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Richard Fredericks Senior Pastor Damascus Church

Potomac Conference

Three sentences. Straight from the heart of God. The most awesome piece of good news this dying world ever received. No human prophet was trusted. Their precise content was too important, Instead, God commissioned the angel at His right hand to do the communicating. What that angel announced changed everything for every person for all eternity. "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born for you; He is the Christ, the Lord,"—*Luke 2:10, 11* NIV.

He is literally the "Everlasting God, the Prince of Peace"

Isaiah had foretold six centuries before. But He was born with a mission: to be "a Saviour born ... for you." He was the one Baby born in order to die that every other baby born might live forever. He came, pre-eminently, to "give His life as a ran-

som for many,"—Mark 10:45.

How far did Jesus come? How great was His sacrifice? Wrap these words in your head and around your heart: "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. Instead He emptied Himself, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death-even death on the cross,"-Philippians 2:5-8 NIV. He literally descended from heaven to hell, from blessed Creator to condemned creature, because He wanted us to live in security and to taste eternity.

How big was His gift to us? Plain and simple, He gave ev-

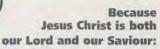
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What about our gift to Him? What are we willing to give? How much should we give of ourselves? Of our time, our treasure and our talents?

His love for us is our best model and guide. How will we respond in this new year to love like that? Consider the response of Isaac Watts:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small: Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all." -From "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Isaac Watts, 1707

COVER: Glenn Dalby, photographer for Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, photographed Ademi Santiago, a freshman biochemistry major at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park. Home for Ademi is in Camen, New Jersey, where she lives with her father, Luis. They are members of the Cherry Hill church. See page eight for the story of Hispanic evangelism in the Columbia Union.



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

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

Jeff Seldomridge, Lewisburg,

Mountain View. Jeff was baptized by Brian Jones in October of 1995. Jeff attends the Lewisburg church school.



David Maki, Lewisburg, Mountain View. David



was baptized in October of 1995 following an evangelistic series and prayer

meeting services.



Nichole McMahan,

Lewisburg, Mountain View. Nichole was baptized in October of 1995 after completing baptismal classes.



Johnny Stanley, Switzer, Mountain View.



Johnny was baptized in May of 1994 following Bible studies.

Alonzo Bethea of Silver Spring, Maryland, is a financial advisor/special agent for Prudential. He helps people with retirement planning, long-term investments and life insurance, and he specializes in "educational planning." He believes that all young people

> should have the opportunity to attend the schools of their choice, but too often parents wait until it's time for academy or college to try figuring how they will finance educational costs. "Compounding interest is the powerful secret," he says.

'Children are my No. 1 priority," says Bethea. He is a board member and vice president of the Burtonsville chapter of Kiwanis. He and other men in the organization are involved in community service that



Bonita Shields Spencerville church

Health, hormones and a bad hair day

What is that? To most women it probably sounds like a bad dream or rather a nightmare! Actually, it's the name of the women's seminar that Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland, is hosting on March 17, 1996.

The goal of "Health, hormones and a bad hair day: Womanhood from a Christian perspective" is to provide a forum in which women may find ways of coping with the unique challenges of womanhood from a Christian perspective. The physical,

emotional, mental and spiritual aspects of a woman's life will be dealt with in the seminar classes. Topics include: depression, menopause, premenstrual syndrome (PMS), self-worth, sexuality and stress. All classes will be taught by credentialed, professional women.

The keynote speaker for the seminar is Ellie Green, a national speaker and lecturer in religious and health care circles. Her refreshingly humorous and straightforward style of speaking will capture your undivided attention.

The seminar will be held at the Spencerville church: 16325 New Hampshire Avenue; Silver Spring, Maryland, on March 17, 1996 from 8:30 am to 5 pm. A continental breakfast and sack lunch are included in the registration fee.

Pre-registration is required and no registration will be accepted after March 10. For more information, call the Spencerville church at (301) 384-2920 or fax the church at (301) 421-9550 to request a brochure/registration form.

The Visitor staff would like to hear your thoughts and stories to include in the following issues:

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benefits young people. And Bethea is a leader in men's ministries in his church, where he and other men participate in an outreach of mentoring young boys in lifestyle and professional choices. He is personally mentoring an 11-year-old boy, one of five children who has already tried to commit suicide. Now the boy has someone to talk with and receive encouragement from.

Bethea wants to build the mentoring ministry throughout the Allegheny East Conference and in Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI). He is the coordinator of

ASI for the Allegheny East Conference, where about one-third of the ASI participants in the Columbia Union are members. "I think heaven will look more like ASI than any other organization," he says. He has served as a board member of the international ASI and is the general vice president of ASI for the Columbia Union.

Bethea and his wife, Jaki, have a daughter, Laura, who attends Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

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The broken sundial

The sundial is in Cape Town, South Africa, in the botanical garden just off Governor's Lane. It's a typical sundial—a brass dagger welded to the top of a concrete pedestal. Everything looked normal on that Sabbath morning, everything except the shadow on the sundial's brass plate.

I looked east into the sun. Al-

I looked east into the sun. Although it was just preparing to declare victory over a tall ginkgo tree, it was already casting a darkening shadow on the ground behind me. And that same shadow should have been producing an accurate time on the sundial. I checked my Seiko again. Now it was nearly 7:45 a.m.

But the sundial was moving toward 2:20 p.m.

I looked around for a gardener, a sundial expert, anyone! But I was alone in the garden with a broken sundial.

Then I saw it. The sun was flashing its beams across the garden, past me and the sundial onto the windows of a giant steel and glass govern-

ment building. Every square meter of glass and steel seemed eager to pick up the light and reflect it back into the garden. Brightly! The intense reflection was giving a false light, making the sundial show "building time" instead of "sun time."

I sat back down on the bench and wondered how many times my life has shown "building time" rather than "Son time." How often has my life clock been set by reflected light rather than the true Light? How often have I allowed my values to be guided by the ideas and attitudes of imitators rather than the values and attitudes of Christ? Who really guides and controls the value-clock of my life?

I made a commitment that Sabbath morning in Cape Town's botanical garden, a commitment that I challenge you to make with me. "I will not allow any false or reflected light to be my guide. I will be guided only by the light of the Son."

Christ, not Christmas as advertised by Macy's, Price Club and K-Mart

Michael the Archangel, not the current best-seller about angels.

Jesus, not Rush Limbaugh. The Door, not the Doors.

The Lawgiver, not Trojans—ribbed, scented or ecstacy.

The Rock, not the Pope or his book or his sermons or his aura.

God, not my pastor.

The Father, not my parents.
The Bridegroom, not the church—even though she is His bride.

The Saviour, not my spouse. The Captain of the Host, not Jerry Seinfeld, Jack Ryan or Gold-

eneye.
Sure, there's a lot of bright light even in the reflections, but there's only one way to make sure my life is showing "Son time" rather than "building time." I must look directly to Jesus. I must think about Him, read His words, dream His face, meditate on His law and celebrate His love. He must become more real to me than everything else that demands my attention. I must choose for Him to be the dominant force, the driving power, the Only True Light in my life.

And then I must allow that choice to control my actions.

False or real? Reflection or sun? For me, the answer must be "The Son." My life must not give a false reading.

"If at first you don't clearly see, look, look again," mused Dick Duerksen, vice president for creative ministries, or thoughts to that effect.



he sundial said 2:30 p.m., but my watch said it was 7:30 in the morning. I walked around it a couple of times and wondered how a sundial could be broken. How could it read so wrong? Maybe it had been installed incorrectly, or maybe the sun had come up in the west this morning, or maybe my watch had died. I tested all the options and then sat down on a bench to consider the situation. A good watch, a bright sun and a bad sundial.

Freedom to choose is true religion

CHARLOTTE PEDERSEN McCLURE

he department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL), commonly called "religious liberty," stands with feet in both camps-church and state. The director of religious liberty maintains contact with civic organizations outlining the Seventh-day Adventist position on separation of church and state. He also facilitates negotiations between individuals and employers during conflict over religious and/or Sabbath issues.

Adrian Westney, director of religious liberty for the Columbia Union, provides a number of resources for pastors, church members and institutions. He conducts seminars at camp meetings on public affairs or religious liberty. Westney is the host of a weekly broadcast about religious liberty on WGTS radio in Takoma Park, Maryland, and has tapes of radio broadcasts and videos that can be shared with churches.

A pastor's kit includes a sample letter to help deal with members who come to them with Sabbath

employment problems.

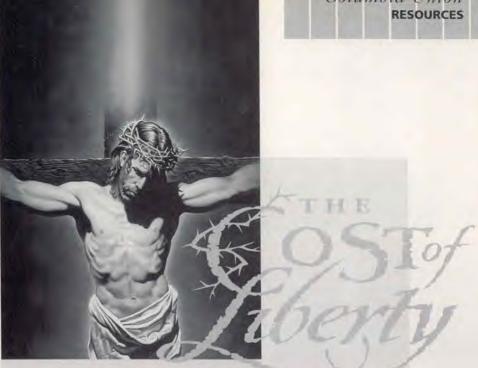
The church members kit provides general orientation with provision of Title VII. It gives the "do's and don'ts" in going to job interviews and contains a return form for them to complete and send back.

For the local church religious liberty leader, a booklet is available with ideas to make contact with legislature including local council members. It gives ideas for sending reports to the media and for organizing religious liberty workshops.

The following "wake-up call" is written by Dr. Westney as inspiration and awareness for this new

year.

Charlotte Pedersen McClure is managing editor of the Visitor and associate director of communication for the Columbia Union.



During 1995, a wake-up call was issued to advocates of religious liberty as they observed the impact of that historic union between evangelical Protestants and Catholics that led to the publication of Evangelicals and Protestants Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium. The intensity with which a radical element of the Religious Right flexed its muscle and the success achieved in its quest towards the "right ordering of civil society" was worth noticing.

Close observation indicates that there is a real threat to religious freedom. This threat is not centered only in methodology, but in the understanding of what constitutes religious freedom and the attitude towards how freedom should be enforced. When a group or coalition of groups uses intimidation and force to achieve compliance to church doctrines buttressed by legislation, it is unbiblical. The Bible teaches that God created man with the right to choose. In His dealings with human beings, God operates on the principle of persuasion rather than coercion. For Seventh-day Adventists, this is

the basis on which we build our approach to religious liberty issues. True freedom is found only in a relationship with Christ and a willingness to obey His law.

As Adventists, we have a responsibility to proclaim the good news of salvation and to help make clear the distinction between the roles of the church and the government. While the church acknowledges the right of the state to enact laws for the protection of its citizens—and may use the provisions of civil legislation for the protection of its members—the church must be faithful to forbid control by or dependence on the state.

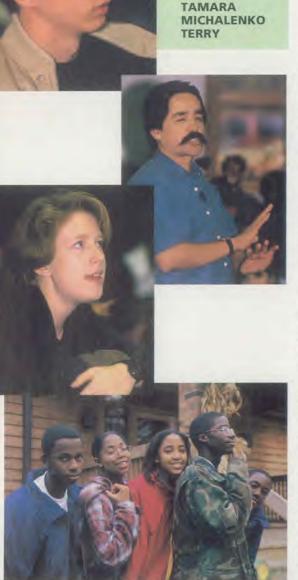
Whether it be in support of the right of an individual against termination of employment because of religious discrimination or the right of a group to freely worship without harassment by government or civic agencies, the church must speak out in defense of free choices. To do this effectively, the church must faithfully provide, through voice and pen, education for the masses of the world. Then it must vigorously uphold the right of individuals to follow the dictates of conscience whatever the consequence may be

In the Columbia Union, we are engaged in several activities to fulfill this mission. There are good publications available such as Liberty magazine and informational brochures and newsletters. A fund is set up for litigation to defend members who are denied the benefits of Title VII provisions.

This new year has already provided us with some interesting challenges, and it is clear that we cannot relax our efforts to be vigilant. We need the prayers and financial support of all freedom lovers, and we must not forget that the sacrifice we make is an indication of our appreciation for the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. The call is to each one who has made a covenant with Him.

ADRIAN WESTNEY Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Offering for religious liberty—January 27



he Mt. Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, was bursting at the seams November 9 to 12 of this year when 250 young people in grades nine to 12 met there for the second annual YouthNet.

YouthNet, which stands for youth networking for a brighter future, started three years ago, when the Columbia Union saw a need for an Adventist high-school-aged retreat. But "retreat" is not exactly what these young people do when they gather for the weekend. They are busy from Thursday evening until Sunday noon.

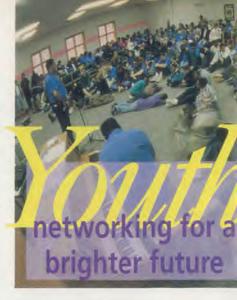
Designed for students in grades nine to 12, YouthNet is unique for two reasons. One, it is available to all Adventist high school students regardless of where they attend school. This is a wonderful opportunity for home-schooled youth or young people who go to public high schools and don't usually have a spiritual retreat to attend.

The second reason is that each group is required to bring a project. This project reflects the students' creativity and talent while sharing a positive lifestyle message. The goal of these projects is to help students develop efforts that can be shared with their church, school or community, showing the audience that we have talented young people who believe in a positive lifestyle, Previous projects have included skits, poems, collages and musical selections, just to name a few.

This year, YouthNet attendance doubled in size from the previous year, with almost 100 young people registering in the last week, This created a wonderful problem for the YouthNet coordinators, since the Mt. Aetna Retreat Center cafeteria only holds 200. Including students, sponsors and speakers, more than

> 300 people were in attendance at one time. The cabins, which normally hold nine people comfortably, were sleeping 14-with one sleeping 16. Small lodges were turned into sleeping quarters with cots lined up. But through teamwork, the students managed their accommodations beautifully!

Allan and Deirdre Martin from dre•am VISION ministries were the keynote speakers, as well as teachers for a couple of drama workshops.



Friday was a busy day for the students as Dick Duerksen, Columbia Union vice president for creative ministries, started them off with a dramatic presentation of Jairus.

Next, they attended the workshop of their choice from desktop publishing to writing to Compu-Serve. The 90-minute workshop helped students hone their projects or learn about new ones.

The afternoon was filled with a rotation activity. Students got a "taste" of different activities from CPR to an obstacle course to teambuilding activities. The six different rotation activities were each a halfhour long, keeping the students moving most of the afternoon.

On Friday evening, Ullanda Innocent shared her testimony and special talent of music. The students gave her a standing ovation.

They also gave their fellow peers standing ovations and cheers when the students had an opportunity to share their talents later that evening. From poetry to piano playing to singing, students showed what wonderful gifts they had been given. Patrick Innocent, Ullanda's husband, gave a special twist to the presentations with his sound system. The students sounded like professionals with the echoes and other sound effects one would normally hear with a professional singer.

On Sabbath morning, the students presented their projects. Once again, the students showed what wonderful talents they have. With skits and music, they all had a positive message to share in their own creative way.

José Rojas, NAD youth director, led the church service. "He kept me on the edge of my seat," said one YouthNet participant. Another





said, "I wasn't sure at first, but I kept listening. He was really good."

Sabbath afternoon was filled with more workshops, presentations and a general session with Dick Duerksen, José Rojas and Ray Dabrowski, GC communication director. Their presentation encouraged the students to advertise their church, letting the community know the church is there with open doors.

After a vesper service by Allan Walshe, an Australian youth director, a dining dilemma kept the students stumped for a few minutes as they tried to figure out what they might be eating for supper. It wasn't long before they figured out that "Better than Bessie" was a vegeburger and "A split road" was their fork.

Next, it was time for a drama presentation by Destiny Drama Company, Southern College's drama team, and games. The YouthNet group was so large that the students were split into three groups, one group playing in the lodge, another in the cafeteria, and the third in the Mt. Aetna Elementary School gymnasium.

Periodically throughout the weekend, the students broke into YouthNet groups of eight to 10 people. Students from Columbia Union College and sponsors from churches, academies and junior academies facilitated these groups. The purpose was to give students an opportunity to get acquainted with new individuals, building a bond with them throughout the weekend. This worked especially well during the rotation activity on Friday or the Saturday night activity, where the students all participated as a unit in their YouthNet groups.

On Sunday, Allan and Deirdre Martin brought the students full circle as they talked about what had been accomplished throughout the weekend, having them sign a pledge to take what they had learned making goals for themselves and assigning a time when they wanted those goals completed.

Allan and Deirdre also gave the students time for an open mike to share any appreciation the students had about the weekend. Many things were mentioned including the YouthNet groups, cabin groups and food, just to name a few.

The bottom line is that the students are the ones to be appreciated. They worked together as a team, encouraged each other and no doubt made the Lord proud.



Tamara Terry, YouthNet coordinator and assistant director of communications, is the brain and the energy behind YouthNet. She's a bit tired about now.



Festival peaks with many baptisms

he highest moment of the Fourth Hispanic Evangelistic Festival of the Laity was the baptism of 124 people on Sabbath afternoon, November 25, in the swimming pool of the Ramada Inn in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was a real Thanksgiving weekend for more than 1,200 people who attended.

Many of those baptized told remarkable stories of how their lives have been changed by the gospel. In Ohio, where Edgar Mendoza is pastor of the Ohio City and First Cleveland Spanish churches, a goal was set for 30 baptisms in 1995. Through small-group ministries, there were 31 baptisms. Junior Escalera and his family, including his mother, were addicted to street drugs. When he was released after spending 12 years in jail, he started visiting the Adventist church and asked for Bible studies. The change in his life was dramatic, and he was

one of those 31 who were baptized. He has been a busy layman since his baptism two and one-half months ago, bringing three people to Jesus.

The Capital Spanish church in Washington, D.C., had 90 baptisms in 1995. Much of their outreach was done by Sabbath school leaders and class members who gave seminars in homes.

Near the beginning of the year, Pastor Pablo Perla and Edwin Benitez, a layman, began visiting with Luis and Evelyn Vazquez. Evelyn's mother, Catalina Cerritos, always opened the door and sat in the kitchen during the Bible studies. This pattern continued until the couple was baptized, and Perla and Benitez were visiting twice a month to check on them and offer encouragement. The mother would still go to the kitchen. The pastor and Benitez felt that she had listened to the Bible studies and may be ready for baptism, also. Today she is an ac-

tive member, serving as a deaconess.

Pastor Juan Lopez and members of the Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania, churches used evangelistic meetings to reach out in their communities. They set a goal of 40 baptisms for

the year and reached 42. Alex Ralat, 19, was one of those baptized. He was an Adventist while growing up, but because of the influence of a friend, he left the church and started using and selling drugs. The police found him and put him in jail for eight months. After release, he violated the law, was arrested and put back in prison. Before his arrest, he went to church and asked the people to pray for him. Pastor Lopez gave Bible studies for the six months he was in jail, and church members continued to pray that he could be free. The Lord worked a miracle, for he was released in October and was ready for re-baptism in Gettysburg. Ralat is very active in the church today and wants to go to an Adventist college to prepare for the ministry.

Ramon Ayala was a very bad man. Abusive to the woman with whom he lived and had four children, he spent all his money drinking. The woman left him, and he went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to live with his sister, an Adventist. He kept his bad habits, so she gave him an ultimatium: get out or go to church with her. It changed his life, He began attending church, learned to love Jesus and let Him work through him. The bad habits stopped, and with the help of layman Jose Pagan, he asked the mother of his children to come. The only way she felt safe to come was to request a round-trip ticket, so that if what he said was not true, she could get out of there. She saw the dramatic change in his life, and it influenced her to trust the Lord, too. The couple was married on Friday and baptized in Gettysburg the following day.

The power of the gospel to change lives as told during the festival provided the inspiration for pastors and lay people, who voted unanimously to bring 200 people for baptism during Thanksgiving weekend in 1996. The festival is sponsored by the Columbia Union and is coordinated by Ministerial Director Frank Ottati and his secretary, Enid Williams. Read more about festival activities and participants in the February 1 issue of the

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Your right to decide

The health-care system in America gives adults who are medically competent the right to decide for themselves whether or not they want medical treatment, including treatments needed to sustain life.

Tragically, an accident or illness can take away your ability to make health-care decisions. But these decisions still have to be made, and if you cannot make them, someone else will—in some cases after the burden and delay of court proceedings. That's why you should take steps now to ensure that those health-care decisions will reflect your wishes. You can do that by creating an advance directive.

What is an advance directive?

Advance directives are documents that indicate your choices for health care if you become incapacitated and unable to communicate. There are two kinds: living wills, which enable you to state that you do not want life-sustaining treatment if you become terminally ill; and durable powers of attorney, which designate someone else to make health-care decisions if you cannot. A discussion with your physician—described and documented in your medical record—can also serve as an advance directive.

Advance directives are designed to give people more control over their med-



ical care. For example, an advance directive can keep medical technology from being used on a dying patient who would not have wanted it but cannot communicate his or her wishes. Or, as in the case of the durable power of attorney for health care, an advance directive can do just the opposite—it can make sure that everything is done for the patient. A clear statement made in advance by the patient can ensure that physicians and family members know what he or she would have wanted.

What's the difference between a living will and a durable power of attorney for health care?

A living will is a document in which you can record that you do not want life-sustaining treatment if you are in a terminal condition. A terminal condition is an incurable condition caused by injury, disease or illness that makes death imminent. When a patient is terminal, it means there can be no recovery, even

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Editorial

The unique ministry of a hospital chaplain

"A reef that appears at low tide is certainly not the cause of low tide; it is rather the low tide that causes the reef to appear." That quote from the famed Viennese psychiatrist Viktor Frankl sums up what is unique about the ministry of a hospital chaplain.



Frank Perez
President and Chief Executive Officer
Kettering Medical Center

All of us have jagged reefs. But if we're well, the tide is high, and our jagged reefs are covered. It is when we are seriously ill or injured that the tide goes out, and our jagged reefs—feelings such as fear, guilt, anxiety and lack of faith—often appear.

While physicians, nurses and other medical professionals minister to the patient's physical ailments, it is the hospital chaplain who helps doctor the soul.

The chaplain is there day and night to hold a hand, join a family in prayer, witness the grief of loved ones and help people sort through life-and-death decisions. He or she is there to support and teach the caregivers to bring healing to the soul.

"God, are You hearing our prayers?" The hospital chaplain can tell you that's a common question when a teenage son is involved in a bad car accident, a father suffers a heart attack, or a grandparent has only a short time to live. It's the

hospital chaplain who encourages and steps forward with these people, not necessarily to take away the pain but to share it. It's the hospital chaplain who, as a minister of God, touches the human spirit and goes directly to the inner person to doctor the soul.

Your right to decide, continued from page 9 with the application of life-sustaining procedures.

A living will goes into effect *only* in the last stage of a terminal condition and when your doctors conclude that you are no longer able to decide matters for yourself.

It's important to understand that the instructions of a living will are *not* considered if the patient is not terminal. For example, the provisions of a living will do *not* apply to the patient who's in a coma for years but not in danger of dying.

Unlike the living will, a durable power of attorney for health care need not be limited to terminal conditions.

In a durable power of attorney, you designate someone you know and trust as your agent to make medical decisions for you if you are unable to make them for yourself—regardless of whether or not your condition is terminal. You decide

how much power your agent has and when the agent can exercise that power. If you want, you can give your agent broad power to make any decision you could make.

You can also use the durable power of attorney for health care to say what you want done in specific situations. No one can predict every decision that might have to be made, but your written guidance about your wishes can help your agent. For example, you could tell your agent whether or not you want life-sustaining treatment in the case of a terminal condition or a permanent loss of consciousness.

When physicians certify that you lack the capacity and understanding to make meaningful health-care decisions, your designated agent will be asked to make decisions for you. The agent is then obligated to comply with your instructions and make the decisions the way you'd have made them. You should choose

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your agent carefully and make sure he or she understands your attitudes about life and health care.

How do I create these documents, and what should I do with them?

Most states have standard forms you can complete without the aid of a lawyer. To obtain the forms and related information, you might call a hospital in your state and ask to speak with someone in the social work, public relations or pastoral care department. Because hospitals and other health-care organizations are now required by law to ask patients if they have advance directives, many have this information available.

If you have questions about filling out the forms, you should talk with your physician, health-care provider or personal attorney. When you have completed the forms, be sure to give copies to your doctor, your designated agent and/or family members and your hospital or other health-care institution when you are admitted. You may decide to complete one or both forms.

What if I change my mind?

Both the living will and the durable power of attorney for health care can be revoked at any time by either a written or oral statement by the patient or by destroying all copies of the document.

News

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE MID-ATLANTIC

■ Adventist HealthCare receives approval to build new nursing center

Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic has received approval from Maryland health officials to build a 124-bed nursing center in the Glade Valley region of Frederick County. The project will be developed jointly with Frederick Memorial Hospital.

On November 14, the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission voted unanimously to grant the required certificate of need to Frederick Memorial and Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic to build the facility.

The 124-bed nursing center will include 86 comprehensive care beds and a 38-bed specialty unit for patients with Alzheimer's or dementia. Approximately 50 percent of the beds will be set aside for Medicaid patients.

ADVENTIST HOME HEALTH SERVICES

■ Home Health employees selected as MAHC region winners

Patricia Baldwin, team manager, and Sandy Abell, clinical records secretary, recently won regional awards from the Maryland Association of Home Care. Patricia received the manager's award, and Sandy won the office excellence award. Both women work out of the southern Maryland office and attended an awards breakfast on November 29 in celebration of their outstanding achievements.

■ National Home Care Month celebrated by AHHS

In recognition of National Home Care Month in November, Adventist Home Health Services honored all the skilled,

compassionate and committed individuals who provide home-delivered health care to the elderly, disabled and chronically ill. The slogan "Caring through the Generations" recognized home care's unique contributions as the oldest system of health-care delivery. During November, AHHS and several other home-care agencies worked together to support the National Association for

Home Care in an effort to promote greater public understanding and awareness of the home-health industry. One event was a buffet breakfast on November 14, with various county officials and local media attending to show support.

HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

■ Renovation underway for childbirth family center

Renovations began in November for Hackettstown Community Hospital's new childbirth family center.

According to Beth Van Meter, director of acute care/OB, the new center will feature state-of-the-art labor/delivery/recovery/post-partum suites, a C-section surgical suite, post-partum rooms and an outpatient testing room that monitors fetal well-being. The LDRP rooms will be specially equipped with whirlpool baths for labor pain management. All of the rooms are designed with a warm, home-like atmosphere, providing the expectant mother and family members with tranquil surroundings and excellence in care.

"We're moving forward vigorously with our campus development plan," said



Pictured in the Hackettstown Community Hospital's old nursery just as construction on the new childbirth family center began are, left to right, Roxanne Mitchell, the hospital's nurse midwife; OB Coordinator Pat Carpenito; Beth Van Meter, director of acute care/OB; and obstetrician/gynecologist Shyamala Parimi.

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Gene C. Milton, FACHE, Hackettstown president and CEO. "I believe families in the surrounding areas will be most pleased when they witness the unveiling of our new childbirth family center in spring of 1996."

READING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

■ Nicosia appointed assistant editor

Chaplain Joseph Nicosia, who also serves as assistant to the president for mission at Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, has been appointed assistant editor of the *Journal of Religion in Disability & Rehabilitation*. Nicosia published "Heal-

ing the Human Spirit: The Healing Paradigm" in 1994. The Journal addresses spiritual and religious issues relevant to the lives of people with disabilities and the function of



Joseph Nicosia

spirituality in rehabilitation.

"I am pleased to be in this position. The Adventist emphasis on whole-person care has much to offer an inter-religious journal," commented Nicosia. For the past three years, RRH has been involved in measuring the relationship between rehabilitation and spiritual issues. Nicosia is in the process of editing an entire *Journal* issue that will examine the role of spiritual care in rehabilitation.

SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ Shady Grove receives "Accreditation with Commendation"

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations has confirmed that Shady Grove Adventist Hospital has received "Accreditation with Commendation," the highest level of accreditation given by the nation's premier accrediting body for health care.

Shady Grove is one of the top four percent of the nation's 5,200 accredited hospitals to receive this designation. The hospital received a summary grid score of 99 out of 100.

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ Emergency helicopter pad opens at Washington Adventist

Washington Adventist Hospital has opened an emergency helicopter pad as a landing site for patients transferring from other facilities. This service will be used primarily for cardiac patients. Services provided during transport of patients include cardiac monitoring, intravenous therapy and other advanced life-support treatments. A helicopter response team at Washington Adventist has undergone extensive training to care for incoming cases.

Ways to Wellness

Keep your nose clean this winter

Want to avoid a cold this time of year? Keep your nose clean—figuratively speaking, that is. If you can stop a rhinovirus from docking high up inside your nose—in the nasopharynx, where the nose meets the mouth—there's no way it can make you sick. Since a cold virus can get there only by touch or through the air, here's what to do:

- Keep your hands away from your nose and eyes. Scratching your nose or rubbing your eyes won't put a cold virus directly into the nasopharynx, of course. But a virus deposited at the base of the nose or in the eye can easily be inhaled higher up into the nose or drain into the nasopharynx through the tear ducts Most people's hands wander up to their noses or eyes at least once every three hours. Train yourself to do better, and you'll cut down dramatically on the number of colds you catch.
- Wash your hands often ...
 within reason, of course. Wash at every opportunity, preferably with an antibacterial soap.
- Move away from people who are coughing and sneezing. And if you're the one with the cold, carefully cover your own coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues.

Provided by Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

RALPH MARTIN

At a critical turning point in Bible history, Queen Esther was challenged with words that burn hot in my own heart. "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" I did not ask for the weighty responsibility of guiding nearly 100,000 Seventh-day Adventist church members as your union president, but if God led in that decision, I must answer to Him and His church as to whether my leadership is equal to the critical times in which we live.

My vision for this new year of 1996 is wrapped up in three words that are continually revolving in my mind: TRANSFORMATION, COMMUNITY and MOBILIZATION. I would like for these three words to ring as the rally cry of our churches and pastors in the Columbia Union this year. They express the practical, achievable, Christ-like ministry that I want to see in our congregations

TRANSFORMATION. One of the joys of public evangelism is to see secular, hardened sinners change not only their habits, but also their personalities almost overnight. When God's saving grace touches them, miracles happen. Almost 30 vears ago, I baptized Kurt Johnson when he was attending a public high school. His decision changed the direction of his life and took him where no family member had ever gone before. Today, he is one of the major writers and speakers on prayer and small group ministry in our church. All of us could tell stories of those who have been transformed by the gospel. It is fundamental to Christianity.

But sadly, many Christians stop

The right time; a dream for 1996

short of the full transformation God has in mind. Many years ago, I heard the story of a dear sister who repeated the same plea to God week after week at prayer meeting, "Dear Lord, remove the cobwebs of sin from our lives." Finally, one old brother had heard enough, so he prayed, "Lord, kill the spider!" Christianity should have that kind of transforming power. Every Christian is promised the fruits of the Spirit-love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, self-control-and we should not be satisfied with any transformation less than that.

COMMUNITY. A church family is vital in God's plan for nurturing and maturing young Christians. A wholesome Christian community is a foretaste of how we will live together in heaven. No place on earth should be as safe from criticism and religious persecution as a congregation of Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Unfortunately that is not the picture I get from many churches. I woke up to this when we gathered names of former and inactive members a couple of years ago. The majority of those listed the reason they dropped out as harsh, judgmental treatment by church members. About 60 to 70 percent of pastors surveyed were afraid to bring former members back to church for fear of

demned and embarrassed.

This is a frightening picture to me. I seldom get angry on my own behalf, but I do get upset when God is dishonored. He cannot possibly bless a church that is fighting and belittling each other such as those pastors indicated. There must be some conversions in our churches, or the Holy Spirit may slip quietly away and leave us devoid of spirituality.

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My goal this year is to help create a climate where grace and tolerance fill every church. We will never excuse sin, but we will love the sinner as mercifully and patiently as God loves those of us who are also still sinners.

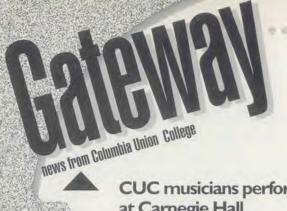
MOBILIZATION. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress,"—*James 1:27*. And, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,"—*Matthew 28:19, 20.*

Christianity is an active word. It cannot apply to passive people. The motto of every true Seventh-day Adventist is "Find a need and fill it." Your task may be evangelism such as NET '96, which will be the largest outreach activity ever tried by our church. Your task may be in community service, in caring for the widows and poor. Your task may be within the children's division at the church. Every Christian must be mobilized or his or her belief and faith is being diminished. Working together, we are a mighty force for good. Divided, we will turn to infighting and impotency.

There it is—my dream for 1996. I will do all by God's power and grace to make it a reality. I challenge you to share my dream. Who knows? You may have come to the kingdom for such a time as this!



Norma Osborn baptizing, Sligo church.



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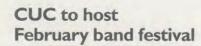
CUC musicians perform at Carnegie Hall

n November 26, the New **England Youth Ensemble** of Columbia Union College performed at Carnegie Hall for the 27th time. Selections included Regina Coeli by Mozart, Te Deum by Rutter and Magnificat by Rutter. Pro Musica, CUC's select choir, joined the orchestra for Te Deum and Magnificat under the direction of the composer, John Rutter.

Rutter, who is a world-renowned conductor and composer, conducted the concert, which also featured choirs from schools in the United States and the Carribbean.

"It was wonderful to introduce the family of CUC to John Rutter," says Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, founder and director of the ensemble. "He was delighted with the high standard of our orchestra."

Rutter, who has worked with Rittenhouse on many previous occasions, says, "This orchestra is the most remarkable thing. I always worry about small things during rehearsal, but this orchestra always rises to the occasion at performances. I've never heard them sound finer."



olumbia Union Conference academy band students are invited to the Columbia Union College Band Festival, February 14-17. Students will practice together, attend music clinics and perform during the festival.

One music clinic on Friday will be taught by One Earth Percussion Theatre. This group combines multi-media, lighting and electronics with virtuoso playing creating their own unique sounds.

Another guest musical group during the band festival will be the Atlantic Brass Quintet from New York. Founded in 1985, this brass group has performed at Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall and recently at the White House. The Atlantic Brass Quintet will perform for Friday night vespers at 7:30 p.m. in the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church. The community is invited.

On Sabbath, the Atlantic Brass Quintet, the Brass Mosaic, a CUC faculty brass group, and the CUC Honors Brass Quintet, a student brass group, will perform at the Sligo church service at 11 a.m.

The band festival's featured performance will take place at the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church at 3:30 p.m. on Sabbath afternoon. All band festival participants will perform under the direction of CUC band director David Workman, coordinator for the CUC band festival.

If you would like more information on the band festival, call the CUC music department at (301)891-4025.

Calendar of Events

- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, offices closed
- Registration 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Classes begin, Chapel: We remember MLK Jr.
- Connections with A. Torres, 7:30 p.m. Singspiration, 8:30 p.m., Phase II, 9:30 p.m.
- 20 Campus Ministries Outing, 3 p.m.
- 21 Adult Evening Program classes begin
- 22-26 Student Week of Prayer, 11:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- 23 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m.
- 24 Student Association Fast Break, 8-10 a.m.
- 25 Student Week of Prayer with Michael Flores, S.A. Religious Vice President, 11:15 a.m.
- 26 Connections, 7:30 p.m.
- Student Association Pep Rally Men's Basketball Game, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Departmentals, 11:15 a.m.
- Chapel, 11:15 a.m. Blood drive, 12 noon

February

- 1 Black History Month Interdisciplinary Colloquium/Shirley Wilson-Anderson, chair of the nursing department, noo
- 2-4 Columbia Concert Band tour Connections/Pine Forge Academy Chorale, 7:30 p.r Singspiration, 8:30 p.m., Phase II, 9:30 p.m.
- African Art Museum Trip, 2 p.m. Campus Ministries Outing, 3 p.m.
- African-American Literature Read-in, 4 p.m.
- 5 SA Elections Assembly, 11:15 a.m. Faculty/Staff sub supper, 5:30 p.m.
- 6-7 SA Elections
- 7 Chapel, Columbia Union Conference, 11:15 a.m.
- 9 Connections with Youth to Youth, 7:30 p.m. Singspiration, 8:30 p.m., Phase II, 9:30 p.m.
- 10 Campus Ministries Outing, 3 p.m. Black History Month Concert, 4 p.m.
- 12-16 CUC Youth-2-Youth Week
- 12 Acro-Airs Health Assembly, 11:15 a.m.
- 14-17 CUC Band Festival
- 14 SA Fast Break, 8-10 a.m. Chapel with CUC Y-2-Y, 11:15 a.m. Black Student Union Forum, noon
- 16 Vespers, Band Festival Artists Concert, 7:30 p.m. Singspiration, 8:30 p.m., Phase II, 9:30 p.m.
- Campus Ministries/SA Outing, 3 p.m. Band Festival Concert, Spencerville Church, 3 p.m. Warren Miller Ski Movie
- Student Association Ski Trip
- 19 President's Day Holiday, CUC closed

happening April 12-13

Plan now to attend Columbia Union

College Alumni Homecoming April 12-

13. Weekend events include Friday

on missions; Sabbath with guest

night vespers with a special program

at the Sligo church; a Saturday night

banquet featuring the Brass Mosaic, a

CUC faculty brass group; and more.

speaker and CUC graduate Don Bostian

Alumni homecoming

attend Acro Fest

cro-Airs, CUC's gymnastics team, participated this past November in Acro Fest, a meeting of gymnastic teams from Adventist academies, colleges and universities that took place at Kingsway College in Oshawa, Canada.

At Acro Fest, the teams attended clinics, a series of workshops by specialists in gymnastics. The clinics lasted four days, and team

members spent the days going from one station to another where the clinicians would give gymnastics advice. On Saturday night, the teams performed their routines.

The Acro-Airs head coach, Rick Hayes, thought that the trip was a lot of fun. "You learn a lot about people when you spend time together. This was a good experience for the team."

Next fall, CUC will be hosting Acro Fest.

Acro-Airs

Special classes include 1946, golden anniversary; 1971, silver anniversary; and honor classes 1936,

1956, 1966, 1976 and 1986. For more information on alumni

homecoming call, the alumni office at (301) 891-4132.



A group of Acro-Airs performing at Niagara Falls in Canada.





"Views from the Gateway"

CUC's New Year's Resolution

by James Hammond, Ph.D., CUC chair and professor of the psychology department

esolving and celebrating the end of one year and the start of a new one is an age-old religious, educational, social and cultural observance in all parts of the world. In the Western world, the New Year festivities take place on December 31, but in other cultures, they take place on different dates. The earliest known record of a New Year festival dates from 2000 BC in Mesopotamia. Among the recent New Year resolutions comes a batch from Columbia Union College.

Re-emerging are discussions and debates in American academic circles over educational accountability. In recent vintages, CUC has drawn up an educational re-development plan, it seems. These objectives must deal with courses, buildings, curriculums, hardware, personnel and budgets. The administrators, faculty and staff have immersed themselves in this process. This writer projects that the CUC community for 1996 could sum up its New Year's resolutions in Lindley Stiles' "Revolution in Instruction," namely:

- Demand for excellence in teaching
- 2. New designs for instruction
- 3. Electronic aids to teaching
- 4. Self-direction in learning
- 5. Reorganization on content
- Research: the instrument of improvement

By the end of 1996, it is hoped that as a community, CUC will have honored God in all we do, helped students develop mentally, physically and spiritually, pursued excellence and grown in profit. Then when New Year's resolution time arrives again, we can pray "where we are wrong, make us willing to change, and when we are right,

CUC ushers in the Christmas season

Columbia Union College students, faculty and staff welcomed the Christmas season with a traditional Christmas tree lighting, caroling and a Gateway to Christmas dinner and program. About 300 students attended the special program held Wednesday, November 29, in the campus dining hall, according to Lori Ondecko, campus dining services director.

The program started with dinner served to the students by faculty and staff in the campus dining hall, beautifully decorated with evergreen bouquets, candles and Christmas ornaments. Following the meal and dessert, there was a special program where students wrapped gifts for local low-income families from the Adventist Community Services Center. All money for the gifts was donated by the Student Association Senate and CUC faculty and staff. Students also received instant photos with their friends by the Christmas tree and a photo frame with the Gateway to Christmas logo.

When the gift wrapping ended, the students walked with lighted candles out to the CUC commons to meet Santa, who conducted the Christmas tree lighting and handed out candy canes.

Writers conference brings more than 100

on Sunday, November 5, more than 100 academy students and sponsors from the Columbia Union Conference came to CUC for the annual writers conference. The conference opened Sunday night with Cafe Columbia, a poetry reading in the snack shop in Wilkinson Hall. There were a total of 15 workshops taught by both writing and design professionals. The 17 instructors included Mark Tyler, a CUC alumnus and staff writer for the Atlantic City Press; Kathy Goddard, Highland View Academy English teacher and writer; Lori Peckham, editor of Insight magazine; Glenn Alan, poet and playwright; and several other quest speakers, including CUC faculty.

Monday morning the students went on field trips to the Washington Post, Reuters News Agency, DC Channel 20-TV, WPGC and WKYS radio. Monday night ended with a conference-sponsored dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe in downtown Washington, D.C. An additional 50 students from Highland View Academy also came Monday to participate in field trips and workshops.

Tuesday the students attended more workshops and had a chance to meet with Rick Swartzwelder, a CUC alumnus and filmmaker who presented the short film he produced for his master's degree, *Paul McCall*, which has been nominated for an Emmy award. The students watched the film and asked the producer questions about its production.

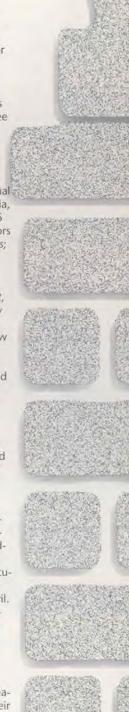
"I really enjoy working with young writers and encouraging them to sharpen their writing skills and increase reading," said Rhondda E. Robinson, writers conference coordinator and assistant professor of communication and English. "It's nice to see the writers conference continue to grow each year."

Wasmer holds a songbird

Robert Wasmer, CUC's professor of biology, is participating as a volunteer biologist in a long-term census of waterbirds at the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary near Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The sanctuary is a limiteduse park operated by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks and depends largely on unpaid volunteers working with staff naturalists to conduct its research programs.

The census is conducted every other Tuesday from October through April. Identifications, direct counts and estimates of numbers of species of waterbirds are conducted at pre-selected census locations in the wetlands. This study helps characterize the seasonal and year-to-year use of wetlands by different species of waterbirds.

This past summer, Wasmer also volunteered for another bird-banding study at Jug Bay. This activity was part of a nationwide research program, and it focused specifically on songbirds. The birds were caught in nets, measured and examined, and then a metal bird band was placed on one of their legs to help with further study. Wasmer said this activity was also of personal interest because he carves songbirds out of wood. During this project, he finally got to hold a live songbird in his hands.



make us easy to live with."

Could you use a miracle? God may be waiting for you to simply stop and listen. On January 18, thousands of Advent believers will begin a 10-day fast. Not a fast from food, but a fast from noise! God has challenged, "Be STILL and know that I AM God." You are invited to take up this challenge by taking a 10-day "vacation from distraction.'

On the brink of the second millennium, life is noisy. Television, radio and magazines keep splashy red and yellow logos flashing across the mind's eye. Jingles sing in our ears, and laugh tracks chortle endlessly. Modern life is filled with distraction. The North American Division Youth Ministries Department is asking for Adventists everywhere to turn off the tube, put down the paper, log off the system and for 10 days just listen to God.

The reason for the occasion? NAD Youth Ministries is praying for a sequel to the first-century Pentecost to happen among the chur-ches of North America. Pentecost was much more than just

mission service (including mission work in North America). 2) Equipping youth with servant training that is spiritual and practical. 3) Providing an overarch-ing identity for all Adventist youth in service.



speaking in many languages, it was the launch of the greatest mission endeavor of all time.

Once again, it will be PRAYER that ushers in the same Spirit of sacrifice and service. This January, the "Adventist Youth Service Network (a.k.a. YouthNet)" will come to life. It is an

organized response to the youth mission movement already sweeping our church. Through the local church, ADRA, Maranatha, Student Missions and others, youth have proved they are eager to get their hands dirty for God. YouthNet has been designed to magnify the youth service movement by: 1) Engineering thousands of new on-ramps to

Could you use a miracle? YouthNet and the youth of North America invite you to commit January 18-27 to make room for the Holy Spirit to go to work.

Byard Parks is special assistant to the director of NAD Youth Ministries.



Pentecost came at the end of 10 days of prayer. Would you live 10 days without the "noise of the world" for such a miracle? If so, then join this national holiday from distraction and discover peace and focus in your life. Listen to Scripture, nature, your family and the whisper of God and let Him work a miracle in your life.

your personal trom noise 1. Seek God's guidance.

- 2. Mark your calendar.
 - 3. Form a team.
- 4. Do something significant!
 - 5. Share the blessing.

What about the

Plans were being made by the Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Marietta, Ohio, churches for their upcoming evangelistic outreach with pastors David Ripley and Roy Lawinsky, evangelist Russell Burrill and several seminarians from Andrews University. When Feryl Harris, children's ministries director for the Mountain View Conference, inquired as to what was being planned for the children, she was told that babysitting services would be available.

She immediately thought this would be a perfect setting to try out the Forever Stories Funpak resource, which was written by Carolyn Byers and Barbara Manspeaker, with children's evan-

gelism included in its scope of usage and which has been produced by the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

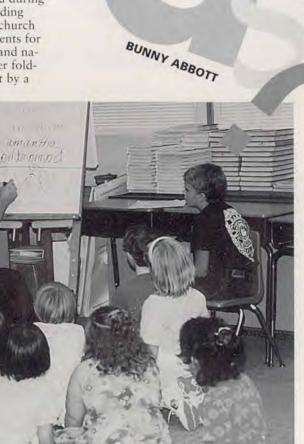
It was decided to offer more than "babysitting" for those children between the ages of 5 through 11 by using the Funpak, with the express purpose of providing an avenue for the children in attendance to get better acquainted with their Friend, Jesus.

Because the number of children varies from night to night in an evangelistic series, it was easy to adapt the lessons of this user-friendly Funpak according to the needs.

Arrangements
were made with "Uncle Ralf" and
"Aunt Brenda" Johnson of the
Parkersburg congregation to conduct an interactive song service each
evening with the kids—which eventually led to their singing one of
their favorites to the evangelistic
audience on one of the evenings.

As was suggested in the Funpak format, the lessons of which are adapted for children and based on The Great Controversy, each evening's lesson was presented by both the leader and the children. Lessons came alive as students took on the personalities of those characters spoken of in the text. Several activities supplied in the Funpak were incorporated into each program as time permitted. It is helpful that an abundance of activities is supplied, in that the time allotted has to be somewhat flexible in accordance with when the evangelist closes the meeting.

Variety was also provided during the five-week series by including volunteers from among the church members and seminary students for story telling, object lessons and nature nuggets. Oragami paper folding was a fun activity taught by a



Japanese seminarian's wife, while the wife of another from Germany taught a chorus in her native language. A favorite was "Uncle Randy," president of the Mountain View Conference, who kept the children spellbound with his talent for sketching.

Is evangelism for children important? Ask Feryl, Doris, Delores, Andee, Joan, Brenda, Ralf, Barbara, Jane, Lynn and the others who helped with the children during the Parkersburg meetings.

Fun and games? Yes, that was a part of it! More important was the opportunity given each evening for the students to choose which side of the controversy they wanted to be aligned with. It was a thrill to see them choose decidedly for Jesus!

Bunny Abbott is director of communication for the Mountain View Conference.



People from the community enjoy mingling with members of the Centerville church during the congregation's third annual Vegetarian Tasting Extravaganza.

Centerville sponsors taste extravaganza

Sunday, November 5, was a busy day at the Centerville church as the third an-

nual Vegetarian Tasting Extravaganza got underway. Under the leadership of Karen McFadden and Judy Maguire, this event has become a well-received outreach program of the congregation.

It was inspiring to see 260 guests in attendance-most of whom were not

Seventh-day Ad-

ing served a choice of 39 different healthfully prepared foods.

Equally inspiring was the involvement of a large cross-section of the church membership, from youth to seniors, who functioned as greeters, registrars, cooks, servers and hosts and hostesses.

One person who attended summed up the feeling of others by stating: "This was excellent. Great variety, friendly people, a lovely setting and great prizes! I'll be here next year with more people!"

Other responses from guests included a number of interests in cooking classes and lectures on nutrition and fitness, a request for a subscription to Vibrant Life magazine and desires for Bible study.

MARY EHLERS

ADRA operations interrupted in Haiti

Johan van Bignoot, Haiti director for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, reported that food deliveries were stopped for one or two days during

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Takoma Academy Alumni Homecoming Weekend April 19-21, 1996

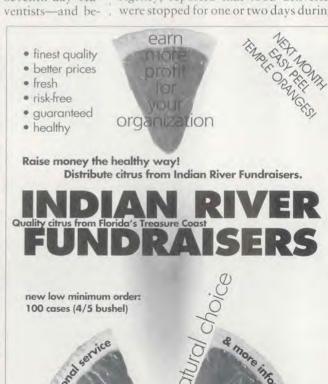
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30-YEAR CLASS — 1966	10-YEAR CLASS — 1986



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added that "all ADRA operations have now resumed."

The problem began when a national funeral was held for two government deputies who were killed and robbed as they left a bank. After a speech by Haiti's President Aristide, in which he called for the population to take charge and disarm the country, people began forcing their way into private homes.

Van Bignoot stated that the capital city of Port-au-Prince was full of roadblocks and burning tires. For security reasons, the agency suspended all formal operations. When the crisis passed, ADRA personnel returned to their jobs making food deliveries and field visits.

ADRA has long been a significant provider of relief to Haiti's six million people. The agency operates in 74 communities, caring for 338,000 beneficiaries each month, including malnourished children, lactating mothers, orphans, the elderly and the handicapped.

Haiti is considered by many to be the most food-insecure nation in the West-

ern Hemisphere because of its high population growth rate and limited land.

JEANNETTE JOHNSON Director for News and Information

Signs of the Times places its 1,000th newsbox

One of the outreach programs being conducted by the Pacific Press Publishing Association in Boise, Idaho, recently reached an important milestone when the 1,000th newsbox with copies of Signs of the Times was placed in a public area where people can obtain free copies of the magazine.

Since David Sturm took the challenge two years ago to establish a witnessing program for churches that was easy to maintain and resultsoriented, he has experienced remarkable success.

Newsboxes all across the nation greet customers when they enter more than 150

November because of civil unrest, but . WalMart stores, grocery stores, post offices and busy street corners.

> This silent witness generates about 100 requests for Bible studies per week. Over the past year, the newsbox program has prompted more than 1,600 callers to request a subscription to Signs. There is no doubt that God is blessing this outreach.

> Sturm travels across the country helping congregations place newsboxes in their towns. In special church services, he shares encouraging stories and explains how simple it is to operate this silent but strong witnessing program.

> Also, Sturm introduces the newsboxes to local business owners, obtains permission to set up a box, stocks it with magazines and turns the outreach over to the local church. All members have to do is maintain a supply of Signs magazines.

> Anyone who is interested in supporting this program can phone (800) 545-2449 and start reaching people in this unusual but effective way.

> > TERESA PLINE



David Sturm with one of the 1,000 newsboxes that make copies of Signs of the Times available to the public.

Dr. Kav's O&A

Stepping into a stepparent relationship



Question: We are a stepfamily with problems. My wife thinks it's all my fault since she didn't have any problems with her daughters before I became a part of the family. I didn't have any problems with my children before I remarried, but now we seem to be at each other's throats. Where can we read something to help us?

Answer: There are many helpful books and articles on step-parenting. See what's at your public library or in your local bookstore. If you don't find something on the shelf, ask a clerk to check the subject index for possible selections. Good parenting magazines, like Parents, Parenting or Christian Parenting Today, often have helpful articles for those in step-relationships.

There are also organizations and support groups to help you through the jungle of tangled relationships that step-relationships cause. The important thing is to not give up hope and not blame each other. You are all in this together.

I've been thinking the marriage vows need to be adjusted for those marrying into a steprelationship. Perhaps the blissfully ignorant couple should promise: "I will be willing to put away all my preconceived ideas of 'family' and all my dreams of living happily ever after, and from this day forward, I will face the reality that I am marrying more than the woman I love and adore and will call my wife; I am marrying her children, her ex-spouse, his wife, their children and all the extra grandparents, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles who come crawling out of the cracks in the wall. I understand I will face more relational problems in this marriage than I have ever faced before, but I won't give up. I'm in this for the long haul, and I will be willing to seek and pay for help wherever it is available. I also understand that having faced the challenge of stepparenting and succeeded, I can look forward to my reward-in heaven!

No one in his or her right mind would take a vow like that. But that's exactly what a person marrying into a step-relationship is likely to encounter. It's hard enough to make it in a marriage when you "grow up" together with each having clearly defined roles: mother, father and child. A step-relationship is like putting everyone in a blender, turning it on and expecting each person to come out whole. It doesn't happen. Blending changes the nature of everyone.

Human relationships are such that anytime there is a change in one, this causes a change in another. It's as if each family is a giant mobile. When one piece is moved, the other pieces adjust. Hold on. Be willing to adjust to new relationships. Remember: A mobile-like a blended marriage—though sometimes blown in the wind, can be an awesome thing of beauty.

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the Family Times newspaper. For a free year's subscription, just write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (615) 339-1144.1

ALLEGHENY EAST

Weekend seminar focuses on personal relationships

Seventy-two persons participated in the interpersonal relationship seminar presented November 17-19 by the family life department of the Trinity Temple church in Newark, New Jersey.

The weekend program was facilitated by LeCount and Melvene Butler. The Butlers have presented these seminars for conferences, camp meetings, choirs and groups in the private sector.

Butler, a former pastor and hospital chaplain, holds an M.A. in educational psychology, while his wife is a certified nurse psychotherapist. They have served as consultants to the District of Columbia's department of consumer and regulatory affairs.

In the session dealing with communication skills, participants paired off and conversed on various topics for one minute each while changing partners for every new topic. Verbal and physical (body language) communication were both observed.

The part on forgiveness and "How to Confront without Affronting" involved role playing and discussion groups to further reinforce these Christ-centered, practical methods. Butler emphasized ways in which one can build relationships based on respect that includes admiration, affection, good communication, commitment, honesty (which tends to break down defenses) and forgiveness.

Participants were also admonished to learn how to remember details, play together and set goals. These words of counsel were presented with practical strategies, role-playing situations and thoughtful observations.

Everyone present left with a wealth of practical experience and materials on how to better relate to all our brothers and sisters here on earth—our "dress rehearsal" for heaven.

LAVERNE HENDERSON
Communication Leader

CHESAPEAKE

Making children part of church

Little and "not-so-little" children are leading the way to enthusiasm in worship at the Pasadena, Maryland, church.

The youngsters look forward to being part of worship with a special joy that is energizing. Two hearing-impaired children are included with the help of a translator during the service.

The church board decided that the children would be the target audience



On Sunday, October 29, Pathfinders from the Frostburg, Maryland, congregation and students from the Willow Brook church school in Cumberland, Maryland, collected more than 600 cans and packages of food for harvest baskets that were given to the poor and needy.—EILEEN BLOOM

during the first Sabbath of each month. This service is special in the selection of songs that are familiar to children and acceptable to adults.

Also, the "children's story" is a brief synopsis of Adventist heritage and the founding spiritual leaders of the church. This is followed by a sermonette delivered in ways to make the youngsters feel

appreciated and included.

During the second of these unique services, the congregation greatly appreciated the spiritual instruction of Virginia Smith, the children's ministries director of the General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland. Smith led the youngsters in getting the big picture of the Bible by involving them in a "Bible timeline."

The entire congregation became involved in the stimulating questions given to the youths that made them think and apply their knowledge. One child commented: "I liked it because I felt like I was a part of it all. I felt like us kids were included." Mission accomplished!

On the third Sabbath of each month, the youngsters are escorted to the fellowship hall, where they have their own worship. The children enjoy a separate song service, nature story, crafts and a sermonette delivered in an age-appropriate level.

Members hope to develop a puppet ministry as part of the children's church. An additional program is the Adventurer club, which meets during Tuesday

evening prayer meetings.

Another goal of the congregation is to teach the gospel and objectively introduce the children to a "saving faith that works" by integrating the youths into Christian service. These youngsters are currently involved in canned food drives, and future plans include having children "adopt grandparents" at nursing homes they visit.

JOSEPH McBEE Correspondent

PENNSVIVANIA

Sharpsville celebrates 50th anniversary

Members of the Sharpsville church in Mercer County recently commemorated the congregation's 50th anniversary at its present site on North Mercer Avenue.

Three former pastors returned to join with Paul Fisher, who was then the congregation's soon-to-be-former pastor, to

help in the celebration of this memorable event.

Pastors Dave Woodruff of Chambersburg, Mark Heisey of Banner Elk, North Carolina, and DeWayne Boyer of Silver Spring, Maryland, shared their memories of serving in Sharpsville. Many of these reflections included first-timeever experiences, happy and funny events and more serious situations.

A highlight of the day came when the history of the church in the Shenango Valley, which began in 1918, was read by Edith Bale, a long-time member of . the Sharpsville congregation.

Following the worship service, a fellowship meal was enjoyed by the pastors and their families, the congregation and many friends from the New Castle and New Brighton churches in Pennsylvania and the Warren, Ohio, congregation.

An attractive table displayed a great variety of foods furnished by the host church and a beautiful cake baked and decorated by Sue Hutto, who was visiting from Portland, Tennessee.



Attending the 50th aniversary of the Sharpsville church were former pastors (back row, from left) Dave Woodruff, Paul Fisher, Mark Heisey and DeWayne Boyer and the three oldest members of the congregation (front row, from left): Dorothy Alexander, Edith Bale and Lillian Stuart.

Everyone had an enjoyable time visit- * eral friends whom they hadn't seen for a ing and catching up on news with the 'while. pastors and their families, as well as sev-

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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,"-I Thessalonians 4:16, 18 NIV.

GUYMON, Mary E., born September 1, 1935, Rich Hill, MO; died October 6, 1995, Columbia, MO. She had been a member of

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the West Wilmington, DE, church and a literature evangelist in the Chesapeake Conference for several years. Survivors: sons John Jr. and Gary and five grandchildren.

STREIDL, Harold R., born December 16, 1935, Detroit, MI, died August 27, 1995, Collegedale, TN. He was a secondary science teacher for 35 years and taught at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, PA, from 1962 until the time of his medical disability and retirement in 1994. While there, he pioneered the aviation program, providing flight instruction to hundreds of students. Survivors: wife Marion, daughter Pamela Anders, son Roger, sister Shirley Papendick and one grandchild.

TOOP, John A., born November 14, 1902, Ontario, Canada, died October 20, 1995, Laurel, MD. He worked for the church for 60 years, beginning his service as a literature evangelist, then academy Bible teacher, pastor and mission president before becoming home missionary, Sabbath school and public relations secretary of the New Jersey Conference in 1957. After holding a similar post with the West Pennsylvania Conference for two years, he was named Sabbath school secretary and trust services director of the Pennsylvania Conference in 1964. After one month's retirement, he worked part time for the next 14 years setting up the trust services department of the Chesapeake Conference. Survivors: daughter Donna Weigle, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren

WILSON, Ethan, born 1902, KY; died October 11, 1995, OH. He was a member of the Middletown, OH, church. Survivors: daughters Marie Benton, Emma Hall, Joyce Sweeney and Eva Adams and sons Keith and David.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Southern College alumni take part in winter festival

A gathering of former pupils from Southern College in Collegedale, TN, will follow the vespers program presented by the school on Sabbath, March 2, during the 1996 Adventist Winter Festival in Glenwood Springs, CO. The college will also have a display at the festival where high school seniors will be offered a gift certificate toward the school's summer semester. For more information, call (800) SOUTHERN during office hours.

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Campus ministries



The HVA Drama Team at the close of the performance, "Through the Eyes of the People." This appearance was for Eastern Shore Junior Academy students, family and friends. The team is accepting reservations to perform various programs for school and church groups. If you are interested in booking a performance, please call Pastor Ron Aguilera at (301) 739-8480, Ext. 219.

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The Chesapeake Conference presents the 5th Annual Honduras Mission Trip open to all Chesapeake Conference Youth April 4-14. For more information, please contact Pastor Ron Aguilera at HVA or conference Youth Director Steve Wade at the Chesapeake Conference Office.

Campus ministries calendar

January

19 - Vespers - Come the Morning A World Wide Video Productions Presentation

February

- 2, 3 Drama Team and Puppet Ministries Tour
- 5-10 Student Week of Prayer
- 16, 17 Drama Weekend -Guests: CUC Drama Team "Witness"



Principal Morgan Hellgren

What would the world have been like if the wheel had not been invented? Or if Thomas Alva Edison had quit after a thousand failures to make the light bulb glow? What if there had been no telephone? Or if the Wright Brothers' 13-second flight through space had ended all dreams to fly? What would the world be like today without imagination, perseverance and dreams?

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But is it still relevant? Is it necessary? Why spend thousands of dollars for an education when you can get it free?

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Free education is not free. It comes at a tremendous price to many of our Adventist youth. Many of our priceless youth are drawn into the secular world through athletics, alcohol, tobacco and drugs, music and sex. Failing to find friends to cultivate and nourish their Christian beliefs, they are quickly overcome by the 'desires' of the world and the fierce pull of peer pressure.

While Christian education is not without its pitfalls, it is a much safer haven for our youth than any public school could ever be. Here they are free to express their opinions, guard their values and believe and worship God without fear of ridicule. Here they learn to choose and cultivate friends wisely, strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ and secure for themselves lasting and timeless values.

It is clear that the spiritual domain of our schools is the reason for their existence. But there is another important aspect-academics. It is true that Christian education deals with the "preservation of ideals and cultivation of a relationship with Christ," but there is a "preparation for the here and now" that must also take place. Christian teachers make a difference. Their prayers, personal caring and time invested in each student makes all the difference in heaven.

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Test scores over the past four years have risen dramatically, thus placing Highland View Academy students in the upper range of schools in North America. Average ACT scores are high enough to qualify students for selective colleges and universities, but the largest percentage of seniors qualified for entrance in highly selective colleges and universities. This year's seniors scored the highest on the SAT test of any class since records have been kept at HVA.

There are many accomplishments we can thank God for. The challenge, however, is never completely met. Test scores indicate that the longer a student is at HVA, the higher his or her test scores go. It is obvious that quality education makes a difference. But we cannot rest there.

Many of the students who come to the academy bring with them weak areas which need remediation, learning challenges that need special approaches or emotional difficulties which need special care. We are working to provide the kind of help and support that every student needs as he or she comes to HVA for an excellent Christian education.

We are grateful to God for our accomplishments. It is a direct result of the dream that was generated many, many years ago for this school and its predecessor, Mt. Aetna Academy—providing excellence in Christian education to the youth of the Chesapeake Conference and surrounding states.

Christian education is worth its weight in gold. But sometimes it seems that it costs its weight in gold, if a quality program that meets the needs of every student is going to be viable. However, when the salvation of our young people is at stake, no cost is too high.

As we strive toward the goal of quality Christian education for each student here at Highland View Academy, we pray for God's blessing and support. Please join us in making the support of Christian education a top priority in this new year.





A MEDIEVAL MOMENT

His Majesty wishes to thank his loyal subjects for attending such a royal occasion as this ...

And so the 1995 boys' club banquet began on the 19th of November. The setting was a medieval, royal gathering in the king's court, called a *masque*. A total of 130 students attended the event, held in the Barr Complex cafeteria.

Dean Braman and the boys' club officers spent a l-o-n-g Saturday night transforming the cafeteria into a castle fit for a king and queen. Amid "oohs" and "aahs," the guys ushered their dates to their tables, where they were waited upon by the faculty (which was worth the price of admission!).

Delicious food. Wonderful friends. The night was truly a magical, "medieval" moment in time.





Clockwise from top left: Russian exchange student Elle Tricolich enjoys the new experience of an academy banquet.

Students sit at the royal banquet tables eating a special five-course meal.

Four senior escorts, (I-r) Michael Tucker, David Oakley, Bryan Faehner and Jeremy Tooley, carry flowers to their dates. Only Michael was original enough to give his awaiting date a lasting companion— a goldfish!

King Sal Sarcona guides his queen for the evening, Sasha Ross, through the royal occasion's hors d'oeuvre line. King Sarcona's attire added to the evening's theme of a medieval masque, or royal party in the king's court.

Junior Brent Brumagin waits for hostess Nancy Hellgren to direct him and his date to their seats. Students enjoyed being waited on by the faculty for the evening.



Highland View Academy Child Care Center



Above: Teacher Susan Braman directs daycare students as they perform for their family and friends. They are pictured dressed in Indian costumes they made while studying about the role of Indians at the first Thanksgiving.

Top: HVA sophomore Jennifer Stymiest works as a teacher's aide at the center. The students enjoy her happy smile and friendly spirit.

Below: The first snowfall of the season is a big hit with a group of the after-school care students.



On November 21, during the lunch hour, the kindergarten and preschool classes of the Highland View Child Care Center hosted a Thanksgiving luncheon and program. Approximately 40 family members and friends attended. They were entertained by the students with songs, poems and a puppet show.

The children had worked hard making crafts and decorations for the event, which included laminated fall placemats, teepees, log cabins and costumes. The centerpiece of the program was a nine-foot teepee made out of decorated, crumpled paper bags.

The guests were treated to a delicious Thanksgiving meal prepared by the center's staff. While the children definitely enjoyed entertaining their guests, the families and friends reported their delight at watching their children perform and dining with them "Indian" style.

If you would like an opportunity to get acquainted with the staff and children and to learn more about the center's program, you are invited to attend the I Love You Luncheon on February 14 at 11:00 a.m. Of course, we invite you to inquire about our program at any time. You may reach us at (301)739-2211.

HVA Daycare calendar

January Theme—Community Helpers

January 15
Martin Luther King Day
Schools are closed; daycare available

February Theme-I Love My Pets

February 14
I Love You Luncheon

February 19 President's Day

Schools are closed; daycare available.

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What's happening around ountain

January 19-21

NADEI Classes Parkersburg

January 22 - 9:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Parkersburg

January 22 - 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Parkersburg

January 25-28

Pathfinder Ski Trip Valley Vista Camp

February 1-4

Adventist Youth Ski Festival Valley Vista Camp

February 19

Presidents' Day Holiday Conference Office Closed

Looking Ahead:

Lay Advisory Meeting

Youth Rally

Cumberland

April 13

April 19-21 Men's Retreat Valley Vista Camp

March 10 - 10:00 a.m.

Clarksburg

March 22-23

Music Festival Cumberland

MOUNTAIN VIEW

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Happy gnu year

Here we are just days into 1996, and already things are not going quite as we planned. How are your resolutions going? It has been my experience that most are doomed from the start.

- 1. Some are too ambitious, "I resolve to eat only an apple a day until St. Patrick's Day."
- 2. Some are not realistic. "I resolve to eat only an apple a day until St. Patrick's Day."
- 3. Some have no accountability built in. "I resolve to eat only an apple a day until St. Patrick's Day ... maybe."
- 4. Some are secret. "I resolve to eat only an apple a day until St. Patrick's Day ... but I'm not telling anybody."

You can see that all four were not well thought through. However, it is not too late to try some movements toward reform even at this late date. May I suggest a different plan?

I recommend you choose one or more from this list or from a similar list of your own and do them for just one month. That's right, I said one month. Who knows? After a month, you might find it possible to make it a whole year and perhaps then permanently.

1. SMILE MORE:

When on the phone ... At church ... When eating ... especially breakfast! When talking to your family members.

2. VISIT:

Consins Fellow church members People in a nursing home Your parents ... more Your neighbors.

3. START:

Reading more Doing relaxing crafts Taking walks with someone close to you. Exploring the Spirit of Prophecy Attending church.

4. STOP:

Using tobacco Coffee Television Shaving Reading novels Putting things off.

5. SABBATH:

Watch its edges Go to church early and greet people warmly.



Randy Murphy President

6. BIBLE:

Read a chapter each day from the writings of Peter, James or John.

7. MMS:

Send a donation to the Miracle Meadows School to help a troubled youth.

8. WRITE:

Write a note or postcard to people you care about or someone lonely first thing every morning.

9. PRAY:

Pray for your pastor and his wife morning and evening.

10. DO:

Do something nice for a child each day for a month.

I am sure you can add some wonderful ideas to this list. Resolutions are fun. They make us think about others. They make us take a serious look at ourselves. I am praying that God will guide you as you resolve to make some changes for the good in your life! You will not only feel better about yourself, but you will be a blessing to others as well!

Greetings from Russia!

The following message was received regarding the offering that was taken at camp meeting this past year to benefit our brothers and sisters in Vladimir, Russia, as they complete their church:

"Greetings on behalf of the Euro-Asia Division and the members of the Vladimir Seventh-day Adventist Church. Let me thank you, the conference administration, and especially the members of the Mountain View Conference for their care and generosity in providing for the Vladimir church construction. Your sacrificial giving and concern for your brothers and sisters in Vladimir is a wonderful demonstration of your Christian spirit. It will be a tremendous boost to the specific needs of the Vladimir congregation so that they can pursue the dream of having a house of worship. Thank you so much for your willingness to assist even with pressing needs of your own in the Mountain View Conference. Jesus is coming soon, and your sacrifice will help to establish a beacon of light in Vladimir to shed light to others regarding this wonderful Good News! May God bless and guide each of you in your continued witness for Him in the Mountain View Conference and beyond as we near our Saviour's return. Regards."

TED N. C. WILSON President, Euro-Asia Division tion that officially gives her the license to practice as a registered nurse in this state.

The Parkersburg/Tollgate district held a farewell dinner at the Parkersburg church for their pastor, David Ripley, and his wife, Lynn, on Sunday evening, November 19. More than 52 people gathered to wish the

Ripleys well as they move to Houston, Texas, where Elder Ripley will pastor the church there.





Top: Reggie, Andee and Del Johnson sang a special Texas adaptation of "Country Roads" for the Ripleys. Above: Sharon Bobier, Parkersburg church treasurer, presented gifts to the Ripleys on behalf of both churches.

MOUNTAIN VIEWS

The Central Hills church in Clarksburg recently held the annual food drive benefitting its Community Services program. The church's Pathfinder club distributed grocery bags to area residents, asking them in turn to place canned food inside. One week later, they returned to those homes and collected the bags of food. The food was distributed to needy residents within the community during the holiday season.

The Spencer members are doing some "serious" face work on their church to prepare it for the evangelistic series that is planned for the fall of '96.

The Logan church recently hosted staff and students from the Miracle Meadows School for a special service of music and testimony. Along with congregational singing at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, special music was provided by the students and staff. They also shared moving testimonies of how God is working in their lives. The group enjoyed the warmth of Christian fellowship with dinner following the services. In the afternoon, the group sang and ministered to the residents of the Logan Park Care Center in Logan.

The Lewisburg church recently hosted a health and lifestyle seminar at the Bolling Community Center featuring retired minister/educator Bob East. East says that "getting sick may have been the best thing that could have happened to me. It gave me a wake-up call to the importance of personal responsibility." Using his own experience in battling the "great crippler" (multiple sclerosis) as a backdrop, he presented four practical steps that helped him return to a full active life. The public was invited to the seminars.

The Spencer church had a "New Start" booth at the annual Spencer Black Walnut Festival. They handed out "Good Health in One Package" brochures from the Weimar Institute. Nineteen people signed up for a cooking school as a result of the contacts made. Others signed up for programs such as parenting, remedial use of herbs, stress management and the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking.

Chris Hasse, communication leader for the Spencer church, reported that a newsletter is being sent to 19 children who attended this past year's Vacation Bible School. Several church members contribute articles for the newsletter.



The Buckhannon church recently held a "pound" party for its pastor, John Pancerzewski and his family. Church members brought "pounds" of food to share with their pastor. Church members also honored the pastor's wife, Scarlotte, with a cake to celebrate her passing the West Virginia State Board of Nursing examinaMembers of the Lewisburg church recently enjoyed an old-fashioned hayride at

the home of Jim and Faith Sampson. Following the hayride, a covereddish dinner was served. Games, singing, story telling and a treasure hunt added to the fun, which ended with a marshmallow roast around a campfire after dark.

The Tollgate church has begun a Bible correspondence school. Members are excited about the 144 responses received from cards mailed out to people in the Ritchie, Doddridge, Tyler and part of Harrison counties.

Members of the Richwood church are encouraged following the series of meetings they held which resulted in four baptisms and one profession of faith. J. Allen Fine, evangelist and pastor of the Glenville/Spencer district, was the speaker for the series, assisted by Larry Boggess, pastor of the Braxton/Richwood/Summersville/Webster Springs district.

Seasons of the heart

Penny Estes Wheeler, editor of the new Adventist women's magazine, Women of Spirit, was the speaker for the fourth annual women's retreat that was held October 6-8 at the Valley Vista Adventist Center. She drew from personal experiences to illustrate the theme for the weekend, "Seasons of the Heart." Women throughout the conference took time from their daily routines to refresh their lives through the peacefulness and beauty of Valley Vista and their association with their sisters in

Christ, Lynn Ripley, director of women's ministries, focused on our relationship with Iesus during the "seasons" of our lives as she led out in the weekend's activities, which included small group discussion and prayer groups. Early morning walks were a time for physical exercise, as well as time to spend sharing with one another.

Saturday evening was spent in the Calfee Pavilion, where Marty Murphy had an ABC display set up, and there were several tables set up to do crafts. Some of the crafts done were dried flower arrangements with Bernie Calhoun, Toll Gate; paper boxes with Chris Hasse, Spencer; quilting with Sylvia Grandstaff, Valley View; topiaries with Gloria Carter, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; decorative soap with Iane Browning, Parkersburg; clown dolls with Acena Wightman, Charleston; and hairpieces with Heather Ripley, Parkersburg. Refreshments were served, and Goldie

comfortable and pleasant for family and friends. She quoted from The Adventist Home, page 154, which says: "There should be a proper harmony of colors and a general fitness of things in the furnishing of a house; but it is not necessary to good taste that every article of furniture in a room should be of the same pattern in design, material or upholstery; but, on the contrary, it is more pleasing to the eye that there should be a harmonious variety."

"I wish there were two women's retreats each year," commented one lady as she packed up to go home. Another commented, "Each year that I come, I make new friends and feel a greater relationship

with my Lord. I can't wait for the next retreat!"







Left to right, top to bottom: The retreat was great for renewing old friendships and making new friends! Left to right: Sherylin (Harris) Jackson (Columbus, Ohio), Bernie Calhoun (Toll Gate), Dottie Steimling (Spencer) and Sandy Davis (Spencer). Heather Ripley (Mt. Vernon, Ohio) "mimed" a special song for the group.

Donna Shank (Summersville) and "Pete" Wimer (Franklin) were serious as they created their topiaries during craft night. Chris Hasse works with a group in making

Gloria Carter (Mt. Vernon, Ohio); Dorothy Davenport (Valley View); Penny Wheeler (Hagerstown, MD) and Bernie Calhoun (Toll Gate) discussed decorating ideas.





Titus had a display of T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale from the camp store.

On Sunday morning, Gloria Carter from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, gave tips on how to "feather our nests" to make our homes

Pruitt to pastor Weirton/ Wheeling district

Milt and Patti Pruitt come to the Weirton/ Wheeling district in the Mountain View Conference from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where they've been doing a literature evangelism Ministry. Their last pastorate was in Bradenton, Florida. They've also pastored in the Carolina Conference, as well as throughout the Columbia Union. Milt has also

served as the trust services and stewardship director of the Chesapeake Conference.

Milt is from North Carolina and is a graduate from Columbia Union College. Patti is also a graduate from CUC and is originally from Pittsburgh. She is a Chapel recording artist with a recording entitled, "Touch Through Me."

Milt and Patti have three children: Kevin, Wendy and Brian.

Youth gather for rally in Parkersburg

More than 100 youth gathered in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on November 17-18 for a time of fellowship together. Members of the Parkersburg church provided housing and a fellowship lunch on Sabbath for the young people.

Del Johnson, conference treasurer, was the speaker for the Friday evening service. Young and old alike enjoyed the program presented by the clown and puppet ministries from Mt. Vernon Academy in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Louis Parra, teacher and recruiter from Mt. Vernon Academy, was the speaker for the Sabbath morning worship hour. The Sabbath afternoon program consisted of

Top to bottom, left to right: Louis Parra, from Mt. Vernon Academy, held the young people's attention during this talk during the morning worship hour. The Mt. Vernon choir and band, directed by Bob Schimp, provided beautiful music on Sabbath. The Mt. Vernon clown ministry presented several thought-provoking skits throughout the weekend. The puppets were a hit at both the Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon programs.

music from the Mt. Vernon band and choir and the puppet and clown ministries.

"The youth rally at Parkersburg was a great success thanks to the youth and staff of Mt. Vernon Academy, the good leadership of our Adventist Youth Director, Richard Perkins, and the fine young people from Ohio and West Virginia who came to participate," states Kingsley Whitsett, conference youth ministries coordinator.









It was a very good year!

How did 1995 go for your church? Was it a good year? Were you blessed by God? Ellen White wrote: "The spiritual health and prosperity of the church is dependent in a great degree on her systematic benevolence. It is like the life blood which must flow through the whole being, vitalizing every member of the body,"—Testimonies, Volume 3, page 405.

As I write this, 1995 promises to be a good year for the Mountain View Conference. While November and December figures are not yet in as I write this, we estimate a record tithe year for the conference at four percent above the 1994 figures. Our giving per member exceeds the average for every union in the North American Division. Only 19 out of 60 conferences exceed the per-capita giving of the Mountain View Conference! God is blessing His people as they are faithful to Him.

What is the supreme purpose of the tithe? The Lord's messenger wrote: "God planned the system of beneficence, in order that man might become like his Creator, benevolent and unselfish in character,

and finally be a partaker with Christ of the eternal, glorious reward,"—*Testimonies*, Volume 9, page 255. That is a powerful statement! What potential rests in each of God's children, to become in some ways 'like his Creator!'

When my wife was a child, her dad gave her a weekly allowance. He helped her separate her tithe out. As her little fingers counted out the coins that would go into the tithe envelope, she pulled out a couple of extra pennies. With a glint in her eye, she looked up at her dad. "Shall I tip Him?" she asked. Unknowingly, she was following the admonitition of Ellen White when she wrote: "In determining the proportion to be given to the cause of God, be sure to exceed, rather than fall short, of the requirements of duty,"-Testimonies, Volume 4, page 469.

Thank you for your

faithfulness in your tithes and offerings for 1995. Returning the sacred tithe is an acknowledgement on your part of God's supremacy in your life.

DEL JOHNSON Treasurer



Students attending the NADEI (North American Division Evangelism Institute) classes at the Parkersburg church October 27-29 met in small groups to discuss lay evangelism. Left to right: Dorothy Davenport, Valley View; Millie Carpenter, Elkins; Rose Payne, Parkersburg; Marty Murphy, Parkersburg; and Feryl Harris, Toll Gate discuss the topic for their presentation to the entire class. The final class for the Bible Instructors' course, which began in April of 1993, will take place January 19-2. A special graduation program is being planned to take place at camp meeting for those who have successfully completed the course requirements.

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Carl Rodriguez has come to New Jersey as director of youth ministries. He is bilingual and bicultural, bringing his enthusiasm for young people to our conference.

His personal mission statement, he says, is "To train, equip and empower youth and youth leadership in various capacities, in understanding the true nature of youth ministry, the aiding and spiritual maturity, and providing the best tool for effective and successful youth ministry."

Rodriguez has had varied experience during the past 10 years. He has worked as a pastor in the Florida Conference and was a teacher at Greater New York Academy. He also earned a master's of divinity degree



at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. His spe-

flict resolution, visioning and family life and youth ministries.

cialties include administration, con-

His vision statement is "To fulfill God's call in providing a vast multitude of spirit-filled youth leaders, young adults and youth who are fully committed to Christ, their personal spiritual growth and His mission in sharing and spreading the three angels' messages in a purposeful, relevant and well-organized, God-led method through new and existing ministries of our church."

Rodriguez says he believes that by helping all seekers, believers and leaders to either fall in love or stay in love with Jesus, to aid in their characCarl and Maria Rodriguez move to New Jersey, where he will direct conference youth ministries.

ter building and to train them for service through the wide variety of branches of youth ministries, "we can enhance the second coming of the

Rodriguez and his wife, Maria, have one daughter, Elizabeth. His interests include recreational sports, creative planning and vision planning.



January 15 Conference Office and ABC closed

January 18

Conference Executive Committee 1 p.m., Trenton

> January 19-21 Pathfinder Winter Retreat Camp Bernie, Port Murray

January 27 Church Officer Training Lake Nelson Church

February 3 Church Officer Training Meadow View School

February 3 Special Day of Prayer Youth Called to the Ministry

> February 4 ABC open

February 8

One-day Prayer Conference Bucks County Church, Philadelphia

> February 10 Church Officer Training Vineland Church

February 11 ABC open



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EDITORIAL

He stood out in the crowd. He was old. He was bold. He was on a mission, and he was in the heart of the nation's capital.

My wife and I recently passed him as we left the metro station in Washington, D.C., on the way to a speaking appointment. He was playing a keyboard and singing to all the passers-by. Had it not been for the words of his song, we probably would have categorized him with all the others who vie for attention on the sidewalks of our cities. The lyrics went like this, "When you leave this place, you will take a piece of me with you." He was right; we did.

I've reflected on those words a lot. Could it be that in the midst of all the rushing holiday shoppers, he was fanaticizing about spending the holidays in a warm, cozy home? Perhaps he was just trying to earn some cash for

A year of opportunity!

his next beer. But then again, just maybe he was speaking of an inner desire to make a difference in his world.

We stand on the threshold of a new year. Before us are countless opportunities to make a difference. When all is said and done, will we have shared enough of ourselves to make a difference in our world—a world that is desperately searching and longing for something that will bring meaning to the brokenness that seems to plague so many?

The answer, of course, is "yes" and "no." Some will. Some won't. The call to enter into a caring ministry is being extended to you whether you are young or old, male or female, rich or poor. It is not a call that I give. It is not a call the conference, your pastor or even your Sabbath school teacher can give. It is a call that Christ extends to you, and with it comes the assurance that He will be with you!

As your conference office team came together to plan for 1996, we asked ourselves and each other, "What kind of resourcing do our members need so each one who wants can begin to make a difference in his or her world?" The ideas began to pour out. As a result, our conference calendar is packed full of powerful opportunities to enrich your personal ministry. Beyond helpful workshops for pastors and teachers, there will be church officer training taken to various regions of our conference.

Because we realize that all of our activities can be worthless without the blessing of the Lord, we have scheduled a conference-wide prayer conference and two regional prayer breakfasts to serve as signals to return to the Lord with all our hearts and souls.

Camp meetings, of course, will also provide spiritual enrichment. In addition, men's and women's spiritual retreats give opportunities to break away from the hustle-bustle of the work routine for inspiration, Bible study and prayer.

Our youth were an important focus of our planning. We will be reaching out to all our youth—those in our schools and in public schools. We see the need to help build healthy and strong families. We also feel the pain from the loss of those who once fellowshiped with us, but for whatever reason have fallen away. Therefore, special efforts are being planned to reclaim these friends and family members.

This is just a taste of a few of the plans that have been made for our conference. You may obtain a copy of the conference calendar by requesting one from your pastor, conference educator or by contacting my office. Every effort will be made not to alter the dates or events, but some changes do happen because of circumstances beyond our control. I can assure you, however, that without exception, each office staff person has re-committed himself or herself to assist you in making a difference in your world.

When all is said and done, may it be said of us, "The world needed, and we shared, and as a result, we made a difference." When we link our efforts with the power of the Holy Spirit, the world will be shaken. The opportuni-

ties for making a difference are everywhere.

LARRY R. EVANS

President

Former New Jersey pastor celebrates with wife of 67 years



Elder Glenn and Ethel Coon celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary.

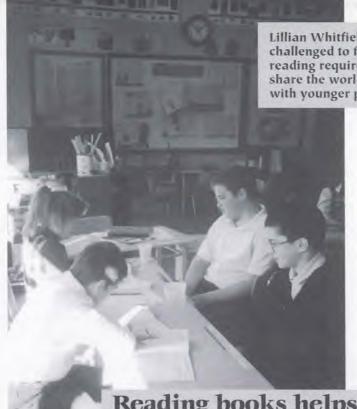
Glenn Coon and his wife, Ethel, recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary, which was hosted by their daughter, Nita Steffens, and her husband, Charles, at their home in Ooltewah, Tennessee.

The couple were married on Ethel's birthday, October 16, 1928, in Takoma Park, Maryland. They traveled to the British West Indies as missionaries, and while there had two children. Upon their return to the United States, he held the pastorate of several churches in New Jersey, Florida, New York and Tennessee. He represented the Southern Union as a traveling "revivalist" in his motor home for the next 35 years. He is the author of numerous books, including *The ABCs of Prayer*, and Ethel assisted him by typing, proofreading and preparing the manuscripts for printing.

Ethel is 88 years old, and Glenn, who is now 92, has been a minister for the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the past 70 years.

Elder and Mrs. Coon have been living in Ooltewah with their daughter, Juanita, and son-in-law, Charles, since Glenn's stroke in February 1987.





Lillian Whitfield students are challenged to fulfill personal reading requirements and to share the world of books with younger pupils.

They

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Whitfield Adventist school, the students in grades five through eight are required to read to or listen to a younger student read twice a week.

As part of the curriculum of the Lillian

The benefits of this arrangement are outstanding. The older students gain a better self-image and the satisfaction of

Reading books helps students focus on literature and relationships

Students in grades five through eight select books for personal reading to fulfill curriculum requirements at the Lillian Whitfield school.

Upper-grade students read books to children in the lower grades, developing friendships and interest in books.



helping someone, while the younger students receive individual attention and friendship. The relationship that begins in the classroom extends to the playground and to time outside of school.

The younger students look forward each week to the time when they can read or be read to by an older student. It's exciting for them to pick out the books they want to read or hear. They also develop an appreciation for books and a joy that comes through reading. This appreciation and joy used to be developed at home, but because of the demands that are placed upon parents in today's society and the dominance of the media in the home, time that was once set aside for reading is no longer available.

Interest in reading books has decreased in our society, but more importantly, the desire to help someone has also decreased. Our self-centered society desperately needs its young people to be taught to serve others. For this reason, we are trying to help our young people learn the joys of reading and lending a helping hand.

> SHARALEA BLEWETT Lillian Whitfield Head Teacher





Pictured in Hackettstown Community
Hospital's chapel are, from left, Adam
Schlereth, then the hospital's acting
chaplain; Emil Gaisler, Adeline's husband; Al Troianello, president of the
Hackettstown Community Health Care
Foundation; Gene Milton HCH president
and CEO; and foundation member
Henry Monetti, a close friend of the
Gaislers and long-time hospital
supporter who donated the frame for
the painting.

The Hackettstown Community Health Care Foundation has donated a painting to Hackettstown Community Hospital in memory of the late Adeline Gaisler. Beginning in the 1950s, Mrs. Gaisler had served as a member of the founding Hackettstown Community Hospital Committee. She then served as treasurer of the original hospital board of trustees.

The painting—a reproduction of *The Invitation* by Nathan Greene, signed and numbered by the artist—hangs in the

hospital's chapel.

Al Troianello, foundation president, said, "Since Adeline and her

husband, Emil, had previously furnished the hospital chapel in honor of loved ones, members of the foundation felt a painting for that chapel would be an appropriate way of showing appreciation for the many, many years of dedicated service Adeline has given in helping to establish a hospital in Hackettstown. We're deeply indebted to her and realize this is just a small way of recognizing her hard work."

"The painting is a wonderful addition to our chapel, which will indicate to chapel visitors that Adeline holds a very special place in our hearts," said Gene Milton, Hackettstown Community Hospital president and CEO. "Our gratitude also extends to her husband, Emil, for his personal sacrifice through the

The memorial plaque below the painting reads, "Given in loving memory of Adeline E. Gaisler by the Hackettstown Community Health Care Foundation."

BILL WEBER

Public Relations, Hackettstown Community Hospital

Painting memorializes friend of hospital

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Where there's smoke . . .

... there's a ministry. At least, that's what the pastor and congregation of the Manchester church discovered when the pastor, Ken Ferguson, received a phone call from an area hospital.

According to Ferguson, Manchester is the only town in Adams County that still has liquor. It is also a tobacco county. Both factors have made it hard for the 25-member Manchester church to make an impact in the area. Not willing to give up, the pastor and congregation met for a special prayer meeting to ask the Lord to open a door for them to witness.

As a result, the church members voted unanimously to move their church to the city of West Union, where they felt there was a greater opportunity for Christian witness. Then the pastor received a phone call from Sharon Ashley of the pulmonary rehab department of the Adams County Hospital in West Union. In talking with Ashley, Pastor Ferguson learned that the hospital is now smoke-free, and the staff wanted to begin stop-smoking classes for the employees. Ashley said she had heard a lot about the Adventist church and its health work.

Ferguson held the first Breathe Free clinic for 10 nurses ranging in age from about 25 to their early 60s this past November. He said some of them told him

he was their last hope because they had tried "everything" to stop smoking and were unable to do it. Staff schedules and meetings require Ferguson to hold the usual eight-night series one afternoon a week for six weeks. He has been requested to hold an evening class as well.

Ferguson's own parents died of emphysema and lung cancer. He shares this poignant story with his

class, quoting his mother, whom he says smoked for a lot of years. She told him, "I wish I had listened to you sooner. Keep this program alive. It's too late for me, but

too late for me, but you can help other people."

He intends to do just that. Ferguson says his members are determined in their ministry to counteract the influence of tobacco in Adams County. He wants to take the message into the area hospitals and public school system. He says deaths associated with emphysema and lung cancer are preventable. His mother gambled and lost, but he will do everything he can to help others avoid the same mistake.

Editor's note: I found it interesting in talk-

ing with Pastor Ferguson that this little congregation of 25 (average age 65) feels it has accomplished little in Manchester. Several members of Al Anon, a support group for family and friends of alcoholics, meet regularly at the church. In addition to their regular Thursday night prayer meeting, some of the church members meet with the pastor at 10 o'clock. Thursday morning for what he calls "an aggressive prayer campaign." They pray God will keep doors open for witnessing and for the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

They sponsored a weekend revival series attended by 100-150 this past September at the Community Center in West Union. Church members have maintained contact with one man who attended the meetings. He has requested a set of the videos so he can share them with six couples he has invited to meet with him in his home. Another couple (non-Seventh-day Adventists) requested a set of the tapes to share with their whole church.

When Pastor Ferguson asked about a chaplaincy program at the Adams County Hospital, he was told they didn't have one. At the time of this writing, he had been asked to discuss this with hospital personnel.

I think Manchester church members have accomplished much more than they realize.

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Edward Motschiedler

The faithful servant

You have received another call from someone on the nominating committee. The nominating committee

has asked you for the (you fill in the number) straight year to be the (you fill in the church office.) It seems like a life term. You ask again whether there is not someone else to do the job even for just one year. You need a break. They tell you again that there is no one else to do the job, and finally you agree. You can't stand to see the job unfilled. Again you carry the responsibility while others keep their comfortable positions on the back pew doing little to help.

The above story could happen in any size church. It usually happens with only a few positions. What positions? Well, for starters there are the children's divisions. Once a young mother (seldom fathers) starts in a children's division she

begins serving what may seem like a life term. She is promoted from one division to another with her children. When asked to help, the older women often say they have served their time, and it is someone else's turn. The men seem unwilling to help with any children younger than juniors, if they help at all. In a small church, once you accept the position of children's leader or teacher, people seem to expect you to do that job forever.

Another such job is church treasurer. This is a time-consuming job. Very few people who have not been a church treasurer know how many hours it takes to fulfill this responsibility. I do know. I have been a local church treasurer. I became church treasurer because no one else would. After filling out the required end-of-the-month forms, I began to understand why the previous treasurer had quit after many years. The forms took hours.

Other jobs that are often difficult to fill are positions that are preceded by the word "head" or "chairperson." For example: head elder, head deacon or head deaconess, chairperson of the social or the finance committee.

Whatever the job, how do you feel

about doing it another year? I know that it is people like you who keep the church going. I am reminded of the 20/80 rule. Usually, 20 percent of church members do 80 percent of the work. While we might wish that 100 percent of the members would help, such is not the case.

I would like to suggest to those who are not active to remember that "many hands make light work." Why not risk shocking your pastor by asking him, "What can I do to help this year?" Or ask the kindergarten leader if you could help even for a month or two. Think of the gifts of the spirit that God has given you and return them to God through service to His church. The church is not living up to its full potential until all are using their gifts in service to God's people and His church.

At the same time, I would like to thank those of you who are serving "life terms." You may feel that God has called you to serve in your office until the church chooses someone else. There are certainly some positions where continuity is needed. Others may wish for a break so they can serve in some other area for a while. Perhaps next year, someone else will be willing to serve. Either way, accept my thanks for your faithful service.

Pastors assume new districts

Several churches will welcome new pastors during January and February.

Robson DeOlivera is the new pastor of Beavercreek and Miamisburg, effective February 10. **David Grams** will pastor the Bellefontaine, Lima and Van Wert churches beginning in January. He and his wife were previously working at Weimar College.

Frank Steyn will pastor the Chillicothe and Jackson churches. He is from South Africa.

Mark Swaisgood will begin his new pastorate in the Cleveland First church and Cleveland Sub East company January 20. He formerly pastored the Dublin, Grove City and Reynoldsburg churches.

Hal Ward will pastor the Bryon, Defiance and Hicksville churches beginning in January. He is a recent seminary graduate.

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MVA counts harvest of blessings

The Mount Vernon Academy faculty and staff hosted a Harvest Feast for the staff of the Ohio Conference office, the ABC staff and board members of the MVA Alumni Association the evening of November 8.

Following the meal, academy Principal Steve Davis introduced Dick Osborn, then vice president of education for the Columbia Union Conference. Davis presented Osborn with an engraved plaque expressing appreciation for his years of service to Christian education in the Ohio Conference, as well as the Columbia

operation is very solid. He said it is among the best in the North American Division. Some academies are trying to cope with severe financial losses, but during the past 10 years, MVA has operated at a loss only once.

Motschiedler said Ohio Advance funds allocated to academy maintenance have made it possible to replace a boiler and the roofs of several buildings on campus. More than \$140,000 was made available to students this year to help them obtain a Christian education. The money was contributed through alumni donations,

Ohio Conference endowments, Alumni Gas Well proceeds and matching funds from the students' home churches.

Motschiedler commended the students and the staff for their participation in several recent service projects. He said a group of students from MVA and Spring

Valley Academy went to Kentucky in early November to replace the roofs and paint and repair the homes of some needy families. He said a return trip to Belize in January will be the third short-term mission trip for MVA students.

Before he concluded his talk, Motschiedler reminded everyone of the need to renovate the present administration building. The Ohio Conference constituency voted to begin this project when 75 percent of the necessary cash is available and the remaining 25 percent has been pledged. The original building was built in 1925 and is in need of much updating and repair.

Before the evening ended, special thanks were given to the kitchen staff, cooks, waiters and waitresses for their excellent service. The MVA chorale and the student musicians who provided special music were also thanked and applauded.



Above: Steve Davis (left) introduced Dick Osborn and expressed the appreciation of the Ohio Conference for Osborn's contribution to Christian education.

Left: The MVA chorale provided part of the musical entertainment.



Union. Osborn has recently assumed his new duties as vice president of education for the North American Division.

Davis, English teacher Judi Pearson and art and music teacher Bob Schimp then gave a special reading praising the Mount Vernon Academy board members for their service to the school. They also presented Dick Osborn and each board member with a ceramic eagle, representative of the academy's mascot.

"We have a lot to be thankful for," said conference President Edward Motschiedler as he brought everyone up to date on enrollment and the financial status of the academy. Enrollment is up 17 percent and is expected to increase for the 1996-1997 school year as well.

The academy is also doing well financially. According to Osborn, the financial

Concentration Camp February 16-18

Cleveland Area Prayer Conference
March 2

LBM Retreat
March 29-31

MVA Alumni Weekend
April 26-28

Pathfinder Fair
May 4-5

Plan Ahead
Camp Meeting 1996

June 16-22

Elyria church hosts young adult summit

Young adult ministries of northeast Ohio held Harvest Summit 1995 at the Elyria church on October 21. Approximately 350 young adults attended this annual event. The theme of the meetings was "Laborers for the Harvest."

Elyria Pastor Robert Bjelica and Marwood Hallett, Ohio Conference church ministries director, directed the program. General Conference Associate World Youth Leader Richard Barron likened Christianity with salt, which is com-

posed of sodium and chloride. Each chemical by itself is caustic. The two combined make salt, which brings out the flavor of foods. He said humanity and divinity working together produce Christianity. Christians are to be the salt of the earth.

Elder Barron also held a question-andanswer session near the close of Sabbath.

During the day, several groups used drama to deliver their sermons. David Oakley of Berrien Springs, Michigan, gave a one-man presentation titled "The Pigeon Man." He described Christ's expulsion of the money changers and merchants in the temple from the viewpoint of one of the merchants, a man selling doves. Through the monologue, Oakley showed how Christ impacted the lives of everyone around him.

The Adonai Players, a young adult group from Chesterland, presented skits during the day, as did the Mount Vernon Academy puppeteers. A musical program featuring several northern Ohio Adventist musicians helped close the Sabbath.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 and would like to be informed about future events, call (216) 748-3870 to be placed on the young adult ministries mailing list.



Richard Barron and Pastor Robert Bjelica listen as Marwood Hallett addresses the summit attendees.

Rude new assistant treasurer

Joanne Rude is the new assistant treasurer for the Ohio Conference following the retirement of Russ Lucht.

Rude has several years of accounting experience. Her most recent positions were with the Adventist Book Center in Mount Vernon and the Ohio Conference. Prior to becoming assistant treasurer, her duties for the conference included assistant to the trust services treasurer and auditing for the treasury department. Rude has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Akron, where she majored in accounting and has currently passed two parts of the four-part CPA exam.

She is married to Steve Rude, associate pastor of the Mount Vernon Hill church. The couple has four children.

Russ Lucht worked for the Ohio Conference for 28 years. He began his ministry as a pastor in Wisconsin and pastored in North Dakota and Minnesota before coming to Ohio as a pastor in Akron. He has served as pastor, conference secretary, secretary/treasurer and treasurer. After retiring as treasurer three years ago, Lucht served as assistant treasurer until his retirement from conference work on January 1. He and his wife, Dottie, will remain in the Mount Vernon area.

January 1996

Pennsylvania welcomes Hartwell family

Ray Hartwell has joined the Pennsylvania Conference as secretary/ministerial director. He replaces Mike Cauley, who was voted Pennsylvania Conference president in February 1995.

Hartwell comes to the Pennsylvania Conference from South Carolina, where he and

his wife, Jaenne, pastored the Columbia First church for five and a half years in team ministry. He began his ministry in 1981, following completion of his master's of divinity degree at Andrews University, and has pastored in the Kentucky-Tennessee and Iowa-Missouri conferences.

Rather than be perceived as an expert in ministry, Ray envisions his role in the Pennsylvania Conference to be that of support and encouragement and as a resource person for the pastors. "I want us to grow together in ministry and spiritually," he shares openly.

Jaenne will be also be serving the Pennsylvania Conference as family life coordinator and associate ministerial director.

The Hartwells have two children, Josh, age 9; and Abby, age 5.

What's happening

January 20

NET '96 Lay Training & Witnessing Seminar - 4-6 p.m. ACN Satellite uplink

January 26

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

January 29-February 1 Ministerial Retreat

Laurelville Retreat Center February 7-11

Blue Mountain Academy Homeleave February 9-11

Pathfinder Winter Retreat Laurel Lake Camp

February 17

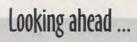
Regional Officers Training Seminar (East)

Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy

February 23

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

February 23-24 NADEL Lay Training Program Blue Mountain Academy



In the April 15 issue of the *Pennsylvania Pen*, we want to highlight tithe stories from our readers. In what specific ways has God blessed when you return a faithful tithe? Please send your story, by February 20, to the Pennsylvania Conference office, 720 Museum Rd, Reading, PA 19611.

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Making a difference



MIKE CAULEY President

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our plans for making a difference and expanding God's kingdom during 1996.

There are three areas of emphasis:

Spiritual renewal and knowing Christ

The Lord has blessed

the Pennsylvania Conference through the deeply spiritual process whereby my predecessor, Jerry Page, went about administration. By the grace of God, we have to continue this vital emphasis. I am praying that the importance of prayer, a regular and meaningful devotional life and a clear understanding of Christ our righteousness will be the blessed experience of every member of the Pennsylvania Conference.

A recognition that the local church is the driving force within the denomination

Ministry at the grass-roots level is the reason every institution and administrative layer exists. We plan to highlight this important fact through the following:

a. Every pastoral district within the conference will be visited by one of the three officers during the first quarter of the year. A brief overview of conference finances will be presented; plans for moving God's work forward and a time for questions and answers will be shared. We covet the privilege of spending time with our members and getting the pulse of what is taking place within the churches.

- b. Three area rallies for the purpose of equipping the members will be conducted around the state during February, March and April. The entire office team will be on hand to share inspiration, encouragement and training. See this newsletter for information on specific locations and dates.
- c. Pastors are being grouped in clusters of eight to 10 around the state. These six geographical regions, referred to as Regional Districts, will be the means of providing fellowship and nurture opportunities for pastors and their families. A pastor will be chosen from each region to serve as a District Superintendent. He will facilitate meetings with his fellow pastors eight times per year and attend meetings at the conference office, where he will serve as a representative of the pastors and lay people within his Regional District. Training events and inspirational meetings may also be conducted by Regional Districts. We will pilot this concept on a two-year basis.
- d. Dave Ferguson and Sally Worley of the youth department have developed a plan for revitalizing the youth and young adults within the local church. They will serve as consultants and youth pastors for seven churches during 1996. This will require multiple Sabbath appointments and meetings through the year with each church. They are currently re-

sponding to invitations from churches around the conference that wish to become involved in this integral area of ministry.

Proclaiming the gospel

With the advent of satellite technology, we have the opportunity to participate in the largest evangelistic endeavor in the history of the church in North America. **Net '96** will occur October 5 through November 9, 1996. Those churches with the equipment will be able to host the evangelistic crusade conducted by Mark Finley, as well as all of the training and nurture events (cooking school, Daniel Seminar, etc.) that will precede and follow **Net '96**.

More than 5,000 people were baptized during Net '95 by the 600 churches that participated. Net 96 is expected to include more than 2,000 churches with baptisms reaching 15,000 to 20,000.

There is also an average of four programs produced by the Adventist Communication Network (Adventist satellite network) every month on a regular basis. Churches equipped with the apparatus will have access to the best preaching, training and nurture events in the Adventist church. The church's portion is a one-time investment of approximately \$6,000. The Pennsylvania Conference will subsidize the cost by \$1,000.

Jesus is coming soon, dear fellow believer. Let us pray for a deep infilling of God's Spirit in our lives, individually as well as our churches, and answer the call to become involved in fulfilling the gospel commission.

Pennsylvania moves forward during 1995

Adventists in ction

A lot of good things happened in the Pennsylvania Conference in 1995! Here's a quick sampling of just some of the news that took place over the past year.

Churches

The total number of baptisms through November was 452.

The **Sayre** church acquired beautiful new property along a major highway for a new church building.

The **East Suburban** church will be dedicating their church building debtfree, having paid off their mortgage in only two and a half years.

The **Laurel Lake** church is nearing completion of the construction of their new church and is planning a dedication for early spring.

The **State College** church acquired its first church building at the end of the summer after renting for many years.

The **Mifflintown** church broke ground for a new Community Services building.

The **Slatington** church began building a new church in April.

The Philadelphia Boulevard, Lebanon, Waynesboro, Pottsville, Nanticoke, Waynesburg and Uniontown churches underwent major refurbishing projects.

Children's Ministries

We have had a wonderful year! A very successful Vacation Bible School workshop as well as several children's ministries seminars were held. Also, a Focus on Sabbath School in New Jersey and Maryland.

Education

Each of our schools is actively pursuing Christian service activities using the booklet, *Christian Service Activity Guide*, which identifies more than 100 witnessing activities. Students who render 50 hours of satisfac-

tory Christian service will receive a Christian Service certificate.



Students from Reading Junior Academy perform Christian service by leading out in a children's program during evangelistic meetings held at the Hampden Heights church.

Students of the Lake Erie Elemen-

tary School recently moved into a new 6,240-square-foot educational facility that includes a large multipurpose room, one large classroom, a principal's office and a storage area. The facility is designed to accommodate up to 50 students.

Students from the Ridgeville Union
Elementary School received a
citation from Senator Edward W.
Helfrick, of the 27th senatorial
district of Pennsylvania, in recognition of their community involvement,
by distribution of Thanksgiving
food boxes and fruit baskets for
needy people in the area. The
boxes and baskets were decorated
by the students. In addition to this,
the principal-teacher, Ann Burgess,
along with her five students, raised
\$1,330.82 for the annual Ingathering campaign.

All 23 elementary schools and junior academies are encouraged to develop a baptismal class in the spring. The office of education is providing, at no charge, baptismal study manuals—Jesus, His Church and Me—to assist pastors/teachers in this process.

Spanish Ministries

The 11 Spanish congregations had 198 baptisms as of the end of November, which doubles the total number of hispanic baptisms for all of 1994!

The York Spanish company of only 16 members purchased a beautiful 350-seat church.

The Hispanic Advisory Council (a committee of Spanish pastors, first

elders and other key lay and clergy leaders) coordinated a **Lay Leader Training Convention** that took place in February and trained more than 300 lay leaders.

Two major **Youth Encounter** convocations were held, with more than 300 youth participating.

The Spanish minisitries department once again held a successful camp meeting, with more Spanish congregants attending than the BMA chapel could hold.

Pittsburgh Project

Prime Time Friday Night, a seeker service held weekly in the South Hills area of Pittsburgh, averages 25-30 unchurched people in attendance.

Evangelistic meetings held in the spring resulted in seven baptisms. Three small groups meet weekly in the **South Hills** area.

Sabbath services were started at the end of November with approximately 15-20 people meeting for praise, teaching and training. By early summer, it is hoped to have a core of 25-30 people to organize a company.

More action on PA-4 CO



Women's Ministries

Rose Otis, North American Division women's ministries director, was the guest speaker at a vespers service held at Blue Mountain Academy on the International Women's Day of Prayer.

At least half of the churches in Pennsylvania established women's ministries coordinators in 1995.

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us. ...,"—E. G. White, Life Sketches, page 196.

- A Women's Ministries Resource Manual was compiled for the women's ministries coordinators in the local churches. A newsletter containing information on what churches around the conference are doing, as well as ideas for ministry, was also published.
- A Women's Ministries Coordinator
 Luncheon was held during camp
 meeting for women interested in
 organizing a women's ministry
 program in their local church. Besides the luncheon, there were also
 daily women's ministry meetings
 designed to draw women closer to
 God and strengthen their daily
 walk with Him.
- One hundred women attended the annual Pennsylvania Conference
 Women's Prayer Retreat held in
 September.

Youth/Young Adult Ministries

- A mission statement was developed to define and focus the activities and ministries generated from within the youth department.
- Ninety people attended the two **Next Step Seminars** held to provide special training and inspiration for youth and young adult leaders.
- The **Hanover** congregation was a pilot church in a program to help local churches develop a fluid plan for youth ministries. Youth directors Dave Ferguson and Sally Worley will work with seven more churches in 1996.
- The youth department sponsored a marriage retreat in October. Sixteen couples participated in the weekend event.



Tyland and Tonya Rice ... it's an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of brain-injured children. Together, they swam a combined total of 312 lengths of an olympic-sized pool and collected more than \$430 in pledges during an hour-long swim-a-thon held in November.

The annual swim-a-thon is sponsored by the Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential, an organization that works with more than 600 families of brain-injured children each year. Monies raised go to purchase costly respiratory patterning machines for the children.

The Rice children, ages 13, 9, 7 and 5, look forward to the event each year—not only for the swimming fun, but for the joy of helping others and making a difference in someone's life. "It is so neat to actually see the children use the machines," shares 13-year-old Mindi.

Members of the Fairview Village church, the Rice kids are also active in church activities such as junior deaconness, special music, community service and Sabbath school-sponsored outreach ministries.

Coming soon to your area!

A regional officer training event involving every departmental person and officer from the conference office.

Lay training and inspiration for church leaders and volunteers in all areas of ministry—Sabbath school, lay ministries, church school, children's ministries, youth and young adults, women's ministries, family life, health ministries, Community Services, church treasurers, church clerks, elders, communication secretaries and NET '96.

Three locations:

Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy February 17, 3-6 p.m.

Williamsport March 2, 3-6 p.m.

Greater Pittsburgh Junior Academy April 6, 3-6 p.m.

Blue Mountain Academy

Fall spiritual retreat

The theme was "Kings and Queens for Jesus." The place was Camp Olivet, a secluded youth camp outside Hamburg. The time was the first weekend in November. The event was a spiritual retreat offered by the pastoral staff at BMA.

Seventy-four students chose to attend! (Attendance was voluntary, and a fee was charged to cover expenses.) Initially, more than 90 students signed up, but some had schedule conflicts. "I'm thrilled by the spirituality of the students," says Pastor Sergio Manente. "The response was awesome!" Working with his wife, Nancy, Pastor Manente chose the theme for two reasons: 1) to help students realize that in God's eyes they are royalty: and 2) to help them possess the dignity of royalty.

Special guests shared their conversion stories and spoke honestly about how God had changed their lives. Friday evening Nick Mazzio shared his powerful testimony. A former heavy-metal rock band member, Mazzio was baptized by Pastor Manente several years ago. Through story and music. his message was: "When God opens your eyes, and the Holy Spirit comes in, everything else is boring."

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According to Bryn Lacey, Mazzio's story gave her hope. "I've always wondered how God can turn people's lives around. I've lost friends because of some pretty scary choices they've made—now I know how I can help!" Amanda Edwards was encouraged too. "It helps to hear about how God is working in the lives of others. It revives you!"

Frank Merindino, a classical guitarist and teacher in the New York City school system, spoke about how God heals us on Sabbath morning. Experiencing severe depression before his conversion, Merindino said, "Now I've got Somebody to go to-before, I had no one."

After talking with Merindino, Jason Perez saw a way to express his daily worship in music, "I play the guitar, too, and Frank suggested I turn my memory verses into songs. It's pretty cool."

Other highlights included a drama entitled "Masks," performed by the dramatic ministries family group. The play was

about presenting a public face-even in our church family-trying to be someone we're not and the courage it takes to be genuine Christians. The presentation sparked such a response that the discussion carried over into church time.

This was Ricardo Linares' first spiritual retreat. "I was able to share with others and to get to know and feel closer to the other students. Now it feels more like a family at BMA." Other students echoed Linares' sentiment. As Kim Forsythe says, "It was nice to get closer to others who love the Lord."

CARON OSWALD

Director of Advancement

F.Y.I.

January 15 - 20 F.O.C.U.S. Week

January 20 Faculty Talent Show

February 4 Alumni Career Day

February 7 - 11 Homeleave

February 7 - 13 Ground School for Aviation Students

February 18 - 21 Annual Fund Phon-a-thon

March 29 - 30 "BMA Turns 40" Alumni

Weekend

May 5 - 6 Academy Days



A scene from the play, "Cheaper by the Dozen," pictures cast members Jen Brown, Amy Wolcott, Alex McLeod, Stacy Karpenko, Jacob O'Neill, Keven Saunders, Romina Rodriquez and Andy Van Arsdale.

Principal's Corner

It is a privilege to be associated with Blue Mountain Academy students. Yes, they are teenagers and don't always make the best choices. But most of the time, they demonstrate how special they really are. I want to share some typical reports on our students:

Excerpts from a letter from the dean of boys at Kingsway College, Ontario, Canada:

During the Acrofest held here, the boys from your school stayed in my residence hall. I want to report their conduct to you. They were a joy to have. ... We were not able to give them a key to their room, and not one of them complained. ... They always observed the curfew time. They were a good example of your school, and you can be proud of them.

Excerpts from a letter from the manager of a local fabric store:

We were recently visited by a group of your students. ... They came in and had to pick out fabric for a project. ... They knew exactly what they wanted and what to ask for. There were two groups on two different days, and both were a pleasure to have in our store.

I would also like to thank the student for coming back into the store after noticing that he was undercharged. That was a good representation of your high standards at the academy

An experience at Taco Bell:

After several students and their sponsors had placed their orders and seated themselves, the manager asked Mr. Hannah if the students had left. Mr. Hannah pointed to where they were seated in small groups. The manager said that when teenagers come in large groups on Saturday night, the place usually becomes unruly and unpleasant. He could hardly believe the responsible behavior of our students.

At CUC college days, union leadership and in experiences such as these, our students make a positive impact! Your careful home training helps as we continue to expect our students to be a cut above the norm. Your support for continuing to ask for a high level of conduct strengthens our hand for helping them learn how to deny themselves and to be an example that makes an impact for now and into eternity.

Thank you for providing BMA with such a great bunch of students!

STAN ROUSE Principal

Senior recognition weekend

The Class of '96 hosted their parents, family and friends to a special weekend November 9 and 10.

Friday and Sabbath evening vespers were praise celebrations filled with singing, skits and special music. Throughout the services, the audience participated in singing class members' favorite hymns with the help of Tom Buller and Nancy Edison.

Pastor David Ferguson, youth director of the Pennsylvania Conference and special friend of the Class of '96, was the guest speaker for Sabbath morning. He challenged the class to remain true to their aim and motto: "To fulfill His mission in our lives each day."

"Cheaper by the Dozen" was presented Saturday night. With a cast of 16 and a support crew of 15, the production involved more than two-thirds of the class. The set, designed and constructed by students, took 20 man hours to build. Rehearsals began in early October.

The reviews proclaimed the play a hit. "It was an outstanding program." "They did a great job!" "This is the best program I've seen in a long time." A special thanks goes to the director, Barbara Mathias, who is one of the class's sponsors.

The evening included fund-raising opportunities. Tickets were sold for admission. A bake sale of donated goods was held before and after the performance. Parents of seniors managed the sale with the help of their students.

As is tradition, the evening ended with the senior class singing their song, "Find Us Faithful."

And that is the hope of the Class of '96 and their families and friends—that the Lord finds us faithful.

Do you dare?

How do you impress upon the minds of teenagers the importance of nutrition and temperance in all things? The answer is found in the old adage, "Try it; you'll like it."

In September, about 25 students chose to participate in the "Daniel (or Danielle) Project" for extra credit in home economics. For two weeks, they agreed to follow the example of healthful living of Daniel and his three friends. It was a real challenge for many, as these principles were quite different from their current lifestyle. Students kept a checklist to help them remember nutrition (breakfast a must) exercise, fresh air, sunshine (20 minutes of these a day) water (eight glasses a day) temperance (no eating between meals) rest (seven to eight hours per night) and devotions each day.

Students kept a food journal, listing what they ate and the grams of fat. Cash register receipts



from the cafeteria were handed in to provide accountability. Each student also chose a friend to turn to for encouragement. At the end of the two weeks, each one wrote a summary of experiences:

"I have learned how to use more self control, and I have learned what a help giving and receiving a little encouragement can be,"—Becky Daum.

"At first, it was difficult to get up early in the morning for breakfast and to drink a lot of water every day. But after a while, it became almost second nature,"—Rachelle Ware.

"My physical and spiritual life has improved. I have come closer to Christ while learning more about health and my body,"—Kimberly Miller.

"It's sad that it took me till my senior year in high school to realize that I had to change my health habits. I wish I could have had the opportunity to get into something like this earlier in my life, so that by now I would be accustomed to it,"—Romina Rodriguez.

Dare to be a Daniel; Dare to stand alone. Dare to have purpose firm; Dare to make it known!

DONNA ROUSE

Home Economics Instructor



Donna Rouse (center) is pictured with four "Daniels" Mariana Zuniga, Adam Edwards, Sean Creighton and Melissa Brenes.

Did You Know?

The Spanish I class took a field trip recently to practice their language skills. Cable station 51 in Reading features programs for Hispanic viewers, and BMA students were special guests. Instructor Silvia Obregon was interviewed about her coming to America and her position at Blue Mountain Academy. The students were then asked why they chose to attend BMA and what they liked best about the school. Miss Obregon reports they did well, even though their Spanish is limited. Pictured with TV host Earl Zeiner are (standing) Amber Jackson, Leah Patch, Heather Lemkelde, Sunshine Civitarese, Jared Swingholm, Rhonda Roberts, Jennifer Marter, Jeanene Edwards, Matt Hockman, Laura Fisher, Erica Swingholm, and Miss Obregon; (seated) Melissa Rivera, Kosta Mitsouras, Sean Creighton, Matt Rutt and Robert Moldovan.





Home economics is a required one-semester course for freshmen. Divided into two sections (boys in one and girls in the other), students are taught basic

cooking and sewing skills. Pictured is Jason Smith (right) giving Nathan Knowles pointers on seam sewing.

Brian Becker received his private pilot certificate on Parent Day from Mr. Chuck Huenergardt. To receive his license, Brian logged a minimum of 40 flight hours, completed an intensive five-day ground school course and passed the FAA written examination. Brian is the 69th student to receive a private pilot certificate since BMA's aviation program began in 1970. Pictured with Brian are his parents, Carl and Linda Becker.



VISITOR, January 15, 1996

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Volunteers In Profile



Top to bottom: Mic and D.J. Hutchinson, Bob and Cheri Eglinger and Kathy Cates.

It is impossible to recognize here all the parents who make a difference at BMA. Through volunteer hours, special projects and extra attention to a particular student or area of need, parents provide an invaluable contribution. The three pictured are representative of the commitment and support parents give to the academy. We gratefully acknowledge and thank you for all the extra effort.

Mic Hutchinson, pictured with son D.J., drove from California to bring his son, Sam, to school. While here, he took an extra day to prune trees and mulch flower beds around the ad building to ready the grounds for Registration Day.

Bob Eglinger, pictured here with daughter Cheri, donates time each summer repairing rooms in the girls' dorm. This year, he drywalled and replastered walls that were crumbling with age.

Kathy Cates, mother of Danny, is a regular volunteer who looks for ways to help out. Arriving early at events, she will ask, "What do you need me to do?" She has been a real life-saver on numerous occasions, including Hands Across the World and registration.

Parent Day

"Where is Room 4?" "Does Mr. Eberhardt have any appointment times left?" "Mom, I've got to get to practice!" The halls of BMA were buzzing on the morning of November 12 as staff and students hosted their favorite guests for the annual Parent Day program.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the day was filled with parent/teacher conferences, a seminar on financing a college education, a special assembly and a forum with the staff.

"I really appreciated the chance to speak individually with my daughter's teachers. I was able to

ask questions, voice concerns and gain some new insights," commented a parent from Maryland.

"How to Finance a College Education" was presented by Don Tucker, director of student aid at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland. He gave interested parents information and instructions that would be applicable to all colleges and universities.

The assembly gave parents an overview of the training that is taking place this year in music and on the gymnastic team. The featured performances in-

cluded the Sylvan Singers, La Sonnette Ensemble, Bel Canto, the BMA Concert Band, a piano and organ solo and the Aerial Aires. In addition, junior Trevor Scheuneman received recognition for his first solo flight, and senior Brian Becker was presented his private pilot's license.

Another highlight of the day, the forum with the staff, was an opportunity for parents to ask questions, make suggestions and encourage one another. Bill Orsburn from Rochester, New York, commented, "I thought it was excellent—whether I agreed with everything or not. I am so impressed with the dedicated staff. They were all there and available to answer questions."

Allison Pratt of Baltimore, Maryland, remarked, "It was great to have an opportunity to talk to teachers. We are really thankful for the academy. It's been such a spiritual blessing to our family!"

"Thank you!" to each parent whose participation and support contributed to the success of this year's Parent Day.

> PAM BULLER Registrar

Where are they now?

Don Bowman, Class of '67, is a nurse anesthetist and lives in Veneta, Oregon. He graduated from Southern College with a bachelor of science in nursing and a bachelor of arts in history. He received his graduate degree from Northwestern Hospital School of Anesthesiology.

Bowman attended BMA his junior and senior years and says, "I don't know where I'd be today it |BMA| was a big stepping stone for me. I decided to go to college because of academy."

A loyal and generous supporter of our capital campaign and worthy student fund, Bowman says,

"I like to see my money doing good, and I like to see what my money is doing. BMA was beneficial to me, and I want it to be beneficial to others."

Becky DeGraaff, Class of '87, is director of Stu-

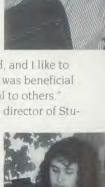
dents for International Mission Service at Loma Linda University in California. SIMS provides students in medical fields with opportunities for short-term overseas mission experience. DeGraaff also coordinates weekend volunteer programs in Mexico, as well as other projects.

A graduate of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, with a degree in biology and a

master's in public health, DeGraaff says, "BMA was the best time of my life. I was involved in everything—Mr. and Mrs. Edison were half my life. I made great friends there, and I still have them!"



During assembly, Byron Scheuneman cuts Trevor's shirt tail to mark his first solo flight as his mother, Sharon, and instructor Chuck Huenergardt watch.



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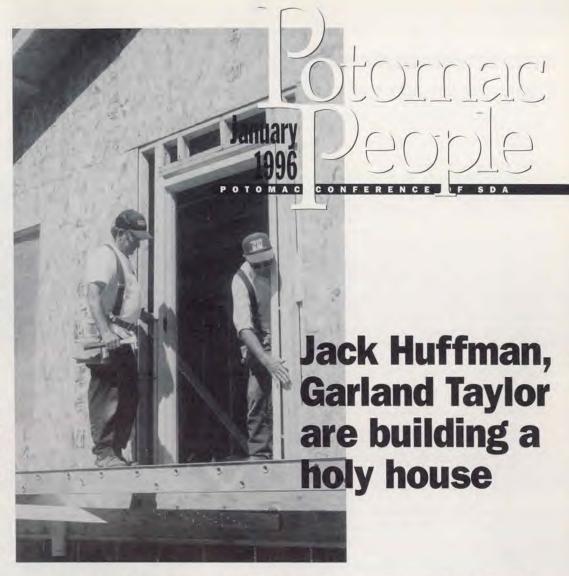
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This article appeared on the front page of the Abingdon,

Jack Huffman checks a door frame's fit as Garland Taylor helps hold it in place; the pair are building the new Seventh-day Adventist Church in Konnarock.



ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY DAN KEGLEY

Washington County News

Virginia, Washington County News, October 25, 1995.

Yellowish timbers and plywood complement the colors of the hardwoods beneath a deep blue sky. The sounds of men working, talking, and working some more emanate from within a newly framed building and are the only sounds to be heard in this mountain-surrounded valley.

"Come in, come in!" shouts one of the men, typical of the greetings extended even to strangers in this quiet community known as Konnarock.

The purpose of the building, suspected from its size and shape to be the beginnings of a church, is confirmed: the Seventh-day Adventists are moving from their church in the middle of Konnarock up Route 603 a piece to this location.

Jack Huffman and Garland Taylor, easygoing and obviously capable carpenters of Konnarock, have performed their craft with elegance suited to the task of building a new home for the faithful. Plumb and square, timbers form the skeletons of walls and windows, including one round portal looking out through fall colors to the blue heavens beyond from above the future altar. Huffman says a Lynchburg lady is completing the stained glass window to fit the frame, but no earthly artist could create so lovely a view of creation as is afforded through the yet empty circle.

Neither Huffman nor Taylor are members of the congre-

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Guest Editorial

Religious freedom still rings



It began with a phone call reporting that two Seventh-day Adventist young people had been arrested and their arraignment set in a court of the Commonwealth of Virginia. These youth were serving the Lord and their church by witnessing as student literature evangelists, and their arrests resulted from their witnessing. In the first case, the student was charged with violating a county ordinance requiring him to purchase a license to carry on his work. In the second case, the student was in a leadership role supervising other student literature evangelists who were under age 18, none of whom possessed a license as aforementioned. This leader was charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors by allowing them to violate the law.

Would the endeavors of these students serving the Lord lead to their having a police record? Would their arrest and possible conviction result in a blemish on a summer that had otherwise been filled with God's miracles, or could it be that because of the nature of their ministry, they were exempt from such licensing requirements? A vigorous legal defense was set in motion while the Commonwealth attorneys in each case seemed determined to prosecute.

It was represented to the prosecution team that the mission and purpose of the students was to share their faith. give Bible studies and pray with people. Furthermore, they offered some free literature while other literature was available for a free-will offering, and their missionary endeavors were part of their religious training. Each student held as a personal religious conviction that his/her witnessing was in harmony with God's command to "go into all the world and preach and teach." Each chose literature evangelism as a method of witnessing and considered same a "calling," not a task. Therefore, in view of the foregoing and due to the religious nature of the activity involved and that most jurisdictions do not require such a license, a special plea was made to waive the licensing requirement. Whereas, to allow such limitation on the evangelistic outreach of the church by the state would result in the entanglement of church and state; and, whereas, such limitation and entanglement would lead to the prohibition of free exercise of religion, it was argued that such restrictive ordinances were unconsti-

The prosecution team had yet one question: How could a commercial enterprise be exempt from acquiring a business license required by law? This question was answered by Murdoch v. Pennsylvania, 319 U.S. 111(1943), where Justice Douglas said, "The mere fact that the religious literature is 'sold' by itinerant preachers rather than 'donated' does not transform evangelism into a commercial enterprise."

The charges were dropped, and there will be no record of the alleged violations. The Lord worked a miracle on behalf of these dedicated young people. We should thank Him daily for such a nation wherein religious freedom still rings.

THOMAS R. KNOLL SR.

Attorney at Law Director, Department of Legal Affairs



"Holy House" continued from PP-1

gation that will move to its new home this winter, although members of both men's families are. Taylor, once a member, expects to rejoin.

Depending on the weather, Huffman says, the building will be completed in January.

Standing where front doors will one day open into this holy house, Huffman, with humble pride, tells about the two seven-foot doors that are on their way, along with glass sidelights being created by Abingdon Glass.

Then Huffman returns to the task he left to welcome his visitor, to help Taylor fit a door frame on the west side of the building. Through this doorway, one looks down the valley toward Konnarock, a community fortunate to have a growing community of believers and a pair of able carpenters to craft for them a new home.

The exterior of the church and a view inside the sanctuary (top).



Shenandoah Valley Adventist elementary school honors community senior citizens

Students and teachers from the Shenandoah Valley Adventist elementary school fed and entertained more than 50 senior citizens from New Market, Virginia, during their seventh annual tribute to senior citizens on November 16.

Seniors who attended the two-hour program feasted on a vegetarian Thanksgiving meal and then watched admiringly as the entire student body presented a three-act musical featuring three of Jesus' parables. The parables included the following: "The Rich Man," "The Man Who Built His House on the Sand" and "The Feast." Andrea Herrington, principal, directed the program.

Robin Smith, the school's secretary/treasurer, coordinated parents in preparing and serving the meal. Members of Rusty Litten's fifth and sixth-grade class baked the pumpkin pies served for dessert. They baked the pies as a part of their "Service to Others" program.

The mood in the school's gymnasium was upbeat and filled with anticipation throughout the time I visited the school. As students and seniors talked with each other and shared their meal together, one could sense a feeling of mutual admiration. Tina Rennard, former SVAE teacher, epitomized the feelings of students and guests. She and they hugged each other and shared friendly greetings.

Four days later, the students and their parents gathered for another Thanksgiving dinner. This time, the parents and many of the same senior citizens gathered to celebrate with a potluck meal. More than 400 guests packed the gymnasium. Again, the spirit of love and support could be

In these two experiences, one could see the Potomac Conference's recently redefined understanding of Christian education being lived out. In the Shenandoah Valley Adventist elementary school gymnasium, those who attended the program saw the impact of home, congregation and school working together making friends with each other and Jesus Christ.

CLARENCE DUNBEBIN

Associate Superintendent of Education

Robin Smith, school secretary/ treasurer, (center) Carolyn Wolter, (left) and Mikki Garnan, parents, helped with preparation and serving responsibilities.



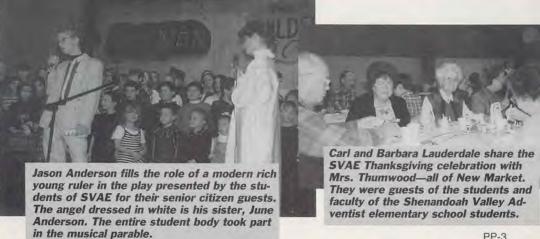
Melissa Merritt, left, and Tina Rennard share food and laughter as they joined with nearly 125 other students and guests who attended the Shenandoah Valley Adventist elementary school Thanksgiving meal and program.

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The fifth- and sixthgraders in Rusty Litten's class baked the pumpkin pies served for dessert. Rachel Cole, Dustin Spano and April Smith prepare to serve part of the more than 125 slices of pie served during the Shenandoah Valley Adventist elementary school's seventh annual Thanksgiving meal for senior citizens. They and their classmates helped to bake the pies as part of their outreach service project.



Left to right: Caroline White, Kathleen Riley, Helen and Tav Socol and Herbert and Lucy Copenhaver Sr. get ready to enjoy the Thanksgiving meal prepared for the seniors of New Market, Virginia, as a part of the Shenandoah Valley Adventist elementary school's outreach program.





Health care with a heart



Editor's note: In addition to compiling a list of health-care facilities in our conference, we plan to introduce our readers to each one of those facilities. Local church communication secretaries have been assigned this responsibility. The first one to fulfill her assignment is Hazel Malcolm of the Hyattsville, Maryland, church. She visited the Washington Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and obtained the following information for us. In her letter to me, she described the staff as "cheerful and friendly" and the facility as "lovely, spotlessly clean and homey."



The Washington Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is a 102-bed facility located in Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland. The center is immediately adjacent to Washington Adventist Hospital.

Its location and affiliation with Washington Adventist Hospital assures residents of around-the-clock access to hospital physicians, immediate access to a 24-hour emergency room and outpatient treatment such as dialysis or radiation therapy and inpatient care.

Quality staffing is a priority, with a high staff-toresident ratio. Registered and licensed practical nurses; an activities director; counselors; and speech. occupational, respiratory and physical therapists are experienced in providing care to older adults. Beginning with the first patient care conference on the day of admission, they work as a team to help each resident reach the highest possible level of health. In conjunction with the physician and family, the staff designs and follows a personalized plan of treatment for each resident.

Podiatric, audiological and dental services are available to residents as needed. Beauty and barber services are available on site. Residents enjoy the security of a 24-hour call system in their own rooms.

Special attention has been given to establish a home-like, non-institutional atmosphere throughout the center. Several seating arrangements in the large gathering room provide a comfortable area for visiting with family and friends. Family is also invited to dine in the cheerful dining room.

Large, attractive trees provide a peaceful setting, attracting a variety of birds. Residents have easy access to outside patios to enjoy their surroundings.

The center is committed to helping residents remain as close to their families and friends as possible. Those of all ages are encouraged to participate in activities. There's always something happeningarmchair aerobics, creative arts, visits from pets or afternoon socials. A busy corps of community volunteers help with everything from letter writing to holiday parties. Religious services from a variety of denominations are offered, in addition to cultural programs.

The center is owned by Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic, Inc., which operates 81 hospitals, 62 nursing centers and 20 retirement centers across the United States. It benefits from close proximity and sister relationships with Washington Adventist Hospital, Adventist Home Health Services and Home Assistance, Inc.

Director of Admissions Cindy Harcombe will be happy to provide you with any further information that you need. She can be reached at (301) 270-4200.

Potomac Conference Executive Committee report

September 27, 1995

Herbert Broeckel, Potomac Conference president, informed the committee that Lynn Schlisner has accepted a call to serve as senior pastor of the Madison church in Nashville, Tennessee. Buz Menhardt has accepted a call to serve as youth pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church at Andrews University.

Elder Broeckel gave a brief report on the meeting that the conference officers had with the women in ministry in the Potomac Conference.

VOTED, to recommend to the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Seventh-day Adventist Retirement plan of the NAD the application for retirement of Emily Dresser.

VOTED, to express appreciation to Emily for her years of service in the Seventhday Adventist Church.

VOTED, to accept and approve the report of the education commission and to recommend it to the Potomac Conference Mid-term Constituency Session.

November 8, 1995

Herbert Broeckel, Potomac Conference president, expressed his satisfaction with the successful constituency meeting held on Sunday, November 5.

Ralph Martin, president of the Columbia Union, spoke of his pride in the pioneering work the Potomac Conference Education Commission is doing.

Elder Martin presented the restructuring possibilities that the NAD has been considering. He said that a vision and a mission are the most important aspects for a conference to consider.

Elder Broeckel informed the committee that the resource office staff has rallied and given tremendous support to continuing a strong departmental structure. The church ministries department will be reorganized, and the conference will be looking for a stewardship department director.

VOTED, to reorganize church ministries into two departments, adult ministries and youth ministries.

VOTED, to approve the continuance of a strong departmental structure in the Potomac Conference,

VOTED, to place a call for a stewardship department director with flexibility for the title and job description of this position. VOTED, to reactivate the advisory council as approved by the pastors, the pastoral utilization committee and the executive committee. It is recommended that the advisory council meet four times a year with one of the conference officers present on a rotating basis. The final plan is to be brought to the executive committee for approval.

VOTED, to take this recommendation to the pastoral utilization committee on November 21 to work out the details of the proposed program.

VOTED, to invite the members of the executive committee and selected educators to attend this pastoral utilization committee.

VOTED, to invite Cynthia Coston to serve on the executive committee representing the Valley Region, replacing Mel Niswander, who has resigned.

VOTED, to continue the practice of tithe audits of employees during the course of the regular church audits.

VOTED, to reaffirm the policy of tithing as a condition of employment.

VOTED, to accept the recommendations of the Slovakian committee as follows:

 Continue Potomac's "Cherish Slovakia" plan.

2. Adopt Slovakia as a sister conference.

Ask Herb Broeckel to travel to Slovakia to see first-hand the scope and need for this program.

 Consider the following pastors to conduct evangelistic efforts in Slovakia in the future: Rick Greve, Mike Pionkowski, Rudy Torres and Harry Sharley.

 Bring Samuel Ondrusek to Potomac Conference camp meeting to help promote our Slovakian involvement.

Ask the Slovakian Conference to participate on a shared basis the expense involved.

VOTED, to approve the participation of the Potomac Conference on the Columbia Union Commission on Secondary Education and to appoint the following two members to this commission: James Callan and Dean Hunt.

Baptism at Rocky Mount

On August 12, four people were baptized into the Rocky Mount, Virginia, church.

Sandra Brim-Our local Bible worker, Ginger Bond, met Sandra during one of her community surveys. At first. Sandra did not want to let Ginger into her home but felt the Holy Spirit was impressing her to say ves. Ginger studied with Sandra for more than 18 months

before Sandra decided to be baptized into God's remnant church. Sandra said she had been looking for peace in her heart but didn't know it would come from the study of God's Word. During the time of their studies, Sandra moved and lost contact with Ginger for about two months before she was located and began her studies again.

Mike Creelman-



Left to right: Mike Creelman, Sandra Brim, Roni Stanard and Rebekah Knapczyk (standing in front of her mother).

Have you hugged your teacher lately?

The recent constituency meeting of the Potomac Conference emphasized the importance of Christian education in our conference and how we will educate our children in the 21st Century. Education should be a high priority in Potomac. Our children are our most prized possessions. In them, we have our hope for the future and our dreams.

Each school has its unique strengths. It also has weaknesses. Many bright, smiling faces work inside its walls. Many stories that would make you cry also

When did you last visit your local church school? Have you taken the time to get to know the teachers and the students? The beginning of 1996 would be a great time to stop in for a visit.

Look at the bright bulletin boards and creative projects in your school. Look for the children who are eager to learn and praise them for their accomplishments. See the children who come to school with their unique set of problems. Talk to the teachers who work with those children. Can your talents help create a solution for one of those problems?

This would be an excellent time for YOU to become more informed and involved in YOUR local school. What special needs does your school have? Is there a way that you can become more involved? Do you have a special skill or hobby you could share with the students? Does your school need drivers and chaperons for field trips? Would the faculty like someone to come in once a week and help with the endless chores that face them? Would a treat once a month be a welcome change to daily routine? There is so much that can be done!

As you make your New Year's resolutions, make spending time at your local church school a high priority. Take the time to become involved. You will be the one most blessed.

DEBORAH HESS

5th-grade teacher, John Nevins Andrews School, Takoma Park

Even though Mike was attending church regularly, he felt that he had come a long way in his Christian experience and wanted to be rebaptized.

Rebekah Knapczyk-

Over the past year, Rebekah had wanted to be baptized and to follow Jesus. This was partly due to the influence of her former teacher, Mike Roethle, and her current teacher, Julie Cleveland. She heard her teachers talk about baptism in school. She had, as well, attended several evangelistic meetings held at our church and taken baptismal studies. Rebekah also had been having her own daily devotions for the past year. Rebekah is only 9 years old, but she truly loves the Lord.

Roni Stanard-Roni had been baptized at the age of 11 but fell away from God after graduating from Kettering College. A few years ago her stepdaughter moved in with her and her husband. Her husband, Kelly, and his daughter wanted to go back to church. They attended a Sunday church. Roni decided she would be supportive and go along, but during the whole sermon she was angry. Leaving the church, she tripped and fell on the steps in front of many members. Her husband asked, "Do you think

you should have been coming to church sooner?"

But Roni was furious and told him to be quiet. The reason for her anger was the feeling that she should be going back to the Seventh-day Adventist Church if she were going to go anywhere.

After going to the Sunday-keeping church about three times with her husband and stepdaughter, Roni decided to go again to the Rocky Mount Adventist church. She started feeling guilty about her life after about six months and quit attending. After a period of time, she started coming back regularly. After study with our lay pastor, Walter Fry, Roni recommitted her life to the Lord through public baptism. She feels that the Lord has been merciful and gracious to her during all the years she was away from Him.

Each of the above members were baptized by our lay pastor, Walter Fry.

JIM DUNN

Assistant Communication Leader



Highland County church re-opens after 15 years

On the last Sabbath of June 1995, four families the Armstrongs, Tumers, Pierces and Cassons—began worshipping again at the Highland County, Virginia church.

For 15 years, the church building remained closed because many of the members moved from the area. With a clear sense of mission, the present congregation is determined to expand and make the church a blessing for the neighboring community and Highland County. There are 11 adults and 10 children.

Several other families in the nearby area have manifested their desire to be part of this vibrant group.

Lynette Armstrong, leader of the church, says, "God is blessing. We have a strong faith. Our group will grow."

Much gratitude and appreciation goes to the Malcolm family, who years ago planted the church. Even though closed for a time, through this church the Advent faith and hope shine again in a dark county.

ROGER WEISS

Vice President for Administration

Disaster response coordinators awarded ACS certificates

On completion of the September 5 Adventist Community Services (ACS) Disaster Response Leadership Training course, Larry Buckner, senior disaster consultant for the North American Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), awarded certificates to Bob and Diane Mitchell.

The Mitchells are disaster coordinators for the Potomac Conference, members of the Waynesboro, Virginia church.

During the past year, they held 10 disaster preparedness training seminars, preparing about 150 church members for possible disasters in the state of Virginia.

ROGER WEISS

Vice President for Administration

Left to right: Larry Buckner, Diane Mitchell and Bob Mitchell.



Ingathering through the rain

Alexandria Hispanic Pathfinders pose for a picture. The rain did not stop their Ingathering enthusiasm on Saturday night, September 9. Edgar Elmore, 13 years old (second from left), solicited \$442.14. The church has 225 members. As of November, they have received \$8,366 for Ingathering through solicitation.

ROGER WEISS

Vice President for Administration





"Don't



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Frank Carran operates the very successful F&P Automotive Service in Okeechobee with four mechanics. Before he and his wife, Penny, became Seventh-day Adventists, they owned a one-stall automotive service and lived a hand-to-mouth existence. Their main interest was playing the guitar and singing at bars.

About a year after their life-changing conversion, it appeared they were going to lose their business. The commercial property they leased was sold. Miraculously, the property right behind their business became available. They secured a bank loan, bought the property and erected a new building.

Business at their new location was prospering. However, a \$15,000 balloon note was coming due. Frank cleared a corner of his desk and said to his wife, "If someone doesn't come in, put the money down right here, and say: 'Don't worry about it,' we're finished."
They simply didn't have the \$15,000. "Don't worry about it," Penny said with strong faith and encouragement.

"God will take care of us!"

Within a week of the balloon note deadline, Frank called a friend. He told him about his newfound faith and all that God had done for his family. He also mentioned the money problem. His friend responded, "Why didn't you tell me? I keep that much money in my freezer. I'll come over in a day or two and lend you the money."

When his friend arrived, Frank showed him all around the business. The man then went to the trunk of his car and took a small envelope out of his toolbox. Inside Frank's office, he proceeded to clear off a corner of the desk-that same corner Frank told his wife about-and counted out \$15,000. Before leaving, he finished by saying, "...and don't worry about it."-the exact same words Frank had spoken to Penny.

Frank said he literally cried because God so explicitly cared for their need. "This didn't happen to someone else—this happened to US."

RICHARD SHEPARD

Radio spot saves man's life

Used with permission from PRISM, The employee newsletter of Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic, October 3, 1995.

The following is excerpted from a letter sent this past month 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. I live near Montgomery Village and commute to work in Foggy Bottom. About 10 weeks ago, just 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 balance, just as I was getting off 270 onto 370, was remembering your WGMS 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, 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."