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## ABOUT THE COVER:

At 5 p.m. on January 15, a rose-colored sun added new shades of color to the west side of the U.S. Capitol. Dick Duerksen captured this photo using a 20 mm Nikon lens.



## PowerBar and ADRA partnership feeds thousands

*God creates us as unique individuals and calls us into the Adventist community of believers; therefore, we celebrate our diversity in race, culture, gender and viewpoint yet are united in the truth and mission of Christ.*

PowerBar Inc. has made donations totaling 1.35 million PowerBites to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). After sending an initial shipment to Mongolia for food supplements, ADRA plans to send large quantities of the high-energy food bars to Sierra Leone, Bosnia and South Africa.

"Our sense of corporate responsibility led us to participate in ADRA's humanitarian effort to alleviate hunger in the world," said Scott Sowery, corporate communications director at PowerBar Inc., about a partnership between the two organizations.

ADRA South Africa Director Moses Moeletsi reports that the country suffers high unemployment rates, which continue to increase despite economic growth. The number of street children is also increasing due to abusive situations.

"A team has been organized to distribute the PowerBars in Soweto, which has more than 1 million residents," said Moeletsi. "This distribution is a result of the evangelistic team for Pentecost '98 visiting Soweto and seeing the need for the plight of the poor. They provided the invitation for ADRA to donate food and clothing to these people."

A letter followed the first shipment to Mongolia that will forever change the way Jim Lanning, ADRA director for material acquisitions, views the tremendous impact ADRA can make when partnering with a corporation that operates from a humanitarian philosophy.

"In this letter, a relief worker in Mongolia reported that about 100 people a day pick through the large trash containers outside his office," explained Lanning. "One day, a man in worn-out shoes and dirty, torn clothing carefully sorted through the trash, but found only some obviously rancid food on the ground. The relief worker rushed over and insisted that the man drop the gathered dregs. He then gave the man enough PowerBites for his wife, two children and himself. When told that these were high-energy food bars, the man wept out loud—an expression that is never done in Mongolian culture. His profuse and heartfelt thanks knew no bounds."

A portion of this donation, 100,000 PowerBites, will also be donated to ADRA's Global Village, the hands-on development education exhibit, which will be presented again in April. This time, its 10 life-sized, worldwide dwellings will be located on the capitol mall in Washington, D.C.

"Pack-A-Box" is one of the many learning stations at ADRA's Global Village. It allows students to pack a parcel of clothing and supplies for children in need and their families in a developing nation," said Casey Bahr, ADRA director for development education. "The packed boxes will include the power bars, which will be a real treat for children in Haiti who crave some variety in their meager diet."

In business since 1987, PowerBar Inc. operates largely in the United States, Canada and Germany. ADRA works in more than 140 countries and during 1996 provided more than \$75 million in food assistance.



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*Whatever it takes*

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**L**ife is tough, a struggle, a constant pull of needs and demands. Sometimes at its extreme, it seems like a daily choice between life and death. And I wonder, "Why do I have to keep struggling with this? Can't I just have one tremendous fight, make the decision for life and coast from there?" So it rather startled me one day when I read II Corinthians 4, and Paul confirmed these extreme thoughts of mine. Right there in black and white, Paul says: "We who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake..." So apparently it's not really my fault, this continuing struggle. It's a matter ordained of God. And I came to realize that the struggle isn't just about death as we know it, but about all the thousand little deaths we face every day.

Death is anything that tends towards the negative, that tears us down. Life, on the other hand, always builds, adds and grows. I face this death every day when I try to pay bills from nonexistent funds, deal with a recalcitrant child or confront a stubborn car that refuses to run right. All of these can tear me down if I let them; if I make the negative choice to give in. Paul describes this as being "hard pressed, perplexed, persecuted or struck down."

But then I read the good news. God said (verse 6) that He wants to let His light shine out of darkness and that He chose our hearts as the place of darkness to put that light. Whoa, sounds like a slam! We are darkness!

But Paul goes on to explain it in a different light! (Get it?) We are like jars of clay, he says. We hold the light in these jars. But how does it shine? Remember the dilemma Gideon faced? He needed to fight a large army with few men. So God told him to put a light into pitchers, a light that only became effective after the pitchers were broken. Well, Paul explains this phenomenon when he says (verse 7) that the light is in "jars of clay, to show that this all-surpassing power is from God." Then he describes the broken pitcher idea by proclaiming we "are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake ... so that His life may be revealed in our mortal body."

So it appears I must go through these death-facing experiences every day so that God can be revealed in my life—every day! All these struggles I endure are just God working out His way with me. Even those circumstances I put myself into, because God says that He works "everything together for good."

I win the battle between life and death when I choose to give in to God and not to succumb to the negative—no matter how bleak it seems.

And God, seeing the big picture, knows that this lifetime of learning is but a fleeting moment in the scope of our eternity with Him. It can't even be tabulated as a percentage point, it's so small a time period. So, to God, "whatever it takes," even to the point of the first death, is of small relative consequence when it means we receive eternal life. All we need is to trust our outlook on life to Him. Then we can deal with "whatever it takes!"

## Write to us!

### *Prayer changes things...*

Prayer gives us the strength to "move mountains," keeps us connected to our Father and brings fellow believers closer. How has prayer helped in your life—in your experience with God, in your church, in your community? Send your stories (300-500 words) and photos to Kimberly Luste Maran, Columbia Union Visitor, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045; fax (410) 997-7420 or E-mail 104315.2145@compuserve.com.

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# How to



# a church



his church is as cold as the snow around it. Once it was the thriving, worshipping, rejoicing, hope-filled center of the community. Now it's empty. The pews are gone, the furnace dismantled and the pulpit chopped up for firewood. The building is falling down upon itself. The church is closed, finished, kaput, dead.

The words "dead church" ought to be an oxymoron, for the word "church" is a verb, not a noun. In fact, the very concept of a "dead church" is an unimaginable obscenity to those who know "church" as a bright-eyed bride waltzing down the aisle toward Christ Himself.

Yet, many congregations seem determined to plan a funeral rather than a wedding. Instead of transforming the church into a community salvation center, they energetically protect and defend the status quo until the pulpit choppers must be called.

I've been watching and listening as dying congregations slowly lose their vitality. What I've learned fits comfortably into 10 suggestions for killing off your church.

10. Don't look at the bridegroom. Focus instead on anyone else who happens to be in the area. Notice the hairdo, the jewelry, makeup (or lack of it) and clothing. Compare what you see with what you know is required by God.

9. Remember the past. Better yet, keep close track of all sins (both of commission and omission) and bring them up to the perpetrators at the most opportune and embarrassing moments. Members only grow closer to God when they learn to overcome their weaknesses.

8. Don't remember the past. Take all the "nice, good, kind, Christlike" actions of other members and throw them into the depths of your forgetter. No one should be able to rest on the laurels of past goodness. Goodness is something that you must do TODAY!

7. Leave the "Visitors Welcome" words on the church sign. But when a visitor actually visits, ignore her. Better yet, put a big ribbon on her coat, have her stand up to be recognized, ask public questions about her family, stare at her earrings and explain why she must try the vegetarian goulash.

6. Focus on members rather than the other folks who live in your community. Hold special events without notifying local radio stations, cancel the pastor's membership in Rotary, boycott all multi-denominational gatherings and send a check (rather than 10 members with rolled-up sleeves) to the homeless shelter.

5. Bring the kids in with the adults. No, not the little ones; they need to be in cradle roll, kindergarten and primary. It's when they get to the problem years that they ought to be in with the adults. Anything special you do for them at this age only encourages them to think that their ideas are best. Next thing you know, they'll be playing drums in the basement during Sabbath school. Teenagers ought to be with their parents anyway.

4. Preach sermons with generous portions of fear and guilt. Use strong warning stories of people who've



died without "accepting the Truth." Speak often of the "Time of Trouble" and describe how sinners are going to hurt at the "End of Time." Point out how awful some of our sins are to God. Guilt and fear, pumped up powerfully enough, bring conversion and teach us to love God's love.

3. Talk much about the Bible. But don't really read it yourself.

2. Pray several times during each service publicly. But pray little outside of the service. And if you do pray, do so without letting yourself get caught up in the dangers of meditation. The devil is using that tool to pump odd ideas into the minds of the unsuspecting.

1. Don't invite your neighbors to church. It could put an unfortunate strain on your relationships.

By the way ... if you carefully reverse all 10 suggestions, they'll give you 10 great ways to bring a new level of vitality to your church.

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



# Literature evangelism comes alive in the Columbia Union

It looked like Ellen White might be wrong. She had said that "as long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work." (*Testimonies*, Volume 6, page 315.) But at this time last year, the colporteur work in the Columbia Union had been declared financially and legally dead.

Officially, the work ended with the demise of the contract company overseeing literature evangelism in the Columbia and Atlantic unions. But unofficially, it was a different story. "We just kept going," says literature evangelist Greg Whitsett, "because we figured the Lord had a plan."

Apparently, the Lord did have a plan because at a

colporteur rally this January, the work looked very much alive. Two hundred and twenty-five colporteurs and family members attended the event at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland.

The Review acted quickly this past February to pick up the responsibilities for running the literature work in the Columbia and Atlantic unions. Dick Thomas, director of the reorganized Home Health Education Service, points out that even though 1997 looked bleak in its early months, the two union territories delivered well over \$3 million worth of books. "I'd say we have something to thank God for," he reflects.

If you were to visit among the delegates at the rally, you'd discover six different approaches that are being used to distribute our literature.

For example, you might meet Graham and Judy Lello, traditional literature evangelists who—unconcerned about the turmoil at administrative levels—went on to have their best year ever in 1997. They sold \$110,000 worth of books, many of them to Amish families in Pennsylvania.

You might also meet Rachel Lombard, one of the 24 students attending the George King Institute. Based at the Review and Herald, this college is wholly dedicated to training a new generation of colporteurs. The curriculum includes classes and real experience in literature evangelism, health ministry, youth ministry and follow-up Bible work. Right now, Rachel is giving Bible studies to a young woman in Frederick, Maryland. "She's really excited about them, and I'm excited," says Rachel. "We're having a great time studying the Bible together and learning."

Steve Iuliano represents a different way of getting

students involved in literature evangelism. He leads 10 Blue Mountain Academy students in Pennsylvania who are earning their way through school by selling books. "The most exciting thing to me," he says, "is that we have 10 growing Christians."

If you continued to mingle among the rally attendees, you might come across Rodrigo DeGuzman. He specializes in making cash sales to minority groups in the Washington, D.C., area. A recent immigrant to the U.S., he started meeting sales prospects in the malls. For the first six months, he didn't own a car, so he walked or rode the bus to every appointment, carrying his books in a backpack.

You might also meet John Hoch, an enthusiastic representative of *Listen* magazine. Based in Highspire, Pennsylvania, he's recruiting a growing number of people to work part time in getting drug-prevention materials into schools across the country.

Finally, you might run into Mike Bjelica, who's testing a bold new way to do literature evangelism. Instead of going to people's homes, he uses direct mail to invite people to visit a sales center he has set up in Columbus, Ohio. There he presents the books in an environment much like a real estate office. The first phase of his experiment began on December 5. Before Christmas rolled around, he and two other colporteurs had met with 83 families.

Thomas feels that one of the benefits of the rally was a healing of the trust that had eroded during the previous administration. During meetings that went long into the night, literature evangelists were able to make progress in the areas of representation on the executive board and in the study of a medical plan. "We opened up lines of communication we didn't have for some time," says Thomas. With such a positive beginning to the year, he expects sales to reach \$6 million in 1998.

Referring to the new leadership being provided by the Review and Herald, Nahor Muchiutti, who directs the cash sales program in urban areas, says he's seeing results. "If we've seen good results already, we have every reason to believe the future looks bright."

Kim Peckham is director of periodical advertising at the Review and Herald Publishing Association.



Dick Thomas congratulates Shirley Hardy of State College, Pennsylvania. Robert Smith, publishing director of the North American Division, looks on.



Tony Mecozzi of Warren, Ohio, tells the audience how he was mistaken for an angel. He gave a copy of *Happiness Digest* to a hitchhiker who later showed the book to his sister. "I saw that book last night in a dream," the woman said. "The man who gave it to you must have been an angel." Nahor Muchiutti (right) translates for the Spanish members of the audience.





# Gateways

news and information

## CUC student receives scholarship

*Natalia Mironova, Senior Communication and Journalism Major*

It was a surprise for Kareem Williams, a CUC senior communication major, when he was told his presence was requested at the annual dinner for the Washington Adventist Retirees Association. As he later found out, he was not only a guest, but the guest of honor.

That evening, Williams received a \$500 scholarship from the fund established by the retirees.

Each year, one student from Columbia Union College is selected to receive this scholarship. Each division chair nominates a student from his or her division, and then out of the four, the winner is chosen. In his nominat-

ing letter, Dr. Barry Casey, chair of the communication department at CUC, wrote: "We chose Kareem because he exemplifies the kind of character that we hope our graduates will carry to the workplace and throughout life. He is gracious, patient, interested in the well-being of others and genuinely concerned to make a difference in life." Ed Peterson, president of the association, presented the award to Williams.

The letter from Casey was read aloud during presentation of the scholarship, another surprise and a slight embarrassment for Williams, as he admitted. "It was overwhelming," he said. According to Williams, the scholarship will be a definite help for him this semester. "All I can say is praise God from whom all blessings flow."

## Marcos Galvany composes his music career at CUC

*Joey Lynn Norwood, First-Year Communication Major*

Marcos Galvany is a pianist, guitarist, composer and currently a student at Columbia Union College. As a cellist in the New England Youth Ensemble and holding a part-time job, you would think that Marcos

would be more than busy. Nevertheless, he still finds the time to compose music and perform at prestigious places, such as the Library of Congress and the State Department.

Marcos was born in Alcanté, Spain, and knew what he wanted to do with his life at a very young age. While visiting family in Barcelona, he began playing with the keys of their piano. "Sometimes I would escape there, but my parents never knew what I was doing at the time. I would pick at the keys until I found two keys that sounded nice together, and it all started from there. This all began when I was about 6 years old. I continued to practice without my parents knowing. When I was 12 years old, my neighbor bought a piano. She called our home and invited us to come over and see it. When we arrived, I sat down and began to play. My mother gasped and cried out, 'What are you doing? When did you learn this?'" After that, she immediately enrolled me into a conservatory," said Marcos.

At 16 he composed a Spanish-style opera (known as a Zarzuela), which was premiered by local and nationally distinguished artists, including tenor Antonio Fuentes of the Barcelona Liceo Theater. After receiving his certificate in piano performance from the Conservatoire Superior de Musica Oscar Espala in Alcanté, where he earned high marks, Marcos studied guitar in Spain with well-respected guitarist Manuel Diaz Cano.

Varying in style and genre, Marcos' compositions include two piano concertos, a symphonic poem, an opera, vocal songs, short pieces for violin and cello, chamber music, piano etudes and arrangements of vocal pop music. He has performed his piano concerto on national television and presented his works in Vienna, Salzburg, Ontario and in the United States.

While at CUC, Marcos was invited to play his guitar during a private party sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of Macedonia in the Library of Congress, and most recently, he presented some of his works by piano at the State Department. The State Department was very impressed with his performance and asked him to come back next year with an orchestra to perform his works. Marcos has also met the Spanish ambassador and hopes to have the opportunity to perform in the Spanish embassy.

## Calendar of Events

### February

- 16 Presidents' Day Holiday
- 20-23 Acro-Airs tour to Ohio
- 22 Washington's Birthday
- 24-27 Student Missions Week
- 27-28 Columbia Collegiate Chorale tour
- 28 CUC Sabbath

### March

- 2-4 Student Association Elections
- 2-6 Midterm Exams
- 7-15 Spring Break
- 10-11 New England Youth Ensemble tour to Carnegie Hall

During the 1997 holiday season, Marcos was hired by the Washington Hilton hotel to perform at a Christmas party on the rooftop of the Kennedy Center. He was also hired to appear regularly in the hotel lobby.

When asked if he planned on living in America after he has finished with his education, Marcos replied: "In Spain, it is so difficult for a composer to



*Marcos Galvany, a sophomore music major, has quickly moved into the music world of Washington, D.C.*

be heard, but here at the college, I play in the New England Youth Ensemble and we travel everywhere. I get together with a few of the members of the orchestra, and we try out some of my compositions. The orchestra gives me a lot of

opportunities to be heard." Marcos is scheduled to premiere some of his compositions with the ensemble later this year.



# Gateway to service

from columbia union college



## "Views from the Gateway"

*Bryan Zervas, Associate Vice President for Academic Administration*

He couldn't see me roll my eyes, but his suggestion irked me—"You should laugh more." We exchanged pleasant goodbyes, and I was muttering to myself "Merry Christmas to you too, pal!" as I hung up the phone. The very notion that I hadn't been in good humor of late only exacerbated my ill mood. Frankly, the funk had been well earned: students vying for limited funds for financial clearance; disingenuous donors; disapproving glances from colleagues; unrealized personal and professional year-end goals and the crush of holiday shopping.

But a smile was beginning on my face as I entered White Flint Mall. It felt good to absorb the

energy from the moving crowd of shoppers, the blinking lights and festive music. Besides, the escalator was whisking me up to a delightful store, a retail "library," Border's Books and Music. Those nagging, pesky thoughts that had occupied too many days of December were rapidly dissipating as I spied the most recent work of one of my favorite authors on the *New York Times* bestseller's shelf.

Fighting off pleas from my girlfriend not to spoil a Christmas present, I promised to read only a few pages. I eased into a comfortable chair and was soon embracing the wonderful style that I had come to admire. Clarity, substance, turn of a phrase—like few others, a master at delivering his readers to those belly laughs that leaves one grasping for breath. A woman walking by would have finished her days in impoverishment if it hadn't been for this artist of fiction who evoked an uproarious laugh and continuing giggles. She had to know what was so humorous, and I was happy to share the work.

He couldn't see the tears in my eyes, but the energetic laughter answered his question, "What turned you around?" The best medicine of all, "a cheerful heart..." Proverbs 17:22 NIV Study Bible.

## Ogburn named new vice-president for financial administration

*Natalia Mironova, Senior Communication and Journalism Major*

Marshall Ogburn, formerly associate vice-president for finance, has been named the new vice president for financial administration at Columbia Union College. He began his new position on October 22, replacing Jim Greene, who left CUC in September to work for the Colorado Conference.

Ogburn came to CUC in April of 1997 from the South Atlantic Conference, where he worked as a manager of the Adventist Book Store in Atlanta, Georgia. He holds a bachelor's degree from Morgan State University and is currently working on his M.B.A. at Keller Graduate School of Management.

"My goal is to manage the college's finances to the best of my ability and keep the college of sound financial ground," said Ogburn. He resides in Springdale, Maryland, with his wife and two children.

The administration is currently looking for a new associate vice-president for finance. CUC welcomes Ogburn into his new role.

## Writers Conference continues to grow

*Summer Porter, Junior Marketing and Communication Major*

On November 2, students from academies all over the Columbia Union came to CUC's campus for the annual Writers Conference. Each academy was invited to bring 12 students who were interested in writing, newspaper production, design, journalism and/or photography. Richmond, Vienna and Spencerville Adventist academies were new additions to this special event.

Sunday afternoon brought the conference to an exciting start. Students visited the Newseum (an interactive media museum) in Virginia. An indoor beach was set up for students to get the feel of summertime once more for the year. After the beach party, students were invited to participate in a contest writing TV commercials for Goya soft drinks. The winners were rewarded with Godiva chocolates and CUC hats.

On Monday morning, students attended their

choice of field trips. Their choices included: WDCA-TV, Half Past Autumn (a photojournalist exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art), WUSA-TV, WJLA-TV, USA Today and the *Washington Post*. Students commented that they enjoyed seeing the action happen right before them. Students who visited WUSA-TV, channel 9, were especially thrilled when they stood as a live audience for the daily broadcast of *Eyewitness News at Noon*. The evening was completed with dinner and shopping at the Inner Harbor of Baltimore.

On Tuesday morning, students attended additional workshops. Some chose "How to Watch Television," an interactive workshop taught by David Miller, the broadcast media instructor at CUC. Students were taken from being passive TV watchers to active TV program participants. Rhondra Robinson, coordinator of the Writers Conference, stated that the annual event continues to grow with more activities and students every year.



*Dan Tavarez, a senior accounting major, contributes to the CUC holiday band performance in the lobby of Wilkinson Hall.*



# Harold Lee elected president



Pastor Harold Lee, as secretary for the Columbia Union Conference, addresses a congregation during a constituency meeting.

The Columbia Union Executive Committee elected Pastor Harold Lee as union president on Sunday, January 11.

At its November meeting, the committee approved President Ralph Martin's request for retirement and then set up a presidential search committee, asking that group to bring the names of two candidates for union president to the January executive committee.

The presidential search committee met twice over the holidays and considered a broad range of candidates. The list of potential presidents was narrowed to four candidates, who were asked to submit resumes. Two of those individuals declined, leaving the executive committee with two excellent candidates to interview. Those candidates were Ed Motschiedler, president of the Ohio Conference, and Harold Lee, secretary of the Columbia Union.

In a departure from past procedure, the executive committee chose to interview each candidate thoroughly prior to taking a vote on the position. During these interviews before the entire committee, each candidate was asked challenging questions, such as:

- What do you see the role of the union to be in relation to its conferences?
- What is the most significant challenge facing the church, and how do you plan to attack it?
- How has God prepared you to assume this assignment as coach of our institutions, members and leaders?
- What are your top two or three priorities for the next three to five years?
- How do you stand on the issue of women's ordination?
- How do you plan to build a community that's open to renewal while holding a common vision in unity?

In their responses, both candidates spoke of the need to guide the church in regaining its "sense of mission." Each also focused on the needs of local congregations and described how they would direct the energies of the

union to coach conferences, congregations and institutions to discover and follow successful approaches in ministry. The interviews were cordial and direct.

The executive committee, led by Alfred C. McClure, president of the North American Division, paused for special prayer several times during the day. Prior to the presidential balloting, three members offered public prayers for wisdom and guidance. The resulting vote, 26 to 19 in favor of Lee, brought the entire group to its feet in applause and appreciation.

"God has brought me from a mighty long way," said Lee in his acceptance speech. "And this vote humbles me even more. The challenges are great, but the battle belongs to our Lord, and victory has already been achieved at Calvary! It is an honor beyond my comprehension to serve our constituency. Together, we will serve and pursue the mission He has given us."

After a long period of applause, Lee continued: "I thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me. I commit to you all that I am and all that God wants me to be."

Willie Lewis, president of the Allegheny West Conference, then moved that Motschiedler be elected to replace Lee as union secretary. The motion was seconded and carried nearly unanimously. Motschiedler thanked the committee for the invitation and is currently considering the possibilities of this move.

President Lee holds a bachelor's degree from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, a master's from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and a Doctorate of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He also earned a certificate in educational and financial management from the Harvard University School of Business. His 33 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church include pastoring several congregations, mission service in the Caribbean Union Conference, institutional administration at Oakwood College and additional administrative responsibilities at both the North American Division and General Conference offices.

Lee is married to Barbara Kilgore Lee. They have three adult children, Debra, Robert and Angela, and are reveling in the love of their six grandchildren. To that family, they now add the 101,000 members of the Columbia Union Conference.

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



# Healing MINISTRY



## Kettering Medical Center —a 30-year history of healing

*During 1997, we attempted to give readers an overview of various areas of Adventist HealthCare as it is being carried out within the two health-care regions of the Columbia Union Conference. Much of what we introduced was driven by a document developed by church leaders and health-care executives working together from 1991-1996.*

*In response to the document, The Mission of Adventist HealthCare, James Londs, Ph.D., and Peter Bath, D.M.D., have collaborated on preparing the following report. In November of 1997, the Kettering Adventist Health Care Corporation Board received this report and asked that it be given wide circulation. Part one of the report follows.—Ron M. Wisbey*

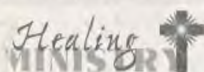
### **Fulfilling the church's mission at Kettering Medical Center**

In the midst of an unprecedented upheaval that is dramatically changing the role of hospitals in the delivery of health care, Seventh-day Adventist medical centers are taking bold steps to fulfill their unique mission to the world. In cooperation with the North American Division and the General Conference, North America's hospital leaders developed criteria by which every Adventist hospital could measure its effectiveness in fulfilling its mission. What follows is the current self-assessment of Kettering Medical Center (KMC) on its success in meeting these criteria.

### **Quality and professionalism**

The public has a right to expect the highest quality and professionalism in a health-care institution. KMC's quality has been recognized and honored by the public and the government in a variety of ways:

- We have been



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selected as one of the few Community Mutual Insurance Company hospitals involved in their Medicare Demonstration Project Centers for Cardiology. Anthem (a major health maintenance organization) asked all the hospitals in

*“Every major leadership meeting begins with prayer, regardless of who is chairing it.”*

Ohio, western Pennsylvania and northern Kentucky that had open-heart programs to submit data to an independent researcher who does risk-adjusted analysis of outcomes. Based on the risk-adjusted analysis of mortality, morbidity and length of stay for coronary artery bypass grafting and angioplasty, they selected 10 hospitals that they contract with for those services. Patients who have HMP, Community Choice, ProPlus or Federal through HMP must go to one of the selected hospitals. In Dayton, the two hospitals are Miami Valley Hospital and KMC. In the last ranking of hospital outcomes, KMC ranked third overall, second in the state of Ohio and first in Dayton.

- Our recently established Neuro-Science Institute is doing cutting-edge research with diagnostic tools in neuro-surgery, as well as highly specialized brain surgery.

- We participate in a patient and physician satisfaction survey process coordinated by NCG, a nationally known health-care consulting firm. Our survey data proves that we are perceived to be extremely high in the quality care we provide.

- We have just received a 100 percent score in our Joint Commission on Accreditation Review that resulted in “Accreditation with Commendation,” a level of accreditation

afforded no more than 2 percent of the hospitals reviewed.

- Our market share is growing in the Dayton area.

*An overt Christian environment Adventist hospitals should emphasize the Christian character of the institution.*

- Every major leadership meeting begins with prayer, regardless of who is chairing it, and a number of staff meetings also begin with prayer.

- Each day, we have a devotional thought broadcast on our public speaker system.

- We have a monthly luncheon-devotional for staff that is well attended.

- We have a monthly inter-faith breakfast for physicians.

- We have a devotional thought for the day broadcast over E-mail to the hospital family.

- Our orientation sessions show the Adventist video on the history of health care and church beliefs, and our chaplains make a presentation on the “unique” character of an Adventist institution.

- Annually, we sponsor a program on “spiritual care” for the medical center caregivers entitled “Between God and the Gurney.”

- We operate a full clinical pastoral education certification program, which covers the hospital with numerous chaplains who are available to minister to patients and their families.

- We have regular local clergy “speak up” sessions during which we enlist their help in becoming “partners and volunteers in caring” at Kettering Medical Center.

- The Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church and the medical center partnered in a “Week of Spiritual Emphasis.” There were nightly meetings at the Church and daily noontime meetings at the hospital. A similar spiritual emphasis will occur again in the spring of 1998.

- Dr. David

Vandenburgh, senior pastor of the church, teaches a class called “Spiritual Healing” for nursing students each fall and spring through KCMA/ Andrews University Nurs-





# Center's years of healing

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ing. It receives high praise from the students who have taken it as a "life-changing" experience.

- The church sponsors a number of programs and ministries for the students at KCMA.

*In Seventh-day Adventist institutions, the Adventist belief system and lifestyle should be modeled by the Adventist administration and staff*

- Each year at the Kettering College of Medical Arts, we experience the joy of our students being baptized.
- There is no work being done on Sabbath outside of patient care. Our Sabbath policy outlines a rationale for the unique Adventist observance of the Sabbath.
- All of our executive leadership group is Seventh-day Adventist.
- We have about 16 percent Adventist employees in the institution.
- We have a department of ethics staffed by an Adventist physician and an Adventist theologian/ethicist.
- The senior pastor of the church serves on the board of trustees of the medical center, representing both the community and the Seventh-day Adventist perspective. The senior pastor of the church also serves on the ethics committee, the church support taskforce and the spiritual emphasis committee of the medical center.
- Our Adventist leadership is actively involved in community life in the Dayton area. Examples are:
  - Francisco J. Perez, CEO, FACHE, was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Kettering Kiwanis Club. Mr. Perez is also the president-elect of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.
  - Mike Wood, our director of education, was voted volunteer of the year for the South Metro Chambers of Commerce.
  - Peter Bath, president of KCMA, was voted "Rotarian of the Year" by the Kettering/Oakwood Rotary Club.
  - Seventh-day Adventists at Kettering led out in the Global Village effort for the Dayton area, which involved 30 community leaders and 750 volunteers serving the more than 23,000 people who visited the village.
  - Cooperation between the medical center and the church helped establish the "Good Neighbor House" (GNH) in Dayton, a facility serving the needs of under-insured, working poor people.

*Adventist hospitals must fulfill church-related objectives in their work*

**Community relations:** As mentioned above, the Good Neighbor House is a fine example of our community relations efforts, as is Wellness on Wheels (WOW), a program meeting the needs of the underserved communities in our area through mobile screenings. Adventist leaders and staff also serve on various community boards such as the Dayton Art Institute, the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and many others. The church and the medical center partner in providing a variety of cultural and musical programs for the community.

**Community wellness/lifestyle emphasis**

**philosophy:** Through numerous screenings, cooking classes, lectures and demonstrations, the Adventist focus on wellness is highly visible. In addition, a number of programs are offered to KMC employees also emphasizing the importance of diet, exercise and rest in a balanced life program.



**Compassion for all including those who cannot afford to pay:** Besides treating anyone who presents himself or herself to the hospital for care, regardless of ability to pay, KMC helps operate the GNH and WOW. In addition, based on careful research of the needs of the community, KMC operates satellite clinics in underserved areas such as Indian Ripple and the Sycamore Primary Care Center.\*

\*The second part of this report will be printed in the March issue of A Healing Ministry.

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# Healing MINISTRY News and Information

## Adventist HealthCare

### Good Housekeeping magazine features Adventist HealthCare

The January 1998 issue of *Good Housekeeping* features an article about an Adventist HealthCare entity. Shady Grove Adventist Hospital's play therapist, Linda Zimmer, is pictured with Casey, the puppet she created for the Adventist Center for Children. The article describes her role as a play therapist at Shady Grove.

### Voluntary support to Adventist hospitals tops \$35 million

Total Voluntary Support reports compiled by Philanthropic Services Institution indicate that giving to Adventist hospitals increased by 40 percent over 1995 to more than \$35 million in 1996. AHP's Report on Giving for 1996 reports that hospitals across the nation saw a 17 percent increase in giving. The growth of giving to Adventist hospitals is certainly commendable.

Only 27 of 40 institutions reported their giving to PSI in 1996. Of the 27 Adventist hospitals that reported, eight hospitals wrote 37 planned gifts. Castle Medical Center wrote 21, Florida Hospital and Loma Linda University Medical Center each wrote

four, and Florida Hospital/Waterman wrote three.

Statistics tell us that the "baby boomer" generation is retiring and that they will be looking for some place to invest their retirement funds. Every hospital needs an effective planned giving program in place.

Castle Medical Center leads all hospitals in total giving, number of planned gifts and giving from individuals. It seems evident that Castle's success comes from their program for seeking consistent planned gifts.

Take a look at the statistics in the columns shown at the right. You're welcome to call PSI with questions or comments.

### Giving to Adventist HealthCare 1996\*

Hospital	Total Giving	Planned Gifts
Castle	\$10,609,995	21
Florida	8,009,038	4
Loma Linda	3,788,106	4
Florida/Waterman	2,943,998	3
Kettering	1,417,820	1
St. Helena	1,377,644	1
PorterCare	1,038,125	
Shady Grove Adventist	992,630	
Glendale	721,488	
Hinsdale	674,833	
Washington Adventist	514,739	
White Memorial	498,227	
Shawnee Mission	408,812	
Portland Adventist	388,332	2
Tennessee Christian	286,409	
Central Texas Center	224,350	
Hanford	200,503	
Huguley	171,213	
PorterCare/Avista	153,454	1
Gordon	140,709	
Boston Regional	120,798	
East Pasco	115,512	
Walla Walla	114,633	
Feather River	109,312	
Sonora Community	99,119	
Parkview	92,147	
Goodland Regional	22,550	
Total	\$35,234,516	37

\*The following hospitals didn't submit reports for 1996: Emory Adventist, Florida/Heartland Division, Fuller, Glen Oaks, Harding, Howard, Jellico, Metroplex, North York Branson, Paradise Valley, Park Ridge, San Joaquin and Simi Valley.

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## Check this OUT!

**February 13-15—**  
*Fitness for Life Planning Team Meeting*

**February 17—**  
*Camp Meeting Planning Committee*

**February 23-24—**  
*Pastoral Inservice*

**March 7—**  
*Message magazine Sub-Drive*

**March 10—**  
*AEC K-12 Board*

**March 13-15—**  
*Marriage Commitment Seminar*

*AEC Health Ministries Update*

**March 21—**  
*Diabetes Alert Sabbath*

**March 29-31—**  
*AEC Spring Worker's Meeting*

## Allegheny East Exposé

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## Students prepare for mercy mission to Haiti

**O**n Sabbath, November 29, the Breath of Life church in Fort Washington, Maryland, received a report from two students who are preparing to visit Haiti in the spring.

Todd Sterling and Samona Claiborne, both members of Breath of Life and students at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, told the church of a mission to be undertaken by them and other Oakwood students.



Sterling and Claiborne pictured together at a social gathering at Oakwood.

The students at Oakwood have formed a charitable outreach organization called NAPS (National Association for the Prevention of Starvation) to engage in assisting the needy. The organization is run and staffed entirely by students.

This past summer, a group of NAPS members went to Haiti and discovered that there was a great need there. "The poverty there was so stark," said Sterling and Claiborne. "We and other students were reduced to tears," they both commented.

The group plans to return to Haiti this year to help out again. This past year's trip was a learning experience. Based on what they learned then, the students' plans for this year are more solidified.

For this trip, they are collecting clothes and food for the people of Haiti. The food they seek consists of high-protein items such as peanut butter, dried beans and dried milk. Other canned goods are not preferred because it is not cost-effective for the students to transport items that are mostly liquids.

The students will carry and distribute food and clothes, but their plans also include building a church and school and participating in a four-week evangelistic crusade that will be in progress during their visit.

The group that visited Haiti this past year included a physician, a dentist, 27 students and a biology professor.

Expenses for the spring trip include \$1,200 per student and \$22,000 for building materials and other things that will be needed in Haiti. Each student must pay his or her own way. The other funds will be raised by NAPS.

NAPS is not oblivious to needs here at home. Recently, the students and their biology professor, at their own expense and by their own labor, renovated a condemned building in Hillsboro, Alabama, a four-hour drive from Huntsville, so the house could be used as a center for community youth.

Breath of Life promised to help them financially and otherwise.

Other interested persons may send donations to Sterling and Claiborne in care of Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church, 11310 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744. Contributions may also be sent to N.A.P.S., c/o Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama 35896.

**TILLMAN PECK**  
Communication Leader



## Messiah concert presented in D.C.

On Sabbath, December 20, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Chancel Choirs and Friends of the First Church and the Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C., presented Handel's *Messiah*.

It was an event to remember. The sanctuary was decorated in holiday red and

the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the Psi Kappa Lambda Honor Music Society.

Monica Bell, soprano, is a native of Richmond, Virginia. She is a graduate of Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania. She recently completed her course requirements for a degree in counseling psychology at Columbia Union College in Maryland. As a member of the Pine Forge Academy Choir, Bell studied voice for two and a half years with Lloyd B. Mallory Jr. at the academy. She studied voice at CUC with Jon Gilbertson for the past three years. She is a member of the Dupont Park congregation and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Laddie Bell Jr.

Reyna Carguill, mezzo-soprano, is a native of Panama. She graduated from Oakwood College in Alabama with a degree in vocal perfor-

mance. Carguill first became interested in singing as a member of the Pine Forge Academy Choir. She is currently on staff at Oakwood's music department as a part-time voice instructor. Her recent achievements include winning the Albert Lane Vocal Competition and receiving the Alma Blackmon Scholarship.

Reginald Bouknight, tenor, is a native of Washington, D.C. He was educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools. He received a scholarship to attend the Catholic University of America, where he received his bachelor of music degree in 1982. Bouknight was a member of the Washington Male Chorale, where he was a featured soloist under the direction of Samuel Bonds, who was his first voice teacher. He has performed the standard tenor repertoire for oratorio and appeared in recitals throughout the metropolitan area and the United States.

Leonard Higgs, bass/baritone, is a native of Washington, D.C. Higgs has gained wide experience as both a vocalist and choral director. He has performed as a soloist with a number of local choirs, including the D.C. Youth Chorale Alumni Chorus, Pennsylvania Avenue Seventh-day Adven-

tist Church, Calvary Episcopal Church, Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church and First church. He is currently the bass soloist at the Northeastern Presbyterian Church.

This presentation of Handel's *Messiah* was dedicated in loving memory of William Lea who was a member of the First Church Chancel Choir and was always proud to participate in the presentation of the *Messiah*. The finale of the *Messiah* was the grand and glorious Hallelujah Chorus, which the congregation joined in singing. This magnificent presentation was broadcast that evening on WGTS 91.9 FM in Takoma Park, Maryland.

**JANICE WATTS**  
Communication Leader



Dr. Laddie Bell Jr. conducts the *Messiah* as Leonard Higgs sings as one of the featured soloists.

green. Live Poinsettia lined the podium, and Poinsettia boughs around candles graced the windows. It was the perfect setting for what was about to take place.

The church was hushed as the choirs and friends filed down the aisle, past the Chamber Orchestra, to the podium to take their station. The Chamber Orchestra was comprised of violins, violas, cellos, bass, trumpets and tympani, all mastered by excellent musicians. The conductor took his position on the rise, raised his conductor's wand and the overture began.

Dr. Laddie P. Bell Jr., conductor, is the director of the Chancel Choirs of the First church and the Northeastern Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Dupont Park congregation. He is a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he began his piano training at the age of 5. He continued his studies of piano and organ in Karlsruhe, Germany, when his father was an Army officer.

Marcellus Breach, organist, is a graduate (cum laude) of the Howard University School of Music, where he received a bachelor of music in organ performance and also a minor in music. Breach has been a recitalist at

## The obstacle in our path

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand: Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one's condition.

**AUTHOR UNKNOWN**



## Praise God in the highest!

**W**hat a wonderful Sabbath of praise! It made you want to see Jesus! It made me want to see all of you in Heaven! What a glorious Sabbath of praise that will be! The blessedness of Christmas came to the hearts and minds of the congregation when all of the choirs joined to bring the joy, love and peace of Christmas to the members and visitors of the Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Brinklow, Maryland, on December 13.

Vocalists included choirs consisting of the Sanctuary Choir, Jewels for Jesus Choir, members of Assurance—a gospel choral group directed by Ulrie Phillip, soloist Lori Bryan and member soloists and vocalists Tim Williams, Judy Dent, Noelette Hutton, William Carroll, Anthony Bethea, Curtis Jones, George Sampson, Patrick Crarey, Gayle Vanderhorst Jr., Larry Elliot Jr. and Armand Hutton. Musicians included Edmund Charles on piano, David Doggette on keyboard, Kyle Baker on electric guitar, Harry Jeffrey on drums, Carol Doggette on the flute and two female visitors from Takoma Academy who graciously played stringed instruments.

Betty Doggette directed the concerted efforts of the choir, vocalists and musicians. Her enthusiasm was a melody not written as part of the music, but harmoniously blended for her sacred effort, which stirred the soul of every congregational member and visitor in attendance. Janice Vanderhorst energetically guided the little hearts of the Jewels for Jesus Choir as they sang several selections. Betsy Johnson, narrator, inspired all with her gentleness of spirit and voice, which enveloped the music to draw together a true spirit of holiness in that place. Our junior and earliteen classes, dressed in historical garb, portrayed the inspirational manager scene that long drew "wise men" to Bethlehem.

Truly, the day was significant in the annals of Emmanuel-Brinklow his-

tory. Special thanks to God who designed us with unique talents and gifts. Special thanks go to all who worked behind the scenes to make this day truly spectacular. Special thanks to Barbara Robinson for her help during rehearsals. Special thanks to Pastor Henderson, who rendered a message for the season. Special thanks to members who attended to support and receive all that the day was.

**DENISE THOMAS-ELLIS**  
Communication Leader



Emmanuel-Brinklow's Christmas choir, directed by Betty Doggette, along with soloists Patrick Crarey, George Sampson and Curtis Jones.

### ACS of DE Valley answer Macedonian call



From left: Shirley Tall and other ACS workers.



Duwayne Jenkins Jr., Greg Jenkins and Noel Bowers helped with the project.



Isaac Roberson, Corrina Caldwell and Tressie Staten prepared materials for ACS.

Recently, Minnie McNeil, Adventist Community Services (ACS) director of Allegheny East, sent out a call for clothing that was sent out to Maylasia with Pastor Hobson and a contingent of New Jersey ACS workers who were on God's mission to share His gospel. As the time neared for pick-up to be made, station wagons, cars and vans rolled into the parking lot of the Southwest church as the various churches delivered their boxes filled with winter and summer clothing for men, women and children.

Kudos are extended to the following churches for the time spent gathering, cleaning, sorting, packing and delivering clothing that will benefit the unfortunate: **Ebenezer**—Shirley Tall, **Southwest Philadelphia**—Tressie Staten, **North Philadelphia**—Dorothy Taylor, **Germanatown**—Dwight Thornton and **Willow Grove**—Lena Clarke.

A special thank you is also extended to the Adventist Men leaders and others who worked hand in hand and whose valiant efforts made the drive a huge success.

**JANICE JENKINS**  
Assistant Communication Leader



## Weekend adventure

**T**he Shiloh church in Petersburg, Virginia, had its first Annual Youth retreat September 12-14, in the beautiful Camp Blue Ridge of Virginia, where approximately 40 children, chaperons and presenters were in attendance for the weekend event.



Members of Shiloh enjoying their first youth retreat at Camp Blue Ridge in Virginia.

Friday evening was kicked off with an activity where each child drew a picture of himself or herself that best described them-

selves in one word. This gave everyone a chance to introduce himself or herself and let others know something about the other person. This project was followed by singing, a vesper thought and prayer entering into the sacred hour of the Sabbath.

The topic for the youth retreat was "Communication," featuring six seminars (three Sabbath morning and three Sabbath evening) entitled Peer Communication, Parent & Child Communication, Sibling Communication, Communicating with Yourself, God & Child Communication and Single Parent & Child Communication. In addition to the spirit-filled seminars on Sabbath, a sermonette given to us by our pastor, Aaron Thompkins Sr., we started

our mentor program that will tutor, counsel and guide our youth.

Shiloh implemented its mentor program

having selected stabilized youth members who will tutor, counsel and guide our junior youth. These youth leaders have chosen adult men and women who will in turn share with them the wisdom, knowledge and understanding that they have been blessed to receive through the years. Each mentor is responsible for exhibiting the best Christian interest and welfare to his or her mentee. The mentor will inquire about the absence of the mentee and will follow up on continued absences or other problems that may arise. The object for each mentor and mentee is to have a relationship that will draw them closer to each other and closer to our Lord and Saviour.

The high point of our weekend retreat was the renewing of friendships, the camaraderie with one another and the rich spiritual blessing received by all. We look forward to our second annual youth retreat next year and many, many more to follow. The weekend also included hiking, bonfires, boating and canoeing.

**ALBERTA BAILEY**  
Communication Leader

## Say a prayer

I was taking my usual morning walk when a garbage truck pulled up beside me. I thought the driver was going to ask for directions. Instead, he showed me a picture of a cute little 5-year-old boy. "This is my grandson, Jeremiah," he said. "He's on a life-support system at a Phoenix hospital." Thinking he would next ask for a contribution to his hospital bills, I reached for my wallet. But he wanted something more than money. He said, "I'm asking everybody I can to say a prayer for him. Would you say one for him, please?" I did. And my problems didn't seem like much that day.

**AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

## God's other book

**T**raditionally, 13th Sabbath is a time for our children to bring a special offering, sing and recite Bible verses. The West Philadelphia church was no different until January 27, when a truck, pulling a dome-shaped vehicle, drove into the driveway and slowly made its way to the grassy knoll on the far side of the parking lot. Within seconds, a lady and three children emerged. The teenaged boy began to drive a stake into the ground and then another. The pins were filled with rabbits, chickens, turkeys, ducks and one tiny pink pig. Finally, a pool was filled with water, six turtles and several frogs.

The long-awaited day had arrived. The petting zoo had come! Children and adults squealed with delight. Thanks to the lower division's superintendent, Eloise Stoddart, the children

had the opportunity to learn from God's other book—nature. Naturally, a treat had to be shared. Ruth Chism, founder of the Guiding Light Mission, a member of the West Philadelphia church and mother of Eloise, brought the children who attended weekly Bible classes at the mission to join in the special day of feeding and petting.





# Chesapeake

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"Brother Meekins, we now honorably award you the 'Purple Heart' for your gallant support and involvement during the building project," said Pastor Danny Flower to the head elder of the Chestertown congregation at their open house on December 20. That Sabbath evening, members packed the church to praise the Lord for the miraculous comple-

tion of their church expansion project. Ground breaking had taken place on April 6 and now, eight months later, it was completed.

I have never witnessed a more joyous and jubilant congregation celebrating the conclusion of a building project. Unfortunately, some building projects bring division and strife. Not Chestertown. Everyone present was gloriously happy. It took quite some time to get through all the special awards and accolades handed out by the pastor. Everyone had a part in the victorious culmination of the project. There was genuine love, happiness and unity, which gave me a glimpse of what our attitude will be in heaven. During my drive home that evening, I was wishing that all our congregations could experience such unity and love for each other. The excitement and joy I witnessed needs to be more visible in our local congregations.

One of the key ingredients for such a victory is attitude—a winning attitude. One can either have a negative attitude or a positive attitude. Either one has a powerful effect on God's church. An attitude, as someone has defined, is "an inward feeling expressed by behavior." Chestertown had a winning, positive attitude from the beginning. They had a dream with no blueprints, no building contractor, no permits and insufficient funds. They did, however, have a united dream with a strong, positive attitude

that the Lord blessed. God cannot bless a negative, demoralizing attitude.

Our attitude affects our relationships with people. Seventh-day Adventists should have the best "people skills" in the world! Teddy Roosevelt said, "The most important single ingredient to the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people." John D. Rockefeller wrote, "I will pay more for the ability to deal with people than any other ability under the sun." Ellen White wrote, "The children of God are called to be representatives of Christ, showing forth the good-

ness and mercy of the Lord." (Steps to Christ, page 115) Jesus said it very simply and plainly, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:29)

Let me offer you a challenge that John C. Maxwell offered to his congregation: "For one week, treat every person you meet, without a single exception, as the most important person on earth. You will find that they will begin treating you the same way." May God bless us as we all help each other with a winning attitude to prepare for the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour.

## Youth on a mission

**K**im Jacobson, a seventh-grader from the Spencerville school, was determined to make a difference! After seeing a flyer for an AIDS walk in Washington D.C., she challenged her Spencerville Pathfinder club to adopt this project.

On September 20, 13 excited Pathfinders and nine willing adults started the 10-K AIDS WALK on the D.C. mall. Following the opening ceremony presented by D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, the humble group of 21 was quickly engulfed by thousands of other walking enthusiasts.

The Spencerville Pathfinder club raised over \$1,500 to benefit the AIDS research fund. Despite the tiring walk, Pathfinder Rachel Loukota felt encouraged by passing motorists who tooted horns or said things like "you are going great; keep it up." Another Pathfinder, Melody Michael, describes the walk as "worth every ounce of pain because by every contribution and every mile, we made a large difference in someone's life."

This is one of the countless community service projects that our Chesapeake Pathfinders are involved with. Like many other outreach experiences, young people created the spark to make it happen. Our young people truly are the "church of today."

PETE BRAMAN  
*Chesapeake Youth Director*



**Spencerville Pathfinder "Polar Bears" making a difference by participating in an AIDS walk.**



# Chestertown dedicates new addition

**S**abbath evening, December 20, members crowded into the Chestertown church to celebrate the completion of Phase I of their building expansion project. The brick-faced addition included a mother's room, a pastor's study, two handicap-access rest rooms, a fellowship hall with a fully equipped kitchen, a new covered front entrance with a handicap ramp and a series of exterior walkways that include a space for a small prayer garden. The price tag of \$130,000 for the project is about half of what it would have cost if not for the tremendous volunteer spirit of the members and friends in the community.

Members had been dreaming of the day they would add a fellowship hall to the church but had never dreamed of something so functional and beautiful. The dream began to take on the semblance of reality as the congregation, under the leadership of Pastor Danny Flower, focused on the potential ministry the addition could foster. "That's why things went so well," reported the pastor, "God was not only behind the project. He was *in* it with us all the way!"

It was clear that the members were also "behind" and "in" the project for on that day of celebration, over \$3,000 was contributed to the building fund.

The dedication service turned into a testimony meeting of how the Lord had blessed in so many circumstances. Tears of gratitude and joy flowed down cheeks. Spontaneous laughter erupted as the stories of the construction project were retold. Awards were handed out to various members, from "purple hearts" to those "wounded" during a work bee to "golden brooms" for those who were always around cleaning up the construction debris.

The building committee that gave oversight to the project was chaired by Frank Williams and included Tom Coleman (construction chief), Byron Dill, George Meekins, Don Urie and Betty Wood. The plans were drawn by Adventist architect Buddy Hart from the Annapolis church.

The expansion project is already having an impact on the community, as evidenced by the reaction of the church's neighbors. Reported



**Chestertown's additions include everything to the right of the front entrance.**



**The new fellowship hall and kitchen.**

one neighbor: "You're the best neighbors anybody could have." Another neighbor who shared that her grandmother was an Adventist said: "Don't be surprised to see me in a pew some Sabbath morning." And these are just two of what is sure to be a rich harvest of interest within the Chestertown community.

Members hope to be able to proceed on Phase II of the project by completing the youth room in the second story above the fellowship hall as soon as funds are available. In the meantime, they are joining together to meet the

challenge of paying for Phase I. On New Year's Eve, they held a "kitchen party" to stock the new kitchen with equipment and utensils.

The project from start to finish was an example of a church that drew together to accomplish an important task, maintained a spirit of unity, and saw God's blessings flowing freely.



# Welcome to Bienvenidos de Colombia! Colombia!



Members of the visiting team with their Colombian hosts.

Welcome to Colombia! That was the constant greeting the 10-member team from the Columbia Union received on their visit to Colombia in November. Our union conference has established a sister-union relationship with the Colombian Union of the Inter-American Division. Each conference within our union is establishing sister-conference relationships with a conference in Colombia. The purpose of the group's visit was to further cement friendships with the Colombian leaders and outline a working relationship between the two unions and their conferences. It was a very successful trip on both counts.

Pastor Rob Vandeman, Chesapeake secretary, represented our conference on the trip. He reported that "the church is alive and well in Colombia and growing at a staggering rate. It is not difficult to understand that these people possess such a magnetism. They are truly a warm and loving people and are fully dedicated to the mission of the church." Other members of the visiting team also commented on how "mission driven" they found our brothers and sisters in Colombia.



Members of a house church in Medellin.

The group members spent most of their visit in the cities of Medellin and Bogota. Medellin is home to the union office, the church's university and the office of the West Central Colombian Mission Conference. Bogota, the country's capital, is the site of the headquarters for the Upper Magdalena Conference. The weekend was spent in Medellin, where each member had the opportunity to preach in one of the surrounding churches. Typical of their evangelistic strategy, Adventists in the large cities have only a few large churches that are used as evangelistic centers. The real growth takes place in the small home churches. New congregations are being formed all the time. The lay leadership is truly committed to seeing the "work" finished. They are not bashful about inviting their friends and neighbors to church.

Most of the Colombian conference presidents were in attendance that weekend as the group forged out the initial details of the working relationship. A commitment to strengthening evangelism and education in both unions was given priority. Pastors within the Columbia Union have been challenged to provide theological books for the university's library. In order to be fully accredited, they must increase their collection of theological works by at least 3,000 volumes by the end of 1998.

Chesapeake's sister conference is the Atlantic Colombia Mission (conference). Its territory lies in the northern part of the country that borders on Panama and the South Caribbean. Its headquarters are in the coastal city of Barranquilla. There are 91 churches and 22,856 members (but those numbers are changing constantly). Pastor Pedro Iglesias (Peter Churches) is the president and sends his warmest regards to the members of the Chesapeake Conference.

Currently, our conference executive committee is studying ways to make the sister-conference relationship beneficial to both constituencies. Vandeman is planning a return trip in early May with other ministerial directors from our union to do evangelism. Also, plans are developing to bring the leadership from the Atlantico Association to Chesapeake this June for intensive English language training and assistance at our camp meeting.



The university library that needs 3,000 new theological titles by year's end.



## A church with a giving heart

The Reisterstown Stargazers Pathfinder club collected nearly 700 cans of food this past October, which enabled the community service ladies to make up 19 Thanksgiving baskets for people in crisis in their community. That was nearly twice the normal response. But canned goods were not the only thing the Pathfinders collected. They also collected the interest of one particular lady in the community. She volunteered to come to the church and help put together the baskets. She also inquired about vegetarian cooking, and several of the church members have been giving her ideas. She is looking forward to the next cooking school the church holds.

Church members discovered greater need in their community than they had imagined. So again at Christmas, they made up another half-dozen baskets, as well as adopting a family of five. The adoptive family received all the fixings for Christmas dinner, as well as clothes and presents for each member of the family. The church board voted to spend up to \$250 for the project. And, would you believe it, when the congregation was given the opportunity to contribute to the project, the offering totaled \$250. God is so good!

It's wonderful that Reisterstown has a giving heart. And it's good to know that there are many more congregations like that in Chesapeake.

## Churches join to celebrate baptisms

Four Chesapeake churches on the Eastern Shore gathered on November 8, at the Park church in Salisbury for a special Sabbath afternoon celebration and baptismal service. Fifteen individuals committed their lives to Jesus and were united with the Pocomoke, Cornerstone, Park and Seaford churches. Pastor Sedley Johnson of the Pocomoke and Cornerstone district and Pastor O. K. Scheller of the Park and Seaford district officiated.

These "trophy of grace" were won by a variety of approaches: Willis Dagenais conducted a five-week traditional evangelistic crusade in Seaford; the Park church participated in the Amazing Facts satellite series with Doug Bachelor; and the Cornerstone and Pocomoke baptisms were the result of personal evangelism on the part of the pastor and members.

The afternoon of praise and thanksgiving was led by Jim and Yvonne Chamness and the Cornerstone church choir. The Chamnesses had been a very integral part of the Seaford crusade as they shared their melodies of praise in song. The combined celebration was so appreciated by the members (and new ones, too!) that plans are being made to hold another joint baptism for the two districts.

CAROLYN SCHELLER



**Pastor O. K. Scheller (left) and pastors Sedley Johnson, Willis Dagenais and Jim Chamness (the last three on the right) with baptismal candidates.**





Some of the members at AY Executive Committee "get down to business" at the meeting held at the Lake Nelson church on September 27.

# DATELINE

February 1998

## AY Executive Committee meets at Lake Nelson

*An exciting future with enthusiastic leaders is ahead for the youth of New Jersey*

On September 27 at the Lake Nelson church conference room, the New Jersey Conference Youth Department was officially reorganized. Youth ministries currently has 34 people serving as conference and area leaders. The hope of the improved version is to adapt to the current growth in four needed areas—teen ministry, Adventurer ministry, summer camp ministry and AY ministry. Since the majority of our Adventist youth and young adults currently attend non-Adventist schools and colleges, this emphasis will help meet the current needs of our New Jersey youth.

Luz Mayi, an educator and counselor, will be serving as AY president. Assisting her are vice presidents Clever Salazar, Elida Salazar, Peter Anderson, Armenus Guy and Benjamin Jacobo. Jesus Rosales will serve as the conference sport director, and the AY treasurer will be Cherrie Beautre. The AY ministries serve as an umbrella for our



The AY executive committee takes a break before mapping out the plan for New Jersey's youth.

other six ministries.

These six ministries and their respective directors are: Adventurer Associate Youth Director Doris Klopping; Pathfinder and TLT Associate Youth Director Jorge Maisonave; Mission Impact Team directors Ademir and Hebe Soares; Tranquil Valley Youth Camp rangers Bill Bulford and Bob Beckermeyer; and Summer Camp Director/Youth

and Young Adults Director Carl Rodriguez.

We praise God for our dedicated leaders who enthusiastically serve our Lord for our New Jersey youth.

**CARL RODRIGUEZ**  
Youth and Young Adult Director

## NJ Conference Vacation Bible School workshop scheduled for March

Anyone who is interested in working with children is invited to attend the New Jersey Conference Vacation Bible School workshop on Sunday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are giving a special invitation to our bilingual members in all churches to attend this workshop. We would like to help you lead out in your church as you work with the children. We also need bilingual volunteers to learn to present this workshop to other members in their district.

Call (609) 392-8010 to register for this workshop. Names must be in by March 13. Only those who register will receive the free handouts and sack lunches.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the workshop. Please note that this workshop replaces the children's ministries workshop that was scheduled for March 21.



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Christians represent Christ. People have a perfect right to expect to receive a different treatment from those who profess to be followers of Jesus. While they shouldn't expect perfection, certainly they would expect for us to exhibit a Christlike spirit.



## How welcoming is God?

Every church community must make its own environment one in which people can feel welcome. The community of believers should exude such a warm hospitality that newcomers will desire to be part of that community. All aspects of the church should have this same pattern.

How can you make your church a welcoming church?

Hospitality begins in the parking lot or on the curb if there is no parking lot. Traffic directors play a vital role when they show special care to those coming to church. Members who may find it difficult parking their cars due to age or physical conditions will feel appreciated if someone will help park their car and assist them into the building, if necessary.

At the door, greeters welcoming visitors with a hearty handshake and a warm smile is just one more way to spread this spirit of hospitality. They can be very helpful in directing parents with children to their respective departments.

Ushers play a critical role in recognizing and helping new people connect with others in the church. They are not very useful only at the beginning of the service answering questions, but at the end of the service, they can direct visitors to the fellowship room for lunch, etc.

Fellowship time, designed for visitors, is a very special feature people will long remember. New attenders will experience a church that has obviously considered their needs by immediately helping them establish meaningful relationships.

From the parking lot to the door, from the door to the sanctuary, to the fellowship room, traffic directors, greeters and ushers help to make an environment of care that people will love and want to be a part of. Not an artificial standard of etiquette, but a genuine standard of love for others as Christ has taught us. The following is worth our attention:

*The spirit of Jesus should pervade the soul of the worker; it is the pleasant, sympathetic words, the manifestation of disinterested love for their souls, that will break down the barriers of pride and selfishness, and show to unbelievers that we have the love of Christ; and then the truth will find His way to the heart,"* (Review and Herald, November 25, 1890).

Dear reader, the first step in true evangelism is to represent Christ. It is said that if we were kind, loving and courteous, where there is one conversion, there could be 20 (Testimonies, Volume 4, page 68). Wow! Maybe our church needs to take this seriously. Public evangelism is great, but without the above, it might just be an exercise in futility. Think about it. Ask yourself the question, *How welcoming is God?* Answer it with genuine love.

**DOWELL W. CHOW**  
President

## Parkway South keeps church Alive!

At the Parkway South Seventh-day Adventist Church, the way we keep alive is by giving the youth opportunities to organize church events and take part in church offices that are normally reserved for middle-aged adults—if they're willing to take on the responsibility.

Two teens have taken on the challenge. For example, Annette Fichtner, 18, has been a deaconess, health and temperance assistant, Sabbath school superintendent, special music coordinator, TLT in Pathfinders, greeter and director of Ingathering throughout the course of three years.

In addition, Jennifer Fichtner, 17, has been "instrumental" in playing the piano as a regular pianist, being a TLT in Pathfinders, taking part as a deaconess and assisting with health and temperance. The youth want to become involved with the general workings of the church, and unless integrated into the church following baptism, will begin to be just another "pew sitter."

Jesus said it best: "My house is full, but my field is empty." Many youth who love the Lord want to be used and should be challenged to use their talents for God. Use your youth, and you'll find that they enjoy church all the more because it's a church that they are closely connected with and which needs and appreciates all that they have to give to the body of Christ.

**MERRY POST**  
Parkway South Church Correspondent

## Maranatha Spanish re-inaugurated

Many members (right) and conference leaders were on hand for the re-inauguration of the Maranatha Spanish church on November 8.

Pictured at the far right are President Chow, the church pastor and others as they take part in the special church service.





## Passaic I Spanish Pathfinders join in local parade

It was a beautiful Sunday morning. The sun was out, and the temperature was just right. Little by little, our Pathfinders began to gather on the church grounds. From their expressions, we could see that they were looking forward to that day's activities. By the time everyone had arrived, it was about 9:30 a.m. It was time to get in our cars and travel to our destination.

On this lovely Sunday morning, we, the Soldiers of the King Pathfinder club, took part in a local parade that was held in the city of Paterson, New Jersey. Along with a few other clubs from the area, we represented the Seventh-



day Adventist Church to the community. Besides representing the church, we were also able to let the people know about the Pathfinder club.

Our parade journey lasted about three hours. About halfway through the journey, the Pathfinders began to complain about being tired. Luckily with church members who were sup-

porting us and the staff, we were able to make it to the end. This was mainly because they provided us with water and cheers that gave us the strength to finish the parade.

We hope that our participation in this parade benefitted the community in some way. We found it to be a good experience overall—mainly because we were able to witness of our Lord Jesus Christ. We all had a good time, even though it was a little tiring. The important thing is that our Pathfinders learned that there are people out there who don't know about Christ, and by their testimony, those individuals can eventually one day meet Him.

**GEORGE RIOS**  
Church Member

## Passaic II Spanish Pathfinders baptize seven



Above: new Pathfinder Leader David Rios is inducted into service. Right: new members baptized on November 15.

new enthusiasm through the leadership of David Rios. His focus on letting teens serve has encouraged eight people to enter the TLT ministry. With the aid of Susanna Soto, the area coordinator, and Pastor Ramón Astacio, the Passaic II Pathfinders has quickly become one of the most active



On November 15, seven Pathfinders from the Passaic II church were baptized during a service in which more than 15 new members were welcomed into the church through baptism. God is certainly helping us get our youth back to church!

The Passaic II Pathfinders also are fortunate enough to have a new face with

clubs in the conference. We would like to thank Rios for His dedicated work.

**CARL RODRIGUEZ**  
Youth and Young Adult Director

### Attention: Pathfinders!

What is your church's Pathfinder club doing? Have your Pathfinders been active in the community, active in church programs or busy with Pathfinder activities "inside" the club? Send your stories and photos to Nancy Ortiz, New Jersey Conference, 2160 Brunswick Ave., Trenton, NJ 08648.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

GSA

## "Blind" students have their eyes opened during school project



**O**n the November weekend before home leave, Garden State Academy students participated in a unique project that brought home some of the day-to-day issues that persons with disabilities must face.

Following a special Thanksgiving dinner provided by the Tranquility church in conjunction with the GSA cafeteria, a mysterious malady swept the campus. Students were assigned a variety of disabilities ranging from blindness to paralysis by Lifeskills instructor Gloria Sitler.

Parents of village students were glad to have their children be "deaf/mute" for an entire weekend, thus gaining some peace and quiet. The students themselves were dealing with a whole new set of problems brought on by their disabilities. Many had never given thought to the difficulties a disability can bring. Some students were assigned the role of a caregiver. In this capacity, they assisted one of their "disabled" peers in completing day-to-day tasks.

On Sunday afternoon, the students were taken to the mall in Hacketts-town, where they learned even more about living with a disability. More than one commented on the difficulty or impossibility of entering a shop or area due to a wheelchair or walker.

Following the 24-hour project, students wrote a short reaction paper on their experience. The responses were enthusiastic and often poignant. Students at GSA developed a compassion and understanding for mankind that they will remember for a long time to come.

GARDEN STATE ACADEMY



## New Jersey Adventist Book & Food Center

### SPRING SALE

March 8 through 22

Christian Home Library Books are on sale during our spring sale. Regular price: \$12.99 each; sale: 10% off each or buy two or more and receive 20% off each book. ALL books and Bibles in stock are 10% off each item (except items already on sale).

Food—\$5 off each case. Buy any 12 or more mixed food items and receive 10% off your order (excludes dried fruit, nuts, grains, snacks and TVP).\*

\*All sales effective while supplies last.

### NEW Book!

*30 Days to a More Powerful Prayer Life*

As thousands around the world practice the principles in this book by Joe Engelkemier, expect to see the windows of heaven opened. Will you join with those who pray down the blessings?

1 to 4 books—\$7.99 each

5 to 9 books—\$1 off each

10 or more books—\$2 off each

### ABC Hours

ABC is open Sunday, March 1, 8 and 22

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regular hours Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Phone: (609) 392-8010



# Mission Ohio

OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

## CFRC opens in Columbus

The new Christian Family Resource Center (CFRC), located in Columbus, Ohio, is a new concept designed to reach a certain market, through the literature ministry, that has been difficult to reach in the past. Through direct mail marketing, families are invited to come to the center, where they are greeted and registered by a receptionist and then introduced to a literature evangelist. The customer then receives a 45-minute presentation of our books and products, and the L.E. has an opportunity to share the gospel and pray with the family.

The center opened its doors to the public on December 8, and during its first 10 days of operation, 83 families visited the center and heard the presentation. Seventy-six of those families signed up for correspondence Bible studies, and 21 families purchased books valued at \$6,000. One family expressed a strong conviction to get back to God, start going to church and have personal Bible studies.

Another goal of the center is to have a monthly newsletter mailed to the families that visit the center, informing them of other outreach ministries offered by local churches, including NET '98. The center is directed by Michael Bjelica and is sponsored by the Review and Herald Publishing Association as well as contributions from the Ohio Conference and local churches in the Columbus area. The center is also in need of full-time or part-time literature evangelists to work out of the center, as well as a receptionist. Anyone who is interested should contact Michael Bjelica through the Ohio Conference at (740) 397-4665 or at the Christian Family Resource Center at (614) 794-3700. Resumes may be faxed to (614) 794-3910.

## Inductee visits Columbus Eastwood

Columbus Eastwood Junior Academy was selected as one of the 11 schools in Ohio to host Joan Heidelberg, the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame 1997 inductee. Eastwood was selected by the office of Governor George Voinovich to host Mrs. Heidelberg after a field trip to the Hall of Fame by grades seven and eight.

Heidelberg is the executive director of the Brukner Nature Center in Troy, Ohio. While visiting with Eastwood students, Heidelberg shared her experiences from around the world

including a safari in Africa and teaching wildlife preservation in Russia. Heidelberg was inducted into the Hall of Fame for her work in natural wildlife preservation.

The Ohio Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1978 by the women's division of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services to provide a public record of the contributions Ohio women have made to the growth and progress of our state, our nation and our world.

Governor George Voinovich expressed sincere thanks to all of the host schools, including Columbus Eastwood, by listing the school's names in the Hall of Fame programs presented at the official induction ceremony at the Ohio State House.

STEVEN MAY

*Seventh and Eighth-Grade Teacher  
Columbus Eastwood Junior Academy*



**Joan Heidelberg visits with seventh and eighth grade at Columbus Eastwood.**



**Heidelberg saw elephants and many other animals on her African safari adventure.**



**Seventh and eighth graders pictured with teacher, Steven May (second from left) and Heidelberg.**



# Heritage Convocation

—A commemoration of the 140th anniversary of Ellen White's "Great Controversy" vision  
 March 13 and 14 • Toledo First Church • 4909 Sylvania Avenue • Toledo, Ohio

## Our speakers are only half of the story ...



Roger Coon



Mervyn Maxwell



Robert Olson



James Nix



Robert Folkenberg

Friday, 7:30 p.m.—"Why We Came Here"—Roger Coon  
 Sabbath, 9:30 a.m.—"How We Got Here"—Mervyn Maxwell  
 11 a.m.—"Why We Got Here"—Robert Olson  
 2 p.m.—"Where We Came From"—James Nix  
 3:30 p.m.—"Where Do We Go From Here?"—Robert Folkenberg

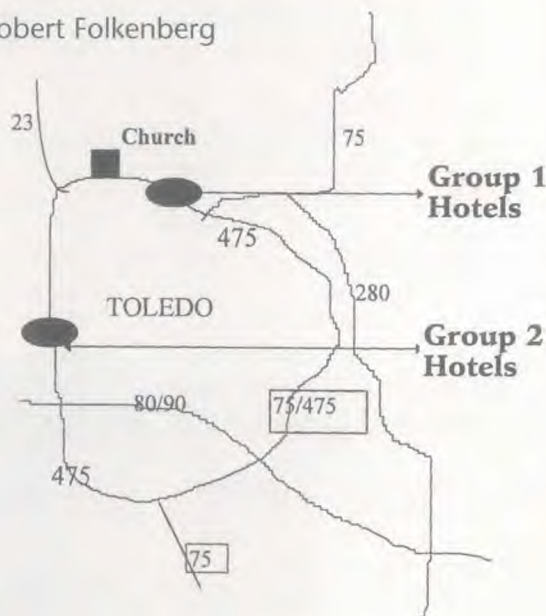
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 Red Roof Inn (419) 536-0118

### Group 2 hotels—I-475 at Airport Highway

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In March 1848, James and Ellen White held conferences in Green Springs, Gilboa and Lovett's Grove, Ohio. While attending a funeral service on March 14 in a schoolhouse in Lovett's Grove (now Bowling Green), Mrs. White was given a two-hour vision covering the Great Controversy. Later a company, and then a church, was organized in Lovett's Grove.



Ellen G. White

## An event you should not miss ...

A celebration of the history and heritage of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with particular focus on its prophetic roots, prophetic messenger and prophetic message.



The convocation will feature stories, sermons, singing of early Adventist hymns, feature presentations, children's and youth programs, etc. Please do not forget to bring a sack lunch. For additional information, call the Office of the conference secretary at (740) 397-4665.

## Events

### ► March 13-14

Heritage Convocation  
140th Anniversary of the  
Great Controversy Vision  
Toledo Church

### ► March 27-29

Adventist Singles Ministries  
Spring Conference  
Experiencing God  
Contact Carol Green at (614) 888-  
7199 for more information.

### ► Town Hall Meetings...

March 19 - Findlay  
March 22 - Akron; Cleveland  
April 6 - Columbus  
April 9 - Dayton

### ► June 14-20

Camp Meeting



## New feature at 1998 Ohio camp meeting

1998  
Ohio Campmeeting

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.  
Jeremiah 24:7

A HEART  
TO KNOW  
GOD

Wednesday Gateway is a new feature at the 1998 Ohio camp meeting. Designed to provide for recreational and family activity, the Wednesday Gateway will offer several options for camp meeting participants. The instructional seminars will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, leaving Wednesday afternoon open for the following special activities:

**Visit Ohio's Amish Community**—An air-conditioned bus tour of Ohio's Amish community. Holmes County, Ohio, has the largest concentration of Amish in the world. Learn something about their life, their occupations, their faith and their families. The guided tour into this picturesque part of Ohio will include stops at several points

of interest. **Cost: \$12 per person.**

**Canoe the Mohican River**—Enjoy a 2-hour canoe trip down the Mohican River. The group will meet at the Mohican Canoe Livery in Loudenville, Ohio, just 20 miles north of Mount Vernon Academy. **Cost: \$8.25. Children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free.**

**Enjoy a Christian Video**—For those who wish to remain on campus and enjoy a relaxed afternoon, a spiritual and uplifting video will be shown in the chapel.

## New pastor for the Sandusky/Clarksfield/Norwalk district

David Hoover Sr. is not a stranger to Ohio. He and his wife, Janet, pastored in the Ohio Conference from 1975 through 1983—they have returned to continue their ministry pastoring in the Sandusky/Clarksfield/Norwalk district.

David is originally from Arkansas, and Janet is a native of England. David began his work for the Lord as an intern and assistant pastor with the Scottish Mission; from there, he pastored in the Welsh Mission. In 1975, they returned to the United States to pastor in Ohio and in

1983 received an invitation to return to the British Union. In September of 1990, they were transferred to the Irish Mission, but because of the difficult political situation there, they decided to return to the United States and have been pastoring in Wisconsin since 1995. David says, "My service in the British Union has given me the opportunity of working with people of many nationalities and cultures.

I have been involved in many evangelistic efforts and health-related clinics, and I am strongly committed to evangelistic outreach

using a range of methods of evangelism to reach different people."

The Hoovers have five children—4 married and a son, David (age 15) at home. We welcome the Hoovers to the Ohio Conference.



David Sr., David Jr. and Janet

*"I have been involved in many evangelistic efforts ... and I am strongly committed to evangelistic outreach using a range of methods of evangelism to reach different people."*



# Pennsylvania Pen

February 1998

## Waynesboro leaders plan for growth

This past year, we, the leaders of the Waynesboro church, did something really exciting. We sat down together and began to do some real soul searching. We sought to answer some tough questions, like: Why are we here? What do we want to accomplish? What is our common goal? Is that what we are doing effectively? What adjustments need to be made?

As we did that, it became clear to us that as leaders, we needed to formulate a plan of action for our church, and that plan needed to include the following: a clear and concise mission and vision statement with specific goals that would outline our course of action. And with those goals, we felt that we needed to include specific strategies on how we could accomplish those goals and thus begin to fulfill our mission.

That led us to set goals and lay out strategies for ourselves in the areas of evangelism, leadership development, nurture, worship and equipping others for ministry.

We asked God to help us to:

Equip and train 25 percent of our average attendance for involvement in ministry.

To increase our membership by 15 and our average attendance by 30.

To develop five new ministries and leaders for them.

To increase personal spiritual growth.

To help us infuse life into worship and worship into life.

Did we meet each and every goal? No, but we did experience a degree of success in each area and actually exceeded our expectations in some areas, such as evangelism and ministry development!

But perhaps the most exciting thing of all is that we're meeting again this year, right now, to evaluate, review and plan for this coming year! And what is really neat is that we don't have to reinvent the wheel. We feel like we have already laid a good foundation and expect that our plan for this year will be influenced by the needs that emerged from this past year's plan.

Sound exciting? It is!

If you'd like to experience spiritual and corporate growth this year, we invite you to lay out a plan of action—a dream—for your church this coming year. Whatever you do, remember: The happiest people in the world are those who have found something outside themselves, bigger than themselves, to make them forget themselves so they can give themselves fully to the dream.

**THE ELDERS OF THE WAYNESBORO CHURCH**



Developing a plan for growth in their congregation for the coming year are leaders of the Waynesboro church, from left to right: Elder Pete Carbaugh, Pastor Dean Negri and elders Keith Alexander, Bob Gunder and Joel Springer.

## What's happening

**February 27**

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

**March 6-8**

Pathfinder Honor Weekend  
Laurel Lake Camp

**March 6-8**

NADEI Lay Training Program  
Blue Mountain Academy

**March 7**

International Women's Day of  
Prayer

**March 11-24**

Conference Youth Mission Trip  
Mexico

**March 12-22**

BMA Spring Break

**March 13-15**

Pennsylvania Conference Women's  
Retreat  
Gettysburg

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Harrisburg

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## Involvement in missions



**MIKE CAULEY**  
President

I recently had the privilege of visiting Colombia, South America, and viewing the work of the church in this beautiful country. It was thrilling for me to see the advancement of God's work there.

More than 10,000 people were baptized in 1997. One hundred churches were organized, along with 182

companies. Many of our people lack the material blessings that we have but are rich in spiritual zeal and a desire to share Jesus with their neighbors and friends. Their soul-winning program is primarily a lay movement.

When I returned home, Rudolph Pelley, our conference treasurer, shared a statement from the Spirit of Prophecy that I found very compelling. It essentially says that the prosperity of the work here in the home field is tied to our support and interest in world missions.

"Never can the church reach the position that God desires it to reach until it is bound up in sympathy with its missionary workers. ... until the church becomes an agency for the sup-

port of missions."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, page 47.

As you probably realize, the North American Adventist churches' support for mission giving has been steadily declining over the past several years. Perhaps this is one reason why the work is languishing in some areas of the home field.

Please allow me to share with you a couple of ways in which a few of our members in Pennsylvania may become involved with the work in Colombia.

1. In Calle, the church operates five academies. The government requires that we teach English, but it's difficult to find people who can speak English, and there's no money to hire teachers. They're looking for two or three college-age young people who are willing to teach English from this September until the first of June in 1999. No knowledge of Spanish is required. This can be a rewarding experience for some of our youth. If you're interested, please contact my office.

2. The church in Colombia has seen the Lord open doors in a marvelous way as a result of medical missionary work. In fact, the Adventist church is the only Protestant church in the country that's authorized to operate a university. Sabbath exams have been

waived for our students, and no duty is now required on items sent into the country by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. These recent breakthroughs are largely due to the good will generated by the church's medical work.

Physicians and dentists are needed who can donate a week or several weeks to seeing patients in our clinics. They're also looking for health-care professionals to serve as consultants on how to develop programs to reach the community. Again, if you're interested, please let me know.

The president of the Pacific Conference led his conference in opening a clinic in the city of Calle a year ago. There was no suitable location from which the clinic could operate, so the president moved the clinic into the conference office, moved the office into his home and then found a smaller place to rent for his family. These dear people are serious about advancing God's work. Already, they are seeing more than 400 patients per month.

I'm praying that the Lord will lead us into greater involvement in missions in the Pennsylvania Conference. It will not only be a blessing to the work in other countries, but will bless and prosper the work here as well.

## Wetmores celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Ken and Cynthia Wetmore celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception held at the Reading Hampden Heights church in July.

Friends and family joined in the celebration, some of whom the Wetmores hadn't seen in nearly 30 years.

The program was organized by their children and their families: Don of Lincoln, Nebraska; Dave of Spokane, Washington; Calvin of Hendersonville, North Carolina; Tom of Silver Spring,

Maryland; and Dolly Surak of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Ken and Cynthia were married in Takoma Park, Maryland, on July 31, 1947, and they lived in the Coudersport area for more than 20 years before moving to Hamburg. They have served the churches where they've lived in many ways.



Cynthia and Ken Wetmore



## A tree with a purpose

At the front of the Hamburg church, on Christmas Sabbath, stood a stately evergreen tree decorated with tiny white lights, white doves and a lighted star on top. But this was not just any ordinary Christmas tree. This tree had a purpose. It was the Hamburg church's mission project tree, with the best decorations yet to come.

Several Sabbaths before, Pastor Alex DuBee had challenged members with three Adventist Development and Relief Agency projects. One dollar provides two fruit trees in Bangladesh. Three dollars purchases a pair of shoes for a child in Indonesia. Ten dollars buys a coat and pants for a street child in Mongolia. The highlight of this Christmas Sabbath was to give each one, children and adults alike, the opportunity to place an offering on the tree to support these ADRA projects.

During the service, 74 offering envelopes were added to the decorations on God's tree. Because of the gener-



Members of the Hamburg church place donations on the mission project tree for Christmas Sabbath.

osity of the Hamburg members, the total offerings for the projects came to \$3,047. That will be turned into 2,000 fruit trees, 334 pairs of shoes and 100 sets of coats and pants. This amount doubles the mission offering of the previous Christmas, which purchased six water buffalo for Thailand.

With the special emphasis on mis-

sions, one might think that other areas of the church would suffer. Not so, shares Pastor DuBee. "The more generous our people become, the more God blesses." He reports that the church is also showing an increase in tithes, church budget and missions, as well as exceeding its Ingathering goal.

**EDITH GALAMBOS**

## Blue Mountain starts kindergarten program

The Blue Mountain elementary school opened a new full-day kindergarten program for the 1997-98 school year.

"We felt a need to service the working parents in this area who don't want to have to place their children in the public school system," shares Principal Pat Giese. "The kindergarten program will allow the children to experience Christian education from the very beginning."

Tammy Halye, working in cooperation with the first- to third-grade teacher, teaches the class of five students. Utilizing the North American Division curriculum, the kindergarten program helps to better prepare the

children for the challenges of first grade. An unexpected benefit of having the kindergartners there has been that of unifying the whole student

body. "The older children look out for the younger ones, helping them, nurturing them. It's been a positive experience for the school," adds Mrs. Giese.

**Teacher Tammy Halye shares a lesson with the five kindergarten students at the Blue Mountain elementary school. Photo courtesy of the Hamburg Herald.**





## More lives changed through evangelism

God's Spirit has been moving in a mighty way through evangelism in Pennsylvania. Here are a few more stories of changed lives and lives renewed to God.

sentations. Among the other special features were health talks, blacklight presentations, special music, congregational singing and refreshments. Several non-member guests were invited

and began a series of studies that culminated with their baptisms.

Late this past summer, a young couple was in desperate straits. Their divorce was almost finalized. They called the **Johnstown** church, and the call was forwarded to the home of the first elder. They met with him for counseling, but when the divorce papers arrived at their home, they signed them. Several months went by, and the church held a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Skip Dodson. The couple started attending together when their work schedule would allow it and asked for follow-up studies after the meetings were finished. They are seriously considering re-marriage! Praise God for the way His Holy Spirit works!

Many more churches held crusades this past fall, including **Berwick, Bucks County, Corry, Derrick City, East Suburban, Harrisburg, Pottsville** and **Scranton**. Not only was the wonderful news of God's love shared with others, but the meetings also served to bond members together and solidify their belief in God's Word. At least half of the churches in Pennsylvania are planning evangelistic meetings for 1998. Please pray that God will show you how you can help.



Taking part in the baptism after the evangelistic series held at the New Castle church by pastors John Peters and Lynnwood Spangler were, from left to right: front row—Bonnie Brundige, Sharon Reno, Catherine Minter, Jean "Cookie" Ciaella, Millie Krause, Hazel Brown and Evelyn Krane; and back row—Peters, Gerald Heckathorn, Bobby Fischer and Spangler.

Pastors John Peters and Lynnwood Spangler teamed up to hold a crusade in the **New Castle** church. On the last day of the meetings, a large number of members, friends and family witnessed the baptism of nine men and women who gave their hearts to the Lord.

A number of churches participated in the Doug Batchelor Amazing Facts Seminar that was aired via satellite. Several members and youth in **Gettysburg** handed out invitations in the community on Sabbath afternoons prior to the series. At its close, a husband of one of the members was baptized. Another guest is still attending. The **Philadelphia Chestnut Hill** congregation taped the series and is now using the videotapes in Bible studies in several homes.

The **Montrose** church hosted a series of 10 meetings held over three weekends. Pastor Paul Fisher used multimedia in his gospel-centered pre-

sentations. A small group of young people is continuing to meet and study together weekly.

Frank and Carolyn Kalna attended the Doug Batchelor Amazing Facts Seminar held at the **Sharpsville** church and were very impressed with the biblical truths they were hearing. Before the series was over, both announced that they wanted to become Adventists



Frank Kalna, Carolyn Kalna and Pastor John Peters celebrate the Kalnas' baptism into the Sharpsville Seventh-day Adventist Church.



## Students reach out

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Blue Mountain Academy takes seriously its responsibility to confront students with the gospel, raise them spiritually and train them to be Christian leaders. We have many methods for accomplishing these goals, but are we as effective as we might be?

This past spring as we were hosting a youth prayer conference, I began to see a vision. Our students willingly did things for the students leading the prayer conference that they would reluctantly or never do for me. They were praying, leading small groups and Bible studies and sharing their testimonies with people

chosen were paired with a staff sponsor, service projects were solidified, the student body was divided into groups, and we were



**Erin Allen preaches during In Reach Sabbath**

under way. Service projects include puppets, food distribution, English tutoring, etc.

Although coordinating our schedule with the community is a challenge, it is rewarding. And the commitment of these student leaders is tremendous. Besides their normal class load and other responsibilities, they develop and lead daily devotions and prepare for their next service outing. As you might imagine, it is tough being a teenager leading a group of your peers. But these leaders are doing it, and God is rewarding their efforts. They are confronting people with the gospel, raising their peers spiritually and growing as Christian leaders in the process.

**Art Miller, Chaplain**



**The children's church family group makes final touches to the program they have planned for children's church**

in the community. Would they respond as well for their BMA peers?

To help them stay connected, students had been divided into 15 family groups. Three times each week, these groups met for fellowship, worship and a service led by staff members. Would there be enough qualified, willing students to lead these groups? And, equally important, would the rest of the students respond? I would find out.

After presenting the concept to the students, I received many applications for leadership for this school year. Those

**Below: Andrew Cupino and Cassie Matthews help during children's church.**



### Coming Events

February 20-21 --  
Junior Presentation

February 22-25 --  
Phonathon

March 6-7 --  
Tour Weekend

March 11-24 --  
Pennsylvania Conference Mission Trip

March 12-22 --  
Spring Break

March 27-28 --  
Alumni Weekend

March 31-April 3 --  
Student Focus



# *BMA communiqué*

## *1997 Christmas performances*



The Sylvan Singers joined several professionals in sharing the Messiah.



Denise Golden shared her talent as student conductor.



Tom Buller and Nancy Edison directed the



Bel Canto - Front Row: Iren Mikitiuk, Jessica Colledge and Melodie Stairs; Back Row: Ted Rice, Dean Barcelow, Jonathan Lanius and Patrick Titus.



Band members Tiffany Burton, Jennifer Foulke and Sylvia Garcia.



## *featuring The Messiah*



music programs throughout the weekend.



Michael Kreitz performed on the keyboard during vespers.



La Sonnette's bells rang beautifully as they played several selections.



Casey Lazaroff, Dwayne Hardware, Jennifer Page, Derrick Heisey and Nikki Roelker.



Raelinda Tooley and Jonathan Lanius perform in a skit.



## Did You Know?



BMA welcomes **Adam Higgins** to our staff as flight instructor. Adam is an alumnus from the Class of 1993. He spent one year at Andrews University, then graduated from Calvin Flight School in Seattle, Washington, with a Flight Instructor's Certificate, a Multi-Engine Rating and a Commercial Pilot's Certificate. Adam earned his pilot's license—before his driver's license—while he was a student here in 1992. Adam is enthusiastic about building the aviation program—one student at a time!

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Dr. M. W. Shultz, dean of the School of Science and Technology at Andrews University, recently visited the senior religion class. Dr. Shultz is a well-known figure at BMA, having been principal here for a number of years. He spoke to the seniors regarding career choices available to them at Andrews.

## Where are they now?

We are hoping to feature BMA alumni in this section of the *Communique* each month. Yes, that means YOU! Please send us a picture and a brief paragraph about what you have been doing, along with your telephone number, to Kathy Sutton, BMA, 2363 Mountain Road, Hamburg, PA 19526.



Female students and their parents were treated to a special Hawaiian brunch in our brightly decorated cafeteria recently. Girls' club officers and sponsors had planned for weeks and stayed up late the night before preparing for the banquet. "The food was good," says Melissa Edwards, '01. "It was very homey." "The girls worked hard to plan it, and it turned out well," says Leah Sarault, '99.

**Michele Krpalek, '99**

**Saturday Night - April 18**

Greater Pittsburgh Junior Academy will sponsor the Second Annual Western PA Tour Group Convocation. Bel Canto, La Sonnette and Aerial Aires will perform in the school gym. Make plans to be there!

Alumni basketball games —girls' and guys' teams. Plan to join in on the fun.

Bel Canto and Band Alumni Invitation— March 27-28, 1998

Bel Canto Alumni—You are invited to join Bel Canto in singing "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*" at the end of the church service on alumni weekend.

Band Member Alumni—You are cordially invited to join the concert band in playing the postlude, which will be either Alfred Reed's "*Alleluia! Laudamus Te*" or Playhar's arrangement of "*Battle Hymn of the Republic*" for the alumni weekend church service.



# Potomac People

POTOMAC CONFERENCE OF SDA

February 1998

**What's  
happening  
around  
Potomac**

**Adult Ministries  
Sabbath School  
Teacher Training  
Workshop**

February 21

**Adult Ministries  
Sabbath School  
Teacher Training  
and VBS Workshop**

March 7 and 28

**K-12 Board  
Chesapeake, VA**

March 9

**Youth Council  
Retreat**

March 13-15

**Adult Ministries,  
Children's  
Ministries and  
Sabbath School  
Teacher Training  
Workshop**

March 21

**Romantic Couples  
Retreat**

Virginia Beach, VA  
March 27-29

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Meet  
Michael  
Huarca



*National Hispanic Scholars Program Finalist*

*He scored so  
high that he  
qualified as a  
finalist over  
two million  
students.*

Among the many academic achievements our students attain, there is always a feeling of great success when one of our seniors becomes a finalist or a semi-finalist for a national scholarship or merit scholarship award. This year, one such student by the name of Michael Huarca has the true privilege of being a finalist for the National Hispanic Scholars Program.

Michael came to Takoma Academy four years ago as a freshman. His quiet manner was soon changed as he became more involved in classes and many extracurricular activities. By his sophomore year, he became the Takoma Academy Yearbook editor and was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Today, Michael is a senior and is recognized as an outstanding student all around. His scores in the Preliminary

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## Team players

The cold winter days of February are being warmed by the bright prospects of exciting evangelistic success. This year, 1998, may well be the greatest year in soul-winning in the history of the Potomac Conference.



Herbert H. Broeckel

NET '98 will focus on the most globally encompassing crusade our church has ever undertaken. Dwight

Nelson will be seen and heard worldwide live in scores of languages. The satellite crusade will be the grand finale of a year of reaping. New churches being planted, small group ministries—hundreds of volunteers are being utilized.

It's easy to sit back and "feel good" about the prospect of the work being finished. How much better would be our accomplishments if everyone joined the team! Every member can do something. Prayer vigils will enliven the results. Personal studies can be lined up. The tasks are as varied as our individual talents.

Here's what this dead-of-winter editorial is all about. You—yes, *you*—are needed. It may be cold outside, but the warm glow of satisfaction generated by the decision I am asking you to make beginning today will heat up your spiritual experience beyond your imagination. Pick up the phone and call

your pastor, local elder, the evangelism coordinator or any other leader in your church. Just say, "I want to be involved in NET '98. I'm calling to join the team for Potomac's record-breaking year for evangelism." You may already know your talent or what you will volunteer to do. If not, say: "Can you please give me my assignment in our church's 1998 evangelistic outreach?"

Potomac's Hispanic members have set a goal of 1,000 baptisms. That's close to the amount we have achieved conference-wide in recent years. Only God can imagine what our conference-wide success will be if only *you* will join the team!

When the Lord returns, some will be cold and lifeless, completely uninvolved in practical missionary work. Your "cool" and rational mid-February decision to get involved will accomplish more than increasing the total success of Evangelism '98 in Potomac. It could mean the difference in your spiritual survival. Only those who are actively involved in soul-winning work will enjoy the thrill of seeing a soul led to Christ. It's guaranteed to turn up your spiritual thermostat. Don't just sit there in the cozy comfort of your home. *Join the team today.*

**HERBERT H. BROECKEL**  
President

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Scholastic Aptitude Test (a college admissions exam) were so high that he qualified as a finalist among over two million high school students who take this exam annually. Among the other accolades of his success is a nomination as the top math and science student for the Tandy Corporation.

Academic pursuits are not the only things that occupy Michael's time. For the past four years, he has worked as a volunteer at Washington Adventist Hospital. He can be found helping in the medical records department no matter how demanding his school and school-related activities can be. But his one true love other than school work is the enjoyment he feels when he is on the field playing soccer. Michael has been the captain of the varsity soccer team at Takoma Academy and states, "I'm going to miss my friends and the soccer team next year."

As Michael plans to continue his education, his wish is to study engineering. However, his artistic and problem-solving skills draw him also toward a career in architecture. Although a field of study is slowly narrowing, a college of choice has not yet been decided upon.

Michael has enjoyed his four years at Takoma Academy and found that his success is partly due to the caring teachers. He states, "The best thing about TA (besides the soccer team) are the teachers. They are very easy to talk to. I think that the Christian environment makes TA a very caring school and safer than public schools."

We wish Michael great success as he sets his future goals and congratulate him on a job well done. We are proud that Michael's success stories can start at Takoma Academy with such a privilege as being a finalist for the National Hispanic Scholars Program.

**DR. SELMA CHAI**  
Guidance Counselor  
**SUSAN GABELE**  
English Honors Teacher

*Michael is a  
senior and is  
recognized as  
an outstanding  
student all  
around.*



## Strasburg church members help the needy

On November 25, the Strasburg church prepared and delivered five Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. Although considered a blessing by the recipients, the real blessing was to us in giving. This was the writer's first time to participate in basket delivery, and I found it to be extremely rewarding. My time is spent now in thinking more of ways to help others and a little less of myself. "Hands-on experience," a very rewarding way of life!

On November 26, the Strasburg Community Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the Strasburg Christian Church. The event was sponsored by the youth groups of the Strasburg Christian (Disciples of Christ), Strasburg United Methodists, St. Paul's Lutheran, Strasburg Presbyterian, Strasburg Seventh-day Adventist and Mr. Zion Methodist churches.

The youth hand-delivered 89 carry-outs, covering the entire community (several were in the rural areas). Upon returning to the church, the youth personally served more than 100 sit-down dinners. It was a special time of fellowship, community service and love to others in Christ's name.

**FREDA DIMON**  
Communications Leader

## Stuart members celebrate 67th anniversary

Two members of the Stuart, Virginia, Seventh-day Adventist Church, T. H. (Hansel) and Oneida Banks, celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 12. Mr. and Mrs. Banks have seven children: Annalee Shelor, Meadows-of-Dan, Virginia; Bernice Puckett, Stuart, Virginia; Bonnie Kipple, High Point, North Carolina; Lowell Banks, Columbus, Georgia; Jeanette Barton, Roanoke, Virginia; Patricia Knipple, Greensboro, North Carolina; and Donald (Bill) Banks, Meadows-of-Dan. Six of the seven are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Bernice and Bill belong to the Stuart church; Bonnie's membership is at Kernersville, North Carolina; Lowell has his membership in Columbus, Georgia; Jeanette is a member and the church secretary at the Roanoke church and Patricia is a member in the Greensboro, North Carolina, church. The couple also has 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren living in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Maryland.

**BERNICE PUCKETT**  
Communication Leader



**Hansel and Oneida Banks have been married for 67 years.**



**Sindi Sunder-Rao of the Strasburg Seventh-day Adventist Church delivers a hot Thanksgiving meal to a shut-in.**

## Carson featured at Burnt Mills Youth Emphasis Day

The litany at the Burnt Mills church for several weeks prior to November 1 was "Youth Emphasis Day" and "Dr. Ben Carson's coming to our church!" Youth Day has always been a very special event at Burnt Mills, and this year proved no exception. The presence of Dr. Ben Carson, a man of stature and great influence on youth both inside and outside the church, helped make this one of the best-attended programs yet seen at Burnt Mills.

Planning began months in advance; and the youth of the church proved once again that they have matured into responsible young people, showing that given the opportunity, they are able and willing to rise to any challenge. From the unique problems associated with an overflowing parking lot to the audiovisual needs necessitated because of the huge crowd, to the gigantic all-church potluck, the youth planned the program and met all the obstacles head-on.

Dr. Carson met and exceeded all expectations. In his quiet, gentle way, he left all attendees with a message of God's love and caring. From the poverty and struggles of his childhood to the successes of his adulthood, Dr. Carson brought out God's guidance through each phase of his life. Every youth and adult listening could not help but come away with the message strong and clear that we must each take responsibility for our own actions. Excuses and blame are not paths to success. Although he spoke for almost an hour, the congregation listened intently.

Youth Emphasis Sabbath was a testimony to true Christian fellowship and the spirit of togetherness in Christ that thrives at Burnt Mills Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**SUE ENDRES**  
Communication Leader





**Mike, Susan and Phillip Bridges were baptized on September 27, 1997, into the Stuart Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

## Conflicts lead to baptism

**A**t Meadows-of-Dan, Virginia, there is a gospel group called "The Joyful Noise." Bill Banks is one of the founding members of the group. Mike Bridges has been playing and singing with the group for the past 18 years or so. He has known the truth about the state of the dead for a long time but had struggled with the truth about the Sabbath for over a year. Through prayer, soul searching and conversations with Bill, he finally decided to do something about it and accepted the truth.

Susan, Mike's wife, was baptized in the Baptist faith in 1973. Her conversion process began, however, in 1991, when she had a death experience. Retaining awareness throughout the process, she discovered the truth about the state of the dead. She questioned her faith versus her own experience. Her association with her husband, friends Bill and Jean Banks and Carolyn and Steve Belcher made her

aware that her faith fell short of her expectations.

Phillip, Mike's son, was baptized in the Baptist faith a few years ago. After listening to Mike and Susan talk about the things they were learning, he began to notice a conflict with what he was being taught. After comparing what he was learning with how they were living, he also questioned his faith.

Susan visited the Stuart church, and the three decided to talk with Pastor Ron Rogers. The pastor and Bill Banks studied with them; and Mike, Susan and Phillip were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church on September 20, 1997, and became members of the Stuart church. "Glory and praise be to the Lord for revealing the truth," is their testimony. In October, Mike and Susan renewed their wedding vows with Pastor Ron Rogers officiating.

**BERNICE PUCKETT**  
Communication Leader

## Community Praise Center

### CPC presents the Fourth Annual Health and Temperance Oratorical Contest

**O**n the mild Saturday night of October 25, the sanctuary at the Community Praise Center Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, was packed with more than 300 people. They came to watch the Fourth Annual Health and Temperance Oratorical Contest sponsored by the health and temperance department of the church. The health and temperance leader and founder of the contest, Dr. Alfonso Findley, a radiologist and church elder, presided over the contest.

The program started with the giving of awards to several area physicians and health administrators for their contribution to the health field by church Pastor Henry Wright. Following the presentation, Samuel DeShay, a world renowned Adventist physician and administrator, gave a preview of the Adventist health work around the globe. From the Pacific Islands to Africa, he enumerated the success of the church's health work, which is respected by worldwide governmental leaders.

Following Dr. DeShay's speech, Hugh Carrington, associate senior Adventist Youth leader, introduced the nine people who took part in the temperance contest. They were Sonali Isaac, 17; Natalie Izer, 17; Marcia Jackson, 12; Dawn Chandler, 13; Kenneth Beynum, 15; Alecia Curry, 12; Fabrice Saint Elie, 15; Mishana Jones, 16; and Michael Endale, 16. For 90 minutes,

these nine teenagers gave spectacular presentations on topics ranging from alcoholism, breast cancer, sexually transmitted diseases and sleep thieves to violence.

In the end, it was 12-year-old Alecia Curry from the Dupont Park school who captivated the audience most with her presentation, "Abortion—Let's Take A Stand." After giving an overview of abortion and the reasons people receive them, she struck an emotional chord by giving a voice and a heartbeat to the fetus that does not know he is about to be aborted. She also gave alternatives like adoption and foster parents as ways to avoid abortion. For her splendid work, Alecia won \$1,000. The second prize of \$500 went to another 12-year-old from Dupont school, Marcia Jackson, who spoke of "Arresting the Sleep Thieves." Seventeen-year-old Natalie Izer won the third prize of \$300, while the fourth place went to Dawn Chandler, age 13, who received \$100. All the other contestants got a check for \$15.

Yes, instead of adults teaching youth about healthful habits, it was the young people who taught all of us about health. As Alecia Curry put it, "You can all listen to advice from a 12-year-old girl." We surely can.

**JACOB SAX CONTEH**  
Communication Leader





# TA today

news you can use from Takoma Academy

## TA drama class presents modern version of Dickens' A Christmas Carol

The lesson is simple and familiar: "Change your sinful ways before it's too late." It is also a lesson that bears repeating. That's why the drama class of Takoma Academy thought *The Christmas Spirit* by Tom Fuller worthy to be chosen as their Christmas production. There was one performance only in the school's gymnasium on December 7.

At the call, "Lights! Camera! Action!" students were immediately transformed into the characters of this modern adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, under the capable direction of Myrna Candelaria.

Ebenezer Scrooge's great-granddaughter does not learn her history and, consequently, is forced to repeat it. Selfish and materialistic like her great-grandfather, she shuns friendship, love and service to community until the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future convince her of the error of her ways.

Rachel Barnes, freshman, gave an enthusiastic performance as Ernestina Scrooge. She scowled, bah-humbugged, cowered and danced in jubilee as her hardened heart was overcome by the spirit of Christmas. She reverts to the hopeful and lovable Ernestina of her youthful days, played by freshman Shannon Milburn, who convincingly portrayed a struggle with the lure of money versus the rewards of love.

All 12 performers entered into the illusion of Fuller's play and displayed dramatic skills such as articulation, memorization, voice projection, facial and body gestures that they had arduously studied and rehearsed for two months. Their hard work was rewarded with their convincing performances. Meanwhile, the audience enjoyed a wonderful celebration of Christmas.

Larry Kromann  
Principal

## TA music department gives birth to Takoma Camarata

A little over two years ago Takoma Academy welcomed Jenelle Westerbeck, a talented musician, to its faculty. Thus began the hard work of learning and rehearsing new music, having fun and creating a lot of memories. Shortly thereafter, Takoma Camarata was born.

In the beginning of the '95-96 school year, Camarata was just an idea on paper; but as the weeks went by, students began to show an interest in having a small, select, yet devoted group in addition to the larger choir. Auditions were held, and 16 students were selected to make up this elite group of musicians.

Takoma Camarata has now grown to 26 members. The level of growth has been tremendous. Ms. Westerbeck challenges the group with difficult and varied types of music she believes they are capable of performing.

The students showed determination and dedication from the start. Without a regular time for practice, they had to meet after school and on Sundays. It became very difficult to find rehearsal times, but their amazing dedication and enthusiasm made it work.

They began performing at local churches and later toured areas outside the state. Almost overnight, word began to spread about this group, and soon they were filling their weekends and even portions of school days with performances.



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## Meet Selma Chaij: TA's guidance counselor

Takoma Academy prides itself in being the only Seventh-day Adventist academy with a full-time psychologist on its staff. Dr. Selma Chaij, our school psychologist, arrived seven years ago to fulfill the duties of not just a psychologist, but a full-time guidance counselor for all students.

Dr. Chaij had never expected to be working at an academy, but the Lord had definite plans for her. Prior to arriving at Takoma Academy, Dr. Chaij worked at Andrews University as the director of the doctoral program in counseling psychology. Her husband-to-be had received a call to teach at Takoma Academy, so she assumed she would open a private practice in Maryland. The prin-

cipal at that time held a vision for Takoma Academy to employ a psychologist as a guidance counselor and to help develop a proposal for a learning specialist position. It was only through the work of the Lord that Takoma Academy found what they needed right in their own faculty family. When asked why she decided to take the position and to stay on at Takoma Academy, she states: "With the wonderful team of educators and students and such strong evidence of God's presence and leading in my life, I know this is where I want to make a difference."

Besides the duties already mentioned, she has taken on other tasks and has made a difference. One duty is the chair of curricu-

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**TA today is the official newsletter for Takoma Academy**  
**Lawrence Kromann, Principal**  
**8120 Carroll Avenue • Takoma Park, Maryland 20912**  
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## The world is our classroom

Most academies offer a foreign language in their curricula, but the foreign language department of Takoma Academy offers a bit more excitement to their classroom, or should we say the world classroom?

Since 1988, the foreign language department of Takoma Academy has sponsored a trip to Europe every other year. The students have been so enthusiastic about these educational experiences that many choose to go on more than one of these trips. In fact, the first four students to apply for the trip this year are students who had gone two years ago!

This year, the foreign language department has scheduled a European tour different from any other previously planned. In April of 1998 during Takoma Academy's spring break, 30 fortunate students and four faculty will travel to Rome, visit the ruins of Pompeii, tour Sorrento, admire the beautiful island of Capri and sail the high seas to Greece. This trip is especially appropriate as all students study ancient Greece and Rome in their world history and sophomore English classes.

Former educational tours have included cities such as London, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Nice, Monaco, Florence, Rome and the Vatican City. The purpose of these trips is to expose the students to different languages and cultures. The majority of the participants have never been abroad; and once they experience new cultures, languages, traditions and food, students seem to have a greater understanding and respect for mankind worldwide.

*"Meet Selma Chaij" continued from page 41*

lum and academic standards. Her goal for Takoma Academy is to continue enriching the academic program to offer the best quality teaching within a nurturing Christian classroom. In order to achieve this, she works with the teachers to enhance their skills in strengthening the curriculum. Principal Larry Kromann shares the vision for a challenging seedbed of learning.

**Susan Gabele**  
English Honors Teacher



Selma Chaij



*Takoma Academy students and sponsors in Plaza de Espana, Madrid, April 1996.*

These trips are meant to teach more than what can be offered in the classroom by learning a language. They offer eye-opening experiences that impact them for life. Takoma Academy students feel fortunate that the world is their classroom and so much is out there just waiting to be learned.

**Orlando Mastrapa**  
Chairman, Foreign Language Department  
**Susan Gabele**  
English Honors Teacher

*"Takoma Camarata" continued from page 41*

Camarata has sung at such places as St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, Carnegie Hall, the White House and the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

This year, the music department has continued to perform more in the community, sharing the message of God. Besides Camarata, there are other groups that make up the department: the bell choir, the chorale and the string consort. All of these groups have been graciously received wherever they have performed. In fact, there is such a demand for their appearances that they have run out of available concert dates and will have to fill some of those next year.

The combined groups have presented two full concerts thus far. In November, the chorale, along with the other groups, presented the Robert Ray Gospel Mass and performed their annual Christmas concert for the community at the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. In addition, the strings and Camarata have performed at hospitals and at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the *Walk Through Bethlehem* presentations.

These talented students continue to accept the challenge of learning various styles of music and ways to represent their faith in God and their belief in excellence.

*Camarata students*





# Shenandoah Valley Academy *happenings*

Calling all golfers!! SVA is planning its first annual golf tournament to be held during alumni weekend in April. Plans are still being made for the tournament, but we want to let you know the date and time so that if you are a golfer, you can put this on your calendar now.

The date of the tournament is Friday, April 17, with registration at 8:30 at the Shenvalley Golf Course in New Market. Tee time is 9:20. We have reserved space for 72 golfers and are accepting reservations now. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit SVA's unrestricted annual fund, thus benefitting all students of SVA.

To find out more about the tournament, you can call the development office at (540) 740-3161, extension 213, or send in the response form provided on page 44.

We look forward to this first-ever golf tournament and hope that all who take part will have a wonderful time. So come support SVA, play in our golf tournament, try to win some prizes and have fun, all at the same time!

In honor of the 60 years of combined service that Bill and Jean Strickland have given to Shenandoah Valley Academy, the alumni association is hosting a fund-raising brunch on Sunday,

April 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the W. H. Jones Cafeteria on the campus of SVA.

The cost of the brunch is a minimum donation of \$60 per person, representing 60 years of service to SVA. A donor is underwriting all costs for the brunch, so your entire contribution is tax-deductible and will go to the unrestricted annual fund to benefit all students at SVA. One of Bill and Jean's greatest loves is Shenandoah Valley Academy, and we are inviting alumni to share in that love for the school by supporting this brunch.

To reserve your seat, return the reservation form provided on page 44 with your donation to: SVA, Retirement Brunch, c/o Linda Wolters, 234 West Lee Highway, New Market, VA 22844.

We are also inviting alumni and friends to help as we put together a memory book for the Stricklands. Letters, cards, pictures (past and present) should be sent to Linda Wolters at the above address. As you may know, Jean recently suffered a stroke and is limited in her ability to talk; and a memory book for her to enjoy with Bill will be a welcomed gift.

If you would like to support the brunch and the annual fund but are unable to attend, you may send your gift to SVA, Alumni and Development Office, 234 West Lee Highway, New Market, VA 22844.

Students at SVA love getting mail from home, especially around the holidays. What's even more fun is to get totally unexpected mail in the form of a Christmas candle ornament inscribed with a note from home and find it hanging on the stair railing in the administration building.

The week before final exams, students began seeing red, white and gold candles hanging by a red ribbon from the railing. They had fun going through the many ornaments to find that special one with their name on it with familiar handwriting on the back from mom or dad. (See photos on page 44.)

This is the second year that students at SVA have received these surprise ornaments from home. Along with the ornaments, parents included gifts to support the unrestricted annual fund, thus helping with the Student Center renovation fund this past year and currently supporting the technology upgrades with the 1997-98 annual fund.

VA history trivia: Can you identify which buildings are under construction in the following pictures, what year they were built, and who was principal at the time? The first two who answer correctly will receive

the book *Divine Destiny, Background and Beginning of Shenandoah Valley Academy* written by Elder Richard E. Harris. Send your answer to SVA, Alumni and Development Office, 234 West Lee Highway, New Market, VA 22844.



For more information, contact: Jan Strickland Osborne, Alumni Director • Shenandoah Valley Academy • 234 West Lee Highway • New Market, VA 22844  
Phone (540) 740-3399 or (540) 740-4141, Ext. 213, 210 • Fax (540) 740-3336



# Shenandoah Valley Academy

## *happenings*



*Kristi Jones reads her special message from mom and dad.*



*Trying to find that special ornament are Becky Crump (left), Tina Daniels and Kristi Jones.*

## Golfer's Form!

Yes! I would like to reserve a spot for SVA's first annual Golf Tournament on April 17:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stricklands Brunch

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Number of seats to reserve  
 (\$60 minimum donation per person)

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I cannot attend; but I have enclosed a contribution in honor of Bill and Jean's 60 years of service to Shenandoah Valley Academy.

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Eastern Standard Time

	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6
Baltimore	5:49	5:57	6:04
Cincinnati	6:21	6:28	6:36
Cleveland	6:06	6:14	6:22
Columbus	6:13	6:21	6:29
Jersey City	5:37	5:45	5:53
Norfolk	5:50	5:57	6:04
Parkersburg	6:09	6:16	6:24
Philadelphia	5:43	5:50	5:58
Pittsburgh	6:01	6:09	6:17
Reading	5:45	5:53	6:01
Richmond	5:54	6:01	6:08
Roanoke	6:04	6:12	6:18
Toledo	6:15	6:23	6:31
Trenton	5:40	5:48	5:56
Washington, DC	5:51	5:59	6:06

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The purpose of this meeting is to transact any business that may come before the group at that time. The delegates of the Mountain View Conference session are recognized as delegates to the board of trustees.

RANDALL L. MURPHY, *President*  
KINGSLEY WHITSETT, *Secretary*

### Mountain View Conference Quadrennial Session

The ninth quadrennial session of the Mountain View Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 5, 1998, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 622 Kanawha Blvd. West, Charleston, WV.

The purposes of this meeting are to elect the officers, conference committee and board of education members for the ensuing term as well as to transact other business as may properly come before the conference at that session.

A meeting of the organizing committee described in Article V, Section 1 of the constitution will convene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 22, 1998, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1901 Park Ave., Parkersburg, WV.

The purposes of this meeting are to select members for the session nominating committee and to nominate members of the constitution and bylaws committee for the ensuing term.

RANDALL L. MURPHY, *President*  
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### Academy, college announce alumni homecomings

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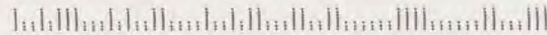
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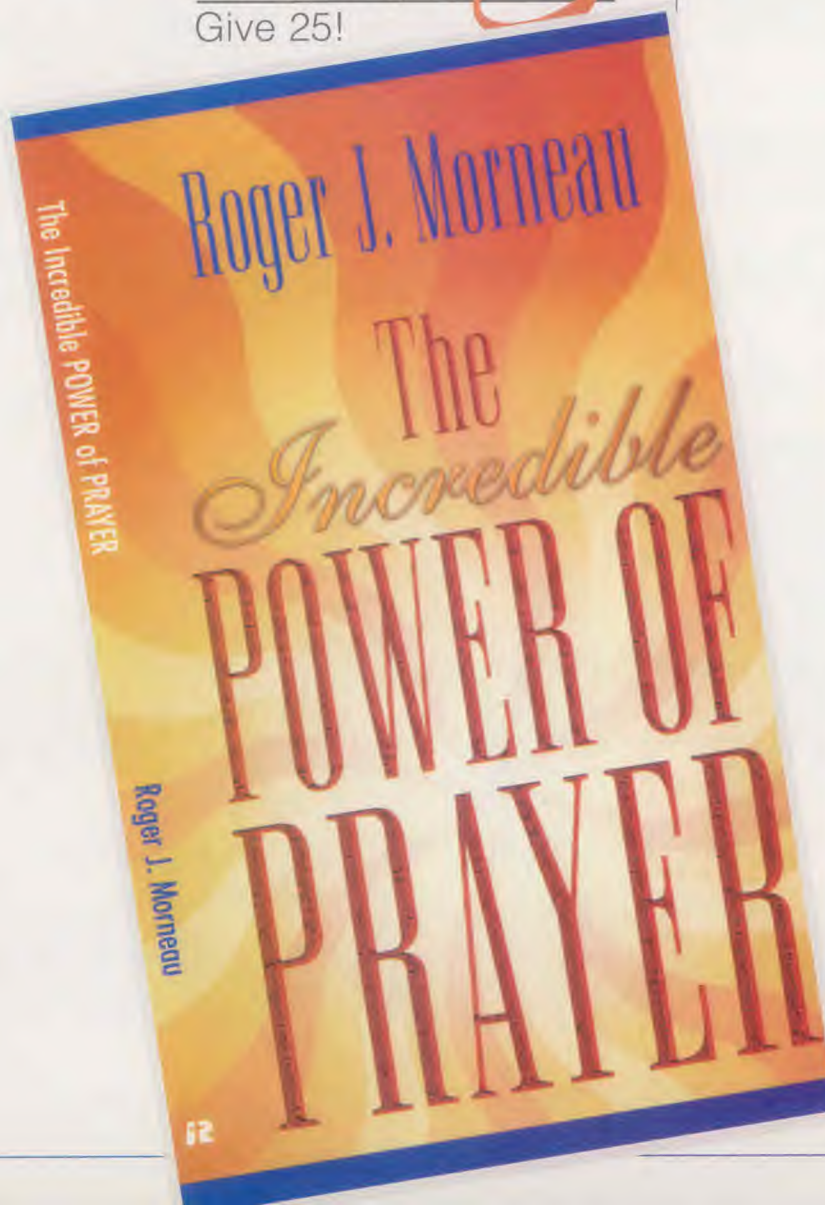
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