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Why so many contractions?



On November 18 eight years ago, my wife, Kathy, woke me up at 3 a.m. with a shout: "Dad, it's time to go to the hospital!" Our daughter was ready to come into this world. The contractions were coming every 15 minutes.

As we were going out of the house, Kathy had another contraction. I tried to hug her and alleviate her pain. She shouted at me: "Don't touch me!"

When the pain passed, Kathy told me: "Now you can hug me." We got into the car, and she had another contraction! I stepped down on the accelerator as much as I could, afraid that the baby was going to be born in the car, which almost happened with our second son. She had another contraction and another and another! The contractions were coming more frequently.

As we arrived at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, Kathy had another contraction. It was telling us the good news that a baby was ready to come into this world. The contractions came more frequently until a few minutes later—praise the Lord—a gorgeous, beautiful little girl was born, weighing 10.12 pounds!

Why so many contractions? The whole world is having very frequent contractions. They've been coming every minute during the past 10 years, telling us that the Lord Jesus is coming again. Disasters, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, violence, hunger, drugs, illicit sex, low moral values, peace agreements, wars and the ups and downs of the economy worldwide—these contractions are shouting at us: "It's time to go home!" Jesus is coming again!

The spreading of the Gospel through NET '98 has been another sign of the soon coming of the Lord. Hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world have been touched by these meetings. The Lord has used Pastor Dwight Nelson mightily to present the Bible truths in a simple but powerful way. There have been thousands of conversions.

- Robert, who hasn't been to church for years, has recommitted his life to the Lord after attending every night.
- Rod came early in the meetings and quit smoking and, after reading the book *Outrageous Grace*, decided to be baptized with other precious souls at the Atholton church in Columbia, Maryland.
- A church in Cecil County, Maryland, that has only 40 members attending on Sabbath morning received 33 visitors, and a dozen have decided for baptism.
- An 81-member church in New Jersey has baptized 13 precious souls, and 12 more have made decisions for baptism.

The list of stories goes on. There have been 7,600 NET '98 sites worldwide. About 48,000 attended in Romania; 161,000 in North America; 19,000 in Germany; 9,000 in Australia, 60,000 in Papua New Guinea and about 300,000 in Africa, according to Betty Cooney, associate coordinator and director of communication for NET '98.

Since the world is having multiple contractions every second and the Gospel is being preached throughout the world using modern techniques, the message is loud and clear—Jesus is coming again!

These contractions are a loud invitation, a knock on our door, to come to Jesus as we are and make Him our personal "forever Friend" and Companion in order to be ready for His soon coming.

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Exhibit promotes good health at Howard County Fair

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.

An Adventist booth at the Howard County Fair in Maryland this year featured a health-screening program. It included a lifestyle age estimate; a stress and life satisfaction appraisal; and physical measurements including blood pressure, pulse and lung function.

Participants filled out three questionnaires, had their physical measurements taken and then, following a computerized analysis of the questionnaire and physical data, met with a counselor to review their results.

A total of 261 people registered for and completed the health screening. Many others just wanted their blood pressure or lung function checked. After meeting with counselors, participants received *Seventh-day Adventists Are Hands of Hope*. This book describes Adventists as a people with a vision and mission for all people of this world.

The goal for the booth was to make participants aware of lifestyle factors that impact health and to acquaint them with Adventists as "a people of faith, compassion, courage and hope." The booth was organized by a team from the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland.

Numbers and souls

Whenever we report numbers of baptisms or attendance, some people respond with the admonition that it's "more important to focus on the individual soul than statistics." They're right, and the fact that they're right makes the numbers even more important.

Those numbers are not just math. They represent men and women, boys and girls—lives changed, filled with the transforming grace of Jesus Christ, enfolded in the loving fellowship of His Body!

During the first three quarters of 1998, according to Columbia Union Secretary Edward Motschiedler, there were 2,316 baptisms and professions of faith in our eight-state region. Together with 2,075 letters of transfer and minus 2,134 transfers out, as well as deaths and missing members, this resulted in a total membership as of October 1 of 101,192.

This is all prior to NET '98. "God is blessing, and He will continue to bless as we are faithful," says Motschiedler. He presented this report to the union executive committee on November 12.

Write to us!

Heaven—we dream about it, read about it, talk about it and see portrayals of it in popular cultures. What are your views on the "here-after?" Are we destined to ride out eternity on fluffy clouds while strumming harps—or is Heaven more? How have earthly experiences prepared you for life with God forever? How does earthly existence shape your view of Heaven? What do you think of the world's fascination with Heaven? Send your stories (300-600 words) and photos to Kimberly Luste Maran, Columbia Union Visitor, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045; send by E-mail to 104315.2145@compuserve.com; or send a fax to (410) 997-7420. Deadline: March 1, 1999.

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All I want for Christmas is world peace



"In a world seemingly intent on tearing itself apart, the Christian hope that God's way of justice, peace and reconciliation is possible, and that millions deep down desire this, is the best news that anyone could want."—*Christmas Message 1998*, by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary, World Council of Churches.

Will we have world peace in 1999? In our lifetime? I doubt it. In fact, I am certain that war and pain will continue to reign supreme in our world of chaos. With the devil in charge, that's what meets his mission. "My pleasure," declares the enemy, "is for people to live in hell on earth."

He's winning.

Consider some animosities of 1998: Bill Clinton and Kenneth Starr. Monica and Linda. Serbs and Kroats. Hutus and Tutsies. Carmen Policy and Eddie DeBartolo, Indonesians and Malaysians. China and Tibet. Peterbuilt employees and Peterbuilt management. Fred and Nancy.

Just a few miles up the road from our house, a 14-year-old boy killed a 5-year-old neighbor girl, wrapped her in a plastic bag and hid her under his water bed, all while his dad watched TV in the living room.

A little further up the road, a pastor... No. There is no need to recount the stories of demonic success. Telling them only beautifies the enemy and somehow makes hell a more realistic alternative to God's peace. Even though the enemy seems to be winning the battles and the war, we cannot allow ourselves to see the world through the eyes of his hatred.

Consider some 1998 victories: NET '98—at your church and at thousands of others. People came, listened, decided and are diluting our self-centeredness with the grace of their "first love" experiences.

Netanyahu and Arafat shook hands, signed treaties and now face the enemy *together*! Newt resigned like a statesman, judges approved school vouchers, the tobacco companies settled (again), and the Broncos went

unbeaten through 10 games. Little things mean a lot.

Now, it's time for Christmas—the most stressful week of the year. All those relatives you've tried to forget since January will be at your house eating dinner. Should you seat Uncle Mo next to Aunt Polly—and watch them fight? How many football games will Harry and Sam want to watch while you're trying to hold a family worship? Will you ever be able to make a meal that pleases your mother-in-law? My! This quickly gets overwhelming!

To bring you back to earth, here are three guidelines for the holidays. They won't bring world peace, but follow them and you will have personal peace, the kind that gives real meaning to the holiday. Maybe that's more valuable than the "world" kind anyway.

1. Go for a walk in a park. Notice the trees, smell the breeze, count acorns and feed birds. Get away from your trials and focus on nature. God made the trees, birds, breeze, grass, squirrels and clouds to turbocharge your pursuit of peace.

2. Re-connect with an old friend. Thrice this week! Think of someone you remember with wistful fondness and then call them on the telephone. Say, "I was just sitting here thinking through all the best memories of my life, and I came to you. Thank you for making my life so full. How are you doing?" This one provides *peace and energy*!

3. Love being loved by God. God has only one desire: for you to accept His gift of love. He is happiest when you let Him love you. You are happiest (and most peace-filled, energetic, patient, merciful and lovely) when you relax into the wonder of His love.

World peace? A bit beyond us. Personal peace? Right here, waiting to be possessed and savored.

"Let there be peace on earth,
Let this be the moment now,
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:

"To take each moment,
And live each moment,
With peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me."¹

Dick Duerksen is director of spiritual development for Florida Hospital in Orlando and former editor of the Visitor.

¹Taken from the song "Let There Be Peace," written by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, copyrighted in 1955.

NET '98—Looking backstage at this unique evangelism series

NET '98 was the first of the "NETs" up-linked from a church rather than an auditorium. Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor of the 3,000-member Pioneer Memorial church (PMC) at Andrews University, was the speaker for the satellite evangelistic series. Though he began preparing for the series nearly two years ago, even having ample advance warning did not prevent this major event from having a significant impact on the church facility and its members.

"Walk a mile in almost any direction from the NET '98 platform and you will find volunteers contributing their energies and talents for some aspect of the program," says Nelson. Adventists in the community clearly signed on to the series soon after their pastor did.

Associate Pastor Skip MacCarty led out in training and coordinating approximately 1,500 volunteers for close to 100 ministries, ranging from children's leadership teams to clean-up crews. Some 500 persons were involved at PMC each evening of the series.

PMC's stately appearance also yielded to the demands of equipment and technology. Satellite dishes sprouted outside the church doors, satellite trucks parked alongside the facility, the sanctuary's platform underwent significant redesign, and giant projection

screens flanked the platform.

In preparation for the September 26 "Day of Fasting and Prayer" service, the production crew

rushed into town to set up swaths of cable and technical equipment in the church's control room. In the fellowship hall on the lower level, members with carpentry skills constructed rows of temporary translation booths for the 38 translators working nightly.

Brad and Kandus Thorp and their three children moved in for the duration of the series, setting up the Adventist Global Communication Network (AGCN) technical support office in a committee room on the lower level of the church. Communication about the technical details for broadcasts to the world field emanated from this spot—via phone, fax, and E-mail—answering technical questions flowing in from around the world.

Adventist

Communication Network (ACN) personnel "set up shop" in a room just off the fellowship hall, installing an eight-phone system for the technical support hotlines. Twelve hours daily, ACN staff and volunteers responded to calls from churches in North America.

While hosting NET '98 would bring the blessings of challenge, involvement and global recognition, Dwight Nelson told his members on the Sabbath before the series opened: "It will change us forever. We will never be the same again. We must 'go for broke' in this time of global moral meltdown."



Technicians in the control room mix images from the video cameras with computer-generated graphics to produce the final signal that goes out over the satellites to the downlink sites around the world.

NET '98 Results

Nearly 8,000 baptisms and professions of faith will come from NET '98, according to a survey of participating pastors in North America completed during the last week of the satellite-linked evangelism initiative. The number is down from the estimate of baptisms in NET '96. The surveys also revealed that attendance on the opening night (October 9) was more than 161,000, and about 36,000 of those attending on the opening night were not church members. The average nightly attendance throughout the five-week series has been about 80,000, and about 25,000 of these were non-members. The studies were conducted by the Center for Creative Ministry for the North American Division.



Satellite dishes planted outside the church doors and satellite trucks parked alongside the facility linked NET '98 to the six inhabited continents of this planet possible.

Next Millenium Seminar brings the

The series really hit home with our people from 20 to 40 years old," says Pastor Milton Pruitt of the Wheeling, West Virginia, congregation. "The meetings helped our young adults re-identify with Adventism." Wheeling had an average attendance of 30, with about three nonmembers each evening. All the participants there found the seminar helpful and uplifting, and many didn't miss a single night.

At the Community church in Englewood, New Jersey, attendance each night was 95 to 165, including 14 to 26 nonmembers attending. On November 14 and 21, Pastor Joe Hutchinson "had the privilege" of baptizing seven people. According to Hutchinson, the teens and young adults in his congregation have benefitted from the satellite-linked public evangelism series. "The Gen X people were fascinated with the Next Millennium Seminar the approach of Dwight Nelson was very affirming to young people and their faith."

The Meadowbridge church in Mechanicsville, Virginia, used a casual approach for its Next Millennium Seminar. Participants sat at several tables in clusters around three screens. After Nelson's nightly presentations, there were small-group discussions at each table. Casual dress was encouraged, and refreshments were served. Pastor Peter Watts reports that a number of young adults participated, with an average total attendance of 80 adults each night, 12 of whom were not church members. Three people were baptized at Meadowbridge on November 14.

At the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland, "Our numbers grew as the series went on," reports Bob Rova, NET '98 coordinator. "We averaged about 350 on weekday evenings and about 600 on Friday and Sabbath evenings." In addition to this crowd in the main auditorium at Sligo, "we also had a series for children ... [and] a special fellowship for teenagers."

A total of 110 youngsters registered for the children's program at Sligo, which included two rooms—one for 4- to 7-year-olds and one for 8- to 11-year-olds. The program was directed by Pastor Norma Osborn and was staffed by 20 volunteers.

The program for teens was led by Pastor Terry Johnson and a team of volunteers. About 100 teenagers participated each Friday and Saturday evening of the series. They had their own song service and testimonies, as well as the satellite-linked sermons by Dwight Nelson. Johnson announced that 37 teenagers made a commitment to start baptismal classes during Nelson's altar call on November 13.

Sligo was blessed with six baptisms during the series, two of whom are students at nearby Columbia Union College. Twelve more people made commitments to be baptized after the series was over. "I believe we'll have many more commitments in the future," says Rova.

A resource for witnessing

Many churches found that NET '98 also equipped members for friendship evangelism. "We've had many who have been using the outlines as witnessing tools at

their place of work or in their neighborhoods," comments Rova. "I think this has been the major impact of this series. ... It has encouraged and strengthened members to witness to others."

Community response to the seminar varied, but the participating congregations found it helpful regardless of the percentage of attendance from the community. "It was a revival as much as public evangelism," says Rova.

The West Wilmington, Delaware, church had an average attendance of 45 at their location, with three nonmembers. All three are involved in Bible studies. Pastor Richard Fearing Jr. reports that the

members of the congregation liked the seminar, and they're sharing tapes with friends and family in the area.

In Elkins, West Virginia, on the last night of the series, there were 42 in attendance, 19 of whom were not church members, according to Cheryl Jacko. Four have made decisions for baptism as a result of the satellite seminar, and six more have started Bible studies.

Decisions for Christ and baptism

There's rejoicing in hundreds of homes within our eight-state region as loved ones give their lives to Christ and join His discipleship in the Adventist Church. If reports from NET '95 and NET '96 are any guide, very few (maybe 10 percent or less) of those baptized are children from church-member families. Up to a third are former Adventist Church members who slipped away or became alienated in one way or another.

The majority of the new members from NET '98 are adults with no previous ties to the Adventist Church. Many grew up in other Protestant denominations or the Catholic Church but have been inac-



Atholton church Pastor Rick Remmers baptizes a new member who attended the NET '98 satellite broadcast.

gospel to thousands across the region

tive in recent years. It remains to be seen how many are from the under-35 generation that this evangelism initiative sought to target in a specific way.

A massive evangelism initiative

About 200 of the nearly 600 congregations in the Columbia Union Conference participated in NET '98 by sponsoring one or more local sites for the satellite-linked evangelistic campaign. These reports are typical of the range of events in the many places we don't have space to cover.

Across North America, of the total 1,985 sites, average attendance was 81 per site on the opening night and averaged about 40 at each location throughout the rest of the series. These data are from a survey of a random sample of participating pastors conducted for the North American Division by the Center for Creative Ministry. Center Director Paul Richardson reports that pastors expect an average of four baptisms and professions of faith per site. A copy of the complete survey report can be obtained by dialing (800) 272-4664.

There was disappointment in some communities at the response to direct mail advertising, the tool most widely used to draw a crowd for public evangelism. While this method still works well in other places, it's clear that not every congregation and evangelist can continue to rely on this method of promotion alone.

Some congregations that chose not to join in are looking forward to Metro '99, the next satellite evan-

gelist across the continent. The primary evangelist will be Doug Batchelor, senior pastor of the Central church in Sacramento, California, and director of Amazing Facts, a media ministry that was once based in the Columbia Union territory before he moved it to the west.

What will happen with all the new members?

Although several research studies have shown it not to be true, many church members worry that new members who join during a public evangelism series will quickly drop out. Obviously, if new members get subtle messages indicating they're less than welcome, the normal human response is to quit coming.

"Baptism is not graduation day, it is birth day," believes David VanDenburgh, senior pastor of the Kettering church in Dayton, Ohio. His congregation is designing a comprehensive discipleship education program that will help new members (as well as some who "missed" this learning process long ago) move from a decision for Christ to a full understanding of fellowship in the Body of Christ to a mature faith and on into a specific ministry based on their individual gifts and interests.

The Sligo church has been using a somewhat similar curriculum called "Disciple" for the past two or three years. It's now adding the "Connections" curriculum that helps to place each member in a ministry in the church, even if it requires starting new ministries.

At its November meeting, the Columbia Union executive committee voted a goal during 1999 to provide training to pastors and key lay leaders to enable them to become proficient in discipleship education. There's a consensus that many congregations need to encourage more spiritual growth among members, including both newly baptized and long-term members who may not know how to welcome newcomers in a mature, Christlike way.

The *Visitor* is providing an immediate tool. The February 1 issue will be designed to welcome new church members and provide an orientation to the heritage and worldwide mission of the Adventist Church. That's the first issue that recently baptized individuals will get if church clerks are sure to forward their names and addresses to the conference office within the first 10 days of January.

If you care about a recently baptized individual, you may want to check with the local church clerk to make sure the name gets in. Or you can get extra copies of the special issue by contacting the *Visitor* staff at (800) 438-9600.

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Baptismal candidate (sitting) and Community church member share in Bible discussion.

gelist event. Jean Cusack says that the Morgantown, West Virginia, church board voted sometime ago not to hold meetings in conjunction with NET '98. "Our church wasn't ready for it," she said. However, they did videotape the series and are planning to use it in a small-group outreach in January. The board has since voted to take part in the next series.

Metro '99 will take a more targeted approach, focusing on the New Jersey-New York metropolitan area, although the downlink signal will be made available

Why, Lord?

Deria Gadsden, assistant to the registrar

I arrived on CUC's campus in September of 1997 after working with students at Garden State Academy in Tranquility, New Jersey. As I always do when our family moves, the questions I asked were: Why? and Why here? Why did Jesus bring me here? There was a big difference in working at a college campus instead of an academy.

College. As I thought about these young people, I began to think about when I started college over 30 years ago. As I walked onto my college campus, the Vietnam War was in full swing. I had lost several friends already, and my boyfriend was serving in the Marines, getting ready to be shipped to Vietnam. In my Bible class, we freely expressed our thoughts on the church. All we wanted to do was to leave it. We felt unappreciated, we felt condemned—our skirts were too short, and our young men had hair that was too long or too big and bushy.

Riots, protests and marches were the order of the day. Young people were trying to make sense of life. I worked for Bobby Kennedy during his campaign, and we were all working for a change. There was so much unrest. We learned more about prophecy and the end of time, and less about relationships. We listened to our leaders of the day, Bobby Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, as to how we could make this a better place to live. My freshman year in college had not ended before those men had lost their lives. Many of my friends left the church, never to return, disillusioned, hearing that we needed to look to Jesus, not people. That's difficult if you have no relationship with Him.

Then I think of CUC's freshman class that I registered this fall and wonder if Clinton will be president for the remainder of his term. Will there be peace between the Protestants and Catholics by the end of their freshman year? Or, how many people will die in Sudan from starvation?

I know that during my college years, I had praying parents who wanted me to find Jesus. I did! Praise the Lord! I thank God for praying parents! Well, I am now that praying parent 30 years later. I pray that my children have a relationship with Jesus and will create changes in our church. I thank God for young folks like Andy Nash, assistant editor of *Adventist Review*, who keeps before us the power of our young people. Nash said in a recent article (*Adventist Review*, October 15, 1998) that about 24 percent of those working at the General Conference are in the 35 and under age category. This includes many CUC students and graduates. I recently heard our world youth leader, Dr. Baraka Muganda, say that our church membership is over 10 million, and almost seven million are young people under the age of 25.

I have heard many young people say that they could make changes by starting programs of their own, but it would be great for our young people to be given responsibilities of trust in our churches, local conferences, unions, divisions and even the General Conference. Young people all over the world are doing it. Why not our young people? They are our future, and our future is now! These are exciting times for our church.

So, I found my answers. Why? To love each student with everlasting, nurturing love, as Jesus would do. Is that something we can all do? And my other question: Why am I here? To pray for every young student of CUC and encourage their leadership whenever the possibility arises. It is really up to me to make a difference, a difference for young people and others.



Deria Gadsden

CUC's Service Day

Amanda Mutchler, sophomore communication major

"Classes are canceled Wednesday afternoon," announced Kumar Dixit, chaplain. Most people would jump at the chance to get an afternoon off from classes and work, but on Wednesday, October 14, more than 100 students volunteered for CUC's annual Service Day.

Everyone gathered on the Commons around 11:30 a.m. to enjoy lunch provided by the cam-

pus dining services and to receive their Service Day T-shirts. After lunch and prayer, safety instructions were given, and everyone was sent out on one of three job assignments. Students and faculty, along with volunteer supervisors from the City Public Works and Parks and Planning of Takoma Park worked side by side and picked up trash, painted street curbs, and

planted flowers in downtown Takoma Park.

This is the third year CUC has participated in Service Day, and there seems to be more enthusiasm every year. The City of Takoma Park stated they had never seen a group of such good workers. "Everyone did an excellent job." Because of the good work CUC has

done in the past and again this year, Carol Stuart from the City of Takoma Park will be presenting



Students and faculty work together to improve Takoma Park.

Service con't



Teresa Roberts and President Charles Scriven

CUC with an award for their community service.

Enga de Almeida, assistant to the director of admissions, said, "It was a chance to share not only your manual labor skills or lack thereof, but also to share in the camaraderie of people together, the sharing of a job well done and the chance to be a working example of what true community is really all about."

Shrimp species

Esther Whieldon, sophomore journalism major

For over 26 years, Dr. Robert Wasmer, professor of biology at CUC, has studied and identified oceanic mid-water shrimp. He has successfully identified and named eight species of pelagic shrimp that were previously unknown to man.

The species that he has discovered have been collected from all over the globe. Their locations range from the Antarctic Ocean to the Indian Ocean. Some have been found at depths of over two miles. They are collected by boats in nets that are pulled through the water. The largest shrimp he studied was as large as the palm of his hand. Some of the smaller ones are no longer than the tip of his pinkie finger.

In the genus *Parphasiae*, there had previously been only three specimens. Wasmer discovered the fourth.

Wasmer started researching pelagic shrimp while working on

Saturday night's live at CUC

Nicole Grey, junior communication major

It was Saturday night, October 10, and at the stroke of eight, bands of students made their way to CUC's gymnasium, each sharing the same mission ... to have a blast!

The gym was soon filled with the sounds of laughter, intermingled with the melodious sounds of students' voices that proceeded from the karaoke booth sponsored by the business club. This proved to be one of the most frequented booths of the evening. Many other campus clubs, including the Caribbean and communication clubs, also joined the event.

Every now and then, the laughter and melody were broken by the voice of Duane Reid, student association executive vice president, who refereed what was called the "funny box-

ing ring." The participating boxers' biggest obstacles were not their opponents, however. Their biggest obstacle was trying to keep their balance against the pull of the oversized boxing gloves.

In another part of the gym, if one listened closely, the grunts and shouts of students could be heard as they attempted to defeat their opponents in a Gladiator Jousting match. Armed with helmets and jousting sticks, which had the appearance of giant Q-tips, students attempted to knock their opponents off of the platforms on which they stood. The outcome could never be predicted, however. One false move, and the most experienced jouster came tumbling down.

Sarah Strange, student association social vice president, was very pleased with the results of the car-

nival, "this was an event for the students," she said.

The carnival's turnout and the positive feedback more than rewarded the efforts of the student association, which hosted the event. —reprinted from the Columbia Journal

Calendar of Events

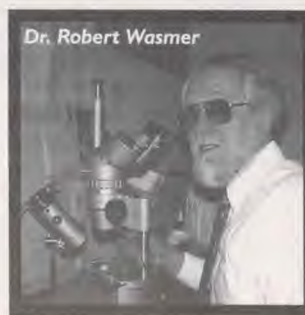
December

- 14-16 Final Exams
- 15 Late Night Pancake Feed
- Dec. 17-Jan. 10 Christmas Vacation
- 17 Faculty/Staff Christmas Celebration

January

- 2 Men's and Women's Basketball
- 5 Women's Basketball
- 11 Registration
- Men's and Women's Basketball
- 12 Classes begin
- Men's and Women's Basketball
- 15 Agape Feast

* Only home games are noted on the calendar.



Dr. Robert Wasmer

complishments in the field of shrimp research, the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C., gave Wasmer a grant in 1989 to study oceanic pelagic shrimp. The Smithsonian sent a boat out to comb the Pacific, Antarctic and Indian oceans and gather specimens for research. These specimens were later sent to Wasmer, who identified and named them after the ship that had collected them.

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Happy Holidays
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Executive committee provides more funds for local ministries

A budget was adopted for 1999 and other decisions voted during the November meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee will enable a larger portion of Tithe to be used at the local level. Two new funds were set up: a church planting fund to provide "seed money" to help start new congregations and a church growth fund to provide grants to take advantage of special opportunities and meet special needs in existing congregations.

Additional cost-cutting measures designed to increase funds available for local ministries included a decision to pay off the rest of the debt remaining from the bankruptcy of Family Enrichment Resources (FER) by the end of 1998, which frees up more than \$100,000 in 1999 and future budgets. Also, the union office and program budget was "capped" at four percent of total tithe so all the other tithe that denominational policy assigns to unions can be returned to local conferences and organizations.

Reports were heard in response to a Potomac Conference request voted at the September meeting of the union executive committee. Bj Christensen, assistant to the president of the North American Division, reported that the seven specific suggestions of how to cut costs by restructuring the denomination's bureaucracy are on the agenda for the division year-end meeting in 1999. Union officers had hoped that at least one of these items could have been on the 1998 agenda, but when it was discussed with the officers of the eight other unions in pre-session meetings in October, most felt there was not sufficient time to include it in the crowded agenda. In addition, Charles Scriven, president of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, and Monte Sahlin, vice president for creative ministries in the Columbia Union, presented studies that have been conducted on specific cost-adjustment suggestions within the union.



Executive Committee members listen to discussion.

On Thursday, November 12, a service of recognition for the 90 years that God has led in the work of the Columbia Union Conference was held. Former presidents Neal Wilson, Wally Coe and Ron Wisbey shared remembrances. Coe was the devotional speaker, and he challenged the committee to keep focused on God's purpose for His church.

Also voted was approval of ordination/commissioning for six pastors in the New Jersey Conference and three in the Potomac Conference—Rudney Bartolome,



Cory Chambers (left) presents Chuck Scriven, president of CUC, with a \$100,000 check as union President Harold Lee looks on.

Robert Hoyt, Javier Huerta, Rick Moyer, Tony Rivera, Caesar Sprianu, Roger Hernandez, Alice Rich and Ron Rogers. In addition, Jean Brownlee and Kathy Goddard were seated as members of the union executive committee, and eight church members were elected to the board of education—Cynthia Johnson, James Palmer, Merle Poirier, Jean Brownlee, Lou Ivins, Ruby Jackson, Ed Christian and Albert Wood. Three individuals recently appointed as conference education superintendents are ex officio members of the education board: Jay Colburn from the Ohio Conference, Jerome Hearts from the Allegheny West Conference and Carole Smith from the Chesapeake Conference.

A \$250,000 loan was approved to Columbia Union College to assist with start-up costs in establishing a Gaithersburg, Maryland, extension campus for the Adult Evening Program. This program provided income of over \$1 million during the 1997-98 school term. Adventist HealthCare President Cory Chambers presented Scriven with a check for \$100,000, the first installment in funding that the health-care corporation has pledged to assist CUC in preparing the skilled health and business professionals needed to staff health ministries. Adventist HealthCare hopes to increase the funding over the next few years.

An accreditation report and an auditor's report were key items on the agenda when the CUC board met on Wednesday, November 11. Cline Brandt Kochenower, a CPA firm, reported on the 1997-98 financial statement. For the fourth time in the past six years, the college ended ahead instead of with deficits. In fact, at nearly \$600,000, the year-end gain is the largest in decades. The college is again able to fund depreciation after about 25 years of not doing so.

The accreditation report came from a team headed by Dr. Donald Sahly, a General Conference officer. In fact, CUC is the first college in the world field to achieve accreditation under the new guidelines of the Accrediting Association of Adventist Colleges and Universities. These guidelines were shaped by the "Total Commitment to God" document voted by the General Conference this past year.

Monte Sahlin is editor of the Visitor

Healing MINISTRY



Adventist Home Health Care *brings healing ministry to community*

Recently, along with several hundred others, I had the opportunity to participate in the 25th-year celebration of Adventist Home Health. It was one of those times that I have referenced before in this column when I wished that all of our Columbia Union fellow church members could have been present to witness the very moving program.

Adventist Home Health began as a special ministry of Adventist HealthCare all those years ago and continues, to this day, to have a very focused mission. As you will note on the following pages, the company has grown to be the largest provider of home health care in the state of Maryland, and in 1998, our visiting nurses and other health professionals will have visited more than 200,000 patients in their homes as a follow-up to their stay in one of our acute-care hospitals.

Adventist Home Health Care has become even more important in recent years as the length of stay that is allowed for patients in the acute care setting has been dramatically shortened. In the past 18 months, reimbursements for home care have also been greatly reduced by payers, but our AHH management team has been able to make the adjustments and move forward in a very positive way.

Today, we have more than 200 visiting health professionals who, every day, bring healing and comfort to thousands of in-home patients. During the 25th-year celebration, several persons told "their" story of healing at the hand of a visiting nurse. It was obvious that in the mind of these former patients, their nurses had become visiting angels who daily brought comfort, healing and hope to their damaged lives, which gave them the courage and strength to move forward with their lives once again.

Much of our Lord's personal and public ministry was centered on healing. Adventist Home Health is also a personal and public ministry of dedicated health-care professionals who accept the agenda of Jesus each day, as outlined in Luke

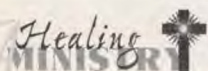


Left to right: Jean Pritchard-Nava, R.N. and coordinator of community and professional relations; Keith Ballenger, executive director; George Child, senior executive director of alternative care services; and Sharon Ford, R.N. and director of professional services, cut the anniversary cake during the Adventist Home Health Care 25th-year celebration.

4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

I invite you to join me in becoming a silent prayer partner on behalf of these visiting "angels" as they do their work within Adventist Home Health Care every day of the year.

Ron M. Wisbey is board chairman of Adventist HealthCare and Kettering Medical Center.



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Adventist Home celebrates 25 y

"If hospital nursing is about people and 'tubes,' home health nursing is about people and 'things.' The things that people wrap around themselves to create an environment are what we stumble across during visits: the clutter, the chintz. And the thrill is that you never know what's on the other side of that door until you are invited past it," says Nancy Hartman, R.N., liaison nurse with Adventist Home Health Services (AHHS). With these words,

Nancy described her experience in visiting two patients in very different circumstances on the same day. Mrs. Smith, who had been homeless and taken in by another elderly person, was in a cramped apartment complete with a militia of cockroaches. The second patient was a gentleman recovering from open-heart surgery in his elegant, tastefully decorated home in an affluent suburb of Washington, D.C. A startling contrast, yet many similarities. "It was a privilege for me to have visited with them," Nancy said.*

Adventist Home Health Services began its service to the community 25 years ago after administrators at Washington Adventist Hospital and Leland Memorial Hospital, John Ruffcorn and Leonard

Coy, respectively, teamed up with physicians Lawrence Malin and Robert Dunn to start offering home health care to patients discharged from the two hospitals. Albert Butler, former treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference, represented the union office in the venture. They hired Cathy Wesley, a public health nurse working with the health department in Prince George's County, Maryland. Cathy enthusiastically performed the start-up duties and, in the fall of 1973, AHHS

began to offer visiting nursing, physical therapy and home-health aide services to patients in the communities of Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The agency's first offices were located next door to the Hyattsville Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Since 1973, the staff of two nurses, a physical therapist and a home-health aide has grown to a staff of 350 employees offering care to more than 900 patients on service at any given time, located in five different Maryland counties, the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. This past year, the agency completed 168,000 home visits, offering such services as medical/surgical nursing, infusion therapy, pediatric nursing, occupational therapy, social work, nutrition and chaplaincy, among others. With its five offices serving the Washington metropolitan area, it is regarded as one of the largest agencies in Maryland.

In 1995, AHHS started Adventist Home Health Management (AHHM), a company designed to provide home health consultation and management assistance. AHHM works with agencies connected to Howard County General Hospital, Peninsula Regional Hospital and Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital. It has also worked with Hackettstown Hospital and Inova Home Health in Fairfax, Virginia.

Adventist Home Health is licensed by Maryland and Virginia as a home health agency and certified by Medicare. In addition, the agency has held accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) since 1991. AHHS won JCAHO accreditation with commendation for the second time following its triennial survey in July 1998. The agency prides itself on its extremely high patient satisfaction and its focus on offering quality, cost-effective care in the context of whole-person care. Staff are encouraged to focus on emotional, social



Health Services years of service



and spiritual needs, as well as physical care.

Offering holistic care in today's environment of managed care and "doing more with less" is not easy; however, the agency has been blessed in its efforts to serve the community. In fulfilling its mission of quality holistic care, the "Neighbors Who Care Fund" has purchased medication for many seniors who couldn't otherwise afford it and has also paid for heating oil, special orthopedic shoes, food and clothing. Sometimes, other needs have to be met. Morris Bell, a licensed practical nurse, had to tell his patient, Mrs. Anderson,* that her cat was dead. He had found the cat in the basement lying by the washing machine after the patient had sent him on a search for the missing animal. She became very upset, of course, but was comforted by Bell's assistance in the cat's burial—complete with a suitable box, prayer service and a cross fashioned from tongue blades. Mrs. Anderson, who lived alone, had considered the cat her only family member, and Bell responded with understanding in arranging for the cat's burial.

Home health is not for health-care workers who are faint of heart or in need of a controlled environment. AHHS territory includes urban and rural areas, and visiting requires driving on congested roads and the beltway in all types of weather. Liaison Case Manager Barbara Djordjevic, R.N., shared her experience of learning that per patient watched from a second-floor window with a loaded gun in hand to protect her from harm as she left his home on a dark winter's evening. He had severely scolded her for visiting him so late in the day, and she hadn't understood his concern for her safety until later. She then thought of him as her "guardian angel" but did wonder: "What if he hadn't been a good shot?"

AHHS celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 21 with refreshments, cake and remarks from Adventist HealthCare Chief Executive Officer Cory Chambers, Adventist HealthCare Board Chairman Ron Wisbey, Adventist HealthCare Executive Vice President Les George

Child, senior executive director of Alternative Care Services, and current Executive Director Keith Ballenger. Two former executive directors attended the festivities: Child and Judith I. Smith. Local political leaders were also present. Reverend William Heslop, a former patient of both Washington Adventist Hospital and Adventist Home Health Services related how both institutions assisted him in his difficult recovery from open-heart surgery and other health problems. He spoke about how visiting nurse Carol Minnich would not allow him to lie in bed but insisted that he "get going" and worked with him toward that end. Her caring but firm approach was just what he needed. In Heslop's opinion, there is no other hospital to go to when one is in trouble than "Adventist," and he credits AHHS with assisting him to the level of health he enjoys today.



Offering physical therapy in the home setting has its challenges and rewards. Lisa Paul, a registered physical therapist, tells of treating a patient following knee-replacement surgery on both knees.

"I was treating a relatively young woman in her late fifties who had worked in an orthopedics office and had seen many knee-replacement patients. She had been putting off the surgery for years because she was so apprehensive. She lived in an old house with a grand staircase to the second floor. She had a hospital bed set up in the living room, and this is where I provided her therapy.

"As she improved, it became time for instruction on stair climbing. She was instructed on the proper procedure and began her ascent. I was guarding her from the back. She had reached the midway point on the step where there was a landing, and then, the steps turned. All of a sudden, she began weeping. I was concerned something had happened, although I was bewildered because I could not see that anything had gone wrong. Finally, when she got control she explained: 'I have not been able to walk up these steps without severe pain for the past 10 years.' She was crying with joy!"

Home health care makes such a difference in the lives of patients and their caregivers. The musical tribute to our staff at the anniversary celebration said it well: "You are the wind beneath my wings." May the Lord continue to bless us as we help our patients soar in the years to come.

**name has been changed*



Kettering Medical Center

Sycamore Primary Care Center opens its doors

The new Sycamore Primary Care Center recently opened its doors just west of Sycamore Hospital at the corner of Leiter and Gebhart Church roads. The facility represents a culmination of many years of planning and collaboration with multiple organizations.

The new facility houses not only the Sycamore Primary Care Group (internal medicine), but also includes pediatrics, women's health, psychiatry and even dermatology. It is one of the main teaching facilities associated with Kettering Medical Center. Medical education faculty work hand in hand with KMC residents and Wright State University medical students in providing quality, innovative health care.

The pharmacy, located in the center

atrium of the facility, was developed through a partnership with Ohio Northern University and is convenient for patients and Sycamore campus employees. It is also the hub of activity at the center. Patients are greeted there. A big-screen TV and separate play areas for sick and well children are also located in the atrium area. Included in the atrium as well is a location for refreshments and a state-of-the-art community learning center.



Comedian Bill Cosby appears in Dayton for KMC benefit

One of America's most famous fathers, Bill Cosby, brought his comic genius to the Victoria Theatre on Thursday, September 10. It was a special performance for Kettering Medical Center's Tenth Annual "Heart to Heart" community event. Proceeds from the event are slated to benefit KMC's cardiac services and have been used for equipment purchases and medical education related to heart care.

"The Cos" is one of the world's most beloved comedians, with a unique brand of humor that tugs at the heartstrings, as well as the funny bone. He provides hilarious insights into our roles as parents, children, family members and other men and women. Those who attended the performance had a wonderful time laughing, tearfully sometimes, at the "true" depictions that Cosby is famous for.

In addition to the performance, those attending enjoyed a reception and sit-down dinner prior to the Cosby show.



Eye surgery center breaks ground

A ground-breaking ceremony was held July 17 for the new Dayton Eye Surgery Center. The center, which is being built as a partnership between KMC and 17 area eye surgeons, will be located on Sylvania Road in Beavercreek, Ohio. The 11,400-

square-foot center is expected to open in March. It will feature three eye surgery suites and one laser room.

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE IN THE COLUMBIA UNION

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Silver Spring, MD 20901
9430 Key West Ave. #205
Gaithersburg, MD 20850
(301) 681-9760

Adventist Preferred Nursing and Home Assistance

10800 Lockwood Dr.
Silver Spring, MD 20901
(301) 681-9602

Adventist Senior Living Services

9430 Key West Ave.
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 309-0660

The Atrium (Assisted Living Center)

9701 Medical Center Dr.
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 424-2224

Fairland Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

2101 Fairland Road
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 384-6161

Hackettstown Community Hospital

651 Willow Grove St.
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
(908) 852-5100

Kettering Breast Evaluation Centers

580 Lincoln Park Blvd.
Kettering, OH 45429
(513) 299-0099

Kettering Medical Center Home Care

1259 East Dorothy Lane
Kettering, OH 45419
(513) 296-7820

Kettering Memorial Hospital

3535 Southern Blvd.
Kettering, OH 45429
(513) 298-4331

Kettering Workers' Care

2023 Springboro West

Dayton, OH 45439
(513) 293-7770

Kettering Youth Services

5350 Lunne Rd.
Kettering, OH 45439

Reading Rehabilitation Hospital

1623 Morgantown Road
Reading, PA 19607
(610) 796-6000

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

9901 Medical Center Dr.
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 279-6000

Shady Grove Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

9701 Medical Center Dr.
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 424-6400

Sligo Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

7525 Carroll Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 270-4200

Springbrook Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

12325 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 622-4600

Sycamore Glen Retirement Community

317 Sycamore Glen Dr.
Miamisburg, OH 45342
(513) 866-2984

Sycamore Hospital

2150 Leiter Road
Miamisburg, OH 45342
(513) 866-0551

Washington Adventist Hospital

7600 Carroll Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 891-7600



Resource

Guide

December 15, 1998

FOR MINISTRY IN YOUR HOME, WORKPLACE, COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

Heartbeat '99 can do for your local health outreach what NET '98 did for public evangelism in your congregation



Heartbeat is a community coronary risk evaluation that has the endorsement and support of America's leading cardiologists. It can help people in your community discover their chances of getting heart and blood vessel disease, as well as learn how to prevent it.

Heart disease is still the number one killer in America. The Adventist Church—through Loma Linda University and its other health institutions and network of health professionals—has developed a powerful tool to prevent these deaths.

Heartbeat '99 uses satellite and other new technology to make this well-respected community outreach program available to any local church, Community Service center or school. The national emphasis will attract additional media attention and the endorsement of national health organizations.

The Adventist Health Network provides a support system if you want to bring this top-quality outreach into your community. The North American Division health ministries department has brought together a coalition that includes Adventist Community Services (ACS), the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) and a

includes:

- *An information kit with proven advertising you can take to your local newspaper, a site manager's manual with complete checklists for all preparations necessary and a site counselor's manual designed to help volunteers answer the questions of community residents.

- *A registration fee based on market research conducted by a respected health-care marketing firm and designed to generate enough income for you to recover all the costs involved in this project, as well as have a little left over as seed money for future health outreach events.

- *A training event for local coordinators and teams provided live via satellite on March 13, 1999, from 5 to 7 p.m.

- *A national medical laboratory has been contracted to provide the supplies, equipment and lab services for all local sites. They will ship supplies to you in advance and provide you with a courier service to ship the blood specimens, equipment and remaining supplies.

- *A Heartbeat medical director in your state to provide necessary legal supervision and contact with the state medical society. A volunteer Adventist physician has been recruited in every state to provide medical oversight and information.

- *Experienced consultants are available by telephone to guide you through the process of organizing your local community coronary risk evaluation. They can also talk with your local volunteer health professionals, if need be, to help answer all their questions.

- *Well-known, nationally respected physicians will present the explanation of test results and specific action steps for people to take during a satellite seminar designed for the general public on May 11, 1999.

*If you have your education event on a date different than May 11, arrangements can be made

Planning Guide for Heartbeat '99

January — Meet with key individuals in your congregation, school or Community Services center and get their support.

February — Get a copy of the site manager's manual and set up a planning meeting with your core team.

March 13 — Make sure that you and your key team members participate in the live training session via satellite at 5 p.m.

April — Conduct the screening phase of the program during the last two weeks of April.

May 11 — Conduct the educational phase of the program when your clients return to get their test results and information on how they can prevent heart disease.

June — Schedule needed health education events throughout the rest of the year for your clients to be helped with heart-healthy diet, fitness, stopping smoking, weight management, stress control, etc.

Don't forget to get some photos and send a full report to the Columbia Union Visitor!

for health professionals from the Pacific Health Education Center to answer questions in your group via telephone.

With all of these tools, you can have a most successful and well-received event in your local community. It is one of the most powerful community health education tools we have!

To get an information package on Heartbeat '99, dial (800) 328-0525.

Your Resource Guide

information, tips and articles to enhance your ministry

Editor: Monte Sahlin

All of the resources, unless otherwise indicated, are available at your Adventist Book Center or by calling (800) 765-6955.

Even though they are not all published by our publishing houses, with a little creativity, they can be adapted for our use.

Training events to be held in your local area during 1999 via a live, satellite link

Cross Training" is a monthly series of workshops provided to congregational leaders and directors of local ministries via satellite. You can participate in these live events if you have access to a satellite dish. A phone number is always announced that you can use to ask questions of the presenters.

"I can't travel to all 4,800 churches in North America to update our children's leaders on our new programs," says Noelene Johnsson, director of children's ministries. "With the help of a satellite, I can speak live to all the churches and through Cross Training show them the latest programs and materials." Willie Oliver, director of family ministries and Pathfinder Clubs agrees, "Leaders across North America can participate in these live events and gather material in two hours that would usually take several days and travel costs at a large meeting."

More and more local church leaders are joining these training sessions. In 1999, almost every department of the church will have at least one training session on satellite including Adventist Community Services, evangelism, youth ministries, and Sabbath school. Some events are not only for departmental leaders, but for anyone who has an interest, such as "Teaching Children to Love Each Other as a Response to Grace" on March 13 and "Parenting that Models Ministries of Compassion" on September 11.

To participate in any one of the Cross Training events, call (800) ACN-1119, ext. 6 to register and get materials.

Cross Training events are now free of charge to satellite users. Simply register for each workshop you wish to participate in. You'll be given a fax number and code to access handouts and program information at no cost. If you don't have a satellite, you can still order handouts and videotapes at cost.

Children's Ministries workshop

March 13 - "Teaching Children to Love Each Other as a Response to Grace"

Especially for children's ministries leaders, children's Sabbath school teachers and pastors

Community - This program will clearly identify community building as a response to the grace of a loving God who wants children and youth to see faith actively lived through sharing with and being accountable to others in their neighborhoods, at church and with people around the world.

Community Impact Seminars

January 9 - "Leadership Training for Personal Ministries and Adventist Community Services Leaders"

March 13 - "How to Plan and Implement Heartbeat Community Coronary Risk Evaluation"

May 8 - "Disaster Response"

October 9 - "Helping People Find Jobs"

Evangelism training seminars

January 9 - "Getting Newly Baptized Members Integrated Into Your Church"

Especially for elders, evangelism coordinators and Sabbath school leaders.

Assimilation - What's it like for new members to join your congregation? How can churches make new members feel at home and integrate them into meaningful church life?

October 9 - "Discovering 21st Century Ways to Reach Our Communities"

Especially for personal ministries leaders, and pastors.

Outreach - As we prepare for the new millennium, we must find innovative ways to share the love of Christ with our communities. How can we share the Adventist message and mission with seekers and interest them in joining our church family? This program will share practical options and ideas.

Family ministries workshops

April 10 - "Identifying Ministry Opportunities With Today's Adventist Families"

Especially for family ministries leaders, pastors and elementary teachers.

Diversity - Face it. The cultural make-up of our church has changed. This program will address the diversity of our church family today and discuss practical ways congregations can minister to our diverse needs.

September 11 - "Parenting that Models Ministries of Compassion"

Especially for Adventist parents.

This program will show parents in the church how they can help classroom teachers, Adventist Community Services leaders, Youth Service Corp. youth pastors, Maranatha, ADRA and other agencies in their local communities that want to engage their children and youth in compassion projects.

Health ministries workshops

March 13 - "How to Plan and Implement Heartbeat Community Coronary Risk Evaluation"

(See more information on the previous page.)

November 13 - "Lifestyle Initiatives The Church Can Cooperate in and How"

Especially for health ministries and Adventist Community Services leaders.

Health - Join us to take a look at four health outreach programs effectively working in North America and choose one for your church to use.

Sabbath school workshop

February 13 - "What Gets Twentysomethings Involved in Sabbath School?"

Especially for adult Sabbath school leaders, pastors and young adult leaders.

Challenge - How can adult Sabbath school classes actively attract and engage young adults into an intergenerational study setting that meets their needs without alienating other members.

Youth ministries seminar

May 8 - "What Youth Ministries Are Doing Beyond Youth Sabbath School"

Especially for youth leaders, Bible teachers and youth pastors.

Activation - This program will profile effective youth ministry programs that are providing innovative compassion ministries, mission experiences, leadership development, unique nurturing ministries and more.

Reclaiming ministry workshops

February 13 (6-8 p.m.) - "Together Again, Part One"

Join host Paul Richardson for this interactive discussion with pastors and guests who share effective methods of reaching and reclaiming members who have quit church. Also, how can we integrate members into churches so they stay?

April 10 (6-8 p.m.) - "Together Again, Part Two"

Join host Paul Richardson for this interactive discussion with pastors and guests who share effective methods of reaching and reclaiming members who have quit church. Also, how can we integrate members into churches so they stay?

Would you like a Christian drama event in your local church or school?

If you would like to plan a Christian drama as an outreach event in your community, or a special event for youth or adults or in your school, here is a resource group that can help you.

"Pieces of Eight" is a touring drama troupe specializing in Christian theatre. Based in Riverside, California, the troupe was founded in 1995 and incorporated in 1998. This cast and crew of Adventist young adults has toured throughout the southwest, leading creative worship in schools, churches, conferences, conventions and youth retreats.

In November, Pieces of Eight launched its first nationwide tour in a presentation at the Florida Conference young adult retreat, in High Springs, Florida. During the weekend, the troupe produced sketches for the general meetings. Then, on Saturday night in a banquet at the retreat, they debuted the new improv group, TBA.

Pieces of Eight is committed to producing Christian-based material that leads young and old alike into a new experience with God. They invite you to keep this ministry in your prayers as they embark on this exciting tour.

The team includes John Anthony, managing artistic director; Val Torres, associate artistic director; Kelly Lewis, stage manager; Roderick McMillen, troupe management; Angelica Eclar, booking; Sherry Pitargue, assistant to the managing artistic director; and actors Doug Brown, Jason Brown, Jed Laub, Kelly Lewis, Jennifer Oliverio, Amanda Smith, Theresa Taylor, Val Torres, and Christa Udell.

You can get a bi-weekly update on the ministry of Pieces of Eight at its website <http://www.piecesofeight.org>

For booking and more information, please call: (909) 352-6622 or E-mail: nfo@piecesofeight.org.

A source of information about what other Adventist churches are doing

Tagnet, an ASI-member ministry on the Internet, is providing a new website with news from parachurch agencies and local Adventist congregations. Don't just stop at the main news bulletin. There are actually two news bulletins on the site. So after you've seen the main bulletin, check out the second one, "Grass Roots SDA

News." It gives news of what's happening in local Adventist churches across the world. Website: <http://www.tagnet.org/adventist.fm>

Does your group want to respond to the disaster in Nicaragua and Honduras?

More than a million people are still homeless, and it is estimated that 100,000 may die before all of the health conditions are controlled. "This is the worst disaster for Nicaragua this century," says Ed Baumgartner, director of ADRA Nicaragua. There is \$500 million of damage nationwide. "Most families here are hungry, thirsty, cold and without adequate shelter. Children, especially, are suffering," reports Walter Britton, ADRA Honduras director. To send a donation or get information about how your group can help, call (888) 237-2367.

An up-to-date video resource on creationism

"In the Image of God," from Pacific Press, is a compelling new video that provides scientific evidence in favor of creation. Four scientists join forces to show that the fossil evidence supports the Genesis model of repopulation after a recent global flood. It is available in your local Adventist Book Center for \$19.95.

PlusLine is there for your questions about resources

By the end of October, a total of 16,398 calls had been logged in just this year at PlusLine, the "reference librarian desk" to help you find what you are looking for among all of the available resource materials, resource centers and resource people. Of these calls, 1,584 were from the Columbia Union territory.

When you are trying to find something you need, dial (800) SDA PLUS.

A health-education video about exercise

To get couch potatoes moving, this fast-paced, 11-minute video entitled "Make Your Move" features comedian Stevie Ray and keeps you laughing as you learn how to work up to the Surgeon General's recommended daily activity levels by following the Activity Pyramid as your guide. Available through The Health Connection at (800) 548-8700 or at their website: <http://www.healthconnection.org>.

Here's a quick idea for making Bible study come alive with flavor!

Use this with your youth and young adults to emphasize a scriptural message. Matthew 5:13 says, "You are the salt of the earth." To best illustrate the power of salt, try this "salty" idea. Send three volunteers out of the room and then bring them in one at a time to taste the following (don't tell them what they are tasting):

- Volunteer #1: Popcorn without salt
- Volunteer #2: Popcorn with too much salt
- Volunteer #3: Popcorn with just the right amount of salt

Materials needed:

- 3 bowls of popcorn
- 1 large salt shaker
- 3 glasses of water
- Napkins

Then ask the following questions:

- What does popcorn taste like without salt?
- What does popcorn taste like with too much salt?
- What does popcorn taste like when it's salted just right?

Idea submitted by Center for Youth Evangelism (800) YOUTH-2U.



A Christian resource for people with chronic pain

AND HE WILL GIVE YOU REST, is a monthly support newsletter for the person who lives with chronic illness or pain. The articles focus on the relational, spiritual, practical and emotional issues of living with a chronic condition. Distributed by Rest Ministries, Inc. Suggested donation \$15 for 12 10-page issues. For more information call (619) 237-1698 or contact rest@ixpres.com.

A new approach to get people to evangelistic meetings

"Time Share for Eternity" is a unique way to invite people to a series of meetings. The Homedale, Idaho, Adventist Church recently offered \$50 gift certificates to invitees who would make a

commitment to attend three of the first five NeXt Millennium seminar sessions. The invitations were delivered by church members on a personal basis to friends,

neighbors and extended family. Homedale Pastor, John Kurlinski reports a dramatic increase in attendance over NET '96. Disappointed with the poor advertising response to NET '96, they prayerfully decided to use their marketing funds more creatively. Gift certificates were to WalMart and other local vendors. For more information contact Pastor John Kurlinski at: kurl@juno.com.

Young adults to gather New Year's weekend

GO '99, an international young-adult missions conference, will be held on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, through Sabbath, January 2, 1999. Attendees will experience five days of inspiring speakers, fascinating stories, enlightening seminars, powerful music, Christian fellowship and hands-on mission experience in the local community. Learn how you can participate in fulfilling the great gospel commission in Matthew 28:19-20. Visit the booths and talk with the representatives of the many missionary-sending

organizations participating in the conference. For more information and to register for the conference, call (800) 937-4236 or (616) 471-2522; fax (616) 471-6252; e-mail: O99@juno.com or iwm@andrews.edu; or visit the web site at: www.tagnet.org/GO99.html.

Some new Christian books on church growth



THE SECOND COMING OF THE CHURCH, by George Barna. According to Barna the only way the church can survive is to recover a biblical worldview and focus on training gifted leaders (not just pastors). Also, it needs to reach out to every generation. Like Barna's other books, this one has plenty of statistics to support his thesis. Available at your local ABC or Word Publishers (800) 933-9673 ext. 2037.

HARD LIVING PEOPLE & MAINSTREAM CHRISTIANS, by Tex Sample, challenges the church to identify with Christ by embracing the poor and the marginalized—those who live on the fringes of society. Available through Cokesbury at (800) 672-1789. Price, \$11.95.

A tool you can use to get more people to Sabbath school

Weekly promos are available to use in your announcements and bulletins to promote the adult Sabbath school lesson study. They are keyed to the topic of each week's lesson. Written by Oliver Jacques, an author and public relations professional, and used successfully in his local church for several years, now you can use them too! You will find them in the "IdeaBank" sidebar option under adult Sabbath school on the PlusLine website: <http://plusline.adventist.org>.

A tool to help your youth group deal with a hot topic: sex

Today's youth are not told the whole truth by the popular media about the consequences of sexual activity and experimentation. "Sex, Love and Relationships" is a video series that you can use in your youth group or individually with young people. Teenagers love the presenter—Pam Stenzel—because she tells it to them straight, mincing no words in showing how the pervasive sexual permissiveness of our culture is a deceptive trap. Every young person should have the benefit of the hard-hitting reality check in this four-part

A web site with resources for youth ministry

Youth Online (YO) is an Internet resource for Adventists involved in youth ministry, as well as any interested teen or young adult. The web site just opened in September at <http://www.youth-online.org>.

In addition to the resources, YO is a cyber-arena for Christian teens and young adults to interact with their peers. YO is also the cyber-home for YouthNet, which provides opportunities to serve Christ through mission, social action and ministry. Finally, YO serves as an informational resource site for the Association of Adventist Youth Ministry Professionals, connecting youth workers, youth pastors and youth/young adult ministry specialists worldwide. YO is sponsored by the North American Division Youth/Young Adult Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

YO has four primary areas:

*"Get Plugged In" is the cyberspace for youth and young adult ministry leaders to get hooked up with the latest that is going on in ministry.

*"Just Hang Out" is a safe and exclusive place for teens and young adults to meet and interact from around the world.

*"Work Up a Sweat" is YouthNet's cyberhome, where information on missions, service and evangelism is readily available.

*"Communication Zone" is an interactive hub where message boards, chat rooms and real world events are made available to YO citizens. The password to enter the zone is "vision."

The look of YO was created by Genesis Design (www.genesis-online.com), a full-service graphic design and illustration studio specializing in corporate identity, periodical, book and website design. For more information, e-mail info@youth-online.org or call (800) 331-2767.



series. The four sessions are: "The Physical Consequences," "The Emotional Consequences," "The Spiritual Consequences," and "The Character Consequences." The package includes four video programs (135 minutes total), a comprehensive leader's guide, and reproducible student handouts. Price: \$49.99. Available through Gateway Films at (800) 523-0226.



Symposium on contemporary worship

The Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry has scheduled a symposium on "Contemporary Worship:

Style or Substance?" The event will be held in Riverside, California, on the campus of La Sierra University April 23-24.

Guests lecturers will be Pastor Lyell Heise, director for worship, Trans-Tasman Union Conference in the South Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists, and Dr. Robb Redman, Maranatha Music vice president for worship ministry training, and former professor of worship at the Fuller Theological Seminary.

The Hancock Center is one of the resource centers provided for local church leaders through the North American Division Church Resources Consortium. For more information, call (909) 785-2091.

Adventists On-Line can now be accessed via a web site

You may have heard about discussions and announcements on the open forum that is provided via CompuServe by the General Conference communication department. Immediate reports from front-line missionaries and church members around the world, as well as comments, prayer requests and opinions on all kinds of topics, are posted in an un-edited "free speech" area.

Now the GC communication department has opened a forum for Adventists at <http://online.adventist.org>.

"This is not intended as a replacement for the private forum on CompuServe but is open to anyone," says Sysop Ralph Blodgett. You can read the messages posted without "subscribing," but if you wish to post messages, you must sign up, which is free and takes only a couple of minutes to do.



Your Pathfinder club can raise money to go to the national camporee

This plan was invented and field-tested by Brad Benson, director of the Pathfinder Club in Turlock, California.

Now, the Review and Herald Publishing Association has a director's kit and individual sales kits for each participating Pathfinder in your club.



This approach works. If you use it, your club will raise the money it needs to go to Oskosh next summer. There's no better way to bring in the bucks than through the sale of lifesaving literature. It is so much healthier than all that candy!

The plan is to sell subscriptions to two magazines that are designed for public consumption, not just Adventist readers, and address important topics of health and addictions. VIBRANT LIFE is a practical health magazine for adults, and LISTEN is a health magazine published for teenagers and used in many public high schools as part of the curriculum.

The more magazine subscriptions each young person in your club sells, the more he or she earns. They make 40 percent of the selling price on one-year subscriptions and 50 percent of the selling price on two-year subscriptions. Many have earned their application fee and half their travel expenses in just the first week.

To get a free director's sales kit, contact Mary Becker at the Pathfinder Sales Center at (301) 393-3175 or by fax at (301) 393-3209.

Youth Sabbath school ideas

Some of the major pitfalls of planning effective Sabbath school events can be avoided with a little planning. Here are some simple ideas that can be expanded with a little thought:

1. Bible — Have kids bring in the oldest Bible they can find. Invite some adults in your church to bring his or her treasured Bibles and share why they are special. Use this as a springboard to talk about the importance of Bible study.

2. Careers — Have your group name all of the careers they can find listed in Scripture. Invite a career counselor to come in and talk about choosing a life profession.

3. Doubts/skepticism — Find a list of true, but far-out facts, and challenge your group's ability to believe the almost "unbelievable." The "Guinness Book of World Records" is a good source.

4. Family relationships — Find some inter-

Are you looking for tapes of NET '98?

Both audio cassettes and video cassettes are available of the NeXt Millennium Seminar with Dwight Nelson. These can be used in Home Bible Fellowships and other small group outreach, or as personal gifts or with individuals in Bible studies.

Set of 14 videos (27 programs) is \$139.95, plus S&H. Set of audio tapes is \$49.95 plus S&H. Orders can be made through Seminars Unlimited at (800) 982-3344.

esting notes about family life from different cultures. Search the Internet to get started. Use this to open your discussion about family relationships.

5. Fear — Show a video of someone doing something that involves high risks. Use this as an opener to talk about personal fears.

6. Guilt/forgiveness — Show some video news clips about recent crimes that have been committed. Talk about the negative and positive roles that guilt can play in the healing process.

7. Homosexuality — Ask your group why they think God began life with Adam and Eve instead of Adam and Abe. Go to the PlusLine web site and visit the Eagles Wing's web link in the WebZone. Gather some information from this site and use it as a discussion starter.

8. Friends — Play the song "Friends" by Michael W. Smith and share the story from Scripture about David and Jonathan.

9. How to study the Bible — Use Mark Finley's book, "Studying Together" as a text. Talk about the difference between studying Scripture for information and a relationship.

10. Jesus and me — Invite your group to make a list of 10 things they think Jesus would like about themselves and their present youth group. How did Jesus relate to individuals?

11. Knowing God's will — Ask your group to share their stories about what they remember about being a little kid. As they look back on their lives now, ask them if it would have been better to have known what they know now when they were little. What is the hardest part about not knowing the future? Read Proverbs 3:5,6.



How to become certified as a Disaster Response trainer

When a disaster happens, Seventh-day Adventists do not simply do whatever seems to be right at the moment (thus often contributing to the problem). We do not just join ecumenical or Red Cross activities as donors and volunteers. Adventist Community Services has a contract with the Red Cross and the U.S. government's Emergency Management Agency assigns to Adventists certain responsibilities.

In order to carry out our assigned mission of compassion and help in times of disaster, there must be an army of trained volunteers ready to mobilize. They are needed in every state and county. This means a large task of recruiting and training many volunteers BEFORE a disaster hits. It is too late once the event has happened.

Who can teach Adventist Disaster Response training?

In an effort to maintain the highest possible level of excellence in the disaster response training program, it has become clear that a means of developing a standard for certifying trainers is

needed. The Adventist Community Services (ACS) national office has developed such a program which has been approved by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Individuals seeking to become certified trainers must meet the following criteria and go through the procedures outlined below.

Criteria for trainers:

1. Must have completed ACS Disaster Response training Steps 1 through 5; all five steps.
2. Must have responded to at least four major disasters in a leadership role.
3. Must have the written approval of the local conference ACS director.

Process for Obtaining Certification:

1. A letter of application with documentation of training and experience sent to the local conference ACS director.
2. The conference ACS director approves the application (or returns it to the applicant) and sends it on to Adventist Disaster Response, 1575

Hillside Oak Drive, Grayson, Georgia 30017.

3. Notice of the upcoming "Train the Trainer" events will be sent to the applicant.

4. The applicant may choose a site and date to fit his or her schedule.

5. "Train the Trainer" events will be two days followed by actual participation as an instructor in a "Disaster Institute."

6. A team made up of ADRA North America disaster consultants and conference ACS directors will be on hand to evaluate each applicant and debrief them all after their teaching experience.

7. The evaluation team will go over the evaluations and develop a list of certified instructors for each of the steps in the curriculum.

8. To maintain certification, each instructor must present each course they are certified to teach at least four times a year.

9. Re-certification will be required every four years, including attendance at an updated "Train the Trainer" event.

Friendship with "The Power"

By John McLarty

An engineering professor invited three of his doctoral students and me for dinner and conversation at his house. The topic: God. One student was an atheist from Moscow, another a Korean whose family had been vaguely Buddhist when he was growing up, and the third was a brand new Christian from Khazakstan.

We talked about design in nature, about our encounters with creation that left us thrilled and speechless with wonder. Even the atheist freely acknowledged that nature testified to something "beyond" or "behind" the tangible world.

Finally, the atheist asked us what we got out of Christianity, what we saw as the most attractive feature of our faith. I didn't have to stop and think: "Igor," I said, "we've all agreed here tonight there has to be something beyond what we can see and measure. The intricacy of life fairly shouts there is a designer. We've all experienced the mystery and awe of standing on the snow and gazing at the stars on a moonless night. "Christianity gives me the name of the power, of the person, who created those stars. And then opens

the door to personal friendship with that Creator. Jesus said, 'I want you to be my friends.'" (John 15:15). And then, as if that weren't enough, He declared, "To those who overcome, I will invite to sit with me on my throne even as I overcame and sat on my Father's throne" (Revelation 3:21). "The creator wants my company. That's part of what I get out of Christianity."

John McLarty writes from Thousand Oaks, California.

Discipleship resources

Here are a few discipleship resources to inspire and challenge pastors and church leaders. Available through your local ABC or Baker Book House by calling (800) 398-3111.

NEW CENTURY DISCIPLEMAKING, by Bill Hull. Hull challenges pastors to make discipleship the heart of the church's ministry in the coming century. He outlines Christ's methods in training his 12 disciples and presents a biblical pattern that emulates Christ's model for reaching the lost and establishing new converts in the faith. Price, \$9.99.

THE DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH by Bill Hull. The author diminishes the fears and

misconceptions that are often associated with disciple making, placing particular emphasis on the principles and priorities of evangelism in the first-century church. From Acts and the Epistles, he analyzes three early churches and highlights the keys to maturity in discipleship. Price: \$11.99.

THE MASTER'S PLAN FOR MAKING DISCIPLES, by Win and Charles Am. Instead of using canned approaches to sharing the Gospel, Christians should be sharing their faith naturally within their own networks of friends and relatives. The authors offer ideas for reaching friends and family, as well as how the congregation can support evangelism. An idea book for use in training our new members. Price: \$10.99.

"Journal of Christian Nursing"

This periodical provides Christian perspectives and insights related to nursing. Articles focus on both clinical and personal issues related to



spirituality, ethics and professional growth. Price, \$19.95 (quarterly). To subscribe, call (608) 274-4823, Ext. 401.

How to start a new service

by Charles Arn

Arn suggests that perhaps one-half of the churches in the United States should consider starting a new style of worship service immediately to reach a broader range of people and stimulate church growth. This book is full of practical ideas on how to go about adding a new service. Available through your local ABC, or Baker Book House at (800) 398-3111. Price: \$13.50.



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Lisa and the Drainpipe Prayer,

by Mary Louise DeMott.

This new adventure book helps children ages 7 to 9 understand the importance of prayer. Each story illustrates valuable lessons of faith and trust. Use it in Sabbath school or in family settings. Publisher: Review and Herald. Price: \$7.99.

Raising Kids Right,

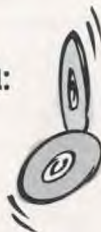
by Karen Robertson.

If children were delivered with an instruction manual, you'd already have a dog-eared copy of RAISING KIDS RIGHT tattooed to their forehead for easy reference. That's because once you leaf through this book, you'll wonder how you ever lived without it. Delivering refreshingly simple advice, author and inspirational speaker Karen Robertson serves up a practical, honest, easy-to-read parenting primer that will help take the

frustration out of raising kids. Topics include: sharing the bathroom, fashion choices, managing TV time, positive school attitudes, communication skills, "fitting" friends, sibling rivalry, chore time, prayer and worship, bedtime, and more. Publisher: Review and Herald. Price: \$8.99

Alcohol and Other Drugs 1: Drug-Free and Cool Multimedia CD-ROM.

Incorporate this completely new interactive software into your health education plan. Excellent for grades 6 to 12. Comes with an activity resource manual, including reproducible handouts, overhead transparency masters and step-by-step lessons to save you time. Other topics available as well. Price, \$95. To place your order call the Health Connection at (800) 548-8700. Web site: www.healthconnection.org



Outreach ideas

Here are some outreach ideas that have been tried in the Arcata/McKinleyville district in Northern California. The district pastor is Luther Raposo.

The ideas were shared via a telephone interview initiated by Pastor Jim Redfield, Woodland, CA.



Cassette Promo

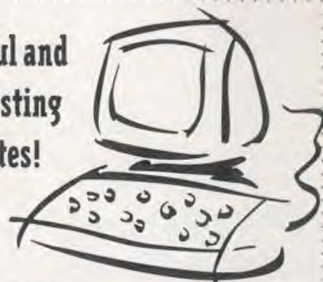
As an advertising strategy for a prophecy seminar, Pastor Raposo and his members produced more than 1000 cassette tapes with a 60-second spot commercial and a clear invitation to attend the meetings, along with some literature. They entitled it, America in Bible Prophecy, and to identify themselves, they wore T-shirts with the same title. They handed the cassette tapes out to crowds of people at a 4th of July parade.

Vegetarian tasting festival

Recently, the Arcata/McKinleyville district finished its third annual vegetarian tasting festival. In the past, it has been such a success that



Helpful and interesting websites!



- The Health Connection (<http://www.healthconnection.org>)

This is a great source for Adventist health education materials of all kinds.

- Re-visioning the Role of Ellen White for Seventh-day Adventists Beyond 2000. Arthur N. Patrick, D.Min., Ph.D. is currently a visiting associate professor for church history and pastoral ministry at La Sierra University. You can view his work at: <http://www.lasierra.edu/sor/egwindex.html>

- Bibles for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (<http://indiana.net/braille/>) Bibles and cassettes are available in many languages.

- Institute for Christian Leadership (ICLnet) (<http://www.iclnet.org/>). Here you'll find links to hundreds of Christian resources.

- Switchboard: the People and Business Directory (<http://www2.switchboard.com/>). Comprehensive information for finding people, phone numbers, E-mail addresses and more.

- Outreach Network. Join the Outreach Network and become part of a dynamic exchange of outreach ideas and information. Go to: <http://plusline.adventist.org/outreach/>.

they've had as many as 300 community members attend and have received media coverage by the local NBC affiliate. Every dish is made and tested ahead of time. When the final selections are made, recipe books are produced and made available for purchase. They also give each participant a sheet with a list of the items to be tasted, along with the ingredients, and have them evaluate how well they like each dish. This is an exciting event that draws people to their church.

Bible survey

Another activity that draws attention and curiosity is a door-to-door survey to find the oldest Bible in the community. This was done where a Bible was found to display at a local museum or library with a number of unusual Bible versions and items of interest.

Read through the Bible

Pastor Raposo and his church will read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in 72 hours. This is a huge task that will not only involve church members but will include others from the community. What better way to attract people to our church

than to read, or hear God's Word read? The reading will also be recorded and presented to the local library as a gift.



Adult Sabbath School ideas

Believe it or not!

Share some of the unique and unusual material from a "Ripley's Believe It or Not" book with your class. Select some amazing stories from the Bible and draw questions, lessons and comparisons.

Picture that

Show pictures of people from various cultures. Ask class members to bring in pictures of their family. Have some of them share the history of their ancestors. Use the exercise to show God's uniqueness and care for all the people of the world.

Catalog it

Illustrate change in the different eras of church and life by using various

For additional resource information, call (800) SDA-PLUS (732-7587) or your local Adventist Book Center at (800) 765-6955

A shared ministry

Let's talk about ministry.

This word triggers many different responses. We've all seen televangelists gyrating across our TV screens, espousing their beliefs and peddling their wares. Some think this is what ministry is all about.

Others think ministry is reserved for those who wear clerical collars and take vows of celibacy.

Most Adventists know better than this, but in practice, many still buy the idea that ministry is reserved for those who have gone to seminary, been ordained and are paid by the conference. Unfortunately, they're missing out on the unique joys that come from being involved in Christian service.

Ellen White says, "All are not called upon to enter the ministry, but nevertheless, they are to minister . . . Ministry means more than the study of books and preaching. It means service." (Letter 10, 1897; 4 BC, p. 1159)

We pastors need to let go of our egos and stop hoarding ministry to ourselves. Instead of trying to do it all, we need to give ministry away and train those who sense God's call.

The problem with personal ministry is that for too long, the church has tried to squeeze square people into round holes, or vice versa. We try to tell people what we think God wants them to do.

Nominating committees are notorious for simply filling slots to satisfy the need of the conference directory. But it's painful when some of the people who end up in the "slots" don't fit!

Let's challenge and equip members to seek God's leading for their life mission. Doing this means that we help them discover ways to turn their passions and interests into "homegrown" ministries that are Kingdom-focused.

This approach will probably end the late-night phone calls and arm-twisting sessions related to filling nominated positions. And it will send a signal to our members that we value and respect their understanding of God's call.

Rich DuBose is director of church support services for the Pacific Union Conference.

editions of Sears catalogues or other catalogues or encyclopedias. Show pictures of items to discuss. Examples may include health items, recreation or sport items, clothes, cars, etc. Discuss how prices, function and appearances change over time. This is an excellent way to use everyday objects to illustrate spiritual truths.

Ideas compiled by Arthur Lesko, associate pastor, La Sierra University Church.

Free luggage tags!

Send two business cards to PlusLine, and you'll receive two customized durable luggage tags! Send cards to: PlusLine, P.O. Box 5005, Westlake Village, CA 91359 (offer limited to Adventist Church members).



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The ABCs of thankfulness

Check this OUT!

December 19—

*Messiah Concert
Ebenezer church
Philadelphia, PA*

December 25—

Christmas Day

December 27-31—

*FHES Convention
Orlando, Florida*

January 1, 1999—

New Year's Day

January 8-12—

*Hispanic Pastor's Retreat
Huntsville, Alabama*

January 18-22—

*Regional President's
Council Meetings
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The officers and staff members of the Allegheny East Conference wish their constituency a joyous holiday season. Let's remember to be truly thankful for the blessings that God has given us throughout this year and for what is to come in the new year.

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
eXalting God most high
Yes, there will be good times and yes, some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory ... where none are ever sad!
"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with
thanksgiving."—Psalm 69:30.

CINDY BLACKAMORE

Women empowered by His Word

On October 30, 116 women from the Baltimore area convened in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, for the Third Biennial Women's Ministries Retreat. The theme, "Empowered by His Word," was borrowed from the North American Division women's ministries theme for 1998. The role of women in today's world has changed drastically from the plan of God. This change has placed additional stress on the family unit and women in particular. Allegheny East recognized the needs of women and accepted the challenge, thus women's ministries was born. This platform offers an avenue to effectively minister to women's issues through wisdom, gentleness and love as women strive to become channels of God's love.

The weekend began with an inspirational old-time gospel song service that included "On the Battlefield," "We Are

lenged women to become friends. It is imperative that we love, encourage and support each other on our journey to becoming God's women. Gloria Singleton, di-



Women lift their voices high during divine worship service.



Denise Cox and Margaret Brown

Climbing Jacob's Ladder" and "Marching to Zion." Sharon Pringle of the Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C., continued the experience as she described "Women of Courage: The Progress of the Black Woman" and how these women fearlessly struggled to create change for women.

Shirley Milton of Miracle Temple in Baltimore, Maryland, guided the audience through an exciting lesson during the Sabbath school hour that stimulated the audience and encouraged the soul. Denise Crable-Croney of the Emmanuel-Brinklow congregation, facilitator of the "In the Company of My Sisters" seminar, chal-

lenged women to become friends. It is imperative that we love, encourage and support each other on our journey to becoming God's women. Gloria Singleton, di-

vine worship speaker, left the audience stirred as she eloquently related her emphasis on the weekend's theme. The seminars "Domestic Violence: When Intimacy Hurts" by Dr. Melva Brown, "God's Wheel of Opportunity" by Sandra Hayden and "The Single Spiritual Life" by Joyce Tapscott were phenomenal. All were designed to encourage, support and instruct women.

First-time attendees included several non-Adventist women. Music for the conference was furnished by Sharon Saunders, DeLita White, Bettye Brock and Patricia Gaines. Mutual Agreement, a male ensemble from Washington, D.C., presented a colossal concert on Saturday evening.

Margaret Brown, area leader; Denise Cox, retreat coordinator, and the retreat committee worked extremely hard to ensure that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. Because of their untiring efforts, the food was magnificent, and the country setting was beau-

tiful as God granted gorgeous weather.

The conference concluded on a spiritual high, leaving everyone motivated, enthusiastic and totally committed to confront and resolve challenges through understanding and love. Everyone left the area determined to be as decisive as Ruth, devout as Hannah, gifted as Miriam and as steadfast as Sarah as we share God's love all over the world. This was indeed a glorious experience!

BETTIE BROCK
Retreat Attendee



More than 100 women attended the convention in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

All Heaven rejoiced

All Heaven rejoiced with the First church in Washington, D.C., on a very special Sabbath in May. Heaven rejoiced as these special candidates took their vows to become part of the body of Christ. What made this event unique was the conversion of a Baptist minister and his wife to Adventism. Pastor Jesse and Mamie Simpkins, former minister and first lady of the Burning Bush Baptist Church in Dale City, Virginia, came to Adventism truly by the grace of God. They happened upon a newsletter, *The Thrifty Nickel*, that had an article, "Do You Know Your Creator's Name?" which offered a pamphlet, "Which Day Is the Sabbath of the New Testament?" They both began study of the Sabbath and were convicted that the seventh day was the Sabbath. After much study of the Sabbath, they both decided to convert to Adventism and were baptized. As the pastor of the Burning Bush church, the first Sabbath service was held on May 9th with a congregation of seven members. Now known

as the Burning Bush Seventh-day Adventist Church, membership has grown to more than 20 members and most members are not from the original church.

Heaven rejoiced again that day as Lewis Cooper and Dinah Shields who had lived together for more than sixty years, made the decision to walk with Christ. In making this decision, they sought Bible studies and decided to be baptized. As they descended in the baptistery, they were first joined in holy matrimony, then immediately after, the two were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Heaven rejoiced a third time as Jacqueline Puller was baptized. Jacqueline,



Pastor Jesse and Mammie Simpkins, Lewis Cooper, Dinah Shields and Jacquelin Puller.

through tragedy, lost her infant daughter in a fire. Jacqueline dedicated her life to Christ through baptism so she may see her daughter again in Heaven.

JANICE WATTS

Communication Representative

Resident finds that you're never too old to learn

There's an old adage that "you're never too old to learn," and 55-year-old Annette Merritt has proven just that.

The student of Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, graduated recently with a bachelor's degree in social work and a 3.84 grade average, the highest GPA for the school's Education Opportunity Fund, a program that provides financial assistance to eligible candidates.

Yet the accomplishments didn't stop there for the graduate. She has already been accepted into the School of Social Work master's program at Rutgers in New Brunswick. In addition, because of her GPA and concentration in liberal arts and humanities, she has been inducted as a Phi Beta Kappa.

At the age of 47, most would have contemplated retirement. But Merritt sought knowledge to ensure that she would be able to service her community.

She had been working as a community service worker at a Seventh-day Adventist church in Orange, New Jersey, and discovered that her limited abilities left her unable to fully service the public.

Her desire to give back to the Orange community and work with youth in the community inner cities led her to college.

"I felt that if I went back to school I could be of more service to the people of

the community," she said. "My desire is to work with children in the inner cities."

Although after graduating from James Monroe High School in the Bronx, New York, Merritt had no ambitions of attending college. She knew of no time better than the present to attend. She raised five children and had more than enough free time on her hands.

Merritt enrolled in Essex County College in Newark in 1990 and majored in liberal arts. However, she was forced to drop out at the end of the second semester after being hospitalized with pneumonia due to severe emphysema.

Yet Merritt would not let her sickness discourage her from enrolling in college once again. In the fall of 1992, Merritt enrolled at Rutgers University in Newark, where she majored in psychology. She was again forced to withdraw from the school during her second semester after being hospitalized for a second time in 1993.

Determined to complete her schooling, she enrolled back into Essex County College in January 1995 and graduated in December 1995 with a 3.89 grade-point average. She transferred to Rutgers in Newark thereafter.

"I feel very proud of myself," she said. "This is a milestone in my life."

While Merritt was the oldest student in most of her classes, she felt no level of discomfort. Neither did students who often came to her for assistance with classwork.

"I get along well with the young students," she said. "I always try to be a role model for them."

Today, Merritt can still be seen in the halls at Essex County College, where she works as a student advisor in the school's bilingual department as part of her field placement.

She began her field practice at the Boys and Girls Club of Newark in September.

Her overall goal is to become a college professor.

Merritt's advice to individuals purchase their goals, whether it be to attend college or otherwise, is to "choose a goal and keep focused. Even if you don't reach that goal, find a way to service others."

CHANTAE BENSON
Staff Writer
Orange
Transcript



Annette Merritt

Stirring up the gift



Jonathan P. Thompson, Paula Thompson and Pastor Jonathan Thompson

September 26 was not to be forgotten by those who worshipped at the Berea Temple church in Baltimore, Maryland. It was a wonderful heart-stirring worship service as Jonathan Thompson delivered his very last sermon as senior pastor. Dinner was served in the lower auditorium directly following the worship service. The goodbyes were heartfelt and tearful from the church family to Thompson and his family, ending with hand holding and singing "Side by Side We Stand."

The Sabbath day's culmination activities were only half over as Berea's Adventist Youth Society presented a concert featuring gospel saxophonist Charles Johnson, musical director for the New Life church in Gaithersburg, Maryland; the smashing female gospel ensemble In His Name, who are Robin Guerier, Aliese Heath, Deborah Peters, Latonya Ramey and Charmaine Johnson, from Berea Temple; and least but certainly not last, 7-year-old storyteller Asia Johnson from the Breath of Life church in Fort, Washington, Maryland.

In His Name wowed the crowded sanctuary with their beautiful harmonious

voices, singing song after song praising the Lord's name. Asia Johnson has been telling stories since the ripe young age of 3. She kept everyone sitting on the edge of their seats with her humorous and passionate rendition of a story called "Short, Fuzzy Hair." Asia told a story that there is a spot in the heart of Jesus for everyone and certainly for anyone who felt left out of the crowd. If you ever get an opportunity to hear her tell a story, you will not be disappointed.

True to the theme of the concert, "Stir up the Gift" is what Charles Johnson did. Johnson is a musical virtuoso. Originally from Dayton, Ohio, Johnson showed the crowd just how talented he was; whether it was a stirring instrumental or accompanied by the pleasing vocals from In His Name. He mastered the art of



Asia Johnson

playing a variety of instruments as a child; but it was the saxophone that became his favorite through high school and college. There is talent abound in the Baltimore-Washington area for the Lord. Sister to Sister, a ministry devoted to the young ladies of Berea Temple, served as hostesses for the evening.

ALETA LEWIS

Communication Representative

Youth Bible challenge

Pastor Byron Hill of the Walnut Street Community church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, presented the first worship service for the students of nearby Pine Forge Academy. His message was entitled "How to Have the Best Year You Have Ever Had In Your Life" and was based on Joshua 1:8.

At the end of the message, Hill gave the students a challenge. He and his wife, Brenda, would give a \$100 cash scholarship to any student who read their entire Bible throughout the school year. "I had to let them know quickly that I didn't have that kind of money myself," said Hill. "But I was willing to try and raise the money if the students took the challenge," he said.

Out of the 177 students enrolled at Pine Forge, Hill surveyed 157 students. Seven percent had already read their Bibles prior to the challenge. After the "Youth Bible Challenge," 63 percent said they would accept it.

"Someone asked me how I will know if the students have actually read the Bible completely," said Hill. Each week, the students must turn in a slip of paper that has been initialed by his or her Bible teacher, dean, faculty or staff member and roommate. There is also a chart posted in the school building with each student's name and the books to be completed.

If you are interested in making contributions to this endeavor, please make checks payable to the Walnut Street Community Seventh-day Adventist Church, P.O. Box 252, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania 19548. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

GEORGE JOHNSON JR.
Communication Intern



In His Name

If you enjoy writing and would like to let others know about what is happening at your church and school, please send your stories for the *Allegheny East Exposé* to George Johnson Jr., 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045.

Catch the Vision

Allegheny West Conference Newsletter

Allegheny West ordains pastors at campmeeting

Allen Preston Baldwin was born March 14, 1958, in Cleveland, Ohio. He was baptized into the Glenville Church under Pastor H. L. Cleveland, Sr. in 1967. He attended Ramah Junior Academy in Cleveland, Ohio for grades one through eight.

He received his bachelor's degree in organizational management at Columbia Union College and his master of divinity from Andrews University. Currently, he has begun studies for his Doctor of ministry degree, through the Andrews University extension program. He was worked in many crusades and aided in baptizing many souls to Christ.

Pastor Baldwin has worked as the assistant first elder and youth pastor of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington, D.C. He currently serves the Shiloh Huntington and Berea Charleston churches in West Virginia.

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he has successfully relocated the Berea Seventh-day Adventist church of Charleston, West Virginia, into its newly renovated church home.

He has been married for the past 16 years to the former Valarie L. Simms, ARRT from Baltimore, Maryland. To this union, two daughters were born, Frances Carise, 12 years old, who loves music, singing, swimming and shopping. Ashley Danielle, 9 years old, who loves swimming, music, children and talking. Pastor Baldwin enjoys reading, music, table games and contact sports. Valarie enjoys cooking, sewing and table games.

Pastor Baldwin has dedicated his life to serving God. His mottoes are Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as

eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint," Philipians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."



Jerome M. Hurst was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Alyce and Spencer Hurst. He is a fifth-generation Seventh-day Adventist, raised by his maternal



grandmother, Hurley Phillips, a retired employee of the Allegheny West Conference. At an early age, Jerome was baptized by W. J. Lewis and grew up in the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Hurst graduated from Oakwood College on June 1, 1986, with a major in elementary education and a minor in theology. On that same day he married the former Carolyn Henry of St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Pastor and Mrs. Hurst's ministry began in Jacksonville, Florida. They ministered there for three years. While in Jacksonville, two lovely daughters were added to their family. Carolyn Je'vern, now 10 years old, enjoys playing the piano and doing puzzles. Charde' Je'rie, age 9, enjoys singing and creative writing.

The Hursts have served the church

for 12 years in the following conferences: Southeastern, Northern California and presently the Allegheny West conference. Jerome has served the church in the capacities of teacher, principal and pastor. Pastor Hurst joined the AWC staff in 1990 as teacher and, in 1993 he was asked to serve as lay pastor at the New Hope Seventh-day Adventist church in Canton, Ohio.

In 1995, Pastor Hurst was invited to become a part of the pastoral staff in the Allegheny West Conference on a full-time basis. The Cleveland Present Truth church was added to his responsibilities. In 1997, his district was realigned and he was assigned the Oberlin Park and Cleveland Present Truth district. Mrs. Hurst is currently engaged in ministry with her husband. Carolyn also serves as head teacher of the Oberlin church school.

Triennial report features



Willie J. Lewis was re-elected president of the Allegheny West Conference.

On Sunday, April 26, the Allegheny West Conference gave its 1998 Triennial Report at the Temple Emmanuel church in Youngstown, Ohio. The report featured remarks by Willie J. Lewis, president of the Allegheny West Conference, Columbia Union Conference President Harold Lee, and Alfred C. McClure, president of the North American Division. The featured speaker was Ed Motschiedler, Columbia Union executive secretary.

The theme of the session was "The World's Need to Hear the Truth." Plans to reach a distraught, distressed and disillusioned world and bring it truth, light and guidance were at the forefront of conversations.

Several items of good news were announced. The membership of the conference has grown from 9,600 to 11,700. Four new churches were purchased in Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia. The AWC Campground, as well as three churches, recently had mortgage burnings. The enrollment in

schools has increased 15 percent from 179 students and the financial standing of the schools has shown improvement as well.

A lot has also been done by the Allegheny West Conference in the area of outreach. A \$5,000,000 grant was received to construct senior housing in Cincinnati, Ohio. Nine Adventist churches in the con-



Pastor Hector M. Mouzon, secretary, was re-elected.



The constituents of Allegheny West Conference came to support and elect leaders for the next three years.



Pastor Carl C. Rogers, former youth leader, was elected ministerial director.

improvements and outreach



Dr. Rupert Bushner, Jr., pastor of the Bethel church in Cleveland, Ohio, was elected as youth director.

ference, together with 43 other churches outside the denomination, donated money and supplies to the south Ohio flood disaster. Seven area leaders conducted prison ministries in seven institutions that resulted in 10 baptisms. An outreach van took part in the Million Man March in Washington, D.C.

The conference's vision is "to evangelize and disciple the Allegheny West Conference by recruiting and equipping lay evangelists and members engaging in an evangelistic thrust to increase our members to 15,000 and to reclaim 2,000 missing members by the year 2000."

Allegheny West also plans to open three elementary schools and increase the student population to 500. Another objective includes constructing campground housing, conference offices and completing the campground pavilion to meet the capital needs of the conference

Greg Kihlstrom, design intern for the Columbia Union.



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Pastor Harold Lee, president of the Columbia Union, inspired our hearts to do a greater work of evangelism to hasten the soon return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Pastor James L. Lewis, treasurer, was re-elected.



**The Personal Ministries Department Invites you to attend
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Friday, March 12, 1999 - Sunday, March 14, 1999

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Registration includes: Five meals, Two nights lodging, all materials and workshop costs are covered in one price. Two persons/ room = \$86 One person/room = \$140 Registration is required in order to have an approximation of participants.

Registration Form: Lay Ministry-District Leadership Rally '99

Each person who plans to attend the Lay Rally must register. You can register by mail, phone, fax or E-mail by completing this form. Please print.

First Name	M.I.	Last Name
Home Address		Apt #
City	State	Zip
Home Phone		Work Phone
E-mail		Fax

Please check below:

- ☐ I want to register for Lay Rally '99. ☐ I will have a roommate (name) _____
- ☐ I am studying the Bible Workers Training Course. ☐ Total fee ☐ 1/2 now, balance due January 15, 1999
- ☐ I want to enroll in the course and will include my \$30 fee along with my registration.

Chesapeake Challenge

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President's Focus

Who but a fool would set out on an unknown way without directions? Even the most inexperienced tourist consults a road map! How then should we approach the big unknown—the future? There are predictables, reasonably clear—prophetic insights which we cannot disregard. But by and large the future is a great unknown. For that matter, so is tomorrow or the next 60 minutes. We are forever moving into the unknown.

But that does not mean we must face the future without direction, without guidance. On the contrary. That God takes a personal, detailed, intimate interest in the person who takes Him seriously is one of the most obvious truths in the Bible. God, who knows "the end from the beginning," who is the author of the future, will personally direct the steps of the one who so desires to be led.

Daily, tens of thousands of travelers board airliners, entrusting their way to those who are qualified to transport them safely to their destination. How much more ought a Christian man or woman trust his or her way to God. The future is not predictable, but God's faithfulness is! Here are two favorite statements of mine as I think to the future. Maybe they will help you face your unknown future as well.

"Commit thy ways unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass," — *Psalms 37:5*.

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him." *The Desire of Ages*, pages 224 and 225.

Maranatha International makes dramatic changes to Middletown Valley church

Fifty-three volunteers from Maranatha International descended upon the building site of the new Middletown Valley church for two weeks beginning September 14. Participants came from 18 different states to assist members in raising their new church facility. The photos below show the dramatic changes that took place in just two weeks.

Skilled labor was not all the Maranatha members provided. They brought a spirit of dedication

and commitment to the building up of the body of Christ and to the finishing of the Lord's work in this world. The greeting "Maranatha" resounded throughout the day around the building site. The workers began and closed each day with a group worship. It was just one of the many ways they kept their focus on the real purpose of the project.

Middletown Valley members continue to work on this faith project as funds are available and hope to be far enough along with it to begin worshipping there in the first part of the new year. The location of the new church is on MD 17 between Middletown and Burkittsville in Frederick County.



The church site before Maranatha began its work.



The church site about an hour after Maranatha began.



The church site when Maranatha was finished.

The ministry of generosity

Not unlike the spirit that marked the labors of the early church during the days of the Apostle Paul, the spirit of generosity manifested itself once again in the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland.

As the stewardship/finance committee of the Triadelphia church reviewed its financial position at the end of the past fiscal year, the blessings of God and the faithfulness of the members were obvious. Its members had contributed a sizable surplus for the operation of the local church. It was suggested and heartily endorsed that Triadelphia share the blessings of God by making a contribution to the building fund of Annapolis, the sister church in the district. After the approval of the church board and the church body in business session, a \$12,000 donation was made. Truly the ministry of generosity lives on at Triadelphia.



Verland Erntson, Triadelphia church treasurer, presents a \$12,000 check to Diana Jo Beeler, Annapolis church treasurer.

Women's spiritual retreat held at Mt. Aetna

More than 135 were in attendance at the women's retreat held October 16-18 at the Mt. Aetna Camp. This annual spiritual gathering is sponsored by the women's ministries department of the Chesapeake Conference.

The lovely setting in the lodge, replete with beautiful arrangements of mums and candles, provided the atmosphere for a weekend filled with a variety of refreshing activities. There were reports of how the Lord is leading around the world, seasons of prayer and praise, testimonies, seminars, delicious meals and beautiful music. HVA's Chamber Singers presented an outstanding program for the women on Sunday morning.

The seminars were conducted by Gwen Foster, health director of the Allegheny East Conference; Pat Giese, principal of the Blue Mountain Elementary School in Hamburg,



Pennsylvania; and Bonita Shields, associate pastor of the Spencerville Church here in Chesapeake.

The weekend was a time to discover strengths, weaknesses, needs, share ideas and sing praises. A number of new friendships were formed, and a number were renewed. The women were challenged by Rose Otis, former vice-president of NAD Ministries, to go home from the retreat dedicated to living and proclaiming the reality of a soon coming Lord. The women went away, filled, refreshed, inspired and talking about "Next retreat...."

DEE SCALZO, DIRECTOR
Women's Ministries Department

Ramirez concludes series in Odessa, Texas

Isael Ramirez, pastor of the Baltimore Spanish church, recently concluded an evangelistic crusade in Odessa, Texas. Elder Ramirez is becoming a sought-after evangelist, having conducted a crusade in Cuba this past January and now this meeting in the Southwest. The pastor of the Odessa district reports that Isael was the best evangelist he had ever worked with. By the conclusion of the series, 16 precious people had taken their stand for Christ and His Church - wives who had been struggling with their husbands' faith, two entire households and several Pathfinders. The members of the district were so delighted with the meetings that they have made a request for Elder Ramirez's assistance in 1999.

Ramirez has pastored the Baltimore Spanish congregation



Part of the harvest gleaned by Pastor Ramirez during his evangelistic crusade in Odessa, Texas.

since early 1989 and has seen the church membership grow from 30+ to 150+ in that time, with an average of 20 baptism a year. Chesapeake is pleased to have such a dedicated and capable pastor/evangelist as a part of its ministry team.

*Happy Holidays
from your
Chesapeake
Conference
family!*

New faces in the pulpit

Will and Jane McCall are enjoying the warmth and the enthusiasm of the Willow Brook church near Hagerstown, Maryland. The McCalls are also the product of evangelism, having been introduced to the church by an Adventist layman in Hawaii in the 1970s. Before accepting the call to Willow Brook, the McCalls were at the New Orleans First church for nearly seven years. During that tenure, Will was very active in evangelism, Community Services and youth and educational ministry. He enjoys any opportunity to use his creativity, whether in a worship service or in finding a solution to a challenge. He has also published a number of articles in Adventist periodicals, including *Ministry*, *Insight* and the *Adventist Review*.

Jane is an elementary school teacher and a licensed massage therapist. The McCalls have three grown children, two daughters residing in California and a son finishing at Southern Adventist university and headed for medical school.



Jane and Will McCall

To Russia, with love

Toward the end of October, a group of volunteers from the Frederick, Maryland, church traveled to Russia as a part of an ongoing ministry to fellow believers at the Adventist seminary at Zaoksky, a small village two hours' drive south of Moscow. Dr. John Kershner and his wife, Cheryl, have been going to Russia twice a year over the past decade to provide dental care to the students and staff at the seminary.

This year, the Kershners added a spiritual dimension to the dental hygiene project by bringing along their pastor and his wife—Dan and Kathy Goddard. Dan preached to the 250 college/seminary students and staff each morning, while Kathy conducted a week of prayer for the 90-student elementary school. In the evenings, Dan and Kathy focused on family relationship issues—Kathy with the women and Dan with the men. They concluded the week with a joint worship service.

Kathy, who directs HVA's puppet

ministry, took along a set of puppets, trained a number of the students in their use and then donated them to the seminary for use in their own outreach ministry.

The Goddards reported that the trip has made a lasting impression upon them. They sensed an openness, a love, a generosity and a sweet, sweet spirit among the people. Unencumbered by the "material things" of Western culture, they live simple, yet rich, lives. What we might view as a disadvantage has proven to be a great advantage for them. Truly, they have learned the secret of being content. And that was nowhere more noticeable than in their singing... "their joy and enthusiasm were contagious." Oh, that all of Chesapeake could be so infected!

Smith appointed superintendent of education

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Carole Smith has accepted the call of the conference executive committee to assume the role of superintendent of education. Carole has been Chesapeake's associate superintendent of education and children's ministries director since 1993. Carole is a multi-talented, spiritually committed leader who will maintain the high level of professionalism that characterized the Gruesbeck-Smith-Butler team of recent years. With a strong background in curriculum and administration, as well as 20+ years of classroom experience, Carole is well qualified to handle the challenges of her new leadership role.



Carole Smith

The process of selecting the new superintendent included developing a candidate profile, a gathering and sifting of more than 20 names, collecting resumes of serious candidates and interviews. Dr. Smith had planned to stay in her current associate position until the executive committee placed her name in nomination with the other finalists and gave her the majority of support. And while the action of the committee caught her off guard, after prayerful and careful consideration, she accepted the will of the committee.

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Pathfinder camporee

Fall camporee sees records tumble

A record number of Pathfinders (340 from 20 clubs) participated in a conference-wide camporee held October 16-18 at Lums Pond State Park in Bear, Delaware. And with God's good graces, the beautiful fall weather ended a notorious record of seven consecutive years of rainy camporee weekends. But the most important record set was the high social and spiritual climate enjoyed by all who attended the camporee.

Pathfinders of all ages sang praises to the Lord, embraced exciting campfire stories (from Youth Pastor Stephen Eastwood of the Spencerville church and Chesapeake President Neville Harcombe), shared their spiritual talents on stage and dedicated themselves in Christian service by a special candle-lighting service. Other spiritual highlights of the weekend included creating a Bible story from objects in nature, a friendly Bible Bowl based on the Gospel of John (won by the Westminster Horizon Club), and a top-quality performance by the country gospel band Compassion.

Sandwiched between the usual campsite inspections and great outdoor cooking was a vast array of wilderness living skills and initiative games. Pathfinders learned skills such as outdoor cooking, choosing quality campsites and wilderness first-aid. The spirit of Pathfinding was captured during a full-uniformed march. The 340 Pathfinders echoed the march chant: "Everywhere we go . . . People want to know . . . who we are . . . who we are . . . were Chesapeake Conference."

Chesapeake constituents have every reason to be proud of our young people and the dedicated staff that works with them in this grand adventure of Pathfinding. Special thanks to the volunteer leadership team that made the weekend possible—Richard Jeske, Jack Johns, Toya Koch and Gary Moran.

PETE BRAMAN
Youth Director



Pastor Stephen Eastwood, left, challenges the Pathfinders, and members of the Wilna-Aberdeen club provide special music (below).



An early morning parade, above, brings the campsite to life. Right: Later in the day, Pathfinders learn basic survival skills.



**What's
happening
around
Potomac**

K-12 Christmas Break

No VA/MD Schools

December 18, 2:00 p.m.
to January 3

K-12 Christmas Break

Southern VA Schools

December 22, noon to
January 3

SVA Christmas Break

December 19 to
January 3

Hispanic Pastor's

Retreat

Ocean City

January 6-8

Hispanic Laymen

Evangelism Retreat

Ocean City

January 8-10

Potomac Ministerium

Virginia Beach

January 10-14

PCOEAC

At Ministerium

January 12-14

NAD Ministries

Convention

San Diego

January 19-24

Executive Committee

Location TBA

January 27

Potomac People

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December 1998

Hyattsville church members "mission" in Cancun, Mexico



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I have to admit; I was a little skeptical at first about this whole "mission trip" idea. I mean, it was my first missions trip. I didn't know anyone who was going on it, and I didn't even really know what we were doing. Something about building a church, I think. But I conceded to go—after all, it was through the Adventist Church. "What could go wrong?" I thought. Nothing, really (you probably thought we lost our luggage or flew over with chickens or something). Oh, yeah. There was the lack of toilet seats. They haven't invented those "Protecto" sanitary toilet cover things yet, either.

But anyway, I met up with a group of 11 people from the Hyattsville, Maryland, church. Marcellus Crews joined

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A gift for the Christ child

If you think about it carefully, Christmas presents should not be given to each other, but to the Christ child. The magi brought gold, frankincense and oil.

What can we give Jesus this Christmas? We need to present ourselves "a living sacrifice" to serve Him wholly. That kind of service produces "fruit."

I see Potomac's soul-winning numbers

as a tangible gift to the Saviour. NET '98 results are still being reaped. 1998 could well close as the highest-ever year in soul-winning in Potomac history. If we really believe His coming is near, what kinds of plans should we offer the Lord toward finishing His work on earth?

The Spanish Advisory Council of our conference has set its sights on the year 2000. Their goal for 1999 is to "baptize 1,000 for the year 2000." What an outstanding corporate gift we are presenting to the Christ child!

What should we each set as a personal goal for soul-winning? Do you have a soul to present to Christ in '98? If not, why not enter into covenant with Christ this Christmas and set a personal soul-winning goal for '99? What if this were the last Christmas before Christ's return? The last chance to assure stars for our crowns? Souls won for the kingdom are an awesome Christmas gift. Imagine Christ's joy to hear the redeemed singing the words from the early Advent hymn, "Twas you who invited me here."

HERBERT H. BROECKEL
President



Herbert H. Broeckel



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From the Embers

Burnt Mills church items reprinted from its newsletter

Many members of the Burnt Mills church in Silver Spring, Maryland, flocked to Boonsboro on the weekend of September 11-13. Nineteen people spent at least one night, and 95 people were there for Sabbath lunch. Everyone returned spiritually and physically refreshed.

The Sabbath service was especially stimulating. For Sabbath school, the children went on a nature hike. The adults, in groups, made lists of all that goes on in our church and who's responsible for each thing—from maintaining the lawns to shepherding the flock and organizing the pot-lucks. It was amazing to discover how many committed people it takes to make Burnt Mills what it is.

The reason for this somewhat unusual activity was made clear by the subject of the sermon that followed. Dennis Batchelder and Jeff Cooley drove home the importance of "affirmation." They emphasized how important it is to encourage people who contribute to the church with words of genuine appreciation. Their message had an immediate impact. Through the day and after, very vocal expressions of appreciation could be heard all around, especially for all those who worked to make Camp Boonsboro such a success!

When Pastor Luis Badillo first asked me to lead out in Children's Church, I

wasn't sure what to expect. I figured it would be a good experience.

It's been about six months since we started, and the children have been an inspiration. It's a joy to see how well they know facts from the Bible and how eagerly they volunteer to pray, sing special songs, read the Scriptures, etc.

Yet nothing could have prepared me for what took place on the Sabbath of June 20. My husband, Chris, agreed to teach the lesson study on communion. As the children came into the room that morning, their curiosity was piqued as they saw the grape juice, bread and a Bible on the table. Chris invited the children to read various Bible verses on communion. He talked a little bit about sin, cleansing and communion.

Then he invited the children to remove their shoes and select a partner for the foot washing. When I took some of the little girls to the bathroom to get ready for foot washing, 4-year-old Bethany Rupert asked me: "Are we going to do this for real?" Kids came forward, held hands, prayed and washed each other's feet with such solemnity and grace. I wish you could have seen their faces!

Through regular bread and grape juice, the children had started to understand one of life's most important truths that morning. I left Children's Church overjoyed and looking forward to the pleasure of teaching the children much more in the weeks to come.

VIOLA HUGHES

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us from the Community Praise Center. Singing love songs from the '80s on the way up to Newark, New Jersey, the 11 of us quickly bonded like bubble gum in a school girl's hair. (It's late, bear with me.)

Upon our arrival in Mexico, we met up with a group of about 40 people (mostly teenagers) from the Florida Conference and went to our hotel, which was very accommodating. After getting accustomed to the surroundings and a little sightseeing, we ventured on to the various worksites.

Our group laid a foundation for a church and erected pillars to support it. Wait—that sounds too easy. Our group bent metal with bare hands, sliced through iron rods with mere saws, mixed and poured concrete into large holes of limestone (which we dug under the scorching sun) and spun hundreds of feet of THICK wire into pillars. And all this while managing to fight off scores of carnivorous ants. Now, you have to remember that we had very limited construction experience. Combine this with primitive tools (I mean like a wedge and a pulley), and you need a miracle. So God

sent Antonio. This Mexican Incredible Hulk could do anything—from bending iron and lifting huge rocks above his head to fixing tools in a single bound. If only we could harness his energy. . . .

After the long, arduous mornings, we returned to the hotel each day for some excellent lunch. This was naturally followed with a refreshing nap. Then we were let loose into the city to enjoy the many sites in the vicinity. Activities included touring Cancun, snorkeling, meeting the locals and visiting the glamorous "Hotel Zone." For those of you who don't know, the Hotel Zone is an overpriced, upscale tourist trap set along the sunny beaches of Cancun. This is the Cancun many of you see in the brochures. It's a rip-off, but it has toilet seats. We stayed in Puerto Juarez. Not quite the same luxuries as the "Hotel Zone," if you know what I mean.

On the final Sabbath of our trip, we were given the opportunity to hold the Sabbath service in the local church. After being blessed by various special musical selections, the Spirit-filled service culminated in a fiery sermon by Hyattsville Pastor Jose Cortes Jr. Preach-



Pastor Cortes (on the left) and a friend "getting along pretty well" with an 8-foot-long "sleeping shark."

ing in his native tongue, God used Cortes' amazing speaking ability to bring 14 people to Christ! It was an unforgettable moment as the tear-filled people embraced us for coming to share God with them. If you could only see the joy in their eyes! And yet they have so little. It kind of makes you stop and think of how much you have, and then again how little.

To sum it up, I would have to say this "whole mission trip" idea wasn't so bad after all. I mean, I made some great friends. I was involved in God's work. I learned Spanish. I saw a really big turtle. But the most important thing is that I learned A LOT. And about God, not any of this math stuff. One thing stressed in our nightly devotions was to MAKE GOD REAL. Not just "that Guy who died on the cross" or "the big Dude who made everything." Realize who Jesus is and what He did for us a few thousand years ago. He did exist, you know. And when I was on this trip, I came to the realization of how much we as humans can get to know

God. So it's a start; cut me some slack, OK? I guess what I'm trying to say is, "Take a mission trip. Get involved!" It makes knowing Him and developing that personal relationship with Christ a lot easier when you're so close to Him and where He's working.

RYAN WYCLIFFE

Ryan currently attends the Norfolk church in Norfolk, Virginia. He plays an active part in leading the local youth group. He likes flavored Chapstick, and you can write to him at Rwycl@aol.com.



The Sabbath school class in Mexico.

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Camp Blue Ridge 1998: fun in the Son!

YEAR-END REPORT

It all started in the middle of a cold winter night. I woke up at 2:00 a.m. from a dream that was so vivid I couldn't go back to sleep for the rest of the night. The more I thought about it, the more my pulse raced, and the wider awake I became. (My family can attest to what unusual behavior this was—I'm definitely not a morning person, nor do I wake up during the night easily!) I knew that this was no ordinary dream, and so I prayed for wisdom to understand it. Suddenly, ideas began popping into my head from nowhere, or so it seemed.

My dream? Scenes from summer camp: campers gathered around the pastor, intently listening to his answers to their questions, campers sharing from their heart what Jesus means to them, campers questioning their counselors about their personal experience with Jesus. I knew there was more, but I just couldn't remember the closing scene. But never mind. There was enough I could remember to give me inspiration.

The strange thing about this dream was that the whole dream revolved

around the spiritual atmosphere at camp, rather than the activities and programs. The question that I kept turning over in my mind was how to achieve this atmosphere. As I prayed about it, Maslow's ladder of basic needs kept coming to my mind. Nowhere on that ladder did I find *entertainment* or *excitement*. Perhaps we were placing too much emphasis on fancy programs and not enough on meeting the basic needs of each camper. Jesus certainly gave us a good example of first meeting the basic needs in order to reach a person on the spiritual level. As we planned our programs and activities, this became our goal: reaching the needs of each child on his/her level, then illustrating God's love through each of our contacts with the campers.

The result? Camp Blue Ridge experienced the most incredible summer! Counselors got to know their campers on a very personal basis. Sunday morning goodbyes

were always sad, sometimes tearful. Every morning the staff members shared their concerns for their campers in staff worship. Pastor Tony Mavrakos presented the love of God in such a powerful way that not only were the lives of campers'

you about one 12-year-old boy. John* was signed up for one week of camp. Several of us dealt with him throughout the week, as he was not the easiest of campers. When the final line-call took place on Sunday morning, I noticed John was cry-



but also spiritual refreshment, captured here as Pastor Tony baptizes a teen camper.



This summer, the lake at Camp Blue Ridge not only provided physical . . .

changed, but those of staff members as well. The first week, Sabbath evening vespers extended well past the 20 minutes allowed and took up the time allotted for the Saturday night program. From that point on, Sabbath vespers became the highlight of our Saturday evening program. What a thrill it was to watch campers respond to God's love! Sixty-five campers made the decision to be baptized; 34 of those chose to be baptized at camp.

How well did we meet the needs of campers? Let me tell

ing. I asked him what the problem was, and he said he didn't want to go home. Couldn't he please stay for another week? After he left on the bus, and several phone calls later, his sponsor agreed to send him for another week, and he was able to return to camp on the same bus. I have never seen a camper explode off the bus with a bigger grin! He hugged every staff member in sight.

The first few days after he returned home for good, John called us several times a day. Soon, he started asking if he could come back to visit. A weekend visit was arranged in August. On the Monday before he was to

come on Friday, he spoke with us on the phone. His suitcase was all packed! When I was speaking with his sponsor to make the travel arrangements, I asked why he was so anxious to return to camp. Her answer will stick in my mind for years: "You folks have shown him what love is. His need to be loved has never been met before, and he is drawn to your camp like a moth to the flame. He is literally soaking up your love like a sponge." We still hear from John several times a week. He wants to know if he can stay all summer next year.

Yes, it truly has been an incredible summer. The scenes in my dream have all become a reality, many times. And what of that missing part of my dream? It wasn't until I was standing at the side of the lake watching campers and staff make their decision for Christ public that I remembered what that scene was: campers standing in line waiting to be baptized! Thank you, Lord, for helping us make that dream become a reality. Camp Blue Ridge was truly blessed this summer with Your presence.

Adapted from a worship talk given by Bonny Musgrave, summer camp director, to the Potomac Conference Executive Committee on September 9, 1998.

**Not his real name.*

CBR highlights

Number of camps	18
Attendance increase from last year	24%
Decisions for Christ	372
Decisions for baptism	65
Baptisms at camp	34

Potomac Conference prison ministry organization officially organized

Sunday, September 27, was a high day for the Potomac Conference prison ministry work. Twenty-five prison ministry volunteers from throughout the Potomac Conference, who had been assembled by Christof W. Kober, Potomac Conference director of prison ministries, gathered at the Meadowbridge church in Mechanisville, Virginia, to organize the Potomac Adventist Prison Ministry Organization (PAPMO). PAPMO's organization was the culmination of over two years of work to develop bylaws and a working policy to govern the prison ministry work in the Potomac Conference.

Prior to the September 27 organizational meeting, Daniel G. McManus, past president of the Adventist Prison Ministry Association (APMA) in the North American Division, had done considerable work to develop the bylaws and working policy for PAPMO. He had also guided the Potomac Conference Constitution and Bylaws Committee in fine tuning this document to meet the needs of the Potomac Conference prison ministry work, culminating in the Potomac Conference Executive Committee's vote on July 22, 1998, to accept the Potomac Adventist Prison Ministry Organization Bylaws and Working Policy as the governing guidelines for the prison ministry work in the Potomac Conference.

At the September 27 PAPMO organizational meeting, the attendees appointed a nominating committee to draw up a slate of



The Potomac Adventist Prison Ministry Organization Executive Committee consists of Christof W. Kober, left, Charles A. Ballard, Richard Gonzales, Daniel G. McManus, Donald R. McGlaufflin, Robert W. Devlin II, Jan Slagle, Brenda Shupp, Leigh F. Lewis, Walter Stewart and (not in photo) Dell Peterkin and Theresa Todd.

officers. The following persons served on the nominating committee: Christof W. Kober, chair; Charles A. Ballard, Donald R. McGlaufflin, Daniel G. McManus, Dell Peterkin, Brenda Shupp, Walter Stewart and Evelyn Taylor.

The following slate of officers was selected by the nominating committee and unanimously voted into office for a one-year term until the regular constituency meeting elects a slate of officers for a three-year term: president, Donald R. McGlaufflin (Lynchburg Church); vice-president, Daniel G. McManus (Meadowbridge church); secretary, Jan Slagle (Chesapeake church); asst. secretary, Dell Peterkin (Meadowbridge church); treasurer, Leigh F. Lewis (Meadowbridge church); asst. treasurer, Robert W. Devlin II (Marion church).

The executive committee consists of the above-named officers and Charles A. Ballard (Seabrook church); Richard Gonzales (Wash-

ington Spanish church); Brenda Shupp (Manassas church); Walter Stewart (Chesapeake church); Theresa Todd (Meadowbridge church); Christof W. Kober (Potomac Conference representative); and a Columbia Union Conference representative.

The Potomac Conference has had a very active prison ministry program under the leadership of Donald R. and Elinor McGlaufflin, the first coordinators of the Potomac Conference prison ministry program. As PAPMO's first president, Don McGlaufflin will continue to oversee and give strong leadership to the Potomac Conference's active prison ministry program. We ask for your prayers and support of the newly formed Potomac Adventist Prison Ministry Organization (PAPMO).

Children's ministries

YEAR-END REPORT



One and a half years ago, children's ministries in the Potomac Conference opened its eyes and came alive once again. After a sleeping existence of several years, dating from former coordinator Debra Brill's call to the Pacific Union, very little had happened on the conference level for the children's work. Beginning June 1, 1997, with the hiring of Barbara Manspeaker and five project/specialty coordinators, children's ministries began again and has continued to expand.

Vision-to-mission sessions in the various regions of the conference were the first events. Knowing and understanding the needs of our churches was paramount. Now, during 1998, we have focused on training: Sabbath school in English and Spanish, Vacation Bible School, Adventurers, local church coordinators and resource people. Attendance has steadily grown at these training events.

Our children's camp meeting program has con-

tinued strong under the leadership of Lisa Seeders of the Stanley, Virginia, church. There has been steady growth in the numbers of children attending each division. Several workshops aimed at children's leaders and parents were offered this past year.

The Adventurer Leadership Training Course was conducted in October by our new Adventurer coordinator, Althea Benjamin from the Community Praise Center. She is working diligently to increase the number of Adventurer clubs in churches around the conference.

Three Sabbath school seminars were directed by our Sabbath school coordinator, Pamela Allen from the Pennsylvania Avenue church in Washington D.C. A preview of the new curriculum to be unveiled in the year 2000 has been the focus of these seminars. Attendance has continued to grow at a surprising rate.

Robin Tull, V.B.S. coordinator, directed an inter-conference Vacation Bible School seminar in conjunction with Carole Smith, children's ministries coordinator from the Chesapeake Conference. She also planned and executed a similar workshop in Wytheville, Virginia. We look forward to an increase of Vacation Bible Schools in our churches around the conference in 1999 with our V.B.S. Super Day in conjunction with the Potomac Adventist Book Center's children's ministries person, Malu Adams, and the encour-

agement to hold V.B.S. anytime during the year and still receive subsidy from the conference.

The attendance at our Spanish Sabbath school training events under the leadership of Nora Ramos of the Washington Spanish church, just grows and grows. It was exciting to see a growth of interest in V.B.S. by attendance at the spring V.B.S. workshop. In 1999, special seminars in Spanish will be a part of the V.B.S. Super Day.

Training lay workers to be resource people for the local churches is a most important part of our children's ministries program. Our spring class was well attended, with another class held in November. A Level Two class is planned for April 1999.

Some of our churches have already installed children's ministries leaders who act as advocates for the children and coordinate the local children's program. Some training has been available for these leaders, and more will be available in the coming year.

Mass mailing directly to local leaders has made two newsletters, the Children's Sabbath program book, the quarterly Sabbath school materials list and event calendars widely available to leaders. Currently, our mailing list is approaching 300 names.

Looking ahead? Our emphasis and focus will revolve around the training of resource people who will be available to all local churches for on-the-spot

help in training and resources. This will be coordinated through Barbara Manspeaker and the specialty coordinators. In addition, the following events are expected to take place:

March 27: V.B.S. Super Day, Sligo School

March 13 and September 25: Spanish Sabbath School Training

April 30 - May 2: Train the Trainer II, Shenandoah Valley Academy

May 16: Adventurer Family Fun Day

September 9-12: Children's Ministries Unionwide Convention, Hagerstown, Maryland

October 9, 10: Adventurer Leadership Training

November 12-14:

Train the Trainer I, Shenandoah Valley Academy

Any additions or corrections will be announced throughout the year in our newsletters (March and September).

The Lord is richly blessing our children's ministries coordinators and our programs. We give Him the praise and thanksgiving for all He has done and will do in the future for His children and their leaders in Potomac.



Rose N'Dakpri: standing firm

Many signs abound that indicate that we are living in the last days. The great test of our loyalty to God regarding keeping the Sabbath soon will be upon all persons professing to be Seventh-day Adventist Christians. For several individuals, however, this particular test of their loyalty to Christ already has occurred or is occurring.

Since 1997, at least four members of the Alexandria, Virginia, church, popularly called the Community Praise Center or CPC, have been confronted by the test of keeping the Sabbath day holy in spite of job requirements. One of those individuals, Rose N'Dakpri, a Seventh-day Adventist Christian since 1992 and a CPC member since 1995, has been experiencing continual problems with her employer because she refuses to work on the Sabbath. This article presents Rose's story in her words:

"In 1978, I was employed by the C&P Telephone Company. Five years ago in 1993, I became a services technician. I'd wanted to do this job from my first day at work in this company. I was told at the job site visit that if I wanted, I could volunteer to work on the weekends and holidays. If I did not volunteer to do so, there would be no problem. In 1996, however, C&P started scheduling service technicians to work on weekends. It began with only one weekend a month, and I didn't mind missing church for one Sabbath out of a month. Then conviction came. I'd find myself on Sabbath mornings sitting in

a park listening to the Sligo church's 11 o'clock service. I'd think, 'Well, Pastor Henry Wright is probably up preaching back at CPC. I wonder what the sermon is about today.' I knew it wasn't right for me to work because I spent most of my time reading Scriptures and listening to the radio. Very little work was done.

"The third Sabbath in January 1997, I was scheduled to work. The Monday prior to the third Sabbath, I attempted to find someone to replace me, to no avail. I informed my supervisor that I would not be coming in because Saturday is my day of worship. I attended church service at CPC and, ironically, it was Religious Liberty Day. Gaining courage from the program presented that day, the following week I wrote a letter to the C&P district manager explaining the situation. I have not worked on the Sabbath in 18 months. All praise, honor and glory is due my Saviour who has seen me through this ordeal.

"Most CPC members have been positive and have treated me wonderfully during this ordeal. I thank God for them. Their encouragement, and most of all their prayers, have given me that added courage I sometimes need. It means so much to me to hear from them, 'Hold on. Everything is going to be all right,' or 'Don't worry. God is in control.' That's what I and all of

us need. God wants us to encourage each other and hold each of us up in prayer.

"I'm not trying to be a martyr or gain popularity. I just want to do what God asks of me."

With these heartfelt

words, Rose seeks enduring support from the CPC family and other Adventists familiar with her plight.

**EDITH FAIRMAN
COOPER**
Community Praise Center

Powell Valley Christian school host Adventist youth

The Powell Valley Christian School hosted a group of Adventist youth who responded to participate in an Appalachian mission project. Potomac members in the group included Ben Watts, the group leader and a member of the Meadowbridge church, and Kip Thomas, a member of the Patterson Avenue church in Richmond, Virginia. Others who came were Charlotte Baily, Joanna Boyd, Matthew Folie and Nigel Standish.

The volunteers painted the exterior of the gymnasium at the Powell Valley Christian School in beautiful Big Stone Gap, Virginia. They camped in the school and provided spiritual leadership one morning by conducting song service and devotions with the school children. During noon recess each day, the group played basketball and kickball with the children.

Upon departure, Mr. Watts' truck broke down. He stayed behind for an additional week to get it fixed and continued to help Head Teacher Loretta Miller at school.

The children enjoyed the group's stay and lamented their leaving. Efforts of the

entire group were greatly appreciated by school, home and church. Their Christian giving served as a wonderful, real-life example to the children.

Local church members provided meals for the young people and helped with the painting. Their services were equally appreciated.

LORETTA MILLER
Head Teacher, 1997-98



Work in progress on the exterior of the gymnasium at the Powell Valley Christian School.



Volunteers Kip Thomas, left, Ben Watts, Matthew Folie, Joanna Boyd, Nigel Standish and Charlotte Baily. Powell Valley Christian School in the background.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

happenings

Wednesday, September 16, eight SVA students left our campus to embark upon a trip of their lifetime—to go as exchange students to another country. At the same time, 11 students were arriving on the SVA campus from eight other countries to “take the places” of our students who had left. The SVA Foreign Exchange Program is a unique opportunity that has been available to SVA students for the past 10 years.

The student exchange program, offered each year during the first quarter, is three and a half weeks in duration when our students literally exchange places with students from other countries. The student exchange program incorporates the visiting students into the classroom, dormitories, recreation and overall campus life. SVA's principal, Mark Wile, keeps in contact with the European principals to discuss the program and ways to make it even better. The student exchange program initially began with a single country, Norway, and now has a total of eight participating countries. Several new countries are requesting admission into the

program, including France and England. SVA is exploring the possibilities of offering a teacher exchange program to its faculty in the near future, involving several schools within our exchange family.

SVA students who wish to participate in the program complete their applications in May to be selected for the following year. Ordinarily, two SVA students travel to each country, with most of the cost paid by the student and the remaining cost subsidized by SVA. Currently, the cost ranges between \$800 and \$1,000 per student for travel, lodging and food. Two main focuses of the program are held high—a school cultural exchange experience where students can discover what attending another Adventist high school abroad is like; secondly, an opportunity to travel in and around the geographic location of the school to experience local history and culture.

While the visiting exchange students were on SVA's campus, in addition to joining in with our students in the classroom experiences and campus life, they enjoyed visiting several places in Virginia and the surrounding area. They visited the Monticello Estate just outside of Charlottesville, took a trip to Washington



SVA exchange students Erik Rasmussen - Denmark, back row, left, Fredrik Tjeransen - Norway, Markus Peltonen - Finland, Simon Sawicki - Australia, Daniel Johansson - Sweden, Kelly Jackman - Australia, front row, left, Karen Olsen - Norway, Nicole Lorenz - Austria, Edlys Baaklini - Austria, Heli Lassi - Finland and Linda Philpsen - Denmark.

D.C. to see the sights and enjoyed a visit/tour through the Adventist world headquarters. They also had the opportunity to feed the homeless in Washington D.C., a short trip to the beach, a visit to the Washington Cathedral when SVA's Chamber Singers were honored guests during Virginia's Day of recognition, and of course, a visit to America would not be complete without a couple of shopping trips to the local outlet malls.

At the end of the program, when the visiting exchange students were preparing to return to their homes, it was with tears of joy and sadness as they missed their families and friends back home but had made many new

friends while they were here whom they would greatly miss.

Part 2 will follow next month and will tell you how you might be a part of next year's program and will also include highlights from our students who were selected as representatives of SVA: Jacque Copenhaver and Megan Litten, Spain; Yolanda Carneiro and Christina Carter, Austria; Heath Runyon and Rachel Kersen, Australia; and Becky Crump and Aileen Sanidad, Sweden.

SVA EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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Trustfully yours

What more could one ask for? Dedication, experience, strong leadership qualities, dependability and a kind spirit. These scruples are deeply etched in the personalities that lead the trust services department in our conference. After a diligent search, the open posts of director, secretary and accountant have been filled.

Floyd Dare, director and vice president of the Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., comes to us from the Bucks County church. A native Pennsylvanian, Floyd has 30 years of experience in the real estate market, covering such areas as legal opinions of title, wills, trusts and other related areas. After encountering the Adventist message through his wife, Jeannette, Floyd joined the church and began serving it in several capacities, such as youth leader, first elder and finance committee chairman. He also served on the Reading Rehabilitation Hospital board for six years, as well as a conference association board member for 15 years. Floyd and Jeannette have two sons: William and Jeffery.

Joining Floyd in the trust department are Joyce Weslotsky and Barb Johns. As the department's secretary, Joyce specializes in wills and trusts. Before coming to the conference, Joyce



Floyd Dare serves as head of the trust services department.

worked more than 14 years at the Reading Rehabilitation Center, serving in such capacities as secretary and administrative assistant for the financial officer. She and her husband, Michael, have two children: Michelle and Mike.

Barb Johns, accountant, brings skills drawn from education and experience. She received her M.B.A. from the Keller Graduate School of Management in Illinois and has worked for the Pennsylvania Adventist Book Center for several years. She lives in Hamburg with her husband, Bruce, and two sons: Michael and Daniel.

Of the many people who are delighted to have Floyd, Joyce and Barb lead this department, probably none are more excited than Charles Seitz (who had been continuing the work alone) and Jeanne Franke (who was, for a time, brought out of retirement!).

CELINA WORLEY
Editor



Left to right: Jeanne Franke trains Barb Johns and Joyce Weslotsky. Jeanne has served the conference for 29 years.

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What's happening

January 6-10

Hispanic Laymen Evangelistic Meetings
Ocean City, Maryland

January 29-30

Pathfinder Winter Retreat
Laurel Lake Camp

February 26-28

"Perfumed by His Presence"
(a special weekend for women)
Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg

March 10-23

Conference Youth Department
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An entering wedge—and more



MIKE CAULEY
President

Just recently, I completed a series of evangelistic meetings with Pastor John Peters in the Sharpsville church. The Lord richly blessed as people came out night after night hungry to hear God's last-day message for this world. Certainly, we have a treasure in the assurance that Jesus gave us through His death on the cross and in the good news that He's coming again to take us to heaven, where we'll live with Him.

It had been three years since I'd conducted a public crusade, and what a blessing the Lord had in store! I not only enjoyed the opportunity to work and fellowship with the Sharpsville church family and pastor, but also was able to interact with people who are not Adventists—and many who are not Christians. We saw many people give their hearts to Jesus over this five-week period. (In fact, our conference has reported 200 baptisms as of September of this year, many of which are a result of evangelistic meetings held in 45 of our churches.)

One thing stood out in my mind very specifically, and I'd like to share it with you. The health message that the Lord has given us, we've been told, is an entering wedge for the gospel ministry. Many times, we have read these

sentences from the Spirit of Prophecy, but I wonder if we fully realize what a tremendous gift this health message is. Not only is it the means of allowing us, as Adventists, to live longer than the average American, but it's also to be the means of opening the hearts of people so they may be able to understand the gospel and the truth for the last days.

I have been impressed anew with the tremendous need that there is in the world today. Certainly, Satan has people in bondage to alcohol, other drugs and tobacco, which keep them from making spiritual decisions. Our health message can be not only the means of building friendships and relationships with people in the areas in which we serve, but it is also the means of preparing people to be able to comprehend and understand the vital truths of God's Word.

As we enter a new year, I'd like to encourage you and your church family to think of creative ways you can use the "right arm of the gospel" to open doors for men and women to respond favorably to His Word. There's a tremendous opportunity awaiting us and, certainly, the field is white for harvest.

May God continue to guide us as we look for ways to effectively carry forward His work in Pennsylvania. As we dust off the "red books" in our libraries and think through these inspired counsels, I believe God will continue to prepare the way for victory.

New Faces

Isn't it amazing how the future can feel like yesterday? It seems like yesterday that we eagerly anticipated eight new teachers taking leadership in church schools around our conference, and now they've been here almost six months! Thankfully, it's not too late to say "Welcome!"

Laura Ames
Teacher, grades one to three (and part of fourth), Blue Mountain Elementary School, Hamburg



An elementary education graduate from Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Laura brings years of experience to her classroom. In fact, she's a returning teacher to Pennsylvania. "I really enjoy teaching. I find it exciting to see kids grow and do something with their lives," she says. Laura has a special burden to help children learn to read. Among other hobbies like crafts, she enjoys going to used book sales and book barns.

Gloria Arehart
Principal/Teacher, Gettysburg Church School



With a clear calling from God to enter elementary education, Gloria left nursing and studied education at Southern College

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Did you know?

Some of you may be interested in the answers to the quiz to the right. You'll find them interspersed throughout the stories in this issue. The first two people to correctly complete it and mail in their answers will each receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Adventist Book Center. Enjoy! (Mail your completed quiz to: Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Communication Department, 720 Museum Rd., Reading, PA 19611.)

- The Pennsylvania Conference has _____ members.
- There are _____ churches in the Pennsylvania Conference.
- Our conference has _____ pastors and _____ lay ministers.
- _____ of our churches held evangelistic meetings this year.
- As of September, we have had _____ baptisms.

Healthful awakening

By Candace Sweet, Conference Health Ministries Director, and Celina Worley Contributor: Martha George, New Brighton church clerk

In the area of health, 1998 has been a year of awakening! Across America, there's been a growing concern about the traditional health-care system that has caused many to look into options of preventive health care. This is where the churches in Pennsylvania have been stepping in! Cooking schools, vegetarian tasting extravaganzas and healthful living seminars being held by our churches have descended on our state. Many of our 97 churches have been reaching out to the community via health ministry, and what they are doing is more than just events, they're evangelizing!

Martha George and Sandy Winkle of the New Brighton church set up a booth at the Big Knob Grange Fair, and by the time the week was over, 900 people had signed their cards! There were 53 requests for Bible studies and 350 requests for seminars on vegetarian cooking, smoking, high blood pressure, etc.

The Philadelphia Korean church, under the direction of Pastor Hyung-Bok Choi, recently completed a third NEWSTART Health Seminar that focused on preventive medicine. More than 40 people signed up! The seminar's presenter, physician Joon Rhee of the Loma Linda Medical Center in California (who holds these seminars during his vacation time) believes that the gospel is being preached to people who wouldn't normally listen. "These

are Koreans whom we find it difficult to evangelize because of our specific beliefs. But they will come to the seminar to hear about physical wellness," says Rhee. "We then teach them how God has a plan for eternal spiritual wellness." Of the 40 participants, 25 were non-Adventists.

The Kingston church has had growing numbers of people interested in its cooking schools. On February 15, the *Times Leader*, a newspaper serving the area, published an article that not only had full-color pictures, but it also dominated the front page of the People section. Each time a school was held, 20 to 30 non-members attended.

On the conference level, we've begun a special program called Lifestyle Certification. This course is uniquely designed to aid church members in becoming familiar with our health message so they can feel comfortable sharing its many facets with friends and neighbors. In conjunction with Lifestyle Certification, there have been hydro-

therapy seminars, Fitness for Life seminars and a Vegetarian Cuisine Instructors Course (VCI) at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg.

As the new year unfolds, we look forward to providing ample opportunity for anyone who wishes to get involved in health ministry. Some of us cannot get up and preach an evangelistic series (like the conference's 40 pastors and several laymen do), but we can teach others about God's plan for our eternal wellness.



Philadelphia Korean members Kun Taek Kim, Tae Mok Jung, Gaesoon Choi, Moon Ja Choi and Myung Ja Choi prepared a healthy supper for participants before each evening's seminar.

Finding God's will for Pennsylvania's young people

Surely you've wondered about God's will for your life. Confused about your life's calling or wrestling over a one-time decision, doubtless you too have prayed to hear God's voice steering you in the best direction. Similarly, the Pennsylvania youth department has struggled to answer a few questions. "What is God's mission for our department?" "What more could we be doing?" "What do the young people of our conference need most?" The battle to find answers led us into an exciting experiment you may not have heard about.

Early in our search, God impressed us that the most important element of youth ministry in Pennsylvania is strong local churches motivated and equipped to lead young people in a relationship with Christ. This led us to try something new. We began selecting

local churches, at their invitation, and covenanting to work closely with them (as surrogate youth pastors of sorts) for a full year. This time is spent building relationships, motivating, training and brainstorming with committed members. Together with local leaders, we develop a concrete, Spirit-led plan for youth ministries in their church.

Each congregation we work with provides exciting challenges and new opportunities. No two are ever the same. God has already led us into this process with a number of churches. Ever wonder about His will for your young people? He has a plan.

If you'd like more information regarding this exciting new opportunity for our churches, call Dottie Cauley at (610) 374-8331, Extension 212.

DAVID FERGUSON
Youth Director



Joon Rhee describes the importance of water.

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in Collegedale, Tennessee. Before she graduated, she was asked to start a school in New Mexico! Eventually, she finished her degree in education at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Texas. Arts, crafts, music ... Gloria enjoys them all.

Gary Grant

Teacher, grades five to eight, Stroudsburg Church School

Launching into full-time teaching is something Gary has been looking forward to. He graduated from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, with a degree in elementary education and wants to "help youth develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ." He also holds an associate degree in art from Los Angeles Trade Technical College. Gary has a passion for reaching children with special needs. In his spare time, he likes backpacking, reading and basketball.

Brenda King

Principal/Teacher, Mountain View School, Williamsport

As a young girl, Brenda knew that she was called to be a teacher. She attended Atlantic Union



College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, and holds a degree in elementary education. For the past six years, she's been living her mission to "help children realize their importance as individuals and to help them understand that they matter because of Jesus' love." Brenda is excited to have the opportunity to model and foster respect in her students. Among other interests, she enjoys exercise, a happy outlook and spiritual wellness.

Sunah Lee

Biology and Mathematics Teacher, Huntington Valley Christian School (formerly known as Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy)

Sunah graduated from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, in 1997 with a B.A. degree in biology. While preparing to get into medical school, she received a call to enter education. "When this call came, I knew God was leading me into teaching. It was like He was pushing me out of the nest so I could learn to fly." Sunah likes to read, exercise and spend time outdoors.



Becky Singer

Principal/Teacher, Fairview Village

Church School

Becky comes to us with a rich background in education that includes a degree in religious education and a master's in special education. As she enters her 28th year of teaching, she says: "I was called into education when I was 6 years old. One Sabbath, my Sabbath school teacher asked me to teach the lesson, and I did! And I loved it." Becky is an amateur rock hound who enjoys playing the piano.

June

Wright Principal/Teacher, Greater Pittsburgh Junior Academy



June received her degree in education from Ohio University after attending Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland). She's worked in different conferences around the Columbia Union and was led into education because she saw it as an "opportunity to lead children to Christ and be involved in outreach for the Lord." June loves nature and is a Master Guide. Her husband, Marshall, has joined her in this teaching endeavor and regularly helps out at school.

Jennifer Young

Principal and Teacher, grades five to eight, York Church School

A native of York, Jennifer recently graduated with a B.S. in elementary education from York College. Her desire to teach children came as a young girl when she saw her brother struggle in school. As she witnessed the ineffectiveness of his teachers, she became determined to one day become a teacher herself and "be a good teacher, especially for troubled students." Jennifer is now fulfilling that mission. When not in the classroom, she enjoys "RELAXING!"



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Focus on Christ's ultimate sacrifice

As students filed into the church for the first F.O.C.U.S. meeting, we were surprised to be met with our high-energy speaker for the week, Sally Worley. Sally filled the week with inspiring words about God. Her use of down-to-earth, attention-grabbing stories allowed the students to apply genuine ways to let Jesus into their everyday lives. Do you remember the first time you discovered that Jesus really does accept *all* of you? He loves you. Remember the cross?

"Close your eyes. Imagine yourself witnessing a trial from above the crowd on the city wall. You cannot hear everything, but body language is stronger than words. You see the angry faces of the spectators, and you sit in apathy until the face of one Man touches you. He is not angry; He is not vengeful or full of hatred. His outward emotion is not like any accused person that you have ever seen before. He was the man you saw smiling with children on His lap. He was the man you saw healing a cripple. He was the man you heard forgiving sins."

As the week progressed, our picture

of Jesus enlarged, and we grew hungry for knowledge of Him. The school week ended with what we call an afterglow, an extra-special service after the traditional vespers. We tried something a little different, called the "ACTS" prayer. We all gathered on the platform and took turns praying sentence prayers in an organized way. "A" stands for adoration, "C" stands for confession. "T" was for thanksgiving, and we closed with "S" for supplication.

We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during this week, and we hope our flame for Jesus never burns out!

Leah Sarault, '99



Adrianne Walker, Cecily Allen and Rebecca Barcelow take a minute to chat with Sally after one of the meetings.



Sally helped students see Jesus in a more personal way through her illustrations and stories.



Students gather for a special time of prayer.

Juniors perform before a live audience

Could the junior English students and their teacher, Barbara Mathias, really put together a public performance play—pick a play, find props and practice endless hours—before the end of the first nine weeks of school? They thought they could, and they did—actually two plays!

The first play included a series of skits collectively titled “Love, Death and the Prom.” It depicted events and problems faced by many teens, including a suspected affair in a girl’s family, a confrontation between two young people about how far they should have gone on a date, the death of a friend and brother, and football players confused about priorities.

The second play, “A Storm in the Dorm,” was a one-act play in which a young man (Marty Maxwell), assisted by two friends (Jeff Garcia and Patrick Titus), is trying to sneak his fiancée (Jenny Nelson) out of the dorm in order to elope. The dorm residents include a hysterical girl (Raelinda Tooley) who keeps seeing men at her window, an irritated dean (Tenielle Master) who would like to get some sleep and two helpful friends (Carol Corbin and Jennifer Page), who are only too happy to assist in the escape.

Derrick Heisey and Ryan Maybrook, two bumbling security guards on patrol in a golf cart, brought down the house with their antics outside the dorm.

Mrs. Mathias congratulated her students for their hard work and successful performance, and the students thanked her for her help with a bouquet of red roses.

Michele Krpalek,



Derrick Heisey and Ryan Maybrook on patrol.



'99 Iren Mikitiuk, Meica Bodick and Tricia Rouse talk about college plans.



Stan Rouse,
Principal

“You do not want to leave, too, do you?”

“On hearing it, many of his disciples said, ‘This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?’”

“From this time, many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ‘You do not want to leave too, do you?’ Jesus asked the Twelve.” (John 6:60, 66 and 67.)

Jesus had just shared some of the most important truths of the gospel: His kingdom doesn’t come with entertainment, worldly honor, wealth and popularity. Salvation comes as we, by diligent study and prayer, allow Jesus to rule our lives.

Salvation isn’t easy, though it is simple. It means denying self, taking up our cross and following Jesus. When He shared these concepts, many stopped following Him. He didn’t take a survey to find out why. He didn’t try to assess if He had misread their needs or try to make the message more pleasant. He didn’t even plead with the 12 to stay—He asked them if they wanted to leave, too!

In our effort to represent God’s message in a way that attracts others to Him, we must be sure that we have not altered it so that we have become counterfeit! We must not re-interpret. We must not downplay repenting, turning from sin, conversion and transformation. We must not sugarcoat the war for the soul! If we give the message as Christ gave it to us, He is responsible for the results!

“When I [God] say to a wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.” (Ezekiel 3:18,19)

Jesus said, “But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” (John 12:32)

Fall service explosion

"I feel really good about what we did there. I'm glad I got to help somebody and make her day brighter," commented Erin Allen, '99, about her experience at the Appalachian Pet Farm. Erin is the student coordinator of Service Explosion and had already spent numerous hours organizing activities and transportation, but that didn't lessen her enthusiasm for her own assignment.

The pet farm adopts animals that are hurt or need a home. It houses deer, llamas, alpacas, goats, dogs, a dwarf horse, Scottish highlander cows, ducks, rabbits, a coatamundi, etc. Student activities there included cleaning cages and scrubbing the monkey house, as well as picking up rocks from the pasture so the owner can seed it next spring.

Friends, Inc., a food bank located in Kutztown, welcomes BMA student workers every service day, as well as several other times during the year. Mostly, the students stock shelves and fill boxes for distribution to needy area residents. According to their faculty sponsor, Cary Corbin, "They are always amazed at how much work our students

can accomplish. They have to look around for more jobs to fill our time!"

Sheena Farmer, '02, and Joanna Sutton, 2000, both participated in the Voices of Eternal Praise (V.O.E.P.) mime group. Decked out in their new V.O.E.P. T-shirts, these students spent the morning at the Fairgrounds Mall performing original mimes and talking to passersby about a variety of spiritual topics. Joanna and Coach Wilson, faculty sponsor, spent some time with a mall worker who expressed an interest in spiritual things. They were able to share some of what they believed and invite her to the NET '98 meetings. According to Joanna, "God really does use us where we are!"



Carol Corbin, Denzil Rowe and Ben Knowles perform at a local mall.



Erin Allen found a new friend.



Karina Hernandez and Ivonne Lopez are fascinated by the children's stories.



Coach Wilson shares the Bible with an interested onlooker.



BMA will truly miss John and Jackie Pifer.

Pifers honored at annual recognition dinner

"I'll be there if you need me," was the offer that conference Treasurer Mo Pelley heard from Dr. John Pifer. And that heartfelt proposal has echoed through 25 years to Blue Mountain Academy.

Dr. Pifer has been there when we needed physicals for new students, emergency treatment and advice. He and his wife, Jackie, have shared their means and their time,

including work on our fund-raising golf tournament and planting the flowers around the bell on center campus. And now as their retirement and move to Georgia draws close, BMA has taken a few minutes at our recognition dinner to honor them for their caring spirit.

The recognition dinner featured a harvest motif, complete with cornucopia, colorful gourds and Indian corn. The meal was a buffet catered by the BMA cafeteria, and the program featured BMA music students. Attendees included staff and board members, and a portion of faithful friends whose generosity helps to keep BMA a viable institution.

Louise Corbin, Communique Staff

How fast is fast?

The current topic for the diligent physics students is *speed*. However, speed is too mundane a word, so we refer to it as *velocity*. This makes it a vector quantity and thus an impressive item to consider.

How do you measure speed (er, I mean velocity)? You could drive a car and watch the speedometer. You could use a GPS (Global Positioning System) unit and watch the speed calculation screen. But these only work for somewhat slow speeds. True, the GPS can measure speeds up to 999 miles per hour, but Mr. Higgins wasn't willing to dive test the airplane for us. So how do you measure something that travels fast?

The class decided it would be fun to measure the speed (let's get it right now...), the *VELOCITY* of sound. Since sound is a rather fast mover, we decided to use a loud, sharp sound and time its passage over a rather *LONG* known distance.

We used starter pistol blanks to make the sharp, loud sound. Since we were using pistols, we had to have an adult at both ends of the test range. Peggy "Annie Oakley" Hallman volunteered to handle one of the shootin' irons, while the physics instructor handled the other. Hearing protectors were worn by the shooters, while the observers plugged their ears with their fingers.

Walkie-talkies transmitted the sound over the airwaves (at the speed of light, which is *REALLY* fast). Thus, the timers heard "3 -- 2 -- 1 -- F(bang)IRE" over the radio at virtually the instant the shot was fired. Timers started the watches when the shot was heard on the radio and stopped them when the sound reached the observer through the air. The distance was measured using a GPS unit.

So how well did it work? Our base line was 738 meters. The times were a bit over two seconds. Thus, we calculated the speed of sound to be about 320-323 m/s. The actual speed of sound is about 345 m/s at the temperature we had that day. Six to seven percent error, not too bad. So how could we improve our accuracy? That's the challenge of physics. We'll try another method on another day.

Cary Corbin, Physics Instructor

Five teachers included in Who's Who

"[T]here is no greater honor for a teacher than to be recognized for excellence by former students, especially when those students represent the best high school and college students in America today," according to Paul C. Krouse, publisher of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

BMA teachers included in the 1998 edition are: Rosemarie Bechtel, Thomas Buller, Shelly Dinning, Duane Ferguson and Spencer Hannah. These teachers have been nominated by 1998 BMA graduates listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Senior earns commended scholar status

"Aim high and spare no pains to reach the standard." These words, from the pen of Ellen White, exemplify the life and goals of Blue Mountain Academy senior Erin Allen. Erin's leadership has been demonstrated spiritually, socially and academically. Her love for God and willingness to serve Him has made her stand out.

On October 9, Erin received recognition from Principal Stan Rouse, the student body and the College Board for her performance on the PSAT (Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test) taken during her junior year. Erin's score qualified her as a **National Merit Commended Scholar**, entitling her to a one-quarter to one-half college scholarship. Way to go, Erin!

Spencer Hannah, Vice-Principal



Mr. Rouse presents Erin Allen with her award.

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Strength in diversity

The Ohio Conference enjoys the diversity represented in its membership and staff, and the richness and strength it brings to our ministry and life together as a community.

"Each of us is now a part of His resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—His Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful,"—*I Corinthians 12:12-13, Message Bible*

"In Christ's family, there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us, you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ,"—*Galatians 3:26-27, Message Bible*



Jeba Moses
Cincinnati First church

The Cincinnati First church is comprised of believers from 19 countries: Antigua, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, the Grenadines, Guyana, India, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Romania, Trinidad, the United States, St. Vincent, and Zimbabwe.

John Gandhi, a member of this congregation, shares his thoughts: "This radiant trait of our congregation is a prominent feature a guest recognizes any Sabbath during fellowship, worship and lunch time. Our church believes that this is truly representative of the body of Christ. This

cultural and ethnic variance has enabled members to respect, value and enjoy cultures not their own. We continue to learn that all individuals are of great value in the kingdom of God. Association with, acceptance of and admiration for diversity on earth are preludes, we believe, for the resplendent assortment in the earth made new."

Pastor Jeba Moses and his wife Susan, are natives of India who came to this country in 1984 to attend Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Korean congregations growing in Ohio

The Ohio Conference has a Korean congregation meeting as a mission church in the Columbus area under the leadership of a bi-vocational pastor and strong lay leadership. Another Korean group also meets in the Dayton area.

Athens church—Home to foreign students

Athens, Ohio, is the home of Ohio University, and the members consider themselves blessed to have students from all over the world attending their church. Students are from as far away as Kenya, Jamaica, India, Korea, Malaysia and Nigeria, as well as all parts of the U.S. The college students conduct the entire worship service the first Sabbath of each month, and there is an international fellowship dinner the third Sabbath. Everyone enjoys tasting favorite dishes from around the world.

Wanda Mains, an Athens church member says: "We are so glad to have a multi-cultural church; the students are really appreciated. It's a sad time when they have to leave. Occasionally, they come back to visit, and we feel that this is how happy we will be in heaven, reunited with old friends."

Pastor Kirk C.J. Yoon - Toledo First Church



Born in Korea, Kirk C.J. Yoon moved with his parents at the age of 5 to Brazil. Four years later, they settled in Chicago, where he attended school and became a part of the Korean Adventist community. After attending Andrews University, C.J. served as youth pastor for two years at the North Shore church in Chicago. When asked if he had always wanted to be a pastor, he answered: "Absolutely not! I began my college career as a business major, but during my freshman year, I became very ill and spent one month in the hospital. It was during those long hours in a hospital bed that I evaluated my life and God spoke to my heart. When I returned to school, I switched to theology and have never regretted my decision. When we follow God's plan for our lives, He enables us and gives us the gifts and talents we need."

C.J.'s wife, Soo, was raised in Korea and moved to Atlanta, Georgia, with her family when she was 18. While she was working as a med-tech at Hinsdale Hospital in Illinois, they met and decided to serve the Lord together. They have a little girl, Jessica, age 3, and a newborn son, Jonathan.

C.J. enjoys reading, fishing and working with young people.

Pastor Robson DeOliveira—Miamisburg church

Robson is a native of Brazil and, as a high school student, sang for the Voice of Prophecy and also worked as a student literature evangelist. He arrived at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, in 1976 to learn English and to begin studying for the ministry. While pastoring in New Jersey he opened an English language school for Portuguese-speaking people. He also served as worship leader at Pioneer Memorial church while completing his master of divinity degree.



Pastor Edgar Mendoza—First Hispanic Church of Cleveland

Edgar came to the United States from Central America in 1975 to pursue a degree in theology from Andrews University. When he arrived in Cleveland in 1994, church attendance was about 100, and within a short time, attendance grew to more than 200. A new congregation was planted with a core group of 35 and, in four months, has grown to 95 people.

Edgar says: "We have plans to continue planting new congregations in the future. Once these two congregations reach their maximum capacity, again it would indicate the time to form another new church in this area of Cleveland."



Pastor Tihomir Brechelmacher—Akron and Cleveland Yugoslavian

Tihomir and Magdalana Brechelmacher left their home in Yugoslavia in 1986 to answer the call to minister to the Yugoslavian people in the Cleveland and Akron area. Religious, cultural and national ties are very strong among the refugees who come to Ohio from Yugoslavia. Serbians and Croatians are not willing to put aside their differences just because they have come to America. Prejudice is still very strong and makes evangelism next to impossible.

However, with God, "all things are possible." Recently, several Yugoslavian students from Andrews University joined with the members of the Cleveland church to reach out to the refugees in that

community.

They conducted meetings on Saturday and Sunday nights, sharing the mission of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency around the world and specifically in their home country. Light refreshments were served, hearts were softened, and barriers came down, which allowed the Holy Spirit to open minds to the gospel message.



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Pastor Frank Steyn— Chillicothe, Jackson and Gallia

Frank and Jenny Steyn were both born in South Africa out of settler families. Jenny (Fowler) grew up in East London and attended Seventh-day Adventist schools there. Frank grew up in the industrial center of Port Elizabeth. They were married in 1966 and spent four years in pastoral work and eight years as youth and personal ministries director in Zimbabwe and Natal. Returning to pastoral work, Frank pastored churches in Kimberley, Cape Town and his home church in Port Elizabeth.

Frank completed his theological degree at Helderberg College, holds a master's degree from the University of Port Elizabeth and a doctoral degree in social psychology. Jenny is an accomplished musician, playing handbells and piano.

Frank says: "Our family loves serving the Lord in the Adventist ministry—we enjoy serving folks of all ages and especially planting and nurturing congregations."



Pastor Ted Bartter—Akron First

K a a r i n a (Kaye) Bartter was born in East Africa to missionary parents and attended Hildeberg College in South Africa. It was while working as a secretary for the Northern European Division in England that she met and fell in love with a student attending Newbold College named Ted Bartter. Ted was raised in London and began his spiritual journey at the age of 17. He started studying the Bible and realized that Saturday was the Sabbath. He began searching in earnest, and the Lord led him to a series of Adventist meetings that were being held in his community. Ted gave his heart to the Lord, began attending the Adventist church and dedicated his life to preaching the gospel.

It was during his junior year in college that he had the opportunity to come to America for a year and study in Southern California. He returned to England to complete his senior year at Newbold,



then returned to the U.S. and pastored in Southern California. Ted and Kaye pastor the Akron church. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Pastor Rade Milosavljevic— Clyde, Columbus Grove and Findlay



Rade and his family are from Yugoslavia and moved to the United States in 1989 to attend Andrews University. They had been living in Belgrade,

where he was working as a union youth leader. When they were ready to return home, war had broken out, and they chose not to go back since Rade is from Serbia and Zeljka is from Croatia. Also, their son had just turned 18 and would have been drafted and sent to war. They decided to stay in America and let the Lord show them His will for their lives.

Rade says: "I had always wanted to be a missionary. To stay and work in America was not high on my list of plans, but I couldn't say no when I realized that God wanted me to work in the large mission field of North America. Zeljka is a professor at the University of Findlay and an excellent partner in ministry. We love sports, hiking (but can't find a hill in our area), good music, reading and fellowship with others. We love people and are happy seeing our church grow. We know that diversity in unity brings happiness!"

Pastor Samuel Kaligithi—Bucyrus, Galion and Marion



Raised in India, Sam is a third-generation Adventist who moved with his family to America when he was 17 year-old. Sam was an adjunct professor of guitar at Andrews University when the Lord called him to the gospel ministry. Sam feels that: "One of the greatest avenues God uses in preparing to bring His people together for the last days is cultural diversity."

While studying music in Austria, he met his wife, Rowena, who was visiting from the Philippines. His hobbies include walking, playing classical guitar and family outings. They have three daughters.

Hungarian church members reach out to their community



The Cleveland Hungarian church consists of Hungarian immigrants and their families from Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia and Slovakia. Members know from experience that people who come from overseas often need fellowship with other Hungarians. As they extend warmth, help and friendship, the door is

open for spiritual matters. Special programs around the holidays and other occasions filled with music, poems and a message are well received and attended. These are followed by a light supper or refreshments and provide time to talk and build friendships. Cultural traditions and family ties are very strong and are a good binding force to draw people to the love they feel as they attend and fellowship with the Hungarian Adventists in Cleveland.

In addition, the Cleveland Hungarian church sends 400 *Signs of the Times* and other Hungarian magazines purchased from our publishing house in Budapest, Hungary. They also send financial help to Hungary, Yugoslavia and Romania to help in church building projects and other needs.

Pastor Botansky says: "We are not a large congregation, and our outreach efforts are somewhat tailored due to the cultural and language difference. We can say with much thanksgiving, however, that God has really blessed our church and its ministry. As we reflect on an average Sabbath, our hearts are warmed by the regular attendance of visitors. There is such excitement and happiness felt among the brothers and sisters when we see visitors come and enjoy themselves at our church."

Pastor Bob Bjelica—Elyria and Lakewood



From top to bottom: Bob, Mariann, Aiyana and Kristian.

Bob Bjelica was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He was just 6 years old when his mother made the decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist

and, as a result, Bob learned at an early age the importance and joy of honoring the Lord's Sabbath. Throughout grade school, he faced many difficulties because of the six-day work week system. However, thanks to his dedicated Christian mother, Bob made a decision never to compromise, and he remained faithful to the principles of God's word.

When he was 15 years old, Bob's family moved to France in the hope of a better life. It was there that his parents made the decision to venture to America,

always exploring the possibilities of providing a better future for their sons. Their dream came true when they had the opportunity to move to America and settle in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bob completed his education in Cleveland and studied to become a surgical assistant. His love of theology and the Lord's work, however, would not let him rest, and in 1977, he and his new bride, Mariann, arrived at Andrews University, where Bob studied for the ministry and Mariann completed her degree in music education.

Bob and Mariann pastored in New York for six years and since 1989, have been a part of the ministerial team in Ohio. They pastor the Lakewood-Elyria church district. They have two children, Kristian and Aiyana.

Pastor Igor Botansky—Brooklyn and Cleveland Hungarian

Igor left Hungary in 1956 during the Hungarian Revolution. "I was not a Christian," Igor says, "but an unbeliever in



the Hungarian Army's Officers College. I escaped to Austria, and Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen, an Adventist college, opened its door for me as a refugee, and that is the place where I first learned the Advent Truth and was baptized."

In 1959, Igor came to the United States to attend Atlantic Union College and majored in theology. There he met his wife, also a refugee, at the Hungarian church in New York City. They were married in 1965 and began their ministry pastoring Hungarian churches in New York and New Jersey. In 1979, they came to Cleveland, Ohio.

Students enjoy learning at outdoor school



Eleven of the Waldwick school's fifth- and sixth-grade students participated in an exciting outdoor school September 22-24. The event took place at Tranquil Valley Youth Camp on the beautiful grounds of Garden State Academy in Tranquility.

The students were accompanied by Director Jeffrey Locke, classroom teacher Glenda Creighton and four ninth- and 10th-grade students who served as counselors and assistants. The objectives for the outdoor school included fulfilling the need for hands-on learning experiences, promoting appreciation of the natural world, encouraging cooperative learning and student growth in responsibility and providing a firsthand view of the Creator's handiwork. As sixth-grader Dennis Baptiste put it, students learned "about creatures and creation."

Classes in stars, insects and mammals were taught by the teachers and student assistants. Students learned through outdoor activities such as stargazing for constellations and finding live insects and mammals for examination. Teacher Anna Adkins came to the camp one day with Starlab, a portable planetarium from the Liberty Science Center, and presented an indoor astronomy program.



Most students were able to complete the requirements to receive honors patches for each topic studied.

Other day-time activities included a scavenger hunt, hiking, group games

and crafts involving the nature theme. A few campers even

tried their hand at fishing in the pond and reeled in fish! And there was plenty to eat at the meals prepared by the staff. [Don't worry. The fish were not part of the yummy meals at outdoor school!]



After dark, nightly campfires with exuberant singing and stories delighted campers. But first, the campers had to find and haul back wood for the fire! On the last night,

corn and carrots were roasted on the coals and then devoured by the hungry crowd!

What did students enjoy most about outdoor school? Alysse Sleby, a fifth-grader, said, "The best thing I



liked was hiking because we ate grapes from a tree and swung on a vine, and we got to feed the horses."

According to sixth-grade student Imani Rutledge, "I liked being out in nature and with my friends." Each student left for home with treasured memories of good times spent with friends and teachers—and with the Creator of the world.

GLENDA CREIGHTON
New Jersey Conference

NDATES

January 8-10

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Ocean City, Maryland

January 11

Pastor's Conference

January 16

AY Basketball Night
Lake Nelson

January 24

Adventurer/Pathfinder/AY Ski Day

January 29-30

Pastor's Couples Retreat

January 31

Volleyball Tournament I

Robert Hoyt, a pastor in the New Jersey Conference, shared this little illustration with me, and I immediately thought of how the same principle applies in our relationship to our Lord as His stewards.



The illustration is entitled "The Dash." It goes like this: "I read of a religious leader who stood to speak at the funeral of his friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own—the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

"Think about this long and hard—are there things you'd like to change? You never know how much time is left (You could be at 'dash mid-range'). If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more. And love the people in our lives like we've

A time to reflect

never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while. So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash... would you be pleased with the things they say about how you spent your dash?"

More important to me than how pleased my friends and relatives are with my life's record is how Jesus will feel about it. I know Jesus loves each one of us more than we can ever fully comprehend. The way He has demonstrated His love for us during His "dash" on this earth leaves us overwhelmed with His sacrifice. Truly, God gave us all heaven had to give. That is why it is so important to me how I have used this "dash" to demonstrate my response to His love. It seems appropriate, then, to ask: Will we be pleased with the things our records reveal about how we have responded to His love when the "eulogy" of our life is recited before heaven's tribunal?

May it be true for each of you that the Lord will be able to say that He is pleased with how you have managed the stewardship of your life during your "dash."

LEROY FINCK

Director of Stewardship

Church members walk for international camporee

On September 13, the Jersey City Heights English church not only stood together, but they worked together in support of their local church Pathfinders "God's Golden Eagles." They hiked a five-mile walkathon throughout the town with the assistance and escort of two Jersey City police officers to



raise funds for the 1999 trip to the Wisconsin International Camporee. Many thanks go out to our sponsors, our hikers, our men in blue and all those who participated or

helped to make this walk a success.

CAROL RIVERA

Jersey City Heights English Communication Representative

Many tell me: "Pastor, I would like to give, but I do not have what to give. I am poor. I have many needs. That matter of giving is for the rich only."

Is that really true? No! God never asks us to do something that is impossible. He provides so that it is possible. When we feel we cannot give because we do not have, that's really when we can give the most because God manifests Himself to us in a mighty way. Remember 2 Corinthians 12:10—

"When I am weak, then I am strong."

Psalm 37:25 has a promise that is real: "I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." The assurance is that we will not be abandoned, even though we may have afflictions. God will always provide.

The truth is that we can always give, even though we do not have "what to give." If we desire to give, God will provide.

When we give, God gives us more. When we don't give, we lose what we have, for God takes it away. To give is the law of life. If we stop giving, the sequence of life is broken, which is to give and to receive.

How can we give when we do not have anything to give? We can do two things. The first is recognize that God is the owner of everything (Psalm 24:1-2) and that we are His stewards. We have to be ready to return everything to Him at any moment. That takes avarice right away from our hearts.

The second is to make God number one in everything (Matthew 6:33). That is an instant solution. It gives you immediate trust, confidence, security and peace. It eliminates all anxiety, fear, worry and need. You see, God is in charge. If we have God, we have everything.

God does not need the gifts He has entrusted to us, for He is "Lord of all." What He wants is our hearts, our lives (Proverbs 23:26). With our hearts, God has it all, and we have Him also.

Would we give Him all? Our talents, time, temples and treasures? Let us be, by God's grace, faithful stewards (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

ORLANDO NEWBALL

New Jersey Conference Pastor

Toms River Pathfinders reap their harvest

During the summer of 1998, some of our staff and Pathfinder club members had cultivated the backyard of our church for the second time. And it's much bigger—longer and wider—than last year.



We planted different varieties of vegetables, such as tomatoes, string and bush beans, cucumbers, squash, round eggplants, long eggplants, some seeds from the Philippines and green and yellow peppers. Even though animals were visiting our garden, we were surprised that the plants still yielded much fruit.

As the fruits and vegetables ripened, we harvested. Some of the harvest was shared, and some was packed in plastic bags and distributed to church members. In return, members gave us donations for our Pathfinder club.

We were so thankful and happy that God blessed and increased our savings



fund for the Wisconsin international camporee next summer. We pray that He continues His blessings so that we are able to attend the camporee and learn more about His love and power.

MAYO SANZ SEVERINO

Toms River Church
AY Director and
Pathfinder Associate Director



What is love?

"Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude... self-seeking... Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres," —1 Corinthians 13: 4-7. During this Christmas season and throughout the year, keep these texts in mind as illustrated by the following piece written by Youth Pastor Karl Haffner and sent in by a member of the Cherry Hill church.

"If I speak with the confidence of Rush Limbaugh and sing with the ease of Celine Dion but don't have love, my words are like scraping fingernails on a frozen windshield.

"If I can program NASA's mainframe computer and outsmart my chemistry professor, if I can memorize the Psalms and read Leviticus without dozing or if I can even predict the future but have not love, my value is equal to a pitcher of warm spit.

"If I give my Tommy Hilfiger wardrobe to Goodwill and let my little sister rummage through my closet, if I go to the stake and fry as a martyr or if I donate a gallon of blood every hour but don't have love, my offerings are useless.

"Love is patient—even if it means skipping a trip to Baskin Robbins in order to tutor an immigrant. Love is kind—it doesn't stoop to Polish jokes, "Whitey" jibes, slanty-eye stories or jokes about Jews. Love does not envy the captain of the basketball team, the national merit finalist, the class president, or even the blond who sports the most even tan.

"Love doesn't get a swelled head over straight A's or a scholarship to Princeton. Love isn't snooty about a new Corvette or a season pass to the world's premiere ski resort. Love never jeers at the fat kid who hangs out of his T-shirt in phys. ed.

"Love smiles when getting cut off on the interstate. Love submits an honest tax return. Love doesn't whine about the referee's bad call. Love believes that God always provides the best stuff in life. Love hangs on to hope when the family is splitting apart.

"Love does not change like hemlines and hairdos. Love is like the Energizer Bunny. It lasts and lasts and keeps on going.

"In the end, only three things will remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is... Love."



Happy Holidays!

DATELINE
NJ

Alumnus holds fall week of prayer

The fall week of prayer at Garden State Academy was held by GSA alumnus Victor Czerkasij. A graduate from the Class of 1979, Czerkasij is presently the director of admissions at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, but 11 years as an academy Bible teacher gives him an instant rapport with youth. Filled with stories from his own life and his immigrant parents' experiences, Czerkasij kept students spellbound as he laid out the essentials of Christianity. His first sermon, "Who Are You?" drove home the point that we are all sinners. In the telling of "The Mole People" during the second sermon, a vivid object lesson of God's desire to lift us up was brought home. The gauntlet was thrown down in Czerkasij's third sermon as he related how his parents' lives were saved from death in a European airline crash by being arrested and forced to exit the plane minutes before takeoff. "A wonderful example of God's protection of my family, right?" asked

Czerkasij. "Well, that's wrong. All wrong. Wasn't God strong enough to save the others? Didn't he love and value them, too?" Czerkasij challenged. What continued was a wonderful expose on our call to trust God despite life's seeming unfairness.

In subsequent sermons, students were challenged not to give merely half of themselves to God and to view His commandments as fulfillers, not depleters, in the Christian life.

The final Friday and Sabbath sermons included more laughter and pathos. But most of all, that last weekend, the students, Czerkasij, and all who were fortunate enough to attend lifted up Jesus.

ANNE STOCKER-GOORHUIS
Alumni President



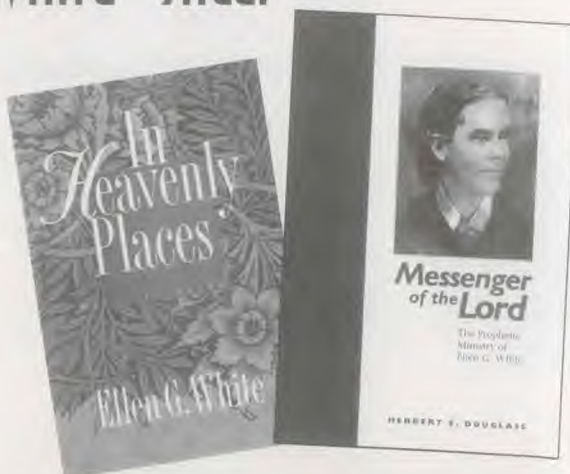
Victor Czerkasij, a GSA graduate from the Class of 1979, shares one of many experiences during GSA's fall week of prayer.

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COLUMBIA UNION

Kuzma honored as Woman of the Year for Family Life

Kay Kuzma, a family life specialist whose column appears in the *Visitor*, was honored as Woman of the Year for Family Life by the Association of Adventist Women at that organization's annual conference held at Loma Linda University in California October 15-18.

In 1982, she and her husband, Jan, founded Family Matters, a non-profit ministry that offers radio and television programs, a magazine, seminars and retreats on subjects ranging from child-rearing to overcoming sexual abuse.

A resident of Cleveland, Tennessee, she speaks at universities, camp meetings and churches and has published 11 books and several booklets. Her one-minute syndicated radio program, *Got a Minute for Your Family?* is now aired on more than 600 stations.

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ACADEMY

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Dr. Kay's Q&A



Choose happiness at Christmas

Question: My invalid mother wants me to spend Christmas Day with her in the convalescent home. My friends at the office are renting a cabin in the mountains and have invited me to come along. My own children are grown and have moved away. They'll be celebrating with their own families. I'd love to be with one of them or spend the day with my friends, but I don't want to disappoint my mother.

Answer: For most mothers, there's something magic about the day! Try celebrating Christmas on a day other than the designated one, and something's missing! How important is the actual day to your mother? If another day won't substitute, you're going to have to decide what's more important to you, doing what you really want to do or giving your mom the gift of your presence.

Don't make your decision to be with your mom just because she might be disappointed! You shouldn't live your life based on her emotions. You can't be responsible for how she feels. In fact, I doubt if your mom would want you to spend the day with her if she knew you'd feel resentful and would much rather be someplace else. Your mom wants you to spend the day with her because you want to—because you love her, not because you feel it's your duty.

You own your emotions. You have the power to choose happiness regardless of your circumstances. Christmas should be in your heart, regardless of where you are.

Who'd be blessed most by your presence on Christmas Day? If you decide it would be your mom, then you must begin looking at the benefits of spending the day with her and plan what you can do to make it special.

- Your presence will make her happy.
- Make a list of the things you'd like to talk about with her, like your favorite memories of Christmas, the best gift you ever received or why she's special to you.
- Plan to make a tape recording of your mom talking about her life and memories she has of the past.
- And you might be a blessing to others, too. Maybe you could begin making something special you could share with others in the convalescent home who aren't lucky enough to have family there on Christmas.

Now, you must begin writing down all the things you want to do for yourself during the Christmas season. Can you join your friends later? Could you celebrate New Year's with your children and their families? I'm sure the grandchildren would not mind having two Christmases, opening Grandma's gifts a week later! Explore all your options. You may be amazed how things might work out so you could not only be with your mom, but enjoy your friends and family, too.

But if you spend the day with your mom feeling that you're denying yourself the pleasure you deserve on Christmas, you'll be miserable—and chances are that she will, too. If this is the case, it'd be much better for you to make a different choice!

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the *Family Times* newspaper. For a free year's subscription, write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (423) 339-1144.]

ALLEGHENY WEST

Melrose Avenue church has "women on the move"

Sabbath, October 10, was a high day for the Melrose Avenue church in Roanoke, Virginia, as members and friends celebrated this year's Women's Ministries Day. The theme for this event was "Women on the Move."

The day's activities, planned by the women's ministries department and coordinated by Jean Mills, got underway with Sabbath school led by the women of the church.

The speaker for the worship service was Deborah Steele from the Ross Street church in Danville, Virginia.

Steele directed her message not only to the women, but also the rest of the congregation. She reminded all that if we're going to be on the move, we will have to get up from the position in which we find ourselves so we can do what we must to help spread God's message to a world lost in sin. We should let nothing prevent us from doing what needs to be done to get the Gospel to everyone.



A large number of members and visitors took part in the Women's Ministries Day program that was held at the Melrose Avenue church in Roanoke, Virginia, on Sabbath, October 10.

We need the enabling power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, Steele continued, in addition to laying aside "every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us." By so doing, we'll be able to run this Christian race "looking unto Jesus, who is the Author and Finisher of our faith."

As a part of this annual celebration, Elizabeth Word was chosen as the congregation's Woman of the Year.

The day's activities culminated in a variety musical program that featured invited guests and local church talent.

J. CLAIRE COLE

Women's Ministries Representative

They Need to Know Jesus

This is what Ellen G. White wrote in 1905: "We stand rebuked by God because the large cities right within our sight are unworked and unwarned" (*Evangelism*, p. 401).

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ACN EVENTS

The Adventist Communication Network will broadcast the following programs live via satellite:

Sabbath, December 26
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Adventist Worship Hour
Galaxy 6, Channel 11

Sabbath, January 2
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Adventist Worship Hour
Galaxy 6, Channel 11

Wednesday, January 6
7:30-8:30 p.m.
First Wednesday
Galaxy 6, Channel 11

Sabbath, January 9
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Adventist Worship Hour
Galaxy 6, Channel 11

The Adventist Communication Network is a service provided by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. For further information, call (800) ACN-1119.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING announces vacancies for full-time faculty in the following areas: pediatric nursing, psychiatric/mental health nursing. Master's in nursing is required, two years' experience in a specialty area and eligibility for Alabama licensure. Send CV to: Office of Human Resources, Oakwood College, 7000 Adventist Blvd. NW, Huntsville, AL 35896. (1215)

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SUNSET CALENDAR

Eastern Standard Time

	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Baltimore	4:49	4:54	5:01
Cincinnati	5:21	5:26	5:32
Cleveland	5:02	5:07	5:14
Columbus	5:12	5:17	5:23
Jersey City	4:34	4:39	4:46
Norfolk	4:54	4:59	5:05
Parkersburg	5:09	5:14	5:20
Philadelphia	4:41	4:47	4:53
Pittsburgh	4:59	5:04	5:10
Reading	4:43	4:48	4:55
Richmond	4:57	5:02	5:08
Roanoke	5:08	5:13	5:19
Toledo	5:10	5:16	5:22
Trenton	4:39	4:44	4:50
Washington, DC	4:52	4:57	5:03

Reporter's Notebook

Monte Sahlin



This is the time to say "Thank you"

We don't do it often enough. Consequently, some church members may feel that their generosity and faithfulness are taken for granted by church leaders. And "taken for granted" can undermine the bonds that tie us together in the Body of Christ just as surely as it can undermine the bond of marriage.

Thank you!

Thank you for all the hours you give to staff Sabbath school, the Pathfinder Club and the Community Services Center. Thank you for your diligence on church boards, school boards and committees. Thank you for the time you take to lead Bible studies, small groups, Sabbath school classes and women's retreats.

Thank you for your faithfulness in Tithe and especially for the sacrifice you make to support your local church, the offerings we take for conference and national ministries and the needs of the hungry and disaster victims around the world.

Seventh-day Adventist Church members work hard, give generously and demonstrate a deep caring for their brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as "the least of" the world. I appreciate it! I praise the Lord for the way He works in your life and for all you do for the cause of Christ.

I've also been asked by Dr. Harold Lee, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Columbia Union, to express his personal appreciation and the official thanks of the church.

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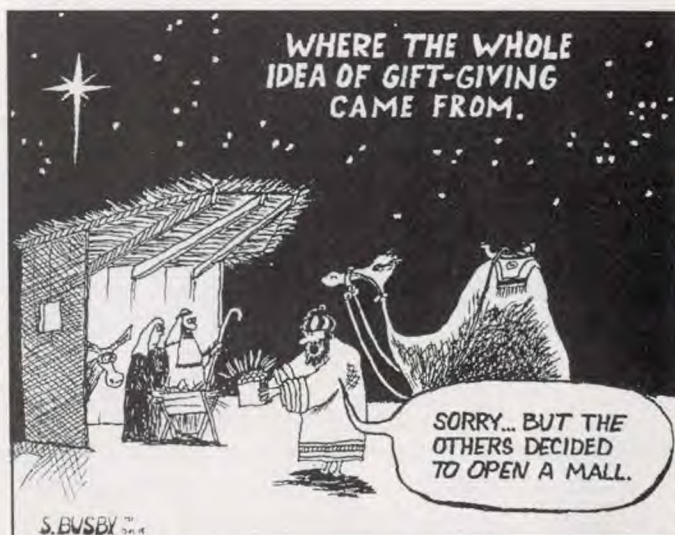
Some end-of-the-year odds and ends

If you're not getting the *Visitor* at home twice a month or you know a church member who isn't getting it, please call us so we can get your name on the list. Call the *Visitor* office at (800) 438-9600 and ask to talk with Paula.

This year (1998) is the 90th full year of operation for the Co-lumbia Union Conference. If you'd like a copy of the "History" document distributed at the 90th anniversary event on November 12, please call the *Visitor* office as noted above.

Each year, the secretariat publishes a statistical report on membership and accessions in each of the eight conferences that make up the union. If you'd like a copy, please contact the office of Pastor Edward Motschieder at the union headquarters. The annual financial statement for 1998 will not be prepared and the audit completed until a couple of months into the new year.

Legal requirements mean that Tithe and offerings must be in the hands of your local church treasurer no later than December 31 in order to be credited to 1998. Perhaps that's also a good indicator for those who may be self-employed or otherwise need to "square up" their tithing practice.



ABOUT THE COVER:

Dwight Nelson, pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, appeared on television sets around the world as the featured speaker for the NET '98 satellite downlink evangelistic campaign. Photo by Greg Kihlstrom, *Visitor* design intern. See the stories on pages 5, 6 and 7 for more information on results of the Next Millennium Seminar.

ABC Monthly Special

December

The Way of Peace



The Way of Peace is a group participation aid to provide people a unique way to learn the moral principles of life. Its format has been taken entirely from the Bible, yet it has been developed in such a way that people of all faiths can participate without difficulty. The Bible isn't trivia with this game. Instead, Scripture is used with reverence

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They Need to Know Jesus

This is what Ellen G. White wrote in 1905: "We stand rebuked by God because the large cities right within our sight are unworked and unwarned" (*Evangelism*, p. 401).

It's now 1998. What is the state of the cities?

Cities are a difficult field. Modern city dwellers are a largely secular society. In North America there are 44 megacities with populations of over 1 million.

December 26, 1998

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to focus on evangelistic crusades and revitalization efforts in four metropolitan areas in the North American Division

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