tenants.

And each one brought another story. *A City Girl Moves to Dumfries*

Cato was born in Washington, D.C., the third of 10 children. Her family never had much, she said. In school, she remembers eyeing classmates who were better dressed than her and feeling not quite up to par.

But that's not how her husband-to-be saw this young woman when they met one holiday weekend in Atlantic City.

Cato had saved for months for the trip with her girlfriends, and she still didn't know if she could really afford it. But the morning she met Horace, she realized the outing was going to cost a lot less than she thought.

She remembers talking to Horace at a restaurant where she and her friends were having breakfast.

When she went to pick up her check, "suddenly there was this great big hand reaching down over it," she said.

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An exciting start at SVA

Exciting things are happening at Shenandoah Valley Academy! The school year began with an enrollment of 280 students; and at the end of September, the campus welcomed the addition of 15 foreign exchange students from Australia, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Spain, Germany and Austria. These students will spend a month at SVA, living in the dormitories and making new friends, going to classes and learning about life in the United

States. In turn, 17 students from SVA traveled to the countries from which we received exchange students and will have the opportunity to be involved in similar activities in their host countries.

plans were laid for a boy and a girl from each school to spend from September 20 to October 20 at the exchange school. The students would study the culture, make new friends, travel and share ideas and programs from their school. The time of year was chosen to catch the fall colors and closing warmth of summer. Since that first year, the program has grown to include sister academies in Australia, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Spain, Germany and Austria.

To date, 75 students from SVA have spent a month abroad at one of these schools, and SVA has hosted that number. This experience has opened the eyes of our young people to the world mission of our church. From

this program, students from both sides who have experienced the exchange program



The Tyrifjord school in Norway.

have gone back as taskforce workers. Currently, Shannon Jaeger, a 1995 SVA graduate, is in Norway as a taskforce worker; and Linda Rasmussen, from Denmark, is working at SVA in the same capacity. Plans to add Italy to our 1996 exchange program are currently underway.

SVA has made some changes in staff, including the addition of several new staff members. Sean Kootsey, a 1988 graduate of SVA, has returned to his alma mater to teach World History, Religion and ESL Writing. Gladys Decker, wife of Chaplain Tom Decker, is continuing her work with our foreign students and is teaching ESL. Greg Coryell is the assistant boys' dean and also teaches

Health and girls' volleyball. Nancy Wensell and Brian Gonzalez head up the Spanish department. Nancy, the wife of choir Director Waldemar Wensell, has taught voice in the past and is now teaching Spanish I. Brian, who is new to SVA, comes from Puerto Rico and teaches Geography and all four levels of Spanish, replacing Bill Strickland, who has taken a break from classroom teaching after 41 years. This year finds Bill in the role of development director, a position in which he will easily utilize the friendships he has made during the past 37 years at Shenandoah.

One other area that SVA is excited and proud about is our new computer lab. The last week of September



New computers for the computer literacy lab.

104 students tread new carpet at SVAE

from *In Touch*, New Market church newsletter, September 1995

The saws are quiet, the hammers put away. Those who walked through the doors to SVAE for the first time on August 21 could never have guessed at all the improvements and remodeling that had gone on in the short six-week period between camp meeting and registration that the school was unoccupied.

And even those of us who kept an eye on the work in progress and who heard Principal Andrea Herrington mumble to herself

about the work never being finished on time are pleased and surprised.

Bathrooms were constructed in the new kindergarten classroom as well as the first- and second-grade classroom. The entryway has been dry walled and painted, the office area expanded, and carpet and tile installed throughout the entire building.

"We have an enrollment of 104 students with almost one third of our faces being new to SVAE this year," reports Herrington. One of

the new first-grade students is from Russia, and a family moved to our valley from California. The rest come from area families who have chosen SVAE as a source for Christian education for their children.

Visitors are always welcome. You'll be encouraged by the enthusiasm of our students and elementary school staff.

If you know of a family that still has not made a decision concerning their child's education, we still have several openings.

Constituency meeting

The Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Special Constituency met on November 5 at Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Because we go to press a month ahead of our publication, it is not possible to give our readers a report this month.

Watch for coverage in our December issue.

Agnes Cato: landlady continued from PP-5

found Mrs. Joanie Wilson, keyboard and computer teacher, extremely busy as she installed and set up the computer lab with 31 new Pentium IBM PC computers. Up until this point, she had been teaching computer skills to students on 12 old Macintosh computers, necessitating an extremely full teaching schedule in order to accommodate all the students needing to take computer lit. The computers are now networked so that students can work independently or share software. There are two large-screen TV sets at the front of the classroom so that the teacher can demonstrate how to do new things, and all the class can see at once. In addition, there are five color printers, which open up all sorts of possibilities for the students as they learn computer skills.

One of the new classes for freshmen this year is a keyboarding class that is taught on the new computers. By taking this class as freshmen, students will have mastered the computer early in their academy career and will be able to use these skills throughout high school.

SVA just completed its fall Week of Prayer with Elder Don Edwards from Andrews University as the speaker and Pastor Rick Labate from Danville, Virginia, providing the music. The students and staff were richly blessed by the message they presented.

Great things are happening at Shenandoah Valley Academy, and we invite you to come at any time to see for yourself just how the Lord is leading in the lives of our young people.

JAN OSBORNE
Alumni Director

The Stafford County man, an almost obsessive worker who lied about his age to get on with the railroad when he was 17, had little to offer Cato but his plain-spoken devotion, but he finally won her over.

The two were married and took an apartment in Washington, D.C., then moved to Dumfries when Horace was furloughed from the railroad.

With his brother, Horace had built a home in the tiny town before he got married. At that time, Cato said, Dumfries consisted of "a little frame church with a pot-bellied stove, a few houses and a white frame post office."

But since it was near Quantico, it was the perfect locale for a boarding house.

When the two bedrooms in the small home filled up, the Catos moved into the attic.

"Unfinished attic," Cato emphasized. "It was freezing in the winter and smothering in the summer."

But they liked the work enough that three years after moving in, they added on a second floor, furnishing the six bedrooms upstairs for about \$100 each.

As Horace continued to work for the railroad, the couple eventually made two more rooms in the basement, renting solely to servicemen and their wives.

The first couple they rented to, Cato recalled, was a first lieutenant and his wife. Eventually, the man became a brigadier general in the Marines.

Cato never had to worry about her tenants in those days. Neat and polite, they never gave her any trouble.

But times—and tenants—have changed since then.

War Tales

Most of Cato's favorite stories came out of the war years, when there was no telling who was going to come walking through her front door.

Once, it was Louis Hayward, star of the silver screen in the 1930s and 1940s.

Hayward was called into duty as a captain with the special services, she said, and a friend got him the room at the boarding house.

Another time, also during the war, the Catos rented to a young captain who worked for a time with President Franklin Roosevelt's son. The man had talked for weeks about getting to go to lunch at the White House, Cato said.

But then the day he was supposed to go,

December 7, 1941, he got a call from Washington. Cato took the call. The person on the other end of the line informed her: "The luncheon has been canceled. Pearl Harbor has been bombed."

"I guess I was the first one to hear," Cato said about the bombing. . . .

Offering a Haven

In December, the Board of County Supervisors honored her for 22 years of volunteer service. Cato had put in 10,000 hours at Potomac Hospital—a record.

She's won other awards, too, including Prince William Outstanding Senior Citizen's Award, Soroptomist Club Woman of the Year and Layman of the Year from her church district—all of which are displayed on the wall in a corner of her living room.

After helping start a church in Prince William 25 years ago, the devout Seventh-day Adventist believes God has used her humble rooming house in the past 60 years as a refuge for the weary.

There was the young woman, distraught about who knows what, who left her office in Maryland and just drove, drove, drove until she felt compelled to pull off on the Dumfries exit and found White Haven, Cato said.

Checking in for the night, the woman discovered that Cato was a Seventh-day Adventist church member, just like her, and burst into tears. "God must have wanted me to stop here," she said.

The next morning, the woman felt better and called her husband to come get her.

All she needed was rest, Cato said: a haven, to get herself back together.

Then there was the aspiring truck driver who kept failing his driving test. He came to Cato, and she told him to pray about the test before he took it.

He did, and he passed, she said.

Now driving "all over the country," the man still calls Cato every now and then. Recently when she was sick, he brought her three bags of groceries.

Other friends have sent her gifts as well. There's a Japanese doll in a large glass case in her sitting room, a fuzzy monkey she calls Trouble and countless letters and photographs, all reminding her of old friends.

"I think about all the people who are afraid to open their door. My house is like Broadway and 42nd Street," she said.

"Life can be so interesting."

Editor's note: Mrs. Cato is a faithful member of the Woodbridge, Virginia, church.

Thanksgiving memories

From Norfolk - When Fred Drew, a member of the Norfolk SDA Church, heard the announcement that Potomac People wanted stories about special Thanksgiving memories, he started thinking back to 1937 when he was ten years old. His birthday sometimes falls on Thanksgiving Day, and on this particular Thanksgiving that was the case. What made this Thanksgiving Day so special, besides being his birthday, was that on this day his baby sister, who was born at home, chose to enter the world. Some neighbor ladies prepared a wonderful meal for the family; and so through their

generosity and kindness, Fred and his large family had Thanksgiving—a "birth day" that Fred would never forget! *Judy Campbell, Norfolk Communication Leader*

From the office - The uniqueness of Ingrid Wray's family Thanksgivings centered around the menu. Alongside their stuffed cottage cheese loaf are potato dumplings, sauerkraut, and red cabbage, traditional German dishes, prepared in Ingrid's mother's own delicious style.

—Clarence Dunbebin's Thanksgiving memories include the oft-sung about "over the river and through the woods" ride (this one in

a Model A Ford in Ohio) to the home of relatives for Thanksgiving. He described the tasty casserole made from corn that had been sun dried early in the fall (which leaves the sweetness in the corn) and then was reconstituted by soaking overnight in water. While the others had pumpkin pie, Clarence ate warm peach pie with milk over it, specially prepared by his mother for a boy who didn't like pumpkin pie.

From Chase City - The happiest time I can remember when I was growing up was Thanksgiving. Mama would start cooking two or three days ahead. I remember she baked four or five kinds of cakes and four different kinds of pies. The table would be spread with lots of vegetables, meats and all kinds of goodies. Then would come the good old homemade rolls served hot from the oven. Rela-

tives, friends and family would gather around the table giving thanks to the Lord for His gracious blessings. After the meal, all the children would gather together for games, and the adults would sit around and talk. I would like to see those times today. What a blessing it would be! *Maureen Belle, Chase City Communications Leader*

From the office - Nick and Genny Shull had a unique Thanksgiving 48 years ago—they got married that day!

—Martha Vinglas reminisced about cold, sometimes snowy, Thanksgiving mornings when she sat in the bleachers watching traditional rivals Fitchburg and Leominster high schools battle it out on the football field. She recalls coming home afterwards to a warm, fragrant house where her mother had been cooking all kinds of culinary delights.

1995 Potomac Pathfinder camporee

On the weekend of May 19-21, 18 Potomac Pathfinder clubs met at Fort Eustis, Virginia, for a camporee, looking to "Find the Path: 'That leads through difficulties,' 'That leads to life' and 'That leads to joy.'"

Pastor Sali Jo Hand, the weekend speaker, talked of looking for the "Path" that leads to eternal life. A giant present on the stage that Pastor Sali brought held a

write the following verses and words on their crosses:

Romans 6:23 FORGIVENESS
Ephesians 2:8,9 HOLY SPIRIT
John 4:47 BEST FRIEND

Pastor Sali reminded each person that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Herbert Broeckel assisted in presenting the Pathfinder of the Year Award Saturday evening to Marcus Giddings, a Pathfinder in the Beltsville Broncos Pathfinder Club. He received a personalized award plaque, free admission to the joint Potomac/Carolina Conference camporee and a gift certificate for \$75.

Potomac Conference Pathfinders from various clubs supported the weekend program with prayer, music, Scripture and talent. Great fun was had by everyone.

RUTH GIBSON
Pathfinder Communication Leader

Post Office and Carl Lauderdale team up for historic stamp presentation

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Recently, the New Market Post Office was honored by being allowed to issue the first day of issue on a set of Civil War commemorative stamps.

These are a beautiful set of stamps remembering those from both sides who fought in the Civil War.

The first set was given in a formal presentation at the New Market Post Office. Carl Lauderdale, a member of the New Market church and local artist who specializes in matting and framing artwork, was asked to prepare the set of stamps for the ceremony.

Carl prepared the mat and frame with special gold-leaf lettering to highlight the cancellation and the stamps.

A copy of the first day of issue Civil War commemorative stamps with Carl's matting and framing hangs in Pastor Buz's office. Stop by and take a look or call Carl for more information at 740-8674.

Thankful for Pathfinders

mystery gift and each Pathfinder was encouraged to guess what was in the box. One Pathfinder guessed that the gift was the cross. And yes, Pastor Sali had crosses for each person. The Pathfinders were encouraged to

Thankful for firsts