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## ABOUT THE COVER:

Pittsburgh is illuminated by fireworks on the city's "Light Up Night." This picture of the Pittsburgh skyline was taken by Joseph C. George, a member of the Leechburg, Pennsylvania, congregation, from the West End Overlook.



## Lauren's story

Linda Yarbrough  
 Brooklyn Church

*Jesus Christ transforms human life through His church; therefore, each congregation will mobilize members to Actively Live "other-centered" lives, sharing the Gospel, offering compassion and seeking justice in the wider community.*

As I reflect upon this story, I must admit there are some things in life that there just are answers for. I will never be able to understand why bad things happen to good people. Especially when the good people happen to be innocent, young children. Thirteen-year-old Lauren Lendle was one of those special people who was a victim of a horrible disease called Cystic Fibrosis. This disease causes the lungs to produce an over-abundance of thick, sticky mucus that eventually causes its victims to suffocate to death.

Lauren was 5 months old when her family learned that she had Cystic Fibrosis. She was a member of the Brooklyn congregation in Baltimore, Maryland, and a seventh-grade student at the nearby Beltsville church school. Lauren was a bright, beautiful and loving child. We all loved Lauren and were inspired by her strength and faith in God.

Recently, Lauren's disease progressed to the point she was no longer able to attend school. She was wheelchair-bound and on oxygen 24 hours a day. Without a double-lung transplant there was no hope for Lauren. She was placed first on the list at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where her surgery would have taken place. As her church family, we then became familiar with the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). We held an organizational meeting at the Brooklyn church on March 13. We were blessed to have Channels 2 and 11 cover Lauren's story and kick off what would be the beginning of an intense campaign to raise the \$100,000 need for Lauren's surgery.

Our church members gave a 100-percent effort. We placed donation containers around Baltimore and the surrounding areas. We worked with the Civilian Guard by holding car washes and bake sales. We sold candy bars and solicited many groups and organizations by phone. We raised several thousand dollars but had a long way to go with events still in the planning stage. We knew we could reach our goal of \$100,000 and had faith Lauren would get those lungs so desperately needed.

Unfortunately, Lauren's weakened body couldn't hold on any longer. Lauren lost her battle with Cystic Fibrosis at 12:20 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 1997. This tragedy has affected everyone who knew and loved Lauren. Fortunately, we have that hope we will be reunited on that glorious resurrection day. But for now, she sleeps after a very long, hard road. And the effort we gave for Lauren was not in vain. Not only did it bring our church family closer, but it reminds us that we can serve God by helping others.

Please continue to remember Lauren's family in your prayers, and if you would like further information on organ transplants or how you can become a donor, please write to: Children's Organ Transplant Association, 2501 COTA Drive, Bloomington, Indiana 47403; or phone (800) 366-2682.



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## The rod, the staff and fireworks

Kimberly Luste  
 Managing Editor



**F**ireworks. "Lil Jugs," "Sparklers," snakes, Chinese tops. Small paper objects filled with some powder and touched with a flaming match and ka-boom!

Fireworks. Or shiny, fizzy wands that pop and make tracks through the night as you write your name in the sky. Fireworks.

"Kim, can you please get me some fireworks on your way back? Please? Get anything cool, like some of the stuff we got before in Indiana." This was my brother's plaintive plea. I was traveling by bus from Jacksonville, Florida, back home to New Jersey and, as I gave my mother my arrival time in Mount Laurel, my brother picked up the phone extension and beseeched me to "PLEASE pick up some small fireworks. Get some of the truck ones, too," he added.

The bus pulled into a truck stop somewhere in the Carolinas at about 4 a.m. I walked down the aisles of the convenience store and sure enough, there were rows and rows of big things that looked capable of creating craters in my house and street. Steering clear of these, I picked up a few of the small "lady fingers," paid the cashier and ran to the revving bus.

I arrived home wrinkled and groggy but otherwise not too much worse for the wear. And my brother had lots of fun with the fireworks.

This June and July, I've had some encounters with "fireworks" of a different kind. With the departure of Charlotte McClure, former managing editor of the *Visitor* and director of communication services, the atmosphere at the union has been charged with expectation, possibilities and dreams. I feel bereft of Charlotte's warm, managing presence but also sparked with excitement for what lies ahead for the *Visitor*.

The future, I believe, is bright, both for the *Visitor* and our lives as Christians. It's daunting, no doubt, the task before me. But as David wrote in Psalm 23: "Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me ..." I know that Jesus will be right beside me, guiding me, pulling me from life's briars, loving me and comforting me. I know, for I've already felt the explosion of His love. And I'm ready and waiting for more.

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# Never alone



I was driving through the Amish country near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, watching for the "perfect" picture. I had captured farmers, horses and fields on film, but I was still hoping for something extra special. Then along a back road, the sun took a partial vacation behind a silver-lined cloud. The fleeting shadow turned the field a dark red and etched the tree's silhouette against the sky. "Stop the car. Grab the camera. Check the f-stop. Dash across the road. Shoot six frames. Change lenses. Do it all over again."

*The photo was  
irresistible. Dark red  
earth, freshly turned.  
Blue and white sky,  
calling for a kite. Single  
gnarly tree, proclaiming  
independence.*

A print of the moment now hangs on the wall near my desk. One tree. Alone. Victorious. Invincible. Unbowed by wind, snow, heat or humans. Strong. Indomitable. Alone!

"All by myself, I can do anything," says one of Madonna's songs. That's how I feel sometimes. Alone but willing and ready to take on the world and anything it can throw at me. I see myself standing tall above the field like the Amish tree. Victorious. Invincible. Alone. Able to do it all by myself without any help from you or anyone else.

But that's not the message of the tree.

Without a support system, the tree would have fallen years ago. But its roots reach deep into the field, embracing sturdy stones and exploring for water pockets. A dozen chemicals flow up the root system, meeting the "average daily requirements" necessary for healthy trees. Birds feast on the insects that attack through its bark. Clouds breeze by and contribute nourishing water. And the air provides a constant supply of life-giving carbon dioxide.

But the tree's support system is much larger than what nature provides. I wonder how many times the Amish farmer has looked up and wished he didn't have to plow around the tree every spring. Or how many times he has eaten his lunch in the shade of its branches. Or if he's ever tied a rope swing to that overhanging branch. I wonder if he sprays a little extra fertilizer around the tree each year. One thing's for certain: He always works this field with extra attention, taking special care of his one tall tree.

Alone, the Amish tree would quickly die and become firewood.

Alone, I would become dust. Unhappily and quickly!

But I am not alone. I have a support system that would be the envy of any tree. I have a wife who loves me even though she knows me. Drinian, my dog, is thrilled to see me each morning. Neighbors wave pleasant greetings. Our three children make helpful suggestions regarding my choices in clothes, food, career and autos. Office team members edit my words, add correct punctuation and propose better topics. Friends counsel me on sermon preparation and delivery. Dad writes encouraging letters from his computer in Thailand. Policemen offer assistance when I run out of gas, and Hamlet shares his "Jelly Bellies."

Alone? Never! Everything I am or do happens only because of the personalized support system God has placed around me. Regardless of how well I listen or respond, He keeps the system working, FOR ME. When I am strong and effective, a true servant, a good father, a loving husband and a Christian follower, it's because I'm listening and allowing His support system to do its job.

Otherwise, I'm just firewood. Alone.

*Dick Duerksen is the vice president for creative ministries in the Columbia Union and editor of the Visitor.*



# An ambassador moves on

"The only thing certain in life is that change is inevitable. The challenge is to be one hop ahead of it." That sounds like something Charlotte Pedersen McClure would say—or write in an editorial.

During her more than 14 years on the Columbia Union office staff, Charlotte has experienced—and encouraged—more changes than anyone would want to count. She has worked with four *Visitor* editors (Ernest Wendth, Ron Graybill, Kermit Netteburg and Dick Duerksen), moved the paper from "cut and paste" to "cutting edge computer pre-press," managed advertising from "classifieds and a couple of small display ads" to "whole-issue extravaganzas" and brought life to newsletters.

Charlotte Pedersen McClure has been the "Heart of Communications" for the Columbia Union.

Consider just a few of her Columbia Union accomplishments: edited the music curriculum for North American Division elementary schools, led out in numerous SS101 seminars, created and led camp meeting seminars for church communicators, became a PageMaker and WordPerfect expert, proofreader, photographer and editor with pizzazz. All of this while challenging the union to improve its administrative committee structure, to become more gender-inclusive and to operate more as a servant to congregations.

Several other truths. Charlotte has played organ and piano for a number of congregations in the D.C. area, sung soprano with the Paul Hill Chorale, raised Michael, Jason and Samantha (along with grandsons Billy and Konnor), married Dick McClure (in 1994) and served as "best friend" to dozens.

Best of all, Charlotte is an ambassador for Christ, a Christian who truly knows the pleasure of loving others for her Lord. Charlotte will excel in her new role as assistant vice-president for marketing/periodicals at the Review and Herald. She will use creative and thoughtful approaches to get us to subscribe to the *Adventist Review*, *Women of Spirit*, *Vibrant Life* and more. Knowing Charlotte, I'm guessing that we'll all send in our checks. She's already "one hop ahead of the change," making plans for success.

Life at the Columbia Union is better because Charlotte Pedersen McClure has been here. We have all learned to laugh more, treat women better, expect perfect accuracy, enjoy deeper friendships and listen when *anyone* speaks.

Why has Charlotte made such an impact in our union? I believe part of the answer is found in her first *Visitor* editorial, August 15, 1984 where she calls for us all to put our priorities in order. In that editorial, she quotes Philippians 3:13 and 14: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Charlotte's priorities, and her life, truly press toward that high calling. Successfully!

Dick Duerksen is the vice president for creative ministries in the Columbia Union and editor of the *Visitor*.



Charlotte Pedersen McClure, managing editor and director of communication services for the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1997.

## The lady with the laugh



Charlotte Pedersen Coe on the phone as assistant editor, circa 1984.

"How do you like your new job?" my mother asked over the telephone after my first day on the *Visitor* staff in August of 1986.

"I like it a lot," I replied, "especially the woman in the office next door. Her name is Charlotte, and does she love to laugh! Even at all my bad puns!"

Needless to say, it didn't take long for me to become good friends with "the lady with the laugh." Because she was the managing editor and I was the editorial assistant, we spent a lot of time working together to put out the very best *Visitor* possible. So much time, in fact, that we soon began leaving the door between our offices open.

This arrangement worked very well. Every time I needed to know which conference a certain church was in, I could ask Charlotte. And as we were thrust headlong into the age of computers, she could ask me how to switch text from bold to italic in PageMaker.

Time passed, and Charlotte moved to an office down the hall, but I could still hear her incredibly infectious laugh and still get her judgment on which stories should run in the news section. And every summer, we went back and forth over whether "camp meeting" is one word or two.

But now, Charlotte has moved to the Review and Herald. And even though I won't hear her wonderful laugh as often as I used to, I know that she's brightening the lives of other people who are working for God.

Randy Hall is the assistant editor of the *Visitor*.



# Cape Town

Real Truth Crusade brings

**E**vangelism has awakened the hearts of men and women in Cape Town, South Africa. Nine evangelists from the United States, in nine different locations, worked together with local South African pastors and lay people to wake a "sleeping giant."

Through their commitment and hard work, the Real Truth Crusade contributed to more than 1,300 people being baptized. The majority of the people coming to the meetings were from other denominations—Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Jehovah's Witnesses and Baptists—people who believed they were Christians but felt something was lacking in their lives; people like 16-year-old Amanda Vandermerwem and her conflict with Anglican parents. Or Clarissa Abrahms and her struggle with the Sabbath and her Jehovah's Witness faith.

The plan for a multiple evangelistic meeting began early in 1996. Edmund Julius, a South African who pastors the Orchard Park church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, was invited to go back "home" to do a meeting. Julius says he ran into some problems. He shared his thoughts with his friend, Tim Lewis, an evangelist in the South Central Conference. Lewis is also the president of Real Truth Ministries, an organization based in the United States. Lewis and Julius discussed some alternatives, one of which was a Real Truth Crusade meeting in Cape Town. The ministry had crossed continents before—India in 1994 and Ghana in 1995. "So why not South Africa?" asked Lewis.

All three conferences in the Cape area were invited to participate in this major effort. The Good Hope Conference, known as the "coloured" conference, supported the idea overwhelmingly. The members began preparing the field for reaping.

In October of 1996, Bible study groups sprang up all over the Cape peninsula. Church members called friends, neighbors, co-workers and even lost members, sharing with them what would be taking place in March. This concept, known as a "Kindness Crusade," is a brainchild of William C. Scales Jr., campaign coordinator for Real Truth Ministries and ministerial director for the North American Division.

The Real Truth evangelists were: Tim Lewis, Wayne McKnight and William Pergerson (South Central Conference), Charles Cheatham (secretary, Allegheny East Conference), Henry Fordham (ministerial director, Allegheny East Conference), Clarence Hodges (vice-president, North American Division), Loren Nelson (ministerial director, Michigan Conference) and Gene Donaldson and William Hall (Allegheny East Conference). Each of these evangelists was assigned to a pastor in the Good Hope Conference. All worked side by side throughout the crusade. Each venue held anywhere from 250 to 2,500 people. Night after night, for three weeks, the people came, and the seats were filled.

The Real Truth Crusade not only prepared people spiritually to accept Christ, it also focused on healthful living. Scales and his group firmly believe that the health message is part of evangelism. Doctors, nurses, nutritionists and other health professionals, both from the United States and South Africa, set up booths every evening to check blood pressure, offer diet plans and make their services available to anyone who needed them.



Seventeen baptismal candidates get ready to make their public statement of commitment to Jesus Christ. Photo by S. Davis.



Edmund Julius shares the Word with the more than 8,000 people packed into the stadium in Cape Town. Photo by H. Fordham.



In the Cape Town stadium, platform participants enjoy the preaching of Joseph McCoy, president of the South Central Conference. Left to right: Edmund Julius, Wayne McKnight, A. Norman Ryan, William Scales Jr., Tim Lewis, Clarence Hodges and V.S. Wakaba. Photo by H. Fordham



# n revival

## tinents together in Christ

A major contribution to the medical team was to translate the health brochures into Afrikaans, one of the main languages of South Africa. Members of the health team from the United States included: Joy Peterson, health consultant, Reather Cheatham, Roxanne Hall, Christina Jansson, Maria Jansson, William and Dyane Pergerson, Juliet Moore, Andrew and Minnie McNeil, Lois Scales, Carol Richardson and Bernard Parham.

The culmination of the three-week crusade saw more than 700 people take their stand for the Lord. On the final Sabbath, more than 8,000 people packed a small stadium in Cape Town for that big Sabbath celebration and baptismal service. Lewis preached, and the music was provided by Lois Scales, Linda Scales Mercer, T. Marshall Kelly, Jean Kelly and local musicians in Cape Town. At the end of Lewis' sermon, an appeal was offered. More than 1,100 came forward. The mass baptism was conducted in four large pools, and every minister participated in baptizing all the candidates. Whole families were baptized together. Couples were reunited. Vastly different ethnic groups were dipped into the same pool, all holding on to that common bond, being part of God's family.

Toward the end of the series, the Southern Conference in Cape Town (a black conference) asked to be part of the evangelistic meetings. They had a baptism a few days later, and 250 people joined the church. G. Baxton, president of the Cape Conference (a white conference), attended the Sabbath service at the stadium and was impressed with the work of the crusade.

"We stepped aside and let the Holy Spirit work, and we were not disappointed," says Hall, who is from the North Philadelphia church in Pennsylvania.

"I came with the expectation of giving, and I have found that I have actually received more from the strength of the people," adds Donaldson, from the Ephesus church in Richmond, Virginia.

Others had similar responses. "It was worth the effort just to see those precious souls being baptized and also to see lives changed in religion and in health," says Charles Cheatham.

"The spirit of cooperation is tremendous here, when you consider that it has not been that long since the walls of partition have been torn down, and yet we've seen such harmony between the churches, the people and the community. They have accepted us," comments Fordham.

"There are no big 'I's' or little 'u's'. Everybody worked together for one purpose with one motive, and that is to glorify our father which is in heaven," adds Scales.

The collaboration of the American and South African teams proves that evangelism can work anywhere in spite of racial differences. G. Baxton, president of the Cape Conference, says he felt the Lord was really leading. Plans are underway for the Real Truth team to do another crusade in South Africa in 1999. "We need to do it again," says Julius. "I don't think Cape Town, or South Africa for that matter, will ever be the same again."

*Paula Webber, who also attended this South Africa trip, is the producer of World News for the General Conference Office of Mission Awareness. World News is a segment on ACN's First Wednesday news program. To order a videotape of this story, call ACN at (301) 680-6315.*



Upon seeing such a large number of baptismal candidates, Tim Lewis is so joyfully excited that he jumps in the baptismal pool in his Sabbath suit to assist in the baptism. Photo by S. Davis.



Pastors and lay people assist in baptizing many on Sabbath, March 15, after the worship service. Photo by M. McNeil.



Pastor Loren Nelson baptizes a young boy, one of more than 1,300 baptized in South Africa during the crusade. Photo by S. Davis.



# Making service *convenient* in Sarmasu



Several group members "tie rebar" for the church in Sarmasu, Romania.

*As I struggled with heavy kettles and the lack of modern conveniences, I was wishing for my own familiar kitchen. This was just too much work, and I wasn't sure I was having fun yet.*

I was preparing supper for the 45 people in our group on a recent mission trip to Sarmasu, Romania. As I lifted the heavy cans that had been filled at the well and began ladling water into kettles for heating, I realized just how many things we take for granted.

In Sarmasu, water had to be hauled in each day. Many in our group stayed in homes with no indoor plumbing facilities, shopping was done at an open-air market, and the streets were dirt and mud. This was the way of life for the people in Romania, and as I struggled with heavy kettles and the lack of modern conveniences, I was wishing for my own familiar kitchen. This was just too much work, and I wasn't sure I was having fun yet.

Suddenly, I remembered a sermon at the New Market, Virginia, church when former Associate Pastor Buz Menhardt told about some of the hardships of his mission trip to the Dominican Republic. I remembered his statement that "Service is never convenient." And I remembered him telling of the wonderful blessing he and others received from the trip and the work they did for the people in need.



Buz Menhardt, former associate pastor of the New Market church, works on the church building project in Sarmasu, Romania, in March.

I continued with the meal preparation, and I realized that I was having a good time, even though the work was harder than I was used to. Not only was I receiving a blessing from my experience in the kitchen in Romania, but the members of the church were being blessed as well.

The purpose of our trip was to help the people of Sarmasu build a new church. They had outgrown their church and needed help physically and financially. Through various unique fund-raisers, we collected the money for our trip to Romania, as well as church-building materials. Our group consisted of 14 students from nearby Shenandoah Valley Academy, three students and staff from Richmond Academy, four SVA staff members and members from the New Market church, as well as the pastors of the New Market and Luray churches. What a great group we were, and what enthusiasm we had for this project!

As the young (and old) began digging footers, hammering boards, hauling dirt, moving blocks and doing every job imaginable, the sound of happy voices rang out over the building site. We were having fun! We worked side by side with the local Romanian church people and became friends. Even though we couldn't speak the same language, we knew the language of love!

While in Romania, we worked on the new church building during the day, held FLAG (Fun Learning About God) camp meetings for the young people in the afternoon, taught English language classes in the early evenings and attended evangelistic meetings in the old church each night.

What a privilege it was to witness the joy that the people of Romania had in worshipping in their new church. The smiles were big, and the hugs and handshakes were firm as they thanked their friends from the United States for helping make the new church a reality.



Erin Rawson, an SVA student, helps move a pile of blocks.

*Jan Osborne is director of alumni, public relations and recruitment at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia.*



# Adventists

air humanity story

# on NBC

Local NBC affiliates will have a chance to receive programming from the Adventist Media Center on July 31. Featuring the work of George Schram, a disaster relief worker for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and director of the Texas depot for disaster supplies, the satellite up-link—entitled “A Lifetime of Sharing”—will air August 1, 2 or 3.

Adventist disaster relief work has been going on for more than 50 years. In 1995, approximately 2,082 volunteers provided relief by distributing articles of clothing and blankets across North America, helping nearly 60,000 victims. And just recently, aid was given to Ohio flood victims.

Not every state has the need for disaster relief every year, but members in each state should feel the need to participate. “I think that the airing of this program will illustrate the need for disaster relief programs across the U.S.,” said Monte Sahlin, director of ADRA for the North American Division.

Schram, 83, continues to work every day directing the work of volunteers in Keene, Texas. “Following acceptance of a theme involving committed senior Christians whose lives have impacted their communities through much of this century, we thought of George, who has led our disaster relief in Texas for almost 40 years,” said Sahlin.

The Adventist segment of the video, filmed by Mike Beesley, covered a two-day work schedule for Schram. “The crew and I couldn’t help but notice that at the end of the day, George had the same amount of enthusiastic energy he had when he arrived in the beginning of the day for the taping, while the rest of us were tired and worn out.”

The opportunity for the television program was extended largely through the work of Betty Cooney, media relations liaison for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. “This opportunity to air a love-in-action story like George’s on a major network is a real privilege for my church,” exclaimed Cooney, co-producer of the segment.



Mike Beesley videotapes George Schram and Virginia Thurber as they describe a typical day at the Texas Disaster Relief Depot.

“The story of a committed Adventist Christian taking his religion into the community to help thousands offers a compelling witness. I pray viewers will find it hard to flip by this program on their television sets,” she said.

Schram believes that one of the most important pieces of instruction about life’s work is found in Isaiah 58. “If we take care of the basic needs of people, God will pour out His blessings,” he said. “Isaiah 58 is the basic message for Christian service.”

For more information on correct viewing times for the program, please contact your local NBC affiliate’s program director to ask when “A Lifetime of Sharing” will be shown.

George Johnson Jr. is a communication intern at the North American Division office in Silver Spring, Maryland.



The phone still rings for this retired 83-year-old, even while being taped for the television segment.

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Adventist Christian taking his  
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their television sets.”*

*—Betty Cooney.*



## COLUMBIA UNION

New faces, new places;  
tasks and transfers

- **Charlotte McClure** leaves her post as director of communication services at the Columbia Union and managing editor of the *Visitor* to become the assistant vice president for marketing/periodicals at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland. She had worked at the union office in Columbia, Maryland, for 14 years.
- **Tamara Terry** is the new director of communication services for the Columbia Union. Her previous title with the creative ministries department was as assistant director of communication.
- **Kim Luste** is promoted from communication intern at the Columbia Union to acting managing editor of the *Visitor*. She has worked at the union office since January of 1996.



Charlotte McClure

- **Amy Chambers**, who has served as a communication intern with the Columbia Union since January of 1996, receives additional responsibilities as art director of the *Visitor*.
- **Lorene Beaulieu** joins the Columbia Union office staff as the secretary for the Revolving Fund. She previously worked as a secretary with the trust services and information services departments at the North Pacific Union in Portland, Oregon, but moved to the East Coast to be with her husband, Dale, who is the union treasurer.
- **Jim Jensen** moves from the staff of the Columbia Union, where he was a computer analyst and junior accountant, to the Potomac Conference office in Staunton, Virginia, where he is now associate treasurer and treasurer of the conference corporation.
- **Dick Thomas** leaves the pastorate of the Baltimore-White Marsh church for the Chesapeake Conference to become publishing director at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland.
- **Terry Johnsson** is the new youth pastor for the Sligo congregation in Takoma Park, Maryland. He comes to the Potomac Conference from the Ore-

gon Conference, where he had served as associate pastor of the Stone Tower church in Portland.

- **Dorothy Strickland** retires from her post as a grounds worker at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, after more than 12 years of service to the church.

**RANDY HALL**  
Visitor Assistant Editor

## COLUMBIA UNION

Five-Day Plan founder dies after  
helping 50,000 fight smoking

Alfred Marple, a retired minister who was a founder of the Five-Day Plan to Quit Smoking, died of cancer on May 31 in his home in Silver Spring, Maryland.

A graduate of Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College) in Takoma Park, Maryland, Marple became a minister in 1942. He pastored churches in his native West Virginia and Norfolk, Virginia, before coming to the Washington, D.C., area in 1955.

Marple served as pastor of the Silver Spring congregation for the next five years, then became a chaplain at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma

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Park. He served as head of the chaplain's staff at that hospital for 17 years until his retirement in 1980.

In 1961, he joined physician Wayne MacFarland and Pastor Elman Folkenberg in developing the anti-smoking program, which addressed the physical and psychological sides of tobacco addiction and included classes, diet and exercises.

Marple conducted stop-smoking clinics across the country, including at several government agencies in Washington, D.C. By the time he retired from holding the classes in 1995, he'd helped an estimated 50,000 people quit smoking.

He was honored several times for his anti-smoking efforts. Named 1983 Man of the Year by the Montgomery County, Maryland, chapter of the American Heart Association, he also was recognized as the 1991 Alumnus of the Year at CUC and was given an award from the Atlantic Region of Adventist Health Care in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Marion, daughter Cheri Lyons, stepson Timothy Manning and sister Elsie Brown.

**RANDY HALL**  
Visitor Assistant Editor

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Gettysburg prayer vigil changes people

On May 2 and 3, the members of the Gettysburg congregation conducted a 24-hour prayer vigil concerning their church school.

The plan was to have people sign up for 30-minute shifts to pray around the clock, but as the event approached, less than half of the times were filled, and many were asking, "How can anybody pray for 30 minutes?" Others said they had decided to pray at home rather than come to the church. Some of the organizers got pretty discouraged.

Elementary students from the school put on a vespers program on May 2, and the prayer vigil began. People had signed up for the first few hours, but it was uncertain what would happen after that.

The organizers' worries began to fade when some who'd agreed to pray for 30 minutes stayed for three hours. Others who hadn't signed up dropped in and prayed for one or two hours at a time. Leaders had feared they'd be the only ones there during the early hours of the morning, but several people prayed every minute of the whole 24 hours.

This event turned out to be one of the most healing and nurturing programs ever held in that church. It looks like the congregation will pray together again in early September. School will be starting again then, and the church will be preparing for an evangelistic series.

Since the vigil, a local Baptist congregation has offered the Adventist church the use of one of its buildings for school next year. And members are taking time to pray together in their homes and at different times. They now know that prayer changes things. It changed them.

**VAUGHN JENNINGS III**  
Gettysburg School Principal

## POTOMAC

### Pathfinders receive CPR training at Tidewater Adventist Academy

Six Pathfinders received certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation after taking a class on first aid held on April 19 at Tidewater Adventist Academy in Chesapeake, Virginia.

The course was taught by volunteer Scott Werich, a CPR instructor who is stationed at the U.S. Navy base in Norfolk, Virginia. Coordinating the event were Don Myers from the Chesapeake church and Debbie Stovall of the Norfolk congregation.

The 14- and 15-year-old Pathfinders represented four congregations: Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach.



Juan Hardy practices mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on Chris Clean, a training dummy. Photo by Debbie Stovall.

## Dr. Kay's Q&A



### Kids should be their own bosses

**Question:** The only way I can get my 8- and 11-year-old to get up, get dressed and eat their breakfast so they won't be late for school is to scream and threaten. I hate myself for being this way, but nothing else seems to work.

**Answer:** Children respond to screams and threats because they know if they don't, they'll get it! Your children now need to be re-trained.

There are two major ways of changing a child's behavior. The first is to reward the behavior you want. Behavior that is positively reinforced is usually repeated. This method is by far the most pleasant and pain-free way, but it doesn't always bring the immediate results that we want, so parents resort to method #2, where a consequence is imposed.

But for best results, I'd suggest a combination of the two, offering both a reward for responsibility and a consequence for irresponsibility.

Now, let's apply these methods to your situation. First, the reward. How much do you think the job of getting your kids up and off to school is worth? Would you pay someone a dollar? Why not make the following proposal to your kids? "Kids, how would you like to earn a dollar every morning for the job of bossing someone around? Frankly, I'm tired of bossing you around, making sure you get up and dressed and get your breakfast eaten, and I'm ready to hire someone else to do it. You can have the job if you want it. The job starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 8 a.m. when you're in the car and ready to be taken to school."

Next, the consequence. "If you miss the 8 a.m. deadline, you'll lose a quarter for every minute the person you're bossing around is late getting into the car."

If the kids take you up on the job offer, reward them immediately. Let them feel the dollar bill in their hands as they tumble into the car at 7:59. But if it's 8:01, too bad! They only get 75 cents. And if it's 8:05, they owe you a quarter!

I think you'll be surprised how well a method like this works. For some kids who are easily distracted, you may need to make the reward more frequent. A quarter if they get dressed by 7:15, another one if they're at the breakfast table by 7:30, another if they finish eating by 7:45 and the final one if they get their teeth brushed, gather their books and are in the car by 8 a.m.

The only way a program like this will work is if you're consistent. Don't be soft and give them a dollar if the clock says 8:02. They have to know you mean what you say.

If you think this method sounds expensive, remember that wage-earners (your children) can now have the responsibility of using their money to buy their own clothing and school supplies. This method may actually be less expensive for you than handing out money every time a child wants something.

Plus, you don't have to keep paying them forever. Once the habit is established, there's no longer any need for this reward system. The freedom of self-discipline becomes a reward in itself.

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



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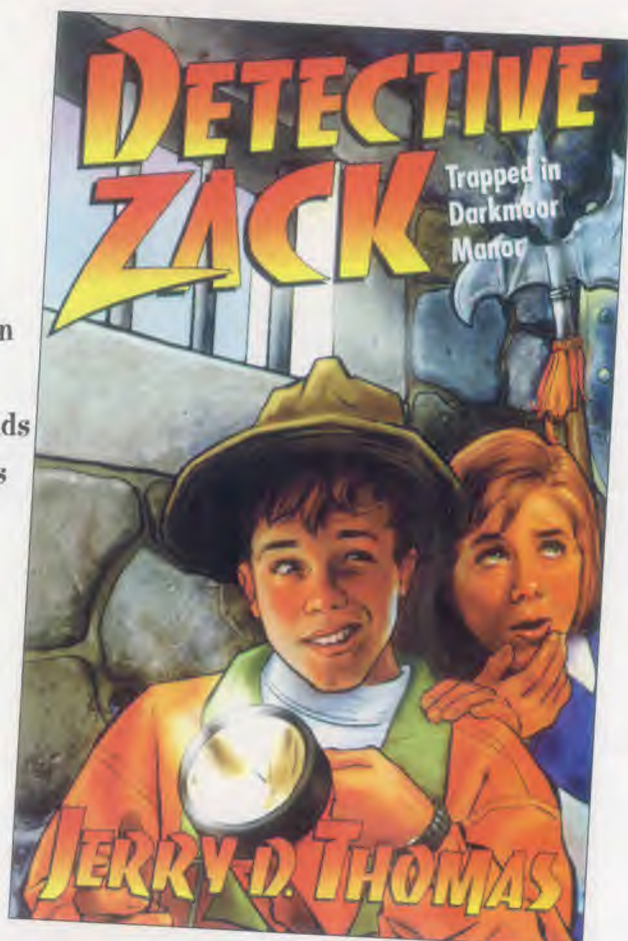
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Columbus	9:04	9:01	8:58
Jersey City	8:31	8:28	8:24
Norfolk	8:28	8:26	8:22
Parkersburg	8:56	8:54	8:50
Philadelphia	8:33	8:31	8:27
Pittsburgh	8:54	8:51	8:47
Reading	8:37	8:35	8:31
Richmond	8:34	8:32	8:29
Roanoke	8:44	8:42	8:39
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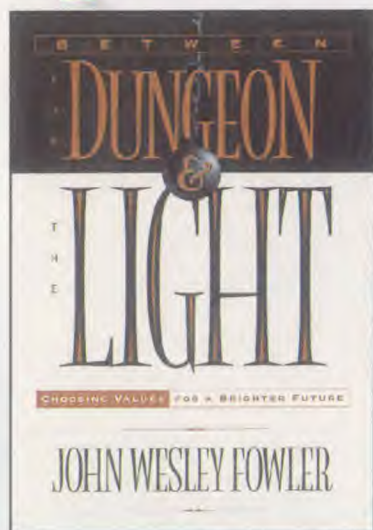
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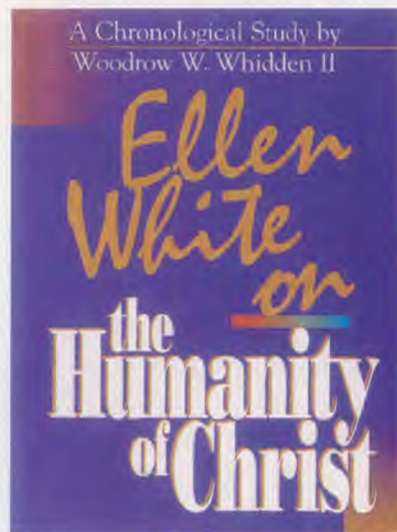


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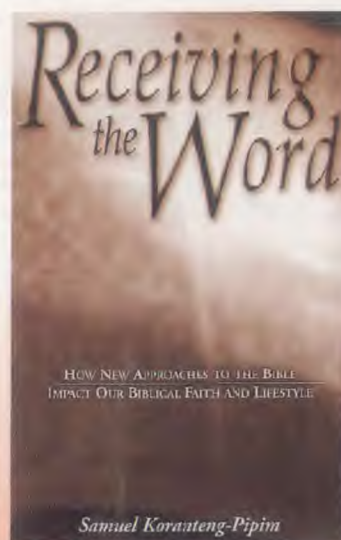
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