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The Summers of a Small-Town Girl

Scampering over huge wet rocks, glorying in the spray from the waterfall, then clump, clumping through the red covered bridge at McConnell's Mill. Basking on the beach, then trying in vain to hose off the sand at Moraine State Park. Eating cherry delight and riding ponies at a member's farm. Picnicking and singing gospel songs accompanied by guitars under the trees outside a hand-crafted cabin.

Spending the week before camp hunched over the sewing machine making culottes and denim skirts (no shorts allowed). Squeezing into a tiny car with three other kids, all our gear plus three of our parents and wondering if we'd ever see the Punxatawny sign. Looking at the seemingly bottomless lake and deciding I would never pass beginner's swimming here. Wondering about that Saturday night "march" (Reveille, report, marches? We're in the army now?). Hearing mission stories instead of ghost stories around the campfire.

Trying to understand why people chose to sleep in tents and cook over tiny stoves for 10 days if they weren't working on their Wilderness Living patch. Watching the march of deacons at the 11 o'clock service as they collected the offering in what looked like overgrown Dixie cups. Puzzling over why people bought cases of fake meat. Settling on the front porch sipping a glass of lemonade with new books from the Big Book Sale. Writing letters to a new friend.

Those Adventists sure knew how to make summer interesting.

Summer is a special time of the year for most children, but more so in some ways for those who grew up (or in my case, grew into) the Adventist church. I still encounter people that I first met at summer camp, camp meeting and Pathfinder camporees. I still maintain (a semblance of) skills I learned in these same places. I praise and worship—more joyfully than ever—the God I was introduced to in these venues.

Adventism opened up a whole new world to a small-town Pennsylvania girl who went to a church where—on a really good day—there may have been up to 50 people present (at various times 15 of them may have been children, including two families with five and four each). After joining the Adventist church at age 12, a lot of my best times were spent at Laurel Lake Camp, Pennsylvania and Allegheny West camp meetings, and fellowshiping with the members of the New Castle-Sharpsville-New Brighton district.

People made the difference then, and they make a difference now in the Adventist summer experience. We will visit some of these people in this issue: campers and their counselors from areas as diverse as the Washington, DC, metropolitan area and rural Virginia; a pastor who has participated in camp meetings from New York to Ohio to the Philippines; vacationers who worship every weekend at the beach; readers who allow their imaginations to transport them to places unseen.

Come with us as we travel from one end of the union to another: visiting camps from Tranquil Valley to Mohaven, dropping in on camp meetings from the Blue to the Blue Ridge Mountains, enriching our souls from the sands of Ocean City to a big, comfy chair in West Virginia. Wishing you summer blessings.

Vikki Montgomery is the news and information coordinator for the Visitor, a publication for Adventists in the eight-state region that is served by the Columbia Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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■ Judge Rules Against Eternal Gospel Church

The Eternal Gospel Church, which had been identifying itself as a Seventh-day Adventist church in media advertising, has been issued a ruling by a judge to stop. Florida judge James King's order says the Eternal Gospel Church should not use the name Seventh-day Adventist nor the initials SDA in any of its signs or advertising or other materials. The Eternal Gospel Church had placed newspaper advertising around the United States and broadcast radio programs in South Florida, that announced that the church was an Adventist church. The Eternal Gospel Church early this year placed an ad in the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch identifying itself as "Seventh-day Adventist," much to the embarrassment of Adventist pastors and congregation leaders in the metro area. The Eternal Gospel Church has never had any relationship with any part of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

■ Presidential Evaluation, Treasurer Search Top Agenda

The results of a yearly evaluation of Columbia Union Conference president Harold L. Lee were reviewed by the Columbia Union Conference executive committee during its spring meeting, May 18. The representatives from the eight conferences in the region also heard a report from the search committee regarding a new treasurer to replace Dale Beaulieu, who is leaving to become treasurer for Adventist World Radio. The committee also considered a request from the board of Columbia Union College for a \$2.2 million strategic investment in the future of the college over the next five years. The executive committee is the top decision-making body for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in our eight-state region. Earlier in the week the officers from the eight conferences met in administrative council, and on May 17 the college board met with the new college president, Dr. Randal Wisbey, for the first time.

■ Adventist Communicator Nominated for Board

Celeste P. Ryan, media relations manager for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America and a Takoma Park, Maryland, resident has been nominated to the slate of board members for the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Religion Communicators Council (RCC). The 2000-2001 slate will be voted on at the June 10 chapter meeting. Ryan has been a member of the Council for a year. RCC is a national interfaith association of media professionals whose main focus is religion.

■ Pastor Bikes for Christ

Tony Mavrakos, a member of the pastoral staff of the Takoma Park Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, will embark on a 1000-mile-plus bike tour beginning Sunday, July 2. Called the X-treme Spiritual Awakening Bike Tour 2000, Mavrakos route will take him, other riders and his support team through Virginia and Tennessee to their final destination, Mobile, Alabama. En route, they plan to pass out copies of "God's Top Ten List (The Ten Commandments)," collect prayer requests, and introduce and recruit people to the church's Disciple Maker's Center. For more information, call 202-829-4800 or visit Mavrakos web site at <http://www.rtm.org>.

■ Medical Professionals Needed

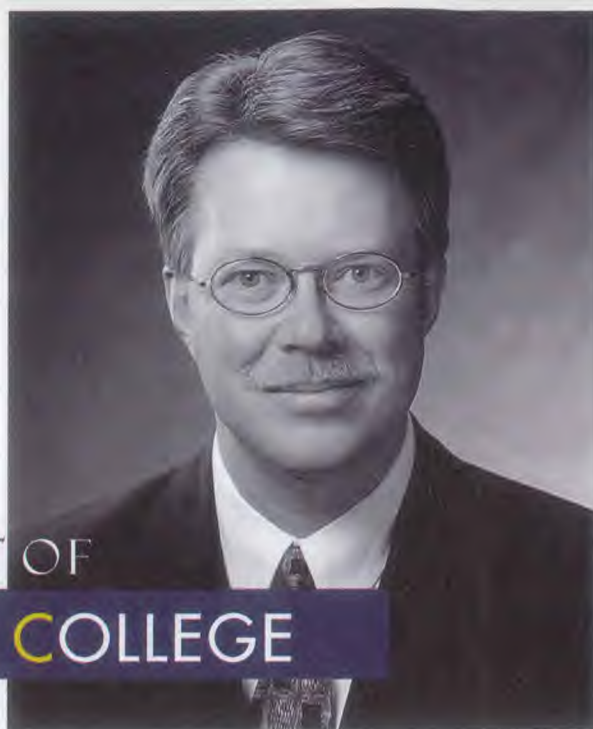
Doctors and dentists are needed to participate in the Project Amazon 2000 Mission Trip, July 26 to August 10. For more information, call 800-SDA-1844.

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RANDAL WISBEY RETURNS AS PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE



Randal R. Wisbey, who served for several years as campus chaplain and assistant professor of Christian Ministry at Columbia Union College, has accepted election as the eighteenth president of the accredited, four-year college in Takoma Park, Maryland.

"I'm delighted that he is joining the college," says Harold Lee, chair of the college board. "This is a very positive move for our institution. I have worked closely with Dr. Wisbey, watched his leadership and professional growth for a number of years, and greatly appreciate his skills. I'm confident he will bring passion, energy and a strong sense of mission to this leadership position. He has a special love for and history with CUC which, I truly feel, makes him the man who will take the college to another level."

Wisbey, age 43, comes most recently from Canadian University College in Red Deer, Alberta, where he has served as president since 1998. Before going to Canada, he was associate professor of youth ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. While there Wisbey developed a Masters in Youth Ministry program. He also served as the director of the Center for Youth Evangelism, located at Andrews University, which publishes the quarterly publication *Giraffe News*. He organized the Giraffe Society, a pro-active youth ministry organization.

"I am humbled at the opportunity to join the faculty and students of this superb academic institution as it moves in to the 21st century. Its location in the Washington metropolitan area provides an amazing array of dynamic educational opportunities for its students. The college's historic commitment to service also enables each student to not only consider the needs of the world—it empowers them to act upon meeting those needs," said Wisbey.

Wisbey served as campus chaplain at CUC and an associate pastor at Sligo from 1985 to 1990 and served as an assistant professor in the religion department from 1990 to 1991. Prior to that, Wisbey pastored the Roseburg and Mt. Tabor churches in Oregon.

In 1990, Wisbey completed the Doctor of Ministry degree at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He had previously received a Master of Divinity degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1984 and a bachelor's degree in theology and journalism from Walla Walla College in Walla Walla, Washington, in 1980. He is an ordained minister.

Wisbey succeeds Charles Scriven, Ph.D., president since 1992, who told the college board in January that he was stepping down at the end of the current academic year in May. Scriven has been asked to remain on the faculty. Wisbey was present for the May 17 board meeting and has met with Scriven to plan a smooth transition.

Lee and Wisbey will be present at most of the camp meetings this summer throughout our eight-state region. Lee looks forward to personally introducing the new college president to the church members and pastors who make up the school's "owners."

Wisbey is married to the former Deanna Clay, who served as an assistant professor of communication at Andrews. They have an 11-year old son, Alexander. The Wisbeys have a strong commitment to CUC and the opportunities it provides for a wholistic, dynamic and Christ-centered education.

"I consider this a unique opportunity to serve alongside the dedicated faculty and staff of CUC," said Wisbey. "I am incredibly thankful that we can return to Takoma Park and work together."

SLIGO by the SEA

SUMMER OF 2000
SCHEDULE

St Peter's Lutheran Church
10301 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, Maryland

Sabbath School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

June 24	Del Holbrook
July 1	Worship in Music With the Karpenko & Reid Families
July 8	Robert Schwint
July 15	William Johnsson
July 22	Rob Vandeman
July 29	Kermit Netteburg
August 5	Walter Scragg
August 12	Terry Johnsson
August 19	Richard Stenbakken
August 26	Richard Osborn
September 2	Bill Loveless

NEW BOOKS for you & your family



The Advent Keepsake

A commemorative limited edition of the first devotional published by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This little book is an exact copy of the book published in 1868, during the early days of the great Advent movement, and started the devotional book program that Review and Herald Publishing continues today.



Apocalypse!

Has the countdown begun?
David Marshall

A book makes complete sense only when you have read the end of the story. But as David Marshall zeroes in on the end time crisis—Babylon, Armageddon, the beast—you realize the inadequacy of the old preacher's summary of Revelation: "Jesus wins." Much of Revelation is concerned with the crisis before the final victory, a crisis in which we shall have to be able to tell counterfeit from real in order to survive. This is the business of this book.



Where's the Fire?

Michelle Graham
(Ages 10-14)

This moving story about Cain, Abel, Elijah, and the prophets of Baal helps kids understand the significant difference between the altars prepared by these people—the difference in their hearts.

Written in simple, compelling language, it presents the beautiful gospel message summed up by one 13-year-old reader of this book. "The fire on the altar was God's power to change our lives, and where there was no fire it was because those people were trying to change themselves."



We don't come in swimsuits," said one member. "But nobody cares if you wear slacks or sandals and no hose. People just want to come down for the weekend and don't want to bring a lot of fancy clothes." It is the beach, after all.

Every summer at Ocean City, Maryland's biggest beach resort town, a group of Adventists meet on Sabbath morning at a Lutheran church on 103rd Street for Sligo-by-the-Sea. Members of the group—many of whom have houses in other beach areas: Bethany, Ocean City, Berlin, or Fenwick Island—have been spending Sabbath mornings together for 35 years. Several of them attend Sligo Church during the winter, but when they are away from the city during the summer months, they still want to attend church.

"It's evidence that people, no matter where they are, want to continue the Sligo experience," said Roy Branson, professor of political studies at Columbia Union College, who has spoken at Sligo-by-the-Sea on several occasions. "They've managed to do that year after year."

Many who regularly attend the informal summer Sabbath services have lots of friends in the wider Adventist community and at the General Conference. With the promise of a free two-night stay at one of the members' beach houses and \$50 to cover travel expenses, busy speakers are happy to visit the little congregation in Ocean City, where they are expected to speak for Sabbath School, preach a sermon, and sometimes even bring the special music. Well-known speakers such as Ben Carson, Ralph Thompson, Delmer Holbrook, Bill Knott, Bill Johnsson, and Bill Loveless, have all traveled east to spend the weekend and preach on Sabbath morning.

"The preachers love to come," said Kitty Hardy, who puts up two or three speakers every summer at her house just a short block from Bethany Beach.

"It's a vacation for them, and it's nice for us to have a wonderful preacher."

"We always have such inspiring speakers that I hate to ever miss it," said Claire Senseman, who has a condo in Ocean City. She currently chairs the committee that plans the services, arranges lodging for speakers and selects speakers. "They like to come down. Some of them who aren't asked wish they were."

Where else do world-famous speakers preach week after week to a small congregation with no permanent pastor, no plans to get one and in a church that only meets 11 weeks out of the year? Sometimes there are 30 people in the audience on Sabbath and occasionally more than a hundred attend. While many loyal individuals attend week after week, there is no membership list. People come when they can.

"It has filled a need," said Joan Hatt, a member of the planning committee. "When people are staying down at the beach they have a place to go to church."

Sabbath morning services, with Sabbath School at 10 a.m. and church at 11 a.m., are held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church across from the Sheraton Hotel at 103rd Street in north Ocean City. The congregation has been meeting here for the last 15 years. The Lutheran church recently built a beautiful new sanctuary, but didn't even raise the \$125 rent for the Sabbath morning hours. "Everyone is thrilled with the gorgeous addition," said Senseman.

To pay for renting the Lutheran church, one offering is taken each Sabbath. The money is handled by Sligo Church which pays the rent and other expenses.



"We've always had enough offering to cover our expenses," said Hatt, who has been involved with the Sligo-by-the-Sea since it began in 1965. Her husband, Robert Hatt, was one of the founders.

Sligo-by-the-Sea was the brainchild of Bill Loveless, then pastor at Sligo, and several Sligo members. The first church they rented was a little wooden church at the south end of Ocean City on First Street. When that got too small, the group moved to a church on Seventh Street, and then migrated even farther north to its present location on 103rd Street.

Sligo-by-the-Sea has enjoyed extraordinary success for 35 consecutive seasons. "It has increasing loyalty among members who come back year after year," said Ralph Krum, who has attended since the very early days.

"We have a very warm camaraderie," said Senseman. "Everyone is helpful. For instance, we don't always know who is going to play the piano, but someone always pops up to do it."

Musicians, young professionals, teenagers, parents with children and senior citizens all visit the church by the beach.

"We get to see people we might not get to see the rest of the year," said Hardy. "Sligo-by-the-Sea brings people together."

Alita Byrd is an editorial coordinator at National Geographic magazine in Washington, D.C. and loves the beach.

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NEW BOOKS for you & your family

E. Edward Zinke & Roland Hegstad



The Certainty of the Second Coming

E. Edward Zinke and Roland Hegstad Close your eyes and ask yourself: How would my life be different if I did not have the hope of the Second Coming?

The second coming of Jesus is the capstone of Scripture. But how does it relate to other teachings of the Bible? In what

way are the doctrines that launched the Protestant Reformation foundational to the certainty of the Advent? Ed Zinke connects the dots to reveal not only a coherent system of truth we can trust, but a reliable God we can love. He shows that doctrine is not an end in itself, but a means of understanding the One who is coming for us. This is a full-message book.

The final chapter features an imagined debate on the day of judgment between some of the greatest thinkers and leaders of history. And don't miss Roland Hegstad's update of the signs of the end.



Changing Lives

Experience the Power of a Teen Prayer Conference
Sarah Coleman Kelnhofer

A revolution is taking place among Adventist youth, and now you can be a part of it. This book will not only thrill you with the possibilities of teen prayer conferences; it will tell you

how to hold your own!

Sarah Coleman Kelnhofer provides a recipe for reproducing the excitement of changed lives in your own church. She leads you step by step through anxiety to confidence, providing possible scenarios with detailed suggestions for managing your own conference. The book includes stories from real people who have encountered the challenges you will face, and a handy list of additional planning resources.

Just out of college, Sarah Coleman Kelnhofer is the author of the young adult devotional *God Who?*

Ministry on the Boardwalk



"The Last Supper"

Every summer, Jesus appears to thousands of beach-goers cruising the boardwalk in Ocean City, Maryland. Illuminated by colored lights, the larger-than-life figure holds out his arms in love to the crowds sauntering by, stands behind His commandments, or hangs in agony on the cross.

"This is a little spiritual oasis on that crazy boardwalk," says Randy Hofman, professional sand sculptor in Ocean City who creates biblical sand figures all summer across from the Plim Plaza Hotel at Second Street.

Hofman, 48, has been building sand sculptures next to the boardwalk as an evangelistic outreach since the 70s, when he learned to sand-sculpt biblical figures from his predecessor, Marc Altamare. Altamare taught himself to sand-sculpt during family vacations at Ocean City in the mid-50s. He sculpted scenes such as Moses changing rods into snakes and Abraham preparing to sacrifice Isaac as a witness to passersby until he bequeathed the practice to Hofman.



"The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ"



"Jesus on the Cross"



"David and Goliath"

"You could say the boardwalk is my church," says Hofman, an ordained minister through the Delmarva Evangelistic Church in Salisbury.

Each sculpture takes anywhere from one to six hours to complete, (not including an hour to dig into the moist sand and pile it up). Hofman makes sand sculpting look easy; the enormous figures come to life under his hands. "In sand I just seem to make people a little bigger than life size. The 12 apostles at the Last Supper are like a bunch of football players."

After the sculpture is finished, Hofman sprays it with a glue solution that protects it from the wind and inevitable crumbling for a few more days.

"I like doing temporary Bible art," Hofman says. "It shows that we are temporary."

According to her friends, Alita Byrd goes to the beach every weekend she can.



"Jesus and John the Baptist" with the Artist.



"Wise Men Still Seek Him"

Beatitudes by the Beach

The mission of Sligo-by-the-Sea is to provide a temporary church home to Adventist beachgoers in the summer months, but some people see this view as too narrow.

"The beach attracts people from all walks of life and the Baptists, the Episcopalians, the Catholics, the Mormons, the Jehovah's Witnesses—all the churches are there," says Ralph Krum, who has worked in real estate in Ocean City for 30 years. "But where are the Adventists? I've always felt a deep burden for a year-round witness at the beach."

To meet the need for year-round services for local people, Krum and several others have started a service called Beatitudes by the Beach. Separate from Sligo-by-the-Sea, yet not competing with it, Beatitudes by the Beach meets in the same Lutheran church during the winter months and joins Sligo-by-the-Sea in the summer.

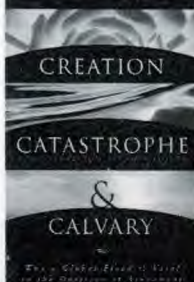
Between 20 and 40 people met each week last winter, the first year of Beatitudes by the Beach. When there are 25 regular members, they will organize as a recognized congregation in the Chesapeake Conference. Until then, the group meets informally and brings in well-known speakers from the General Conference, ADRA and other churches. Neal Wilson, past General Conference president, spoke there in March.

Like Sligo-by-the-Sea, Beatitudes by the Beach arranges lodging for its speakers, usually at the Quality Hotel owned by Tim Bainum, who helps plan the services. If a scheduled speaker can't make it, they watch Dwight Nelson or some other speaker on a video. They advertise their church services in three local papers and report that some non-members have attended as a result.

Krum and others have dreamed of starting a year-round church in Ocean City for a long time, but have been met with several dilemmas, one being that Sligo-by-the-Sea, effectively part of the Potomac Conference, as Sligo Church is, actually operates in the area run by the Chesapeake Conference. So who should be in charge? There are still questions to be answered and challenges to be faced, but in the meantime, Beatitudes by the Beach continues to meet every week until Sligo-by-the-Sea starts up again on June 24.



NEW BOOKS for you & your family



Creation, Catastrophe, and Calvary

Why a Global Flood Is Vital to the Doctrine of Atonement

John Templeton Baldwin, editor

People often ask: "In this scientific age, what difference does it make whether I believe the world was created in six literal days and that the world was

destroyed by a global flood?" In answering these questions, *Creation, Catastrophe, and Calvary* shows how these beliefs are related to key issues such as the forgiveness of our sins and Sabbath observance.

Offering the latest in-depth biblical and geological analyses of issues related to the biblical creation and flood narratives, *Creation, Catastrophe, and Calvary* explains from a spiritual and theological standpoint the importance these beliefs have for our daily lives and our Adventist faith. Includes essays by some of the leading creationist voices in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including Randall Younker, Richard Davidson, Ariel Roth, John Baldwin, and Norman Gulley.

CLIFFORD GOLDSTEIN



For sharing

The Day Evil Dies

The great controversy for a new millennium
Clifford Goldstein

Not quite up to sharing the 700-page *Great Controversy*? A completely new book, *The Day Evil Dies*, covers the same great truths—in a contemporary

style and user-friendly size.

Clifford Goldstein provides a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the war between Christ and Satan and helps your friends and neighbors see their role in the conflict before it's too late.



WHAT ARE YOU **reading** THIS summer THAT WILL MAKE A difference IN YOUR **spiritual life**?

It's a summer tradition. That box of books you put in the car and take along on vacation when you plan to get some serious time to read.

Life is too busy to read any more. Jobs are more demanding and people spend more hours at work. It seems harder to find volunteers at church, and schools expect more of parents than they used to. Everything is much more complicated. Businesses and organizations seem to feel they must take your time with forms, bureaucracy, telemarketing calls, and endless details and procedures.

For years as a pastor, I had a modest stack of new books to read on my desk. Now it's three stacks: "must read," "really must read" "and absolutely must read!"

Reading is important. It strengthens our mind, and refreshes our spirit. It opens a larger world to us when we are so completely constricted by pressures, deadlines, meetings and tasks.

God Touches You through Books

Reading has always been an important part of Seventh-day Adventist spirituality. Tens of thousands have given their lives to circulating millions of "truth-filled volumes." You've undoubtedly met someone who "read herself into the message."

Maybe you grew up, as I did, on the JMV and MV Book Clubs, riding down jungle rivers with Leo and Jesse Hallowell and joining archeological digs with Dr.

Siegfried Horn. Those mission stories, read in early adolescence, sometimes late into the night after my parents thought I had gone to sleep, made an indelible impression and changed my whole life!

Have you had a life-changing experience with a book? I will never forget reading Galatians from the New Testament together with a group of young adults friends as "reader's theater." I really heard,

as if for the first time, the ringing proclamation of the victory of Christ's grace over sin, evil, prejudice and injustice, of how much God loves us even though we are sinners!



Monte Sahlin

How will books make a difference in your life this summer? Re-connecting with old friends, soaring on the wings of angels, or exploring new worlds of thought? Are you making some definite plans to let God feed your mind during the summer of 2000?

What Should You Read?

Twice a year the *Visitor* brings you a special "Book Issue" in cooperation with the Adventist bookstores in our eight-state region and the denomination's publishers. This is one of those issues, and throughout its pages you will find information about many new books. Our writers, editors and art directors have been preparing a summer feast for you and the *Visitor* brings you the menu!

We thought you might also be interested in the reactions of readers, Adventist Church members just like you. What are they reading? What can they enthusiastically recommend?

Unfortunately, we could not get advance copies of most of the new books you will see announced in this edition. You can get all of the titles mentioned through your local Adventist Book Center by calling (800) 765-6955, over the Internet at web sites such as Amazon.com, or any bookstore can order for you what it does not have in inventory.

Angels, Pets and Sharing

"I really enjoyed angel stories from Celeste Perrino Walker," says Sharon DeGrave, a "mom" and an instructor at Pickering Place, a residence for developmentally disabled adults in New Market, Virginia. She's referring to *Warriors and Guardians*, both published by Pacific Press. "I hope they publish some more from her soon." She's heard that Review & Herald is releasing a book titled *Invisible Warriors* which she plans to read this summer. "Curling up in a comfy chair with a good book is my way of relaxing."

"My favorite book right now is *Mike's World* (Review & Herald)," reports Bonnie Breetzke, who lives in Cincinnati and works with health insurance as a physician liaison. "We started reading it to our



Sharon DeGrave

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daughter, Jessie, but it was so entertaining I was soon reading ahead by myself."

Breetzke also provides an example of another common behavior Adventists have with books—sharing them with people in need. "I gave away my first copy to a friend who was struggling with a chronic illness." Beyond just "being entertaining and lifting her spirits," the book includes many anecdotes about Mike's chronically ill mother. "He is a normal kid and has a good life. I thought that would be encouraging to her."

Denice Grove, an office secretary in New Market, also recommends *Mike's World*. "It has so many neat pet stories, and I just love animals. His stories are so funny; I have shared them with my friends at work."

Don and Betty Pierson, retired from the denomination's national headquarters staff and active members at the Takoma Park, Maryland, Church, gave copies of the same book to several friends and neighbors. "They came back and asked for more copies for other grandchildren and friends."

They also found that *Little Hearts for Jesus* (Review & Herald) is a great gift for both parents with preschoolers and grandparents. "My neighbor said that she likes it because anyone can pick it up and do the activities with their grandchildren without having to know a lot about church or the Bible. It is all simple and clear, and everything you need to know is right there."

Reading some from an "oldy but goody," *The Desire of Ages* by Ellen White is another part of Grove's summer plans. "It seems like every time I read it, I find more details that I did not notice the last time. I am always amazed at Mrs. White's insight into Jesus' tender and loving personality. What a walk with God she must have had to understand Him that way!"

Theology, Church History and Girls

Professionals, of course, have different tastes in reading than do other church members. I will likely read Andrew Greeley's latest novel this summer, just to relax, but I've also vowed to take the quality time to work through *Introduction to the New Testament* by



Denice Grove



Donkey-Cart Kids

Bobbie Montgomery
(Ages 9-12)

First Daddy died, then Mommy got sick and had to go to the sanitarium. That left Michael, 12, as head of the family. Somehow he had to get his four younger brothers and sisters to Grandma Bell's house. Then Nanny

Goat ate their train tickets! Now what?

Anxious to avoid a sinister uncle who is looking for them, the five Larkin children set out for Grandma's in a cart pulled by Jake, the donkey, accompanied by Nanny Goat, Red the dog and Goldie, the bantam hen. On the way they meet Cris, the hermit, with his strange partner, ride in a pioneer parade through one town spend a stormy night in an abandoned house and share a birthday celebration with an ancient Indian. All the while, as Betty put it, "the angel guards watched over us." The *Donkey-Cart Kids* is an adventure you will never forget.



Fruit Tramp Kids

Bobbie Montgomery
(Ages 9-12)

Life is hard. It's the Depression. Jo's dad has lost the farm and become a fruit picker. At the pickers' camp, Jo befriends Carlos after he is abandoned by his mean stepdad, Shorty. But now Shorty wants him back—or else!

Hiding from Shorty, Carlos and Jo team up with Dort and her little sister Tiny, and brothers John, Jerry, and Jim. They share a spud roast, a wild ride on old Watermelon George's horses, a benefit talent show to raise \$100 for an operation for Dort's mother, and several close encounters with Norman, the local bully.

Jo narrowly escapes kidnapping by Shorty, and the fruit tramp kids end up in a desperate race to out-run Shorty in his truck. But danger gives way to grace. This is Christian adventure at its finest!

Raymond Brown (InterVarsity Press). And, I've already begun to read *Why Our Teenagers Leave the Church* (Review & Herald), a monumental work based on ten years of surveys by Dr. Roger Dudley, director of the Institute of Church Ministry at Andrews University.

Van Sailo, associate pastor at the New Market Church, reports that he has several books he wants to read this summer but "my office is so busy and full of distractions, when I want to read, I have a quiet spot in my basement. I am reading *Sunday's Coming* by Ed Reid (Review & Herald). The next one on my agenda is *Tell It to the World* by Mervyn Maxwell (Pacific Press).

Marvin Brauer, a physician in Edinburg, Virginia, is reading through the *Bible Amplifier* series, his wife, Judy, reports. This is the first Bible commentary series launched by an Adventist publisher in decades, but unfortunately Pacific Press has suspended the addition of new titles due to the fact that they were not selling enough copies to break even. It makes one wonder if Adventists have lost their appetite for serious Bible study.

"[We are a] family [of] bookworms," continues Judy, who is a Registered Nurse and is currently home schooling Cassie, age 10, and Sasha, age 7. She and her husband read to their children. "I have been into *The Queen's Smuggler* about William Tyndale." It is part of the *Trailblazer* (Bethany Books) series of biographies of important Christian heroes. "The girls really enjoy that series. I also like reading them *Women of Courage* (Zondervan). These are stories of women from the Bible. There aren't very many of them so any stories about Bible women or Christian women who are good role models, like Madame Curie, are good ones for us."

Quality Time for Reading

Everyone we interviewed complains about the lack of time to read. Wilona Karimabadi, editorial assistant at the *Visitor* observes that if it

were not for deadlines, "I'd be out there with my shoes off—in a hammock—lazily enjoying the early summer breeze." She points out two perfectly positioned trees from her window on the second floor of the union office. "Today is a perfectly beautiful spring day ... perfect for swinging in a hammock under shady trees and reading." The book? Vikram Seth's

A Suitable Boy (Harperperennial). It's "as thick as a dictionary," the tale of four families in newly independent, 1950s India. The story weaves colorful threads of Indian culture, love and religion in an intricate pattern reminiscent of a sari.

"With a six-month-old baby at home," smiles Karimabadi—and she doesn't say, plus impossible deadlines every two weeks because we still have a staff vacancy—"I haven't exactly had the time for a 1,000-page work of literature, but maybe I'll be able to snatch a moment or two this summer." She also plans to find time to "grab the baby, a volume of *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* (Review & Herald)—

still a favorite of mine—head for the hammock and the both of us can get lost in a story."

The Practical, Relational

Story is the most widely popular form of literature. In fact, if you count all the new book announcements in this issue, you will find that Adventist publishers produce more storybooks than anything else. Yet, in our time, "how-to" books have become almost as widely read. With practical guidance for relationships, life skills, health, nutrition, fitness and everything from how to buy stock on the Internet to starting a neighborhood Bible study group in your home, these self-help books take the place of the extended family in previous generations passing on traditional advice.

Pat Sullivan, a single nurse practitioner in Germantown, Maryland, has been reading *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* (Multnomah) by Joshua Harris along with two friends, Jessica Tull, a nursing assistant, and Laura Lipscomb, a student. "I did things the usual way with my first marriage, and this is really different," says Sullivan, "but it makes a lot of sense."

"I've seen a lot of my friends get really messed up while dating," comments Tull. "This is an interesting approach. I haven't finished reading it yet, but I think it is a really good idea."

Biography

"We really enjoy reading biographies," say the Piersons. They enjoy reading to each other as they travel. "We both really appreciated *Jack: An Incredible Life* by Jolena Taylor King (Review & Herald), about Jack Blanco and *H.M.S. Richards: Near To The Heart Of God* by Bob Edwards, (Review & Herald).

Blanco teaches biblical studies at Southern Adventist University and wrote a paraphrase of the Bible widely used by Adventists. "His father left as soon as he heard there was a baby on the way so Jack never knew him. His mother got the opportunity to go to America and work, so he lived with his grandparents. Life in Germany was so hard in those years" during World War II, and Blanco was conscripted as a slave laborer, "but he came out like gold refined in the fire."

The couple shares one of their "favorite stories from the H.M.S. Richards book. Morris Venden asked [Richards] if women should wear make-up." The venerable evangelist thought for a minute and then said, "If the barn needs painting, it ought to be painted!" It was "not necessarily the response I expected," smiles Betty, "but so practical and down to earth."



Mike Dillon



Wilona and Mia Karimabadi



Vikki Montgomery

"Nelson Mandela is my hero," says Vikki Montgomery, news and information coordinator at the *Visitor*. "I think he is the one living person who personifies the forgiveness that God extends to us. I have been trying to read his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom* (Little Brown & Company), for a couple of years. It's so good, I savor it in bits and pieces. I really don't want to come to the end of it. This summer I plan to find a quiet, shady spot outdoors—away from work and home—to sit and savor it some more.

"When I go to the beach," Montgomery continues, "I plan to read Madeleine L'Engle's *A Circle of Quiet*, which is part of her *Crosswick Journals* (Harperperennial Library). I've started *Book 1* and have found myself giggling with delight over her humor-spiked thoughts on God, home, work and family. Another bonus for me is that she weaves in tips from her own prolific writing life."

What Would Jesus Do?

Reading is a form of discipleship. "Ever since reading *In His Steps* by Charles Sheldon (Honor Books)," recalls Mitzi Lipscomb, a nurse's assistant who lives in Timberville, Virginia, "I have been trying to ask myself, 'What would Jesus do?' Many times I really don't know what He would do, so I am reading *The Desire of Ages*. There are a lot of books out there on the life of Jesus, but this one seems to be the most comprehensive and shows me His character and how He felt about people and situations. I am a pretty slow reader because I stop often to write notes and look up the texts that go along with the chapters. Sometimes the situations in the story will remind me of things happening to people I know, and then I stop to pray for them. It is a good [read]."

"I read everything I can get my hands on," says Kathleen Riley, church clerk and Sabbath School secretary at the New Market Church. In fact, one of the reasons that she has volunteered to take care of the lay activities room at the church is because members drop off donations of books, "and I read everything that comes in. Last week I read *I Saw Thee Philip* by Josephine Cunnington Edwards (Southern Publishing, out of print). It tells several inspiring conversion stories."



Sally Dillon

What's Your Plan?

There are plenty of choices. Lots of good ideas. What is your plan for summer reading? Will you be at a different place in your walk with Christ by the time busy schedules and cold winds return next fall?

Sally Dillon, a freelance writer from Timberville, Virginia, assisted in gathering interviews for this article.

NEW BOOKS for you & your family



God's Good News

David Marshall

Good news is scarce in today's world. But that's not how God wants it to be. This full-message sharing book will help your friends and neighbors discover Jesus and the good news of His soon return.

Readers will learn the reasons God's Book can be trusted above all others; meet the Man who made the good news possible and revealed God in sharp focus; find out how to get to know God personally; explore God's answers to humanity's questions and God's solutions to humanity's problems; and discover God's panorama of the future.



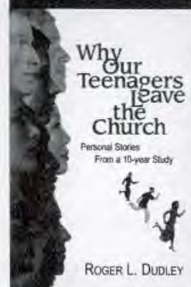
The Guilt-free Gourmet

A Vegan Cookbook and Lifestyle Resource Manual

Vicki B. Griffin and Gina M. Griffin

Scientific research is now showing that a diet rich in plant foods can actually help lower stress and reverse stress-related damage to our body and brain. All the recipes in this book are

designed to provide you with the nutrients that help fight stress—and many of the killer diseases raging through society today. Also, this is one of the few excitotoxin-free vegan cookbooks available.



Why Our Teenagers Leave the Church

Personal Stories From a 10-Year Study
Roger Dudley

About 50 percent of Adventist youth leave the church in their 20s. Why? How can we keep them? How can we win them back?

This book is the culmination of a magnificent obsession. For more than 10 years Roger Dudley traced the lives of 1,500 teenagers as they grew up and, often, grew disillusioned. Refusing to let them leave in peace, Dudley bombarded them with questionnaires. Many of them answered. This is their story.

If you want to know what the youth of your church are not telling you, read this book.

CUB: The Ultimate Urban Experience

From that point on, the adventure began and we started to develop a new program to meet the changing needs of the church and community.



Program director Jessica Binkley and camper Luke Hecht share a moment of fun at Camp Upward Bound.

A box of graham crackers, a jug of Tang and a room full of restless kids. It's 3 p.m., snack time at Camp Upward Bound (CUB). It isn't exactly the feeding of the five thousand, but you would never know that by the noise level. As with Jesus, our greatest desire as counselors is not only to feed the body but also to nourish the mind and the spirit.

CUB has been doing just that for over 10 years. The program started under the direction of Pastor Ron Hyrchuk who wanted to give kids in the community a positive way to spend their summer. Over the years the camp leadership has changed several times, and the camp has grown and evolved with the times.

This past year Pastor Terry Johnsson, pastor for youth and children's ministries at Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, took over the position of camp administrator. Shortly after this he asked me to be the program director and work with him to develop a fresh vision for the camp. I had been working with Pastor Johnsson and youth ministries for several years now while studying education at Columbia Union College. The offer sparked my interest. I had never done anything like this before, but it sounded exciting, so I accepted the position. From that point on, the adventure began. We started by developing a new program to meet the changing needs of the church and community.

The urban location, diversity of needs and age range of campers make for a unique setting. To find out what the top needs were for camp, we met with several parents to get input for our upcoming summer program. The parents told us that they wanted a safe, learning-focused environment that would provide an opportunity for positive interaction with campers' peers and counselors. With this in mind, we began to develop the new program. With much prayer and discussion, we gathered our staff and began brainstorming. We started with a clean board and filled it with a schedule, themes, classes, activities and field trips.

The camp would run from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. with early and late care provided. The campers, ranging from age 6-14, would be divided into age-based



Jessica Binkley is a senior education major at Columbia Union College.

groups. Each week would have a theme such as "Around the World in Five Days" (learning about different cultures), "Einstein's Workshop" (experiments in science), and "Olympics" (the opportunity to play a variety of sports and games). During most of the day the campers would rotate with their age group through classes based on the theme for the week. In the afternoon the campers would sign up to participate in activities such as swimming, art or computers. One day a week we would take a trip to a place relating to the theme for the week such as the National Geographic Society, NASA or Camden Yards.

With these plans in place, the summer began. The response was overwhelming. We had originally counted on about 30 campers per week. Instead, 60-80 kids attended camp on any given week, with over 300 coming through the program over the course of the summer. The long hours of dreaming, planning, and preparing for camp paid off.

Working at CUB was one of the single most valuable experiences of my life. Going into the summer I had no experience working at camp. I just knew that I loved kids, and I enjoyed a good challenge. Being the program director pushed me to try new things, to be creative and to always strive to be better.

No matter what ideas I had or the amount of planning that I put in, none of it would have been successful without the wonderful staff. They gave life to our ideas and adjusted and worked with them to bring them into reality. I cannot give enough compliments to the counselors. Each of them had a caring heart. They were fun, creative and generous.

As for the campers, I'd like to say that one week or an entire summer at Camp Upward Bound will turn a kid around or make a life-changing impact on them. Such things are hard to gauge, though the apostle Paul says, "My job was to plant the seed in your hearts ... but it was God, not we, who made it grow" (1 Corinthians 3: 6). What a privilege, however, to take part in the planting. It's hard to say how far fun, learning and friendship will go, but with God the possibilities are endless.

Summer is quickly approaching and so is another summer of CUB. Planning and hiring are in progress, and the adventure is about to begin all over again—complete with graham crackers and Tang.

NEW BOOKS for you & your family



The Great Kidsboro Takeover Marshal Younger (Ages 9-12)

Welcome to Kidsboro. It has a church, a police station, a store, a bakery, a weekly newspaper, even a jail. The citizens are all under 14 years of age. The town they built sits in the woods behind the house of founder Ryan Cummings,

12. It started as a school project, then took on a life of its own. The population has mushroomed from five to 29. Kidsboro has a chief of police, lawyers, a newspaper reporter, an insurance agent, and one perplexed mayor. That's Ryan.

He may not be mayor for long. Valerie wants to change the rules. "If I don't get what I want," she says, "I'm gonna take over this town and run you out." The peace of Kidsboro is about to be disturbed.

This book shows how rules, such as the Ten Commandments, help us to live a more productive life and create a more peaceful and godly society.



Highly Effective Marriage Nancy Van Pelt

If you want a stronger, even closer marriage, this book is filled with powerful secrets. You'll learn how to change the status quo, six rules for fighting fair, the magic of "share prayer," creative dates with your spouse, 21 ways to love your wife, how

to decide who submits to whom, and scores of other ways to create the marriage of your dreams.

Nancy Van Pelt is a certified family professional and consumer science professional. She is also the author of *Creative Hospitality* and *Get Organized*. Look for all three books at your camp meeting ABC.



A Community Called Camp

For me, Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia, is a place where friendships are born and unforgettable memories are made that last a lifetime.

The first time that I visited Camp Blue Ridge was to pick up my older brother, Donnie, from a weeklong stay. He was playing kick ball with a bunch of people that I didn't even know! I asked him who they were as he threw all of his gear into the trunk of our car. He said, "Other campers." I was amazed that he could play kick ball with people that he had only known one week. He shrugged it off as if it were no big deal, but I knew that it had to be a special, wonderful place. It made me so excited to know that the next summer I would be old enough to partake in this little community called camp.

That summer came and made me a proud member of "The Otters," better known to outsiders as Cabin 3. In later years I would be a Bobcat and a Cougar in the same cabin. I had so much fun riding the jet skis and hunting crayfish that when the week was up, I almost didn't want to go home. When my mom came to pick me up I had about 50 crayfish, ranging from the size of my fingernail to a good seven inches, all crammed into a five-gallon bucket. I let them all go and said goodbye to Camp Blue Ridge until the next summer.

Every year was full of horseback riding, basketball, rock climbing, archery, swimming, canoeing and—most importantly—friends. I would forge some of the best friendships there. When I would run into my friends a year or two later, it was really neat being able to renew the bond that had been created at summer camp.

My first real spiritual awakening was at camp too. At the end of the week, on Friday night, the [staff did] a skit portraying the death of Jesus. As I watched my own counselor, my friend, being nailed to the cross, I realized that Jesus died for His friends. You and I are His friends. Peter and Paul were His friends. A little boy in Afghanistan is His friend. He died for all of us and we all have a place in heaven if we want it.

I went to Camp Blue Ridge every year from the time I was seven to the time I was 13. Every year held a new and exciting experience. I would never trade the times I had at camp for anything. I have never regretted going, and I would recommend the place to anyone. If you just want to have some fun for a week, I'm convinced the best place to do it is at summer camp.

Mike Dillon, a Shenandoah Valley Academy student, shares more camp memories in his book, Mike's World.



NEW BOOKS for you & your family



Hold Me, Help Me, Heal Me

A mother's desperate plea,
a child's final cry!

Sandy Wyman Richert

When 7-year-old Trevor was diagnosed with an extremely rare form of brain cancer, thousands of believers across the country lifted him in prayer.

His mom, Sandy, entreated God for a miracle. But she was yet to learn a new definition for the word "miracle."

This is the story of Sandy Wyman Richert's journey with her son through the "valley of death"—and her eventual realization that joy and pain both play a part in God's perfect pattern for our lives.



A Horse Called Tamarindo

JoAnne Chitwood Nowack
(Ages 13-16)

In this fourth book in the "A Horse Called" series, Tory visits a Honduran orphanage and encounters tragically abused children, a magnificent wild gelding, and miracles of God's grace.

When kids collect all the books in this series they will have, except for the hands-on experience, all they need to complete a horsemanship and horse husbandry honor in Pathfinders. Also, the complete series covers the fundamental teachings of Scripture.

Other titles in the series are A Horse Called Mayonnaise, A Horse Called Blackberry, and A Horse Called Poppyseed. Check them out at your camp meeting ABC this summer!

Summer Camp

ANDY NICHOLS

I have been blessed with the experience of working five summers at Mt. Aetna Camp in Hagerstown, Maryland. I made countless memories, but what stays with me the most is how the camp changed, and how it changed me.

My first summer as a counselor at Mt. Aetna was 1993 when I was 16 years old. (My most interesting memory of that year was almost getting my finger cut off by my friend Scott.) In 1994 I came back and worked maintenance. After a three-year hiatus, I returned again in 1997. This time I served as boys' village director and worked the following two summers in the same position.



Summer Camp Memories

A lot had changed in the three years I was gone, and more would change over the next three summers. The camp was under the leadership of a new director. New buildings had been erected; others had been condemned. Linda Brinegar's awesome cooking was missing. So was Indy, the water-loving golden retriever. And some of the permanent staff I had known and loved were leaving. I would soon discover that a lot of the changes were for the better.

The new (and current) director, Pete Braman, came in with the desire for change. He had a passion for ministering to young people. He surrounded himself with a bright, enthusiastic staff, and we went to work. He instilled in us the idea that we were doing God's work and that we had an incredible opportunity to shape the lives of God's precious children. We took it to heart and gave it our best. We had to. The danger of working with kids is that they see through it all; there's no fooling them. You cry with them at times, but mostly you laugh and smile with them.

The next three summers weren't without challenges. In the spring of 1998, the camp broke ground for a new swimming pool. By summer, that was all that had been accomplished on it. We spent some stressful hours trying to figure out how to have a summer camp without a pool. Through creativity and flexibility (the most important traits of a summer camp employee), we made it through. God took care of everything for us, as He always had. This past summer we were able to christen a brand new pool.

I don't think there was a kid at camp during the past three summers who didn't love nature class with its giant (6'8") teacher, David [Delafield]. Classes were

held in the nature center (it hadn't been incorporated in the camp program during my first "tour of duty.") David gave the campers an opportunity to handle snakes, rats, ferrets, lizards (not all at the same time), and all kinds of creepy, crawly creatures. Needless to say I didn't venture over to the nature center too often.

What made the camp so vibrant and alive were the talents and enthusiasm that people brought with them. Everyone brought something unique and invaluable to the overall success of the program. We had a maintenance staff that could fix or build just about anything (and we put their skills to the test). The cohesiveness of the staff was unlike anything I had ever been a part of before. We stuck with each other, and there was no such thing as "your job" and "my job." We made an extra effort to make it "our job."

Sure, there are some things that Mt. Aetna will never have. For example, you won't find campers practicing competitive canoeing there (but I'll tell you, canoeing in three feet of water is quite an experience). However, new plans are always in the works. This year they've finished a new ropes course.

People always ask me about my favorite camp memory. That's tough because there are so many: the smile of an enthusiastic young camper, the victory shared in winning a soul to Christ. But, hands down, my favorite memory is July 31, 1999, when, in front more than 150 campers and staff, I proposed to Jennifer Hanson (she said yes).

Would I recommend working at Mt. Aetna? My answer is an absolutely biased, emphatic yes!

Andy Nichols is a first-year law student at the University of Maryland. He and Jennifer will marry in August.

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Andy Nichols proposes to Jennifer Hanson in front of 130 campers, as brother Jerry Nichols, looks on.

NEW BOOKS for you & your family



For sharing
How to Survive in the 21st Century
Herbert E. Douglass

The twenty-first century. Will it bring unbridled optimism or unprecedented fear? Will the world descend into chaos or advance to an age of peace and plenty? Or will the future be different

from anything we can imagine? Whatever the future, this book equips readers physically, mentally, and emotionally to master its demands.

Herb Douglass explains how to develop the qualities needed to prosper in the coming age: enthusiasm, perseverance, and a winning attitude. He explains how to stop smoking, lose weight, conquer stress, and increase your fitness. He explains how to get out of debt, solve problems by unleashing your creativity, replace bad habits with good ones, and plan your destiny. Finally, Douglass takes the long view and reveals how to develop the fortitude to withstand the ultimate crisis of the ages.



I Call Him Abba
Céleste Perrino Walker

Who understands God better: theologians or mothers? Before you answer, read this book. What can the simple trust of a child teach us about faith? When we hurt, who hurts the most? Does God ever give us time-out? How does He experience rejection?

You will fall in love with God all over again as you see Him through the eyes of a loving mother.



The History The Ministry The Challenge

SUMMER CAMP

The majority of Seventh-day Adventists in North America has some connection to a summer camp experience. Whether as a camper, counselor, volunteer, or parent, most of us can rekindle some memorable camp experiences. Summer camps today in the Columbia Union and throughout North America are experiencing an exciting revival. To meet the needs of a growing population of campers it is important to understand the successes of the past and plan for the future with creative, prayerful thought.

With the reality of both parents working and single-parent households, summer camps offer more attractive (in some cases less expensive) options than day care or "latchkey" alternatives. Camp is a great place to meet new friends, and enjoy healthy, exciting activities in a caring, Christ-centered environment. With this in mind, parents still need to have high expectations for the safety, care, and experience of their young person. Our camps need to stay on the "cutting edge" of these issues.

To stay in touch with the needs and desires of today's camper, camps need to explore a variety of creative programs. A number of innovative ideas have surfaced in the Columbia Union camping ministry. Chesapeake and Mountain View have Challenge Ropes courses and other unique outdoor adventure activities. Allegheny East, Allegheny West, and New Jersey have aggressive urban outreach programs and sports camps. Potomac, Ohio, and Pennsylvania offer church-run day camps and overnight camps that provide special activities tailored for their remote natural surroundings.

A fast growing, more local option for families is the day camp. One such successful camp from the Potomac Conference is the Sligo Church day camp, Camp Upward Bound, under the ultimate direction of Youth and Children's Ministries pastor, Terry Johnson. Jessica Binkley, a student from Columbia Union College, who served as program director for the camp describes the successes and unique challenges of the program in her article on page 14.

In years past, summer camps were largely staffed with teachers, pastors, and volunteers. Very few regulations governed the operation of the camp. Today, camps need to meet rigorous state and county inspections, conduct criminal background checks, instructor certifications, and do much more. Some camps are also voluntary members of the American Camping Association(ACA). To sport the ACA emblem, camps must pass over 200 standards rang-

Whether as a camper, counselor, volunteer or parent, most of us can rekindle some memorable camp experiences.



NEW BOOKS for you & your family

WELLESLEY MUIR

The Man Who Jumped Off Clouds

Adventures of a Jungle Pilot
Wellesley Muir



On Christmas Eve LANSA Flight 508 vanished without a trace into the thick Amazon jungle of Peru. Only one man continued the search for survivors: Clyde Peters. But the moment the jungle swallowed his parachute, he disappeared. Now he was presumed dead.

Clyde grew up with wings on his heart. He dreamed of flying like a hawk; of jumping off clouds. He left the family farm to become a mission pilot in Peru. There he battled disease, witch doctors, storms, tropical insects, and tragedy. Once his plane, with his family in it, sank to the bottom of a river. Once he had to pull his own tooth. Now he was lost and alone in the jungle without food, compass, knife, or map, with nothing but his faith to guide him.

The Man Who Jumped Off Clouds is a thrilling story of courage, sacrifice, and triumph in the face of death.

All royalties from this book go toward Aviation Ministry to benefit the Indian tribes in the upper Amazon jungle.



Miracles and Pitfalls

A game of Bible adventure for the whole family!

Learn to negotiate mighty miracles and perilous pitfalls while plundering the treasure trove of Scripture and learning God's Word.

Your family will have lots of fun with the mind-teasing questions, and the Miracle and Pitfall cards change the pace of the game when you least expect it!

Summer Camp



Our summer camps have touched the lives of young people of all ages, races and denominational backgrounds.



Not only has summer camp touched the lives of many campers, but many staff members have also been rejuvenated in their walk with God.



ing from supervision and physical plant to programming. A combination of state and ACA accreditations means that a camp has reached a maximum level of achievement. To meet these new requirements staff training can take up to two weeks. In short, camps are more prepared than ever before.

The Association of Adventist Camping Professionals (AACP), an NAD sponsored organization, is one of the most respected camping organizations in North America. Christian Camping International, the largest, most recognized Christian camping organization, plans its national training event in cooperation with AACP so that the Adventist camping leadership can attend. We can be proud of the impact we've had on other camp professionals!

Another area to be proud of is the cost of our summer camps. The average cost of an Adventist summer camp is from \$140 to \$250 per week, making it typically 30 to 60 percent less expensive than other equivalent church or secular camps. The reason is simple. Unions, local conferences, and generous constituents (through tithe and contributions) help to subsidize the camps. Most of our camps also provide scholarships (thanks to generous donors) for young people who need financial assistance to attend camp. The reality and driving force behind such financial subsidy is the understood value and ministry of summer camps.

Our summer camps have touched the lives of young people of all ages, races, and denominational backgrounds. A large number of non-SDA young people each year are introduced (and even baptized) to our Gospel message. Mike Dillon, a camper who attended Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia, describes his camping experience on page 16.

Not only has summer camp touched the lives of many campers, but many staff members have also been rejuvenated in their walk with God. Andy Nichols, a law Student at the University of Maryland and a former Mt. Aetna camper and staff member, describes the impact that summer camp has had on his life, on page 18.

Summer camp makes a difference in young lives. Come enjoy a fantastic summer camp experience at any of the quality Columbia Union Conference summer camps listed on page 24.

Pete Braman is not only the youth director of Chesapeake Conference, but also the director of Mt. Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, and the camp liaison for the Columbia Union.

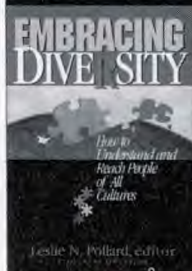
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My Bible Friends CD-ROM (Ages 3-8)

Based on the story of Noah's Ark in My Bible Friends, this CD features an interactive story with sound effects and music, fun animal games, and mini-encyclopedias that present a brief overview of natural history in areas related to the Flood.



Embracing Diversity How to understand and reach all cultures Leslie N. Pollard, editor

Leaders today must have the savvy and flexibility to function in a multicultural context, with sensitivity to local customs, ideals, and taboos. Some techniques that work well in one culture may be offensive in another. Mastering interpersonal skills and conversational subtleties can be difficult. Here, at last, is a guidebook for understanding and reaching all cultures.

The 15 authors represent several hundred years of multicultural leadership experience. Leslie N. Pollard and Johnny Ramirez provide a biblical foundation for multicultural unity. Gottfried Oosterwal explains how communication differs in a low-context versus a high-context culture, in which one must establish relationships before seeking to convey information. Kit Watts and Karen Darnell list seven common mistakes made by leaders in regard to women. There are individual chapters on leadership techniques in an Asian context, in African culture, and among Hispanics, African-Americans, and Native Americans. The book includes interviews with Alvin Kibble, Manuel Vasquez, Mardian Blair, Calvin Rock, B. Lyn Behrens, Hyveth Williams, Neal Wilson, and Ralph Watts.

This book will help you to see through other eyes and suggest new ways to reach the hearts of those who do not think the way you do.

COLUMBIA UNION CAMP DIRECTORY

ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE CAMPSITE

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CAMP HISTORY

The camp was purchased in 1988 from Memory Lane Trailer Park.

INFORMATION ON PROPERTY AND CAMP FACILITIES

Allegheny West Conference Campground is located in Fairfield County at 6470 Oakthorpe Road, Thornville, Ohio. The campground is situated on 71.9 acres of land, including a six-acre lake for boating and swimming. A pavilion seats 5,000 persons and has a large parking lot. We have a nice cafeteria and eating area for the inside and outside. The campground superintendent is Elder J. C. Smith, and the campground caretaker is Mr. Preston E. Richardson.

CAMP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

Programs include summer camp, Camporee, Trailer Owners' retreats, camp meeting, workshops and seminars, and church officers' retreats.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Take Interstate 70 west to exit 132 (Thornville/Newark). Go south on Route 13. Go 8-10 miles and look for a sign that reads "Jct. 256." Turn right onto 256. Go three miles you will pass a sign for Route 664 on the left, and the next road on your left will be Oakthorpe Road. Turn left onto Oakthorpe Road and go about one mile. The campground is on your left.

CAMP BLUE RIDGE

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CAMP HISTORY

Camp Blue Ridge (CBR) was established in 1957 as a summer camp for youth of the Potomac Conference. Through the years, usage by the constituents grew to the point that a major construction and remodeling

project was launched in 1987 to upgrade the facilities and render them usable year-round. The present conference center facilities are enjoyed by both constituents and non-constituents, as we have found the natural environment an excellent tool for witnessing. Camp Blue Ridge is accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA) and is a member of Christian Camping International (CCI), as well as the Association of Adventist Camp Professionals (AACCP).

INFORMATION ON PROPERTY AND CAMP FACILITIES

Camp Blue Ridge stretches across 550 beautiful acres 27 miles southeast of Staunton, Virginia, in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains. Churches, business groups, schools, and families are among the many to enjoy the comfortable facilities located just minutes away from the Blue Ridge Parkway, Crabtree Falls (the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi), and Wintergreen Ski Resort. Our facilities include 22 cabins, a Town Hall with a seating capacity of 200, a dining hall with a deck overlooking the lake, Wood Lodge with offices and a meeting capacity of 75, and an eight-unit motel. Each cabin will accommodate 12 people and features two bedrooms, each with its own full bath, and separated by a sitting room with kitchenette. Food service ranging from snacks to a candlelight dinner can be provided by CBR at your request.

CAMP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

Camp Blue Ridge is open year round and offers guests a variety of on-site options, including sand lot volleyball, outdoor basketball, paddle boating and canoeing on the lake, jet ski rides, swimming, and numerous hiking trails. The summer camp program includes all of the above activities as well as gymnastics, archery, crafts, horsemanship, lapidary, and a wide variety of nature classes. Summer outpost camps include water skiing, horse pack trips, fly fishing, and nature odyssey. During the winter months, Wintergreen Ski Resort provides skiing 20 miles away.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

From I-81 in Virginia, take Exit 205. Turn east on Route 606 toward Steele's Tavern. Go one mile to Route 11 and turn left. Drive about 200 yards and turn right on Route 56. Go approximately eight and a half miles to Montebello, and turn left at the post office on Route 667. The camp entrance is the first road on the right, across from the fire department.

CAMP DANIEL L. DAVIS

Conference & Camp Contact

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Camp History

On the grounds of Camp Daniel L. Davis, formerly known as Camp Manatawny, stands the Old Rutter Mansion. Known today as the Manor House, it is one

of the oldest buildings in the state and was used as a stopping point for the underground railroad. Some notable people stayed in this historic landmark: Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and many Africans in search of freedom.

INFORMATION ON PROPERTY AND CAMP FACILITIES
Camp Daniel L. Davis is situated on over 600 acres of rolling hills, bordered by the Manatawny River. It is on the grounds of Pine Forge Academy and the Allegheny East Conference headquarters in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania.

CAMP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL FEATURES
Camp Daniel L. Davis provides programs and services for the whole young person: mind, body, and spirit. The campers enjoy swimming, horseback, boating, tubing, riding, hiking, crafts, fun, games, campfires, hayrides, computers, basketball, softball, races, and much more. Our camp is only minutes away from Philadelphia, Independence Mall, the Liberty Bell, the Franklin Institute, the nation's oldest zoo, Reading shopping outlets, Dorney Park, and Daniel Boone's homestead.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP
Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 23, and take Route 100 till you cross 422 in Pottstown (about 20-30 minutes). Do not exit 100 there, but be ready to turn at the next intersection, called King Street. Make a right into King Street. At the next light just across the Manatawny River, turn left onto Manatawny Road. Proceed for several miles to the second bridge crossing the Manatawny River. You will come to a T intersection; turn left and go through the village of Pine Forge. Stay on this road and it will take you to Camp Daniel L. Davis.

CAMP MOHAVEN

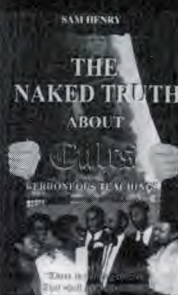
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CAMP INFORMATION
This is a year-round camp. We have 20 heated cabins, a large lodge, a medical building, and a staff house. There are two bath houses, the medical and staff buildings each have bathrooms, and the lodge has a bath and a half. Each cabin sleeps 8, the medical building sleeps 6, and the staff building sleeps 6-10. We also have an Olympic-size pool, a basketball court, canoeing, an amphitheater, hiking trails, and a nature center. We have five weeks of summer camp, and then church groups use the camp during the rest of the year. We have horses for summer campers only.

CAMP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL FEATURES
We only provide programs for summer camp. Other groups do their own thing. We do have canoes that they can use, and they may also use the pool, weather permitting. The Central Ohio Diabetes Association rents our camp for three weeks each summer and provides camping for children with diabetes.

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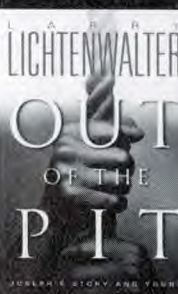


The Naked Truth About Cults and Erroneous Teachings

Sam Henry

Sam Henry lost his wife and five children in the Waco inferno. Drawing on his own tragic experience, he warns people of the danger of cults and how they are potentially fatal.

The Naked Truth About Cults and Erroneous Teachings reveals where the real treasures of life can be found and points us to Jesus' teachings—the only means for discerning truth.



Out of the Pit

Joseph's Story and Yours
Larry L. Lichtenwalter

The pits. Life is full of them. Pits of betrayal, discouragement, resentment. But God has a way out. Larry Lichtenwalter surveys the pits of rejection, ignorance, narrow perspective, cheap grace, compromise, and the

enticing traps of passion, power, and prosperity as seen through the eyes of Joseph. He shows how we too can conquer life's difficult challenges.

Joseph started out as a snitch and a braggart in a dysfunctional family. His brothers sold him into slavery. But there was something special about Joseph. He refused to surrender to his passions. His scruples soon landed him in an even lower pit, with no hope, no status, no influence. A nobody. But when he proved faithful in the dungeon, God called him to the throne.

Using contemporary illustrations, Lichtenwalter shows how God still uses the dings and nicks of outrageous fortune to unlock prison doors, restore shattered dreams, and polish our characters until we are fit for the throne.

Larry Lichtenwalter is also the author of Well-driven Nails. Look for both books at your ABC this summer.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Take State Route 62 into Danville, Ohio, turn onto 514, and drive to Pritchard Road. Drive for one mile, and turn right on Turkey Ridge Road. Approximately a mile and half down the road, you will see the camp sign; turn right into the campground.

LAUREL LAKE CAMP

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CAMP HISTORY

The camp was established in the mid-1950s. The camp was run as a summer camp only until 1986, when the addition of Baker Lodge and the remodeling of existing buildings enabled its use as a year-round facility.

INFORMATION ON PROPERTY AND CAMP FACILITIES

Located on 264 acres of forest and rolling hills, Laurel Lake offers beautiful views and abundant wildlife. The camp provides an ideal setting for conventions and camporees, churches, schools, and reunions. The facilities include a small lake for canoeing, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a full-size gym, football and softball fields. Housing includes: Baker Lodge, which can accommodate 50 guests with its seven motel rooms and three bunk rooms; two remodeled cabins and two which house 16 people each; staff buildings housing 10; Bish cottage, housing four; and the Lake House, which holds eight.

CAMP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

Some of the activities available are hay rides, shuffle board, ping pong, horseshoes, indoor volleyball, basketball, horseback riding (summer only), Frisbee golf, jet ski rides, waterskiing, and swimming.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

From I-80, take Exit 19 (Clearfield) to 879 South, to 219 South, and to 286 West. Drive two miles and make a right turn across from Brinks Air Conditioning and Electric. Go 3.3 miles and follow the signs to the camp. From I-76 (Pennsylvania Turnpike), take the Bedford exit to 220 North to 22 West to Ebensburg. Take 219 North to 286 West (left). Go two miles and turn right across from Brinks Air Conditioning and Electric. Go 3.3 miles and follow signs to the camp.

MT. AETNA RETREAT CENTER

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CAMP HISTORY

First camp was held in 1949. Renovations began in 1990 with new cabins, a lodge, office cabin, and nature center. Construction was completed debt-free and the dedication was held on June 19, 1994. Mt. Aetna is certified with ACA, AACCP, CCI, and the Camp Horsemanship Association, USA.

INFORMATION ON PROPERTY AND CAMP FACILITIES

Mt. Aetna is a year-round retreat center situated on 300 acres. There are 20 heated family cabin units, each accommodating up to 8 people. Each cabin has a private bath. There are also 11 guest rooms, heated and air-conditioned, with private and semi-private baths. The cafeteria/lodge seats 400, and separate meeting rooms seat 200. An outdoor amphitheater seats 175. Two additional meeting rooms seat 75-100 each. The camp also has two small group kitchen facilities. Recreational facilities include a pool, basketball court, and volleyball court and ropes course.

CAMP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

The nature center houses one of the finest collections of stuffed birds and animals in the NAD camp system. Mt. Aetna Retreat Center is easily accessible from the Baltimore-Washington metro area, and you can visit Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Sharpsburg, Maryland (Antietam Battlefield); Harpers Ferry, West Virginia; Baltimore's Inner Harbor and Fort McHenry; and Washington, D.C., all are within an hour and fifteen minutes' drive from the camp.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

From I-70, take Exit 35 to Route 66 toward Smithsburg. At the first intersection (approximately one mile), turn right on Mt. Aetna Road. Drive approximately one mile and turn right at the entrance sign, just beyond the Highland View Academy entrance.

TRANQUIL VALLEY YOUTH CAMP

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CAMP HISTORY

Tranquil Valley Youth Camp rests at the foot of the beautiful Pocono Mountains. It has served the youth of the New Jersey Conference for many years. It has helped thousands of young people make lasting decisions for Jesus.

INFORMATION ON PROPERTY AND CAMP FACILITIES

Tranquil Valley Youth Camp is located in Andover, New Jersey. Its valley and mountain backdrop is ideal for a camp. With a huge pond in the valley for canoe-

ing and a mountain for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding, it brings two worlds of nature into one setting. The camp is equipped with a fellowship hall with a kitchen and eating hall; craft center; amphitheater/campfire bowl; archery range; teepee; 41 cabins; 36 RV hookups; 20 acres for tent camping; canoes; backpacking equipment; and a field for soccer, flag football, softball, and volleyball. We also have access to an unheated pool and a gymnasium for our gym activities. We can accommodate up to 600 campers at a time.

CAMP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

Our summer camp offers four consecutive weeks of camp during the months of July and August. The camp is open on a rental basis to outside groups. They can contact the Youth Director's secretary to schedule a stay at the camp. Archery, canoeing, waterskiing, tennis, swimming, arts and crafts, biking, and a water slide are among the summer's activities.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Take I-80 to Allamuchy Exit 19 to Route 517 north. Approximately three miles on the right, you will see a sign for Garden State Academy. Also, you will see Tranquility SDA Church and school. Enter the driveway to the academy from 517. Make the first right. You will pass the girls' dormitory on the left and the Administration building on the right. The road converts to a gravel road, which continues past the boys' dorm on the right and cafeteria on the left. Continue around the small pond. As you pass the pond, keep to the left and you will have entered Tranquil Valley Youth Camp.

VALLEY VISTA ADVENTIST CENTER

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CAMP CONTACT

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INFORMATION ON PROPERTY AND CAMP FACILITIES

Year-round facilities, lodge, cabins, RV spaces with full hookup, gymnasium, large pool, horsemanship program in the summer. Over 300 beautiful acres. Only 40 minutes away from Snow Shoe Ski Resort. One hour from Canaan Valley Ski Resort or Blackwater Falls.

CAMP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

Valley Vista runs a full summer camp program including Life Saving and Extreme Camps (Extreme Camp is for teens over 16 years old). Camp meeting is also held on the grounds every year. The camp is only 40 minutes from Snow Shoe Ski Resort, and Blackwater Falls and Canaan Valley Ski Resort are only one hour away. The camp has a certified high rope challenge course.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

From I-70, take 33 east at Exit 99 through Buckhannon to Elkins, West Virginia. Go south on 250 and 219 to Huttonsville. Turn right on 219 at the Exxon station. Take the first road on the left (Becky's Creek Road) and follow the signs to the camp.

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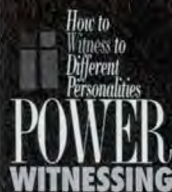
The New Amplified **Pilgrim's Progress**

An unabridged retelling of
John Bunyan's immortal classic

This version of *Pilgrim's Progress* is much more than a simple modernizing of the language. It is truly an amplification with gentle Seventh-day Adventist overtones and scores of adapted quotations and concepts from the Spirit of Prophecy. These

are easily recognized by informed Seventh-day Adventists to their great delight.

"From the loathsome dungeon there is sent forth a light that has shone to all parts of the civilized world. There he wrote his wonderful allegory of the pilgrim's journey from the land of destruction to the celestial city. This book, 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' portrays the Christian life so accurately, and presents the love of Christ so attractively, that through its instrumentality hundreds and thousands have been converted" (Ellen White, Review and Herald, May 30, 1912).



Power Witnessing

How to Witness to Different Personalities
David Farmer

THE PROBLEM: "I took a survey of my personal one-to-one witnessing and made a phenomenal discovery. Every individual I have ever won to Christ though Bible studies had the same temperament. All were sanguines.

Why is that? I wondered. Then it

dawned on me that I had studied with them in my temperament. . . . I wanted them to glimpse Christ from a sanguine's point of view."

THE SOLUTION: Different strokes for different folks.

A refreshing change from one-size-fits-all cookie-cutter witnessing, this book explains how to tailor your witness to individual personalities. Learn to see through the eyes of others and understand how they think before you talk to them about the most important subject in the world.

Whooping & Cough & Kata Rangoso



Elder R. C. Mills' camp meeting experiences span 80 years and provide some of his life's most rewarding moments. Now retired and living in Collegedale, Tennessee, his is a 42-year veteran of church work.

When Robert Mills attended camp meeting for the first time, he took home much more than a spiritual experience.

"It was 80 years ago," says the retired denominational worker now living in Collegedale, Tennessee. "The North Wisconsin Conference pitched their meetings that year in Spooner, my home town. There was the big tent along with smaller ones for Sabbath School departments and, of course, many family tents. Most attendees arrived by horse and wagon from rural areas.

"Few could afford automobiles and there were no motels or motor homes. The most memorable thing about that particular camp meeting was that both my sister Helen and I got whooping cough and chicken pox as a result of going."

A few years later, Mills enjoyed a happier consequence when the campus of Broadview Academy near Hinsdale, Illinois, was transformed into a canvas-covered spiritual retreat. "I recall hearing J. L. McElhany, and A. V. Olsen, and thrilled at the South Sea mission stories told by Ratu Meli and Kata Rangoso. Public address systems had not yet arrived and the preachers had to speak with loud voices, almost a singing tone, in order to be heard."

While he worked at the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville during the late thirties, Mills recalls that Kentucky-Tennessee Conference camp meetings were held on the publishing house property. "One of the speakers was Fernando Stahl of Lake Titicaca fame. There were no film or video reports like we have today so we hung on every word the guest speaker spoke and tried to imagine the scenes he was describing. The hearts of many young people, mine included, were stirred by the stories. We longed for opportunities of our own to spread God's love among distant cultures."

Mills' opportunity came with an invitation to labor as a missionary in the Far East, but not before

enjoying more experiences while serving as a singing evangelist in the Florida Conference. As camp meeting choir leader, a role he played at five different conferences along the way, Mills reported that one member of his ensemble enjoyed a rather unique talent. "This gentleman could sing and whistle at the same time ... in harmony! He literally performed a duet with himself."

The meetings took place on the campus of Forest Lake Academy and boasted both cabins and tents. "Conference workers arrived the week before and set up camp and stayed afterwards to take it down. Sweat and grime were joyfully dissolved in the lake across the street."

Years later, after serving in Korea and Japan, Mills attended the "General Meetings" in the Philippines and remembered one particular inspiring event. "I sat in the audience to listen to various workers tell about the challenges and victories in their districts. A young ministerial intern was sitting right behind me. He leaned forward and offered a continuous translation of everything that was said. What a gift! He was listening to the language of his native tongue and talking in an acquired second language. Quite different from listening in the second language and translating into his native tongue."

Back in the United States in the late fifties, Mills became administrator of a hospital north of Nashville and attended the Kentucky-Tennessee camp meetings on the campus of Highland Academy. While there were many tents, the main meetings were held in the academy gymnasium. What hadn't made an appearance at such gatherings yet was air conditioning. "Very, very hot and humid," Mills remembers. "All our big fans could do was blow hot air around."

After accepting responsibilities in the New York Conference as secretary-treasurer, Elder Mills took an even more active role in camp meetings held at Union Springs Academy in the sixties. "We assigned rooms

in the girls dormitory from requests that came in. If we could have had 300 rooms on the first floor, front, facing the lake, we would have made that many more people happy each year.

"New York, without doubt, was our most memorable camp meeting experience. H. M. S. Richards and the King's Herald, William Fagal and the Faith for Today Quartet, George Vandeman from It Is Written, Sunny Liu, Del Delker and many other luminaries made attendance unforgettable. Every year the General Conference sent us representatives from the great mission programs of the church. I led the camp meeting choir and the ministers' chorus. The adults and all of the various departments met in their large tents while the youth used the academy gymnasium. "One year, before I arrived, a large offering was taken up to build a 'solid' tabernacle for camp meeting. After I became conference treasurer, folks were still complaining that construction hadn't yet begun, so we respectfully reminded them that the tabernacle in the wilderness had been, indeed, a tent. They're still using a big tent to this day."

Those old Union Springs gatherings offered Mills his most impressive moments during his tenure working for the church. "While camp meeting was in full swing, we counted the offerings taken each day, placing those precious dollars and cents in a little safe in the office part of my cabin. I'd deposit them in the local bank the very next day. Of course, the bank was closed on Sunday, so the large offerings received during the last Sabbath of camp meeting had to wait until Monday morning to be deposited.

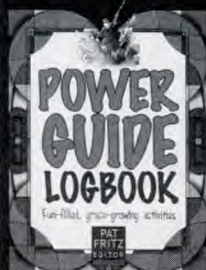
"On Sunday we 'took down' the camp, stacking chairs and other furniture in the Bible House building, piling folded-up tents in a warehouse, nailing shutters on all the cabin windows, and locking every door. Then the workers gathered up their families and headed home on Sunday afternoon.

"On Monday morning, I'd return, all alone, to get the bag of money from the little safe and take it to the bank. Then I'd come back to close the shutters and lock up our cabin for another year. The campground, which had been so full of activity and commotion for almost two weeks, was quiet and stark. My family and camp meeting friends were gone. There was nothing there but me and memories. That was a heartrending moment each and every year."

Summing up the experiences of a lifetime, Robert Mills simply states, "I still miss the old camp meetings."

Charles Mills of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia-based, Christian Communications is also the son of Elder R. C. Mills, who once served as treasurer of the Ohio Conference.

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PowerGuide Logbook

Pat Fritz, Editor

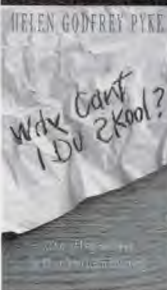
(Ages 10-14)

Isn't faith fun! Isn't truth terrific! Isn't God great! Well, so is this book. It's like a party between two covers!

PowerGuide Logbook is full of happy things for kids to do—like write out a prayer or list your blessings or do a

nature search. There are mazes, games, and puzzles from Guide magazine. The activities are varied to fit different learning styles, so you can find one that matches the way you learn. There are plenty of bright, shining Bible promises, and powerpoints that relate to the themes of service, community, grace, or worship. The amazing Guide FACTory trivia facts will cause your eyes to bug out. You can even keep your very own spiritual journal.

PowerGuide Logbook is a fun-filled, faith-building, grace-growing cornucopia (that's a big basket of goodies) to keep you learning about life and looking forward to tomorrow.



Why Can't I Do School?

A Story of Help and Hope
for Those Who Learn Differently
Helen Godfrey Pyke

"Not only does your left hand not know what your right hand is doing," jokes her husband, "but you don't know which is your left hand." Helen Pyke has attention deficit disorder and dyslexia. Not until the eighth

grade did she learn to read aloud. Even today she is a poor speller. Yet she is a highly successful university English professor and widely published author. She feels her "disabilities" make her a more powerful writer.

Those with learning differences are not dumb; they have a parallel system of thinking whose potential is waiting to be unlocked. Dyslexics are often gifted. But even though this "gift" does not function well in a traditional academic setting, dyslexics and ADDs can learn the secrets of success.

Helen Pyke shares stories of many learning-disabled students she has worked with who went on to eventual achievement. Readers with learning difficulties will be inspired by her story to find ways to make it work for them...

WATERSKIING ? WITHOUT A ROPE

Looking for ideas to develop your ministry?
Come to selected conference camp meetings to take
a first-hand look at resources for your local church.

Have you ever tried to water ski without a rope? What would happen if you were being pulled along by a boat and the rope broke? You would sink. That's how many ministry leaders feel in their local church. They have skis (gifts), a boat (the church) and they are on the water (a place to serve), but they need support. They need something to encourage them, week after week.

This summer at seven camp meetings (see sidebar) across the Columbia Union, local church ministry leaders will have an opportunity to find some new ropes: resources that can help them move forward in effective ministry.

If you're a church leader wishing for new ideas, helpful materials or someone to chat with about resources to strengthen your ministry, you'll want to stop by one of Columbia Union Conference's new "Drop In" Resource Centers this June! At these centers you'll find a room filled with leadership resources to help you in building your local church ministry. It will be a friendly place to relax, enjoy a cool drink and talk with a professional resource consultant. This person will answer your questions and guide you to solutions to sharpen your work in the local church.

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Supporting the Body of Christ

"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" says Ephesians 4:16. Ministry leaders are called to build up the body of Christ. Every member in ministry needs

support. The supporting ligaments in the church are ministry leaders (pastors, elders, department leaders) who provide encouragement, training and feedback.

Ephesians 4:11 says that the primary role of the leadership gifts in the church is to "prepare the saints for works of service." Each person in the body of Christ has been called to serve, but many have not been equipped to serve. They have a desire to help, but have not been trained. The role of leaders is to effectively equip members to serve. Often, leaders spend more time doing the work themselves than building teams and involving others. Leadership resources can help build ministry teams in your church by providing excellent materials that assist in developing the skills of members. Resource materials such as books, audio-tapes, seminar and workshop kits can help to sharpen their skills.

Getting the Most from the Drop In Center

You will get more from your visit to the Drop In Center if you come prepared. Do your homework. Ask yourself: What is the vision of my ministry? What is most needed to move my team forward? Talk with others in your department, and ask them what might help them most. Compile a list of questions, and come prepared to make some decisions. Next, check with your church treasurer about your ministry budget. Finally, visit the Center with others from your church. Browse together and talk about the needs in your church or ministry area.

This year, as you come to be spiritually fed at camp meeting, remember your church back home. Think about how you can help your ministry move forward and make a real splash!

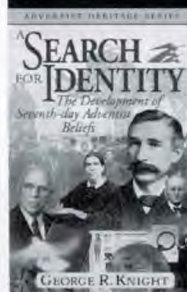
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A Search for Identity is the second book in George Knight's Adventist Heritage series, which also includes A Brief History of Seventh-day Adventists.

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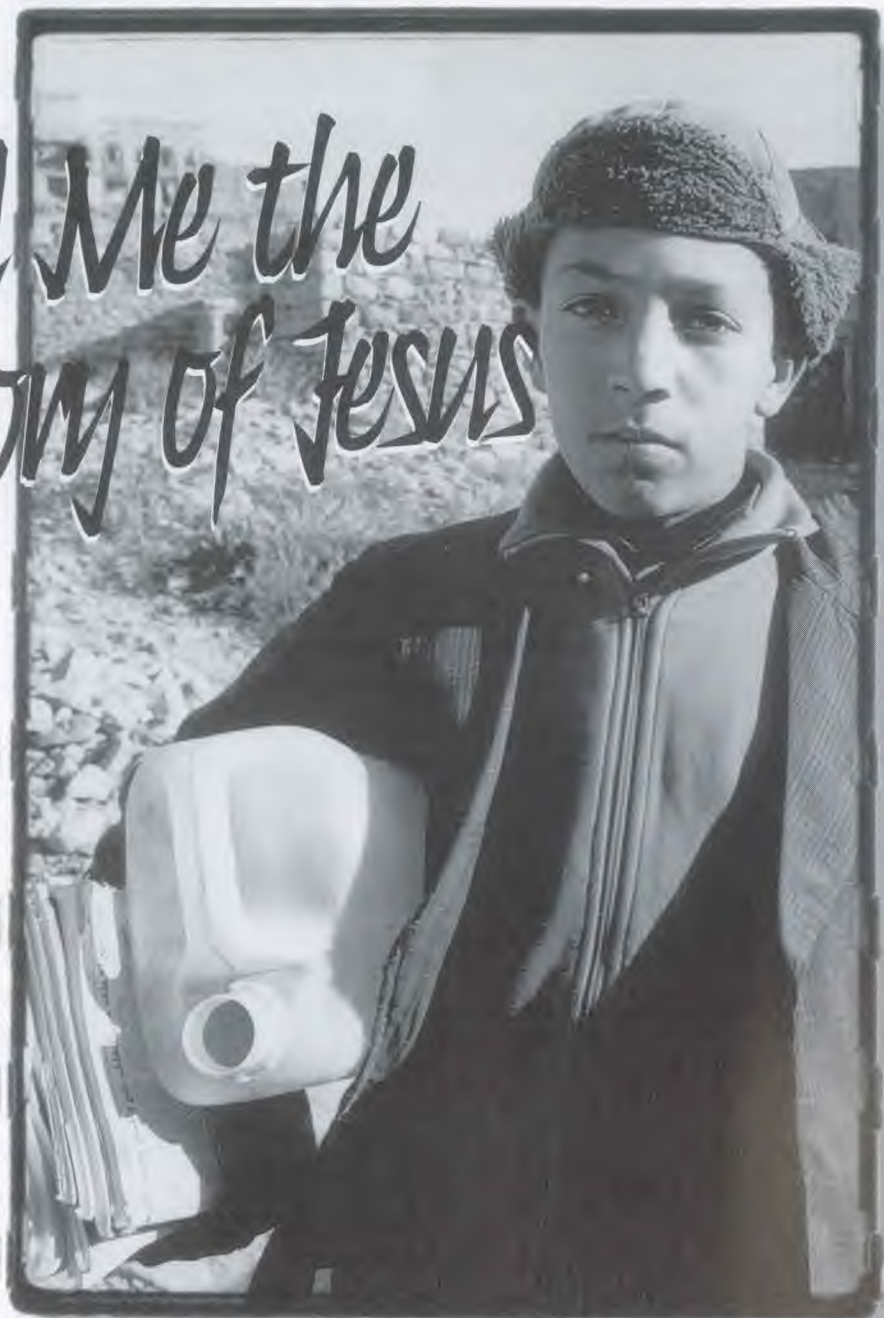
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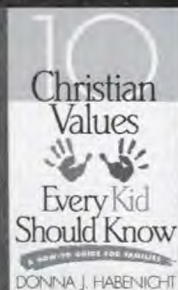
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Classrooms are for clapping

Roy Branson, professor of political studies and the director of the center for law and public policy



Scott Loughlin, a shy pre-law freshman at CUC, unknown to the juniors and seniors that had signed up for the 1999

American Government course, has just read his letter-to-the-editor published in the Washington Times. The letter, really a short essay, commented on a speech President Clinton recently made in Mexico discussing U.S. drug policy.

Not until later did the students learn that Scott had drawn information for his essay from a publication he subscribed to, Foreign Affairs, the leading journal in the field. Not until the semester had progressed a few weeks did

Scott's classmates learn that he always wrote cogently and succinctly. Not until the next school year was Scott selected to be an attorney on CUC's most successful mock-trial team and won the election for executive vice-president of the CUC student association. Last spring, all Scott's classmates knew when they heard him read his Washington Times letter that he had done a great job and they wanted to show their appreciation.

Classrooms take many shapes. In good colleges, classrooms are full of surprises. Students sit down expecting to learn a few facts, only to discover their teacher has led them into entire new worlds. Students brace themselves to be tolerant of their classmates' comments, only to hear

insights that are astonishing.

In good colleges, classrooms are also full of argument. New insights aren't just swallowed whole; they must be challenged, discussed, fought over. College is where we learn how to think, how to analyze, how to evaluate the barrage of information aimed at us through the rest of our lives.

Classrooms in good colleges go beyond surprise and beyond argument. Particularly in Christian colleges, classrooms are also places where teachers and students encourage each other, nurture one another.

This spring, in the course "How to read the Bible and enjoy it", students were encouraged to respond creatively to an assigned book of the Bible. They received credit for producing a drawing, song,

or even a short video. Jill Walker, a freshman who rarely speaks up in class, recreated in several stanzas of her own free verse the alternating speeches between Jahweh and the prophet that the book of Habakkuk. When the teacher read the poem aloud, class members refused to believe writing that good could have been composed by a student. When Jill, with a little coaxing, finally acknowledged that she was the author, her classmates clapped and clapped and clapped.

A really good college is a community of applause.

Alumni Weekend 2000

Sharon Conway, assistant director of Alumni Relations

Columbia Union College held its Alumni Weekend on April 6-9. "It was the best I've ever been to," was a refrain repeated over and over after many activities concluded. What made it so good? The alumni and their enthusiasm.

Over 40 percent of the Class of 1950 returned to CUC. The tradition of being the largest class to graduate at that time continued as they were the largest class to return for the 50-year honor class. Elder Richard Fearing from the Class of 1950 gave the sermon that not only remembered the past but looked forward to the soon return of Christ.

The weekend started on Friday with a breakfast for the 50-Year honor class. Later that evening, Dr. Charles Scriven gave a farewell address to the alumni during the Alumni Dinner. Vespers was extra spe-

cial this year as the Alumni of the Year was awarded during the program. It was given to Dr. Carol Easley Allen who is the current president of the American Public Health Association and chair of the nursing department at Oakwood College.

The entire weekend highlighted by music. The choir and orchestra not only performed for the church service, but they also presented an original work, Requiem, by CUC's Music Department Chair, Dr. James Bingham on Sabbath afternoon. Then the Columbia Concert Winds and the New England Youth Ensemble culminated the weekend with a Pops concert on Saturday night.

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Student receives prestigious fellowship

by Jennifer Leen, senior communication major

Columbia Union College students have already secured their summer internships.

Terry Burns, a senior Biology and Biochemistry Major, has been accepted to work at the Mayo-Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Burns will be a part of the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship. "This is the kind of opportunity I only could have dreamed of," said Burns. "I will do everything I can to make the most of it."

The clinic tries to tailor jobs to students' degrees and interests. He will be assisting with research relating to open heart surgery. Ultimately, Burns would like to enroll in a special M.D. and Ph.D. program, which is research-based. The research experience that Burns will gain at the Mayo-Clinic will be beneficial in assisting him with these future goals.

CUC science students were

encouraged by their professors to pursue summer research internship positions. After Burns went through the application process and phone interview, he continued to pursue the position at the Mayo-Clinic through email correspondence. "I wasn't about to let it slip through my fingers," said Burns, who was accepted into four different research programs, but chose to take the position at the Mayo-Clinic. "He is certainly deserving of this," said Dr. Glen Bennett, advisor and Chair of the Biology Department. "He is a good student and has worked very hard."

Cultural Fever

Amanda Mutchler, senior communication major

On March 26, 2000, the Southern Asian Student Association, SA(2), had the second annual cultural banquet.



Since the 1999 banquet was such a big hit they were excited to make this an event for CUC and the community. Once again this year proved to be an exciting event.

The sold-out evening featured many different cultural experiences. The dinner pro-

vided authentic Indian cuisine, and the entertainment was provided by members of SA(2).

Students worked for months to perfect the program which gave some insight into the Indian background. A fashion show was presented by many students featuring a variety of Indian clothing.

"It is fun to be a part of an event like this. The students put in a lot of time into practicing and preparing for it. To see it all come together after hard work is exciting," said Shalini Selvaraj, a communication student and attendee of the cultural banquet.

SA(2) also agreed to send a percentage of each ticket purchased to the Sunshine Orphanage in India. "I am so grateful that the students rallied around the Sunshine Orphanage. It is a blessing to see students wanting to give back to those in need," said Rajkumar Dixit, Chaplain of CUC and SA(2) sponsor.



Calendar of Events

May

- 21 Elderhostel Program through 8/27
- 23 Faculty Meeting
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday

June

- 2 1st Summer Session ends
- 4 Elderhostel Program through 6/10
- 5 2nd Summer Session through 6/30
- 11 Elderhostel Program through 6/17
- 15 AEP BSIS24 Registration

Congratulations to the Class of 2000!

Natalie Clothier receives congratulations from members of the Communication department.



Michael Dortch receives his degree.



Education majors prepare for pomp and circumstance.



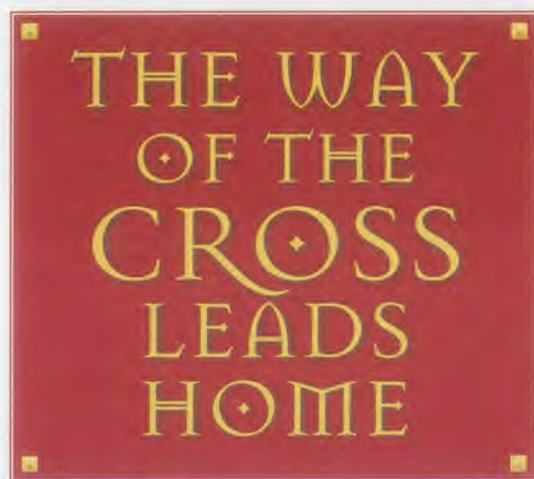
Joshua Gorman receives congratulations from his family.



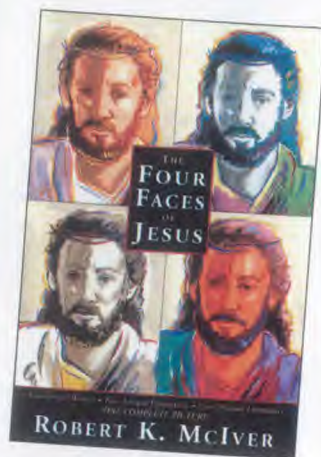
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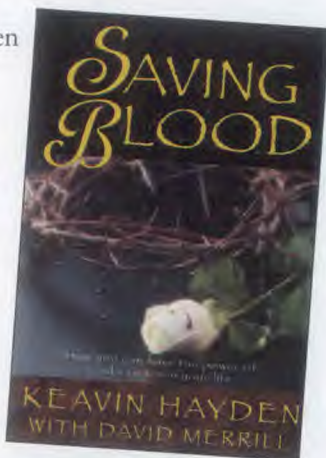
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Values that drive Adventist HealthCare

"Gospel" is a Bible word that means more than the four New Testament books—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Gospel points to the "good news" of what God has done in the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and mediatorial ministry of Jesus Christ. The Gospel embodies values that have always been central to the healing mission of health-care. Call them gospel core values. They focus on people and why the Church sponsors health-care ministry. Those who serve seek to reflect the values of God—everlasting mercy and saving grace.

The Scriptures identify many values—faith, prayer, love, justice, forgiveness, peace, hope, compassion, and community. All of these values are needed in the dynamics of health care. Two may be especially helpful in the context of today's health-care culture and the great public debate on how health care should be delivered. These are compassion and community.

Compassion

Compassion is one of the undergirding motivations of Jesus' life and ministry. God's compassion for suffering, sinful humanity brought Christ to live on earth. Compassion must flow through all that Adventist HealthCare organizations do. The touch of a nurse, the attitude of an administrator, the response of a technician, all must speak of the com-

passion exemplified in the life of Christ. Compassion must unquestionably always be why we do health care.

Community

Jesus' ministry embodied the value of community. In His time the sick were excluded from society. They were so associated with disease that no one would make contact with them. To heal them was to reunite them with the community.

Jesus interacted with all He came in contact with, from the religious elite to social outcasts. None were excluded from His company. He dined with the Pharisees, a group who prided themselves on their religious piety. He ate and drank with "tax collectors and sinners," an umbrella category for the religiously unclean and socially unacceptable. He dialogued with the rich but also reached out to the poor and suffering.

Community must undergird all that Adventist HealthCare organizations do. The focus of a planning meeting, the rationale of a new proposal, the listening ear of a hospital representative at a civic gathering, must all demonstrate the value Jesus placed on community.

Without reservation, it must always be the orientation of our plans and projects.



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From tragedy

One tragedy had already occurred and another was imminent—Mindy and Stephen Rosenthal's first child was stillborn after just 15 weeks in his mother's womb, and his twin brother was about to follow, with no chance, at that age, of survival. But doctors at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, using an unusual surgical and medical procedure, were able to keep the child in the womb for five months—possibly a world record

clearly nonplussed by the glare of cameras and a throng of reporters.

"There are no words to express this," said the smiling, weary-looking mother, Mindy Rosenthal, a 29-year-old teacher from Rockville. "Yes, definitely, we think it's a miracle."

The risky procedure is becoming more common in the United States—there are two or three a year now at Shady Grove—but the outcome is not



for this emerging medical intervention, known as "arrested labor."

"If you look at the literature, this should not have happened. We should not be sitting here right now. That baby should not be here," said the perinatologist in charge of the case, Sheri L. Hamersley. But there was little Benjamin Rosenthal, born on January 3, sleeping peacefully in his mother's lap yesterday, his little scrunched red face peeking out from under a blue infant's cap.

Despite estimates that he had less than a 5 percent chance of surviving, Benjamin not only survived, but he also appeared to be healthy—and

always this good and the length of time labor was delayed was highly unusual. "This is a very remarkable, wonderful outcome that has something to do with luck . . . This mother was very fortunate," said Frank Witter, associate professor of gynecology and obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

The extra 153 days that doctors at Shady Grove bought for Baby Rosenthal beat by one day the standing record, set in October in Cincinnati, according to Shady Grove spokesman Robert Jepson. In the Ohio case, the woman, Debbie Feitl, spent 152 days in arrested labor before giving birth

... to triumph

to a boy, Jared. Hamersley said she wasn't trying to set a record and didn't know the precise duration of delayed labor in the Cincinnati case. "We would have been happy with any length of time," she said, "as long as we had a healthy child."

Witter said the delayed labor procedure was being quietly tried in the United States in the 1960s and 1970s and became more successful by the 1990s, when doctors came to understand the role infection plays in stimulating labor. The protocol now includes massive doses of antibiotics, as well as drugs to inhibit labor, he said. Before 1990 "other physicians would have looked at you like you had two heads . . . and a few heads turned when we place the stitches in this case," Hamersley said yesterday.

Witter said delayed labor is being attempted with increasing frequency in the United States, as a result of the dramatic increase in multiple births,



which are more likely to be high-risk. (Twin births went up 52 percent from 1980 to 1997.) The Rosenthals were willing to brave the risks to Mindy—serious infection, impairment of her ability to conceive and give birth in the future, even death. "We knew the chances [of a successful birth] were slim," Mindy Rosenthal said.

After her first child was stillborn, Mindy was rushed to surgery, where Hamersley cinched the cervix closed using thick thread she compared to a candle wick. The stitching procedure is known as cerclage. While in labor inhibitors and drugs were being administered, Mindy was put on strict bed rest. The doctors defined bed rest as "being able to tell us every day what was 'Oprah,'" Hamersley said. A bedroom on the third floor of the couple's town house was outfitted with a microwave, refrigerator, television, VCR and computer—the "bunker," where she waited to see if their gamble would pay off.

She said she tried not to dwell on the risks. "People usually paint the nursery, people want a baby shower—I didn't want any of that because I didn't want—I was superstitious," she said. Until his birth, by Caesarean section, she said, "until I heard his cries, I think I was in denial. I didn't let myself believe in him."

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News and Information

Adventist HealthCare

The Sexual Abuse and Assault Center Observes Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Sexual Abuse and Assault Center at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital raised more than \$500 for child abuse victims in the United States. The six person staff sold handmade "Kid Pins." Each pin, in the shape of a child, came with a small card depicting a child's own story of abuse. The proceeds were donated to various abuse prevention programs. Additionally, the staff passed out fact sheets and other information on how to prevent abuse. The sexual abuse and assault center is the only service of its kind in Montgomery County, Maryland. Since its opening in 1996, it has treated some 1,000 victims of sexual abuse and assault.



Scholarship awarded to Shore Nursing and Rehabilitation employee

Wendy Greenwood, the Alzheimer's unit coordinator at Shore Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, has been awarded the first ever Mildred Baron Scholarship by the Copper Ridge Institute. As a recipient of the scholarship, Wendy will undergo a one-week program of intensive training at Copper Ridge, a long-term care facility for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of memory impairment. Wendy has worked at Shore, one of Adventist HealthCare's seven nursing centers, since 1996.



Run. All proceeds from the race will benefit Adventist HealthCare's Cardiac Outreach Program and the Takoma Park Youth Exposed to Success Scholarship Program. Health screenings and massage therapy will be

conducted following the race. For information on registration, please call (301) 315-3115.

Shady Grove Celebrates 20th Anniversary of First Birth

On Tuesday, April 18, employees of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital marked an important milestone in the hospital's 20-year history. Twenty years earlier on April 18, 1980, William David Bartgis Jr. was born in the emergency department, making him the first baby born at the hospital. Baby Bartgis was born at 5:12 p.m. and weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. Employees were treated to a cake and punch reception to honor the special occasion.

Run for the Heart 10K

Adventist HealthCare and the City of Takoma Park Recreation

Department are holding the first-ever Run for the Heart 10K at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 4. The race, which starts on the grounds of Washington Adventist Hospital, will also feature a One Mile Family Fun Run/Walk and Pitter Pat Kids'

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Coming Events

May
19-21 - Spiritual Retreat
27 - Potpourri
28 - Keyboard Recital
31 - June 1- Exams

June 2-4 - Graduation
Weekend

August
18 - New Student Orientation
20 - Registration
21 - First Day of School

Graduation Weekend Schedule

June 2, 8:00 pm -
Consecration

June 3, 11:00 am -
Baccalaureate
3:00 pm - Parent Tribute
8:00 pm - Vespers
9:00 pm - Class Night

June 4, 10:00 am -
Commencement

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A Sense of India

The PA Conference mission trip included 23 young people and 15 adults, who built a church in Burri Palem, a village in southern India. Allow me to share some of my sensory remembrances of this trip.

Taste: The marketplace was filled with vegetables and fruits. The fruit was good, limited in variety: bananas, grapes, oranges, and pineapple. And we had rice; white rice and lemon rice, rice and curry, rice and beans, and more rice and curry. I enjoyed it, but some were anxious to get back to the delicacies of the BMA cafeteria!

Smell: Pollution is a major problem. People throw garbage in alleyways, and Brahma bulls and water buffalo wander by and dig through the piles in search of food, leaving their calling cards behind. Not many individuals own cars, but emissions from busses, trucks and taxis make the air difficult to breath! The most telling smell was from the open sewers that ran along the streets.

Sound: Horns honk continually. Not just "beep-beep-get out of my way!" but "I'm just letting you know I'm here and I will pass you first chance I get!" Another unique sound was the back-up indicator on our Sumo driver's car. It was to the tune of "Jingle Bells" (very out of place, since the temperature was in the 90's and 100's most days)!

"Hey, mister, what is your name?" "Do you have one bubble, please?" "You want to take one photo?" We were continually surrounded by children, who became very dear to us. I remember the emotion in the voices of the people Burri Palem. They had prayed for years for a church in their village!

Sight: We saw small villages scattered in rice field, and we saw large cities; Vijayawada and Delhi. Everywhere there were people. And cows; Brahma bulls and water buffalo. We saw block-and-cement



homes next to thatch-roofed huts. We saw busses, trucks, cars, ox carts, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, and goat herds.

We watched a church take shape as each day we saw progress. On the final sabbath, we saw that church packed to overflowing. We watched an elderly lady make her way to the front to celebrate the joy of having a place to worship God. We saw a construction site turn into a place of worship, and we observed the joy on the faces of the people of Burri Palem.

Touch: Sometimes we were afraid to touch things. But some of my best memories are of touching. To shake hands and have a child look at me as though I were the most important person in the world. Handing out a piece of gum ("one bubble, please"), and seeing the joy and excitement as the child runs away. When they asked me to "touch" and pray for them, I was the one who was touched!

In southern India, the Good news of Jesus Christ is spreading fast. The demand for churches is great, and the desire to learn even greater. I believe God has incredible things in store for India, and that His coming is very, very soon.

Spencer Hannah, Principal



Philadelphia Academy



Class of 1960



Class of 1970

Alumni Weekend



A time of reacquainting as alumni register during alumni weekend.

Alumni Annual Fund

To date we have more than \$36,000 toward our Alumni Annual Fund goal of \$40,000. Your gift before June 30, 2000 will help make our goal a reality.

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To find out more about the Alumni Annual Fund, call us at 610-562-4214, or you can send your gift to BMA's *Alumni Annual Fund*, 2363 Mountain Road, Hamburg, PA 19526.

Weekend 2000

Alumni President, John Casillas, '78; honor class agents Shari Sivak & Randall Simpson, '80; Wendy (Mesaric) Riedinger, '90; Karen Newhart Holland, '75; Joanne Kowlowitz, '70; Jim Ferguson, '60; and Joe Thomasello, Philadelphia Academy, worked hard to make this year's Alumni Weekend a great experience.

Hundreds of alumni filled the school in anticipation of the weekend meetings and seeing old friends. Roger Bothwell, Hamlet Canosa, Louis Canosa, Eddie Hernandez, Karen Smith, and Dolly Wetmore Surak were guest speakers. We were blessed by solos, instrumentals and a special treat with the reuniting class of 1970 men's quartet and 1975 Bel Canto members. It would be impossible to mention every person who made this such a special weekend, but I can assure you if you weren't here you missed a great time!



Class of 1975



Class of 1980

Phonathon 2000



Donna Karpenko, '64; Duane Ferguson, '59; Kim Collins, '77; and Steve Wilson, staff; volunteer time during our phonathon to encourage fellow alumni to support our \$40,000 Alumni Annual Fund goal.



Class of 1990



Our puppet family group visited Fairlane Village Mall as part of Service Day. They presented a program showing Jesus' love for us and passed out notes of encouragement and cookies from another family group.



John McCauley, '01; Jody Lumsden, '01; Heather Whitman, '02; and Walter Ramirez, '00; at the Boys' Club Reception. Caleb Sigua, and Amy Brownell were crowned Courtesy King and Queen. The evening's theme was winter. A large snow man, a dolphin and a large heart were carved out of ice by Chuck Allen. Afterwards there was a tour of the girls' dorm. To finish off the evening, everyone gathered in the cafeteria to watch a movie.



Huntington Valley Christian Academy's annual youth rally included BMA's Bel Canto, La Sonnette Ensemble, and Aerial Aires. This year's theme was "All or Nothing," and Elder David Ferguson was the main speaker. The afternoon program included service activities in the community.

Potomac People

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May 2000

What's happening around Potomac

Christ's Method of Evangelism- Lay Training with Russell Burrill

VA South Central, Capital, Valley,
Tidewater & Southwest Region -
Meadowbridge SDA Church
June 3, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 -
8:00 p.m.

Christ's Method of Evangelism- Lay Training with Russell Burrill

DC/Maryland & Northern Virginia
Region - Vienna Church
June 4, 8:30 - 12:00 noon & 1:00 -
2:30 p.m.

English Camp Meeting

Shenandoah Valley Academy
June 13-17

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The Potomac Conference office staff joined the Bendall family and friends at a retirement/farewell celebration February 24 to say goodbye and to express their best wishes to Joe & Sue. Among the gifts presented to the couple was a special book lovingly filled to capacity with tokens of cherished memories that will last a lifetime. Letters and cards flowed into the Conference office from all parts of the country to be included in this special gift.

Joe Bendall has given over 33 years of faithful service to the Potomac Conference. It all began in 1966 when he and his wife, Mary, and their children moved to Staunton. Joe worked as a literature evangelist until the end of 1967, when he was asked to become the driver of the Conference moving van. He remained in this position until January of 1979 when he became director of maintenance for the Conference office. Mary served there as Conference clerk until her untimely death in 1983.

Sue began her denominational career in 1953 as an elementary school teacher in the Indiana Conference. In 1961 she joined the Review and Herald staff. She married Aubrey Kinzer in 1964 and moved to the Washington, D.C., area

where she taught elementary school for the Potomac Conference until 1965, when she became an instructor at Columbia Union College. In 1977 the Kinzers moved to the west coast where Sue served as a secretary at Loma Linda University.

Sue and her children moved back east in 1984 after Aubrey died in a tragic plane accident. She served as assistant professor at Atlantic Union College and, in 1986, as administrative secretary for the Atlantic Union. Sue joined the



Joe and Sue
Bendall



President Herb Broeckel as he wishes
the couple a happy retirement.

Potomac Conference staff in 1987 as administrative secretary to the president, and as editor of Potomac People.

Sue and Joe met while working together at the Conference office. They married in 1991. The Bendalls will be relocating to the Petersburg area where they plan to enjoy their retirement years. They will be deeply missed by all.

GEOFFREY PATTERSON ORDAINED

Geoffrey Patterson, pastor of the Northern Virginia Christian Fellowship, was ordained as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on February 12, 2000. The afternoon service began with a welcome from Alicia Patterson, Geoff's wife who is also a pastor of the Northern Virginia Christian Fellowship. She shared what a blessing it has been to watch the Holy Spirit come alive in Geoff's life in his journey toward pastoral ministry.

Rachel Patterson, Geoff's mother, set the tone of the service in her conversation with God during the Opening Prayer. Mothers talk to God about their children often and Rachel's prayer was a mother's

prayer of thanksgiving and maternal request for blessing for her son, his wife, his children and his ministry.



Alicia Patterson, Geoffrey Patterson and Kurt Allen

In a brief interview with Lou Preston, Geoff and Alicia shared their interesting journey to pastoral ministry. Geoff received his degree in chemical engineering from the University of Tennessee in 1988 and worked

in that field for five years before he and Alicia felt the call to enter the gospel ministry and attend Andrews University.

Since graduating from Andrews in 1995, their work has been a blessing in the Potomac Conference in several churches in the Northern Virginia area.

ond generation ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister, participate in the ordination of Geoff who is now a third generation ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister. Both Gary and Geoff speak of their ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as the "family business". Herb Broeckel, Roger Weiss and Kurt Allen also took part in the service

and affirmed the work that Geoff has already done in his ministry here in the Potomac Conference.

The Northern Virginia Christian Fellowship is a church that Geoff and Alicia have



Back L to R: Lou Preston, Roger Weiss, Herb Broeckel, and Kurt Allen. Front L to R: Gary Patterson, Geoffrey Patterson, Gable Patterson, Alicia Patterson, Nathaniel Patterson, Rachel Patterson

Three members of Geoff's church spoke in affirmation of his work with the Northern Virginia Christian Fellowship. Geoff's skills in helping his members develop their spiritual gifts have been very important to the growth and fellowship of their congregation.

Gary Patterson, Geoff's father, spoke eloquently in the Ordination Message. He reminded Geoff of the importance of the anointing into pastoral ministry quoting from Luke 4, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for the Lord has anointed me to preach good news." It was especially exciting to see Gary, who is a sec-

started with a core group of dedicated individuals. Their approach to church member training and community evangelism is an exciting plan that the Potomac Conference has supported in an attempt to reach a large group of unchurched people and non-attending Seventh-day Adventists in the Fairfax County area. The group, which started out with about 12 people, quickly outgrew its first meeting site. They now meet in a beautiful church which they rent for Sabbath morning and have approximately 50 in regular attendance. The Lord has richly blessed the Pattersons' efforts.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS BEGINS



**Herbert Broeckel
President**

Our conference administrators have the vision to advance our conference through the process of strategic planning. February 25-27, 2000, the Potomac Executive Committee members attended a strategic planning exercise led by Bailey Gillespie, Ph.D., from La Sierra University. Strategic planning is not a short-lived program. It will be an ongoing strategy led by Dr. Gillespie, who will be

working through our administration and executive committee for some time. The Conference department directors also attended a strategic planning session on March 21-22, 2000 with Dr. Gillespie. We also plan to receive input from our pastors, teachers and our constituents. By the time of our Town Hall Meetings and Conference Session 2001, we wish to have achieved full input and support for the launching of Potomac plans which we pray will enhance the finishing of God's work. This process is just beginning. Please watch for further detailed reports.

SVAE MEETS NEEDS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Many Adventist families turn to the public school system when it is discovered that their child has a learning disability. Some of these same parents turn to home schooling. Adventist schools are now finding ways to meet the needs of students with learning differences or special needs.

Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary (SVAE), located in New Market, Virginia, is one such school. The school had employed a part-time "Learning Resource Teacher" for the last three years. This year, for the first time, a full-time special needs teacher was hired.

The special person to fill that spot is Patricia Jones. She has a rare blend of over 20 years of private and public school teaching experience (11 of which have been in special education). She came to SVAE with the added experience of having started the special education program in the Loma Linda, California area. Well

qualified, she holds not only a Masters degree, but also certification in three areas - Elementary Education, General Special Education, and Learning Disabilities.

About 13% of the student body attending SVAE benefit from her one-on-one instruction. "Our school has a commitment to create educational plans that will work for each student", says Rick Maloon, principal at SVAE. "Ms. Jones has a wider influence than individual instruction; she has input into the curriculum - refining methods and suggesting materials to accommodate different learning styles and levels". SVAE's Learning

Resource Teacher also uses her expertise through observation and interaction with teachers, to modify instruction and materials in the general classroom. In this way, all students benefit.

The students are seeing progress. One young person said, "My teacher showed my reading group a new word. I was the only one who knew it, because Ms. Jones showed me

and didn't notice any change. "The Learning Resource Center at SVAE has given our child a more personal approach. Time was given to our child, and it has really accomplished its purpose. It has been a confidence builder".

Another parent said, "I chose this school primarily because of the Learning Resource Center. This program

has made a difference in my child's reading level. Now she is able to read what she couldn't before. She has more self-confidence".

The Potomac Conference has encouraged SVAE to develop the Learning Resource Center and the financial support of The Commonwealth Foundation and McKee Foods has made this possible. Both benefactors take a special interest in helping kids achieve scholastically and have made a tremendous impact in



Patricia Jones demonstrates equipment that is used by students with learning differences or special needs at SVAE. (Students in the photo are not Ms. Jones' actual students).



that word." The teachers notice the difference, too, in the class work that is submitted. "One student who had trouble writing is now consistent in using proper punctuation and spacing," a teacher commented.

Parents also notice improvement. One family had tried a public school's LD program

SVAE's special needs program.

SVAE's administration, staff, and board are unitedly committed to providing all children the necessary methods and techniques to achieve the high standards the school has set.

With all they have to offer, SVAE can do just that.

—Mary Sailo, SVA Parent

STAFFORD SDA CHURCH PRISON OUTREACH

Stafford SDA Church members have been going to the Quantico prison each Sabbath for several years. In 1998, two inmates requested to have services on Sabbath, and

like to participate in this project. Every Sabbath since then, the pastor, elders, or other laypeople have held services at the prison.

Troy Smith was baptized when he was released from



Pastor Rogers at the seminar.

they finally received approval from the prison to contact an Adventist pastor. They contacted Stafford's Pastor, Clarence Schram, and the pastor asked the congregation if they would

the prison. Another inmate, Kie Butler, was also baptized in an SDA church in Baltimore.

Pastor Rogers and his wife Cheryl, from the Galax district, held an evangelistic



Rebecca Western and Pastor Schram



Mike Loudin, Pastor Schram and Holly Loudin

meeting the latter part of the year in Stafford, Virginia. A room was reserved at a local motel for the beginning of the seminar, and then later the meetings were moved to the church. We thank the Lord, six people joined the Stafford SDA Church. Pastor Schram had the



Pastor and Cheryl Rogers at the Woodbridge SDA Church before the baptism.



Mary Cox and Pastor Schram

pleasure of baptizing Mike and Holly Loudin, Mrs. Mary Cox and Gerald and Rebecca Western



Gerald Western and Pastor Schram

NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY MOVE FROM INDIANA CONFERENCE TO LYNCHBURG / APPOMATTOX

After an eight-month search, the Lynchburg and Appomattox churches are very happy to have a pastor here again. God had lessons for us to learn as we waited and prayed that His will be done. During those eight months, there was a pastor in La Porte, Indiana, who was also praying, along with his family, for God to direct their lives. Now great God is as He watches us all! He knows our needs far better than we do. He led just as we prayed He would, according to His will.

As God would have it, our new pastor, Joshua Lizarraga (pronounced Lizarraga), joined us for a

lonely first month from Thanksgiving till Christmas. Lonely, because he left his family to tie up loose ends and pack in La Porte. He missed two daughters' birthdays and a seventeenth wedding anniversary to come and minister to us! We were sorry for their sacrifice, but grateful to have him with us. At the time of this writing (February) we happily report that the rest of the Lizarraga family moved here in January. Wife, Sherrie, along with daughters, Cami 16, Laci 15, and Niki 13, are already very dear to us.

Exciting things are happening here as our schools, day-care and churches continue to grow through God's grace. The photographs shown are moments from the first communion with Pastor Lizarraga in Lynchburg. This service marked the beginning of family foot washing, a new

optional practice that we are delighted with. Several people gave personal testimonies as the bread and juice were being offered. It was a special service for everyone.

Please pray for us. We are missing people that we love. As most churches, we have

The Lizarraga family—Joshua, Sherrie, Cami, Laci, and Niki.

an eleventh-hour plan to hasten His return. We are grateful to God for leading us and for guiding the Lizarraga family to minister here.



Sherrie Lizarraga explain why Jesus washed the feet of His friends.

— Jeannie Ramsey
Lynchburg SDA Church



The whole church holding hands to sing the closing hymn.



Pastor Lizarraga washes daughter, Laci's feet.



work to accomplish within. Yet, we are looking forward to what God has planned in the future. Our hope is to be ready for Jesus. We want to be a part of the

Cami Lizarraga washes her dad's feet.



TA today

news you can use from Takoma Academy

TA PERSONNEL ADDITIONS:

TA welcomes **Althea "Missy" Ramsammy**, a 1989 graduate of Takoma Academy, as the new Technology Director. After graduation from TA, Missy



began working at the world headquarters of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In 1992 she transferred to ADRA International as a data processor and was later promoted to PC technician specializing in Macintosh computers. Missy helped create the original ADRA website and also assisted in designing the Global Village database. She is currently a student at Columbia Union College, graduating this summer with a degree in Information Systems. She is married to Philip Ramsammy, a nursing assistant at Washington Adventist Hospital. They have two sons, Philip, Jr., and Ryan.

Karla Rivera comes to Takoma Academy as director of choir and strings continuing the rich tradition of quality music we've always enjoyed. She follows in the musical footsteps of her parents, Joshua and Bonnie Rivera who are in charge of music at the Woodbury Seventh-day Adventist Church in Woodbury, New Jersey. Karla travels extensively as mezzo-soprano soloist with Pro Musica, CUC's select choir, and as violinist/soloist with the New England



Youth Ensemble. Her talents have opened doors for her to perform in countries such as Australia, South Africa, Scotland, Switzerland, Siberia and Spain. She also sung at Carnegie Hall under the direction of John Rutter. This summer she will graduate from Columbia Union College with a Bachelors degree in Music Performance, again following in the footsteps of her parents who are both CUC graduates.

FACULTY REVISES BLOCK SCHEDULE FOR 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR

Two years ago TA took a large step forward in its quest to provide quality education by introducing the Intensive Block Schedule concept into its academic program. The concept changes the length of a class period from 40 to 85 minutes and allows for courses to be completed in one semester instead of one school year. The concept allows students to have fewer subjects to prepare for as well as permits teachers to have fewer classes each day. One of the main advantages of the Block concept is that teachers may use two or three teaching strategies each class period. Not only have students and teachers expressed approval of the new program but students' GPAs and test scores have shown improvement. In the traditional program most teachers use lecture as the basic method of teaching. In the Block concept cooperative learning groups and other hands-on approaches can be utilized.

The revision just voted by TA will provide for a one-hour lunch break that will include recreational activities in the gym but no academic class time. In the previous program there were two one hour lunch times with classes being offered as well as recreation. The previous program did not provide enough activities for TA's growing student body of 400. The new plan will utilize four blocks of classes with the one-hour lunch between the second and third block. Students not taking classes during fourth block can go home or begin their after school work. The opening and closing of the school day will remain approximately the same. The intramural sports program will operate during the main lunch and also after school.

The main advantage of the new schedule is more efficiency of student and teacher time and it provides more flexibility for class scheduling.

DRAMA PRESENTATION

The TA drama class, under the direction of Ms. Myrna Candelaria, English/drama teacher, presents the Dickens' classic *A Tale of Two Cities*, Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. **Family and friends are invited to attend.** For ticket information call the business office at (301) 434-4700.

Faculty Highlights

Joe Perrone: TA Athletic Director and PE teacher, was named Coach of the Week in an article featured in *SchoolSports.com*, the national network celebrating local high school sports. "The goal of this season for coach Joe Perrone," the article says, "was to do what he's always done: mold a team into a squad both he and his players could be proud of on and off the court." The boys' varsity team ended the season in third place in the Beltway league with a record of 18 wins and 8 losses. Although TA's men's basketball team did not make the *Washington Post's* Top 20 ranked teams in the Washington area, they were given honorable mention. The team was also ranked 6th in Montgomery County.

David Hooker: Won \$500 in coupons for TA by competing in a Safeway-sponsored golf puzzle contest. Mr. Hooker teaches math at TA.

Michele Beach-Izzo: Named in *Who's Who in America*, the leading biographical reference publication since 1899. Mrs. Izzo teaches senior and sophomore English, AP English, and French.

COMING EVENTS

- May 1**
May Break No School
- May 8-12**
Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8-15**
Advance Placement (AP) exams
- May 21**
One day class outings
- May 25**
TA Board of Trustees Meeting
- May 25**
Junior/Senior Banquet
- May 26**
Spring Picnic
- May 29**
Memorial Day - No School
- June 9-11**
Graduation Weekend

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Shenandoah Valley Academy

happenings

A New Century—A New SVA

SVA's greatest resource, our students, share why Shenandoah is one of North America's premier academies.



Annaka Dorsett is a Junior from Nassau, Bahamas.

"A lot of my family have attended SVA and it looked like a good Christian school. Since arriving, I have really enjoyed it. Recently I joined the soccer team. Soccer means a lot to me, and this is my first experience on a varsity team. I am still learning, and as the season goes on, my love for the sport is growing!"

"SVA is my school because of its excellent programs and friends I have made. The music program has given me the opportunity to travel abroad, expanding my mind in areas other than academics and sports. I know few young people my age who have had the experience of traveling around the world. I feel very lucky being a part of that."



Melissa Ockenga is a Senior from New Market, Virginia.

"I chose SVA because it is a Christian school which offers great learning opportunities. My Welding class has been exciting since I can make good money during the summers to pay for academy and college. The best part of welding is making something, seeing it finished and knowing I made it!"



Jason Dean is a Freshman from New Market, Virginia.

SVA
has
answers.

"Can't Afford SVA?"

Work/Study

"Just Learning English?"

International Language School

"Not Headed To College?"

Vocational Education

"Ever Been To Australia?"

International Student Exchange

"Creating Web Pages For Cash?"

21st Century Technology

"Besides the impressive campus layout, SVA's great faculty and student body appealed to me.

As a student, I have been involved in spiritual activities. I had not had that choice before. It makes you feel good after you have given a speech or sung a song, knowing you and others are growing closer to God."



Shellie Pires is a Sophomore from Dalton, Georgia.

"I chose SVA because I believed it would give me a good Christian education. I prayed for friends who held the same religious views as me, and came back this year because I found just that. SVA is also giving me a higher level education. My goal is to graduate in 2002 with high honors and a great deal of knowledge in Math and Science as I prepare to become a Doctor. Advanced Placement classes will get me to that goal. I love SVA!"

Becca Belleville is a Sophomore from Bel Air, Maryland.





Blake Cameron is a Sophomore from Montclair, Virginia.

"The moment I set foot on SVA's campus, I knew I had to attend there. With mountains on all sides, and smiling faces greeting you, it is no wonder SVA is

heralded as the "Cadillac" of Adventist academies. Now with the new technology program, this academy will secure its status at the pinnacle of Adventist high school education. SVA is setting the standard for the 21st century."



Sonia McCarthy is a Junior from Winchester, Virginia.

"Good dorms, a beautiful campus, warm and caring people making it feel home-like, and an awesome academic program attracted me to SVA. I work my way through school sorting boxes from Little Debbies at SVA Recycling. Besides the snacks, the pay is great! I earn between \$11-14 per hour and sometimes more! I would not be here without this job. This work opportunity is vital to my school life."

"I kept hearing good things about SVA, so I decided to check it out. When I stepped on campus I knew this was the place for me. People treated you like family. Teachers were willing to help you. It's a fun place to be! For two years I have been involved and worked hard in Drama. I have learned I can do anything if I put my mind to it, and realized what I want to do in life. My Drama teacher has brought out the best in me."



Keith Hickey is a Senior from Washington, D.C.



Eric Garman is a Senior from Woodstock, Virginia.

"This May, 2000 I will be a fourth generation SVA graduate. First semester I served as an SVA ambassador to Australia for one month in the Student Exchange Program. This experience was the most memorable ever. Visiting another Adventist academy abroad was both culturally and spiritually stimulating. Even though I am separated from my 'Aussie' friendships by 17,000 miles, my memories will last a lifetime."



Dominique Dolan is a Junior from Petersburg, Florida.

SVA has answers.

"Med School In The Plans?"

Advanced Placement Courses

"Been To Venice, Italy?"

International Music Tours

"Been On Stage?"

Drama

"Built A Church?"

Campus Ministries

"Trained Your Athletic Gifts?"

Interscholastic Sports

"Performed With Christian Artists?"

Weekend Ministries

"Performed At An NBA Game?"

Olympians Gymnastics

"My friends told me what a great school SVA is, so I decided to continue my Christian education here. Gymnastics means so much to me. I have competed for three years, and SVA's coach heard about me and recruited me. Now being on the Olympians is just awesome. After having won state champion several times, it is a thrill to continue improving my skills at a Christian school like SVA."

NEXT ISSUE: SVA makes headlines with bold initiatives: international language school, vocational education, technology and advanced placement.

Mountain Viewpoint

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SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS



David Pitt



Joyce Wilkinson



Jennifer Lauletta

Besides their huge gift of music which they love to share, the collective musical and spiritual experiences of David, Joyce and Jennifer make this a special trio. Theirs is not just a musical group. It is a testimony to what God can do for those who are afflicted with disease, those who are lost and long to be found and those who seek strength to persevere in a world that does everything it can to stop them. Don't miss this musical "experience." You will want at least one CD—maybe more!

C A M P M E E T I N G 2 0 0 0

THE WAY OF THE CROSS LEADS HOME

Samuel Thomas, Jr.

Morning Devotional

Pastor Samuel Thomas, Jr. is the Speaker/Director for Transformation Broadcast Ministries, Inc. a partner affiliate of Three Angels Broadcasting Network. After 18 years of pastoral work in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he and his wife, Karen, are involved in a weekly radio broadcast which utilizes the broadcast support of 3ABN. It is heard in Australia, Singapore, and Canada. The ministry's focus is Evangelism in the Urban Centers of the World.



John Fowler

Evening Program

Elder John Fowler has served the church and his Lord in many ways: pastor, professor, conference president, evangelist, etc. Elder Fowler just retired as evangelist for It Is Written and is stopping at Mountain View's camp meeting on his way to the World Ministers' council in Toronto, Ontario, Canada where he is a presenter.



Terry Johnson

Worship Hour

In the opinion of his first grade teacher, Terry was dumb, retarded, and a troublemaker. Her own prejudice blinded her to Terry's real problem, dyslexia. Hear the inspiring story of how he became the first handicapped person to serve in the President's Honor Guard. At times, the struggle to succeed was almost more than Terry could bear. But God had a plan for this young man's life. With the help of a devoted mother, Terry became a vessel of honor for his country and his Lord at the very highest levels of political power.



Randy Murphy

Mountain View
Conference President

Everyday Pastor Randy Murphy, our own conference president and a native West Virginian, will bring us "This is My Story." During this time we will have the opportunity to see

how God is leading the lives of our fellow members. Elder Murphy will also conclude our camp meeting Sabbath evening at 7pm.

Hey Kids!

The children of Mountain View Conference

Camp Meeting are in for a treat as their leaders are busily making preparations to benefit their growth-in-Jesus experience.

Peggy Criddle begins soon after

one camp meeting to prepare for the next as she creates her special props and learning methods for the Beginners. In teaching about bees and what they produce, children are treated to a drop of honey placed on their tongues! And, they not only hear about Jesus as a boy in Joseph's carpenter shop, they experience what He may have done to help.

Who are the heroes in your children's lives? In a world permeated with Pokemon, Power Rangers, Barbies & Beast Wars, children need to know who the real heroes and heroines of their lives should be. Tim and Cheryl Eberhardt (Kindergarten), Vera Goff (Primary) and their assistants will provide training for your children that will help them know who qualifies as a real hero. They will experience the stories of the Bible, learn how to apply them to their lives and acquire the tools for making good choices in the future.

Rick and Bonnie Cutright will be on hand again to give of their special musical

Where will you be June 13-17?
...Camp Meeting—Of Course!!!

talents in singing songs of praise with the children each day. The book of nature will be

opened to them daily by nature lover, Joel Stecker.

Karla Schartiger and Carmen Bennett will lead the children in hand-crafting items that will be reminders of the lessons learned.

Camp Meeting is one event that will benefit your children for a lifetime! See you there!

—Feryl Harris, Children's Ministry



NOTICE!!!

Camp Meeting Information

Camp meeting registration is at the Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, West Virginia, on Tuesday, June 13. For further information on registration and/or accommodations, please call (304) 422-4581.

ATTENTION!!!!

ABC BIG BOOK SALE
Friday, June 16, 2000

MOUNTAIN VIEW CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING 2000 SCHEDULE

The Way of the Cross Leads Home

June 13-17, 2000
Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, West Virginia

	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15	Friday June 16	Saturday June 17	
6:30-7:30	Registration	Samuel Thomas, Jr.				
7:30-8:30		BREAKFAST				
9:00-10:30		Seminars Unlimited Carl Johnson	Family Bible Marking Plan	Christian Record Services	9:15 Sabbath School Supt.: Feryl Harris Mission: Mark Eaton	
10:45-12:00		This is My Story Randy Murphy			11:00 Worship Hour Terry Johnson	
12:00-2:30		LUNCH				
2:30-3:30		Lyle Botimer		ABC SALE	Concert	
3:45-5:00		Samuel Simuzoshya	Kingsley Whitsett	FREE TIME Sabbath Preparation	Terry Johnson	
5:00-6:30		Senior's Dinner	SUPPER			Watermelon Feed sponsored by Mount Vernon Academy
7:00-9:00		John Fowler				Randy Murphy

SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS

Carl Johnson

Director Seminars Unlimited

Church board members all over North America have heard "that comes from Seminars Unlimited" or "I'll call Seminars Unlimited and ask about that." We have asked Elder Johnson to come to Mountain View camp meeting and tell us what Seminars Unlimited is all about, what it has done, what it is doing and how we can best use this service in the future.

Christian Record Services

Lincoln, Nebraska

For many years Christian Record Services has served people with sight disabilities. They are ready and willing to help people here in the Mountain View Conference. They are available to help you, your neighbor or anyone you know who is visually impaired.

Pastor Samuel Simuzosha

Beckley, West Virginia

Brother Samuel is Mountain View's missionary from Africa. He has a story of miracles you need to hear. He and his family live and attend school in Beckley and is helping pastor the church at Indian Creek in McDowell County.

Family Bible Marking Plan

This popular Bible marking plan started right here in Mountain View Conference and has spread across America. Come learn how this program can enhance and revitalize your church's evangelistic efforts.

Mark Eaton, Mountain View Conference Treasurer

The Eaton family are real, live missionaries who have just moved to Mountain View after serving 17 years in the Far East. They will share a thrilling mission story during Sabbath school. Both their girls were born overseas and have just moved to "a foreign land." Mark Eaton comes to the Mountain View Conference to serve as our treasurer. He is highly qualified having served as Assistant Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Conference, Associate Treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, Treasurer of Guam-Micronesia Mission, Administrator of the large medical clinic on Guam and most recently as Professor of Advanced Accounting, Auditing and Computer Accounting Systems at the Adventist University in Bandung, Indonesia. Please give the Eaton family a warm Mountain View welcome.

Kingsley Whitsett

Elder Kingsley Whitsett is known and loved by all in Mountain View. He came to us from pastoring the Frederick, Maryland church. He began service here as pastor and youth director of the Buckhannon-Glenville district. Currently Whitsett wears many hats, among them is Mountain View's Executive Secretary, Ministerial Director and Educational Superintendent. Whitsett is a deeply spiritual man and a pastor's pastor.

This is How It's Done

We hear names of organizations or ministries and wonder who they are and what part they play in God's great plan. In this section we will learn about two very important ministries from far away that minister in Mountain View and another that was born right here at Valley Vista.

This is My Story

Everyone's life is a story. Many of these stories clearly show how God has led and directed lives to ministry or service. Don't miss this program where people you know will share their story. Elder Murphy will choose a few people each day to interview and who knows, it might be you!

REMEMBER CAMP MEETING LAST YEAR?



Catch the

Vision

Allegheny West Conference Newsletter May 2000

Baptismal Pool Dedication

The Cleveland Heights SDA Church (now the Temple of Praise SDA Church) purchased their church in 1988 from the Church of the Covenant. At the time of purchase there was no baptismal pool in the building because the previous owners had used another form of baptism. Because Seventh-day Adventists believe in baptism by immersion (Romans 6:3-4) there was a great need for a baptismal pool.

The church used a borrowed pool for sometime from her sister churches and would like to thank the pastors of these churches who were so kind during their time of need.

A building committee was formed in the Spring of 1998 to take on the arduous task of seeking professional

August 1999 and the pool was completed in November 1999. January 29, 2000 the pool was dedicated.

The church offers heartfelt thanks to God, its faithful members, the Allegheny West Conference and Pastor Leighton Palmer for a job well done.



Elder Leighton Palmer, pastor of the Temple of Praise church preparing to use the new pool for the very first time.



Temple of Praise baptismal candidates waiting to try the new pool. Praise God!

advice from contractors. The Temple of Praise members solicited and contributed of \$15,000.00 toward the pool project. Construction began in

Children's Day Program

The Sabbath School Department held its annual Children's Day Program on December 11, 1999. The young people of the church led out in the Sabbath School program and Divine Worship services. The speaker, 12 year old Demetius Hall, focused his sermonette on the theme, "I Am Getting Ready to Meet Jesus." The Cherub Children's Choir, along with the guest children's choir from Zanesville, Ohio church provided the music. Allowing the children to participate and seeing their joy in doing so was the reward as they also realized that they are an intricate part of the church organization. Dinner was served for the children, parents and guests following the service.

Hilltop and Southside SDA Churches

The Hilltop and Southside SDA Churches sponsored a special farewell program and dinner for Elder Henry Freeman.

Elder Freeman has served the Allegheny West Conference as publishing director, faithful literature evangelist, Bible worker and stewardship leader.

Elder Henry Freeman will be relocating to Jappa, Maryland and will be truly missed by all.



Elder and Mrs. Carl Rogers bid Elder Henry Freeman (center) a fond goodbye.

Community Guest Day

The Columbus-Hilltop SDA Church held its Sabbath School Community Guest Day on December 4, 1999. The theme "Getting Ready to Meet Jesus" was highlighted by the visitors from various churches who participated on the program.

Janet Walker, Administrative Assistant from the Metropolitan Baptist Church, was superintendent for the day. Ira Franklin, who is currently involved in Bible studies with the church, was secretary for the day. The mission emphasis was presented by Ralph Wolfe, a member of the Calvary Apostolic Church. A special presentation was given by Ralph King, a pizza delivery man, who was invited to share how his relationship with Christ was enhanced by his work. An award from church was presented to Carla L. Bailey, Executive Director of Special Ties, a non-profit organization for parents and caregivers of special needs children, and author of a book entitled "God's Greatest Gift." She is the proud parent of a physically challenged daughter and brought a powerful message of hope, faith and joy. Derrick Moffett, pastor of the Hillcrest and Uniontown, PA churches was guest speaker for the Divine Worship service. He presented a stirring, challenging message to all present.

A delightful dinner was served after the service. Dolores Cherry, Sabbath School Superintendent stated, "Community Guest Day involves people in other churches and the community becoming acquainted with



Pastor Derrick Moffett of the Hillcrest SDA Church in PA was guest speaker for the Hilltop Community Guest Day.

the Adventist Church. Inviting them to participate in the program has increased member participation and the number of visitors on Community Guest Day. It is a pleasure to be involved in this Friendship ministry."



(L to R) Elder Carl Rogers, Pastor of Hilltop SDA Church and Dolores Cherry present Carla L. Bailey with a special service award from the Hilltop Church.



(L to R) Ralph King, Janet Walker and Ray Wolf shared very inspirational experience with the church.

Pennsylvania Pen

May 2000

Welcome!

Have you met anyone who's said "yes" to Jesus lately? North, South, East and West—across our state Pennsylvanians are being introduced to a God who loves them. And they're accepting His love and making a commitment.

On February 12 the New Brighton church gave thanks once again to the Lord. Ashlee McMasters, age 13, was baptized after studying the Bible with pastor Shawn Shives. Ashlee became interested in Jesus during pastor Shives' devotionals at Greater Pittsburgh Junior Academy.

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MARTHA E. GEORGE

New Brighton communication secretary

In 1999, before Pastor Jerry Finneman could take his new position as pastor of a church in California, he had the privilege of baptizing several young people into Erie church. Candidate Glenn Cessna stated that one of the reasons he made a decision for

baptism was because he wanted to be an example. Before the service was over, many others answered the call of the Holy Spirit in making a decision to join the church family.

CONTRIBUTED BY LEE RAIMONDO
Erie communication secretary

A hard-working single parent, Annie Smith was invited by a friend to watch a video of Leo Scriven's. In recalling the incident, Annie chuckled a little as she shared that she "kept falling asleep" because of the hours and the shifts she was working. But that was the beginning.

When *Net '99* rolled around Annie was invited by Sam Hackenberger to attend. He started taking Annie's son, Cody, to Sabbath School.

Before long Annie fell in love with Jesus. Through His strength she gave up smoking, stopped eating meat and took a stand for her beliefs at work by refusing to work on Sabbath. Annie has been baptized, Cody has been dedicated and the York church family is rejoicing.

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Ashlee McMasters



Annie Smith with Pastor David Woodruff. Inset: Annie's son Cody.



Left to right, back row: Pastor Jerry Finneman, Kyle Neuroh, Debbie Antolik, Veronica Norman, Glen and Michelle Cessna. Front row: Matthew Brown and Cindy Textor.

What's happening

June 4

Blue Mountain Academy Graduation

June 9-17

Camp Meeting
Blue Mountain Academy

June 29-July 8

General Conference Session
Toronto, Canada

June 25-July 2

Adventure Camp
Laurel Lake Camp

July 2-9

Junior I Camp
Laurel Lake Camp

July 9-16

Junior II Camp
Laurel Lake Camp

July 16-23

Teen Camp
Laurel Lake Camp

July 26 - 30

Family Camp
Laurel Lake Camp

August 6-11

Young Adult Canoe Trip
Canada

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Do you recognize His gifts?



MICHAEL CAULEY
President

Recently, someone shared this poignant story with me: A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As graduation day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and won-

derful family, but realized his father was very old and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day.

Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still-new Bible, just as he had left it years ago.

With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11: "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words ... PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

An action-packed calendar

What are some things a church could do during the first three months of the new year? Perhaps they could conduct a day of prayer and Bible study. Or host a Valen-tine social. They could hold a ladies prayer breakfast, offer ministry through music, host a dinner for the less fortunate, present a family life seminar ... or they could do all of the above!

The Lansdale church family has been busy touching people's lives in and out of the church. On February 26, after a delightful Valentine social a couple of weeks earlier, Pastor Tom Grove organized a day of Prayer and Bible study entitled "Walking as Jesus Walked." The event included lunch and small group discussions.

On March 11 the church hosted "Manna on Main Street," a program set up by local Christian churches to assist needy people with food. The meal drew approximately 28 persons. After the vegetarian dinner was served, Pastor Tom delivered a sermonette and church members presented various musical numbers.

The very next weekend was packed with a family life seminar Sabbath afternoon, a musical concert by Wanda Hunter on Saturday night, and a ladies prayer breakfast on Sunday. The seminar was conducted by the Hunters and offered resources and Biblical solutions to achieving and maintaining harmonious relationships within a family that has been reconstructed through adoption or remarriage. It was entitled "The Blended Family."

As the year continues to offer opportunities for action, Lansdale plans to keep doing their best in reaching out to others.

CONTRIBUTED BY
MAGDALENE BAUER
Lansdale communication secretary



The kitchen crew for the ladies' prayer breakfast.



Pastor Tom serves during "Manna on Main Street".

Vegetarian attraction

"I didn't know vegetarian food could taste so good. May I bring my two neighbors?" a participant asked after the first night of our vegetarian cooking classes. Naturally she got a positive response!

Our church was pleasantly surprised with the arrival of 33 people for the first session of our classes. The number included six men and 16 non-Adventists. Joan Ehrlich was the teacher, with the aid of church members. After a wonderful presentation on soybeans and tofu,

but were afraid of a "cult" church. But as they kept reading our message, the mother wanted to come and see what we were teaching because she felt "Those people know something—they hit the nail on the head too often!" The very night she decided to visit our church her husband came home and, unaware of her decision, said, "Why don't we try that church?" It was the Holy Spirit working.

There were some misgivings about our sign at first for fear of



Instructor Joan Ehrlich (standing) smiles as she watches participants enjoy food samples.

the participants enjoyed tasting food and lingered afterwards to talk and ask questions.

At our next class, 30 people came, bringing in four new participants. One lady said, "I've liked everything you've served, to my surprise! It's been worth coming and I hope to try all of these recipes".

We continue to see God lead people to our church. Many have become aware of our presence since we put up our new church sign. A family of four were searching for truth

making enemies; but the positive has resulted in the majority, so far, with God's Blessing.

MARY JANE SHADE
Mifflintown communication secretary

Event Updates

Laurel Lake Summer Camp

Bike, swim, ride horses, do gymnastics, earn Pathfinder honors and much more at Laurel Lake. Attend Adventure if you are age 7-9, Junior I & II age 9-12, or Teen camp age 13-17. For an application or more information contact the camp at (814)938-9300.

Family Camp July 26-30

Designed especially for families, this camp will offer all of the usual classes and games of summer camp with the addition of adult classes like scrapbooking (Creative Memories). Expect a golf tournament as well as insightful and interactive programming from the camp staff and special family life presenters Don and Sue Murray of Andrews University. Get an application by calling (814)938-9300.

Young Adult Canoe Trip

Are you 16 to twenty-something years old? Then plan on a relaxing six days in the wild moose country of Canada. You bring your pack, tent, and food, we provide canoes, transportation from Blue Mountain Academy and permits.

Cost is \$130 per person. Get more information by calling (610) 374-833, ext. 210.



On a mission

On any given Sabbath, millions of Adventists around the globe gather to worship God. For many of us, going to church is no big deal. We get in our car and drive to the nice sanctuary we've been attending since childhood. But for many of our brothers and sisters in third-world countries this scenario doesn't come close to reality. For literally years these people have come before God on their knees, begging Him for a church to be built in their community.

This year, in two villages, the people's prayers were answered. And God used the hands and resources of Pennsylvanian Advent-ists to do the job.

In February the Reading Hampden Heights church set out for Honduras. They not only built a church, but held vacation Bible

Below, left: Las Colinas—the church completed!

Below, right: Jim Duman and David Tryon lay block on the church in Honduras.

Bottom: Builders of the Las Colinas church.



school and set up a medical clinic. By the end of their work, the church was complete, more than 200 kids were attending VBS, and the believers in Las Colinas were thanking and praising God for giving them a church.

It only took 37 hours for another group of church-builders to make it to their destination—India! The



people of Burri Palam, a tiny mud village in the South of India, gave testimonies of praying for a church for 20 plus years. If you could only have

heard the children sing "This is the Day" during the church's dedication Sabbath! Daniela Treitl, a junior at Blue Mountain Academy stated, "Twenty years from now I will remember the people and God's presence more than anything else."



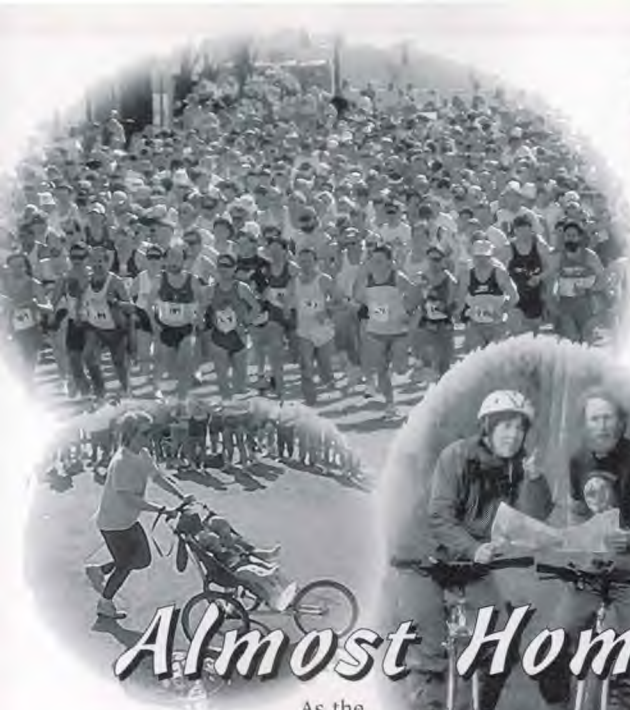
Above: The young boys thought Philip Lacie was great to play with.

Top: The ladies in the village loved to dress the female workers in traditional Indian attire.

Right: Floyd Dare and Sarah Hosko ride a grass/hay wagon in the city of Tenali.



CELINA WORLEY
Editor



DATELINE

CAMP MEETING

2000

Almost Home

As the opening of a new century and the last year of a millennium, 2000 reminds us that we are closer home than when we first believed. *Almost Home* is an appropriate theme for our 2000 camp meeting! It is also the theme for the 57th General Conference session in Toronto, Canada. But for more than 1.3 billion inhabitants of China, this is the Year of the Dragon. The dragon promises to bring prosperity and pleasure. From one year to another, time in this Oriental zodiac will continue to go by, always with hopes that every year will be as good as the Year of the Dragon. Christians have a different view.

One of the most blessed promises of the Bible is found in John 14:1-3. Jesus himself pronounced these wonderful words: "I go to prepare a place for you. . . and I will come again. . . that where I am, you may be also. . ." Unlike the unending Chinese zodiac cycle, we look forward to an end to the cycle of sin, and the opening of a prosperous and joyful eternity!

Camp meeting 2000 is designed to remind us that we are "Almost Home." From the very beginning of our movement, camp meetings have played a significant role in our Christian experience. Read these words: "The camp meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. . . The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement. It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp meetings. . . If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, 40.2).

This year Dr. Edward Reid, stewardship director for the North American Division, will bring us the Word of God. Beginning on Friday, June 16, and continuing during the Sabbath worship hour, concluding in the afternoon, Reid will speak about the last days events that will forever etch

in our minds the fact that we are "Almost Home." Our Spanish speaking brethren will be blessed with similar presentations the following weekend by Dr. Ricardo Norton, Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at the Seminary. Great music, stupendous preaching, great youth and children's programs and unparalleled fellowship will thrill your heart. Pre-purchase your meal tickets, or bring your own Sabbath lunch. A light, complimentary picnic supper will be served in the evening.

"Leave your home cares, and come to find Jesus, and He will be found of you. . ." continues the testimony. Make this camp meeting a significant milestone in your spiritual journey. If you need lodging, make sure to reserve a room for Friday night so you can receive the blessings of all the programs. And, don't come alone. Bring a friend!

We are reminded to "Come with your offerings as God has blessed you. Show your gratitude to your Creator, the Giver of all your benefits, by a freewill offering. Let none who are able come empty-handed. . . Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. . . They met to recount God's mercies, to make known His wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to His name.

"Our camp meetings are arranged and held at great expense. Some will say: 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, 39.1).

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. . . You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege." (6T 39.2)

See you at Camp Meeting 2000. We are *Almost Home!*
—Dowell W. Chow, President



Guest Speakers

Ed Reid—a good steward



Pastor G. Edward Reid is stewardship director of the North American Division. An ordained minister and a licensed attorney who is certified as a teacher and counselor by Christian Financial Concepts, Ed has done much study on the topics of Christian money management and eschatology. His books include "It's Your Money, Isn't It?", "Even at the Door" and "Sunday's Coming". His latest book, "Ready or Not", considers current events with end-time significance.

Reid will be speaking Friday night, June 16, and Sabbath morning and evening, June 17.

David Pastor—a modern day "David"



A teacher, a preacher, a reacher of souls is what "Pastor David" is all about. His passion for soul-winning is quite evident in his goal to share the good news about Jesus' second coming with all who come in contact with him.

He loves the young people and desires that they learn to know Jesus as a personal friend and savior. His balanced approach is tri-fold; to reach the heart, the body and the soul. He has been able to reach the heart

through Bible studies and seminars; the body by coaching a church sponsored men's basketball team and the soul through various seminars, lectures and outreach activities. Born to Ramon and Maria Pastor in Patchogue, LI, David is the youngest of eight children. At 12-years-old, he and his family relocated with the "wrong crowd" and developed unacceptable vices. His life was transformed at the age of 19 when he accepted the Lord and was baptized as an Adventist. With extreme feelings of being called to ministry, David enrolled at Antillian College in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and later transferred to Atlantic Union College to pursue a theology degree.

He pastored the Perrysburg district in Western New



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York State. he later moved back to Long Island and became a teacher at the Bronx-Manhattan Adventist School in New York City. At the same time, he was the associate pastor for the Weeks Spanish church, part of the Spanish University District in the Bronx. He is a lay pastor for the Waldwick New Jersey Church.

David is married to the former Johanna Rivera. Together, they have developed a ministry of servanthood.

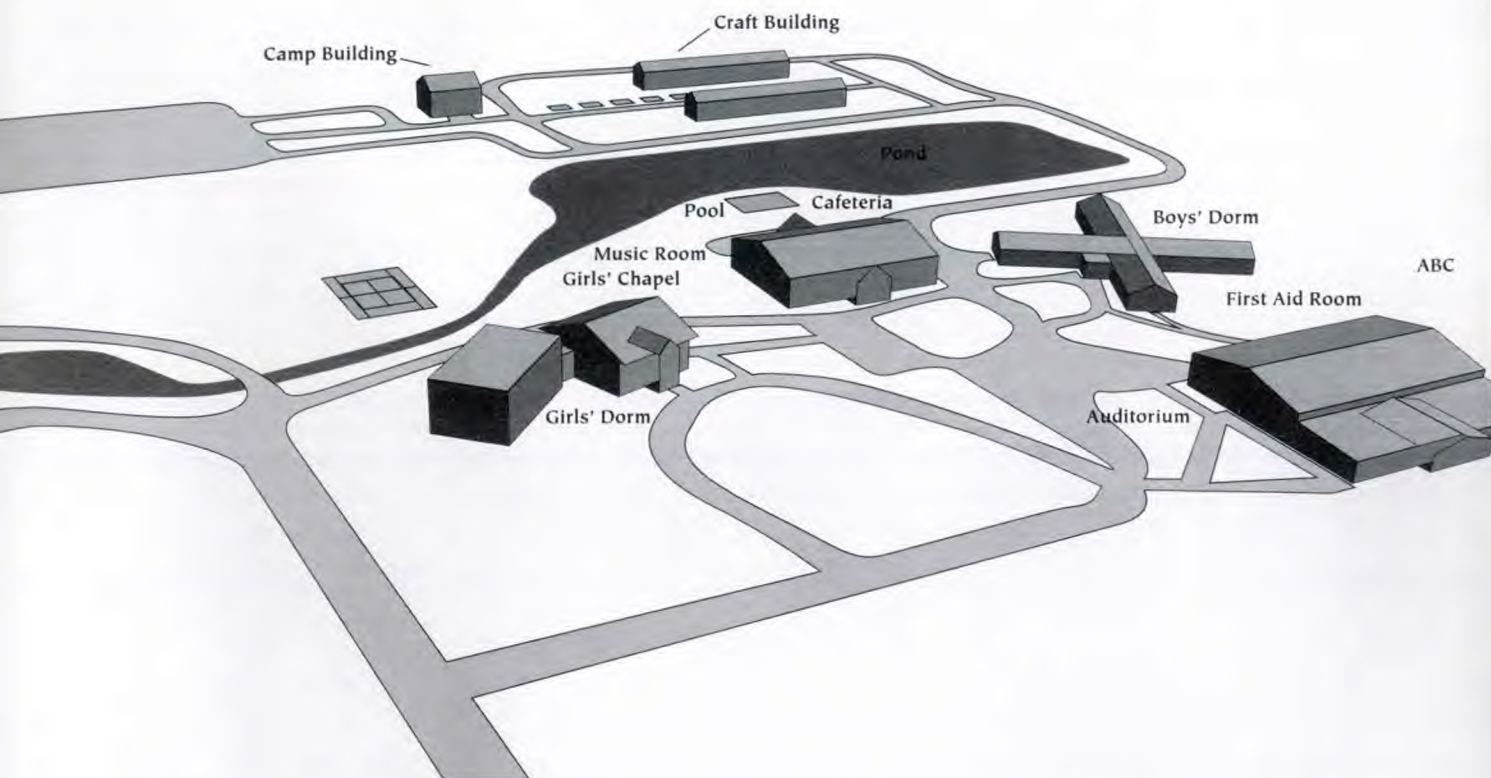
Yes, David is truly a modern day "David."



Remember camp meeting last year?



DATELINE



Rules, regulations and roads



1. **ATTIRE** Guests are asked to dress appropriately (shoes, shirts required and no short-shorts permitted) for all meetings and activities. Swimmers are to wear "coverup" garments enroute to and from the pool.
2. **CARE OF CHILDREN** Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children. Minors may not reside on the grounds without parents or guardians. Help your family enjoy this spiritual retreat by encouraging them to attend each meeting.
3. **COOKING** Due to fire and safety regulations, cooking is not permitted in dormitory rooms.
4. **COUNSELING/PRAYER** Pastor Mike Gill will be directing a team of ministers in this important service. The location for counseling will be in the library.
5. **CURFEW** Guests are asked to be considerate of others by honoring our "quiet period" between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
6. **FIREWORKS** Due to fire and safety regulations, fireworks are not permitted on the campgrounds.
7. **LOST AND FOUND** All items found on the campground should be promptly brought to the locating office.
8. **MAIL** Both incoming and outgoing mail will be handled at the locating office.
9. **PETS** Pets are not permitted on the campus.
10. **REGISTRATION** All guests are asked to register at the locating office. Arrangements for overnight lodging and RV parking must also be made at the locating office.
11. **SOLICITATION/SALES** Unauthorized solicitation, promotions or sale of any materials are not permitted on the campus.
12. **TELEPHONE** Pay phones are available in both dormitories and ad building. All calls should be made from these phones.

DATELINE
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ABC CAMP MEETING "PRE-SALE"

Due to the short camp meeting program this year, the Adventist Book Center is providing a special order service. At camp meeting, the New Jersey Conference ABC will function as ORDER PICK UP only.

You will still be able to get all your camp meeting discounts on books and foods. Prior to camp meeting, order forms will be sent to your church for you to choose your products, attach your payment, and return the form to the ABC by the deadline.

When you come to camp meeting, you will be able to conveniently pick up your order Saturday night at the ABC table next to the locating trailer.



LeRoy Finck, Secretary



Dowell Chow, President



Raymond Jimenez, Treasurer

Cafeteria Hours

Breakfast	8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
Lunch	12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Dinner	5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sabbath meals by ticket only! Tickets may be purchased in the cafeteria on Friday afternoon. There will be no tickets sold on Sabbath. If you are unable to arrive before sundown on Friday, you may purchase tickets from the conference treasury department *prior to camp meeting*, or make arrangements with your pastor.

Prices

Friday supper	\$4.00
Sabbath breakfast	\$4.00
Sabbath lunch	\$5.00
Sabbath picnic supper	Free to all!

Locating Office

Fifth-wheel trailer by the main auditorium
Raymond Jimenez, director
Friday Hours

2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Sabbath Hours
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Meetings: Times & Places

Almost Home CAMP MEETING 2000

TIME	FRIDAY June 16	SABBATH June 17
8-8:45	Welcome to Camp Meeting 2000!	BREAKFAST
9:15-10:15		GSA/EDUC. S.S. Lesson Ed Reid 11 am-12 pm
10:45-12 pm		LUNCH
12-1 pm		
2 pm	REGISTRATION begins at 3:00 p.m.	Music Festival
2:30-3:30		Seminar— Ed Reid 3:30 Break
3:45		Baptism
		Music Festival 5:30- 6:00 pm
5:30-6:30	DINNER—Sabbath picnic 6 pm	
7:15-8:45	Ed Reid "Almost Home"	Dowell Chow "Almost Home"

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Chesapeake *Challenge*

YOUR CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

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President's Focus

Every true Christian should have the world on his heart. That is, she should not be willing to settle for anything less than evangelism world-wide. Not that everyone is able to go everywhere doing everything for everybody, but that as each person does their job right where they are and prays that laborers are sent wherever God

directs, each Christian's mission field will be the world and each will be following His call day in and day out right where the Lord has placed them.

In this issue of the *Challenge* you will read a report on the mission trip to South Africa. The next issue will bring one on the teen mission trip to Honduras. But there is a subtle danger in using the term foreign missions! It is that we may limit our understanding of the mission of the church to the crossing of salt water or national boundaries. Actually the mission of the Church is right outside our doors. Wherever there is a man or woman or child unevangelized, there is the mission of the church. Just look around you, that's where the mission of the Church begins! The awareness of another person's need, plus a prayerful concern to do something about it, is the true mission of the Church.

And while we rejoice in the experience of those who have been involved in "foreign missions" we have some exciting news about plans developing for "home missions." The end of next month Chesapeake Pathfinders will go to Buckhannon, West Virginia to perform a number of community service projects. And in 2001 we will be sending a "mission team" to the Cornerstone/Pocomoke district on the lower Delmarva peninsula to do the same. All in all it is great to see so many members excited about advancing the mission of the church—both here and abroad!

Middletown Valley celebrates Inaugural Weekend

On April the 15th and 16th with over 125 in attendance, members and friends of the Middletown Valley church celebrated a weekend of inaugural programs in the new facility near Jefferson, Maryland. The first phase of their building project is largely completed. The foyer, fellowship hall, kitchen and basement Sabbath School rooms are in full use. The fellowship hall doubles as the sanctuary (and quite nicely) until such time as the congregation is able to build Phase II.

Special guests for the weekend services included founding pastor, Elder Richard Fearing Sr. and Pastor Mark Wakefield from the Middletown Christ Reformed Church, where the Adventist congregation has rented worship space for the past 10 years. Elder Fearing was pastor of the Frederick church when the Middletown Valley church was started as a branch group. Pastor Wakefield's remarks to those present were most enlightening. He thanked the members for their example of Christian unity, spiritual commitment and steadfast endurance. He gave testimony to the effect their presence had on the spiritual development of his own congregation. He then presented a check for the purchase of a guest registry table for the foyer.

Conference Treasurer Elder Ramon Chow shared a thrilling mission feature from his days in Nicaragua and former Middletown Valley pastor George Wennerberg taught the general Sabbath School lesson. Elders Harcombe and Vandeman were also present to offer words of congratulations. Following a lovely Sabbath luncheon, members and guests were treated to a musical feast by a variety of individuals. On Sunday, the church held an open house for the general public and finished with a program of recognition for those who had been so instrumental in the realization of their dream.

The new facility is located at 1811 Arnold Road (just off Route 17) in Jefferson, Maryland. With over 10,000 homes in the valley (a fast-growing bedroom community for Frederick, Baltimore and Washington) and more residents on the way, the small congregation has big plans for evangelism. In fact, they have been very active evangelistically during the entire study, fund raising and construction phase of their project.



Mission to

A group of 15 Chesapeake volunteers left March 2 for a two week work project in the Northern Province of South Africa. The purpose of the trip was to construct a church in the village of Mamitwa. But nearly 100 inches of rain in the Northern Province in January and February had threatened the project by washing out the bridge and road leading into the village. As the local project coordinator scrambled to find an alternate project, mission team members prayed hard that God would provide just the service opportunity that was most needed. And God did not disappoint. Even as the team was flying across the Atlantic, the rain

stopped, the sun came out and the bridge was repaired.

Local members had also been praying. Local villagers had turned cynical, saying "They are never going to come and build your church." The project stood still for a couple of years—the steel superstructure and roof bearing witness to the congregation's unrealized dream. But God did not disappoint. For a week and a half, the mission team members worked on the church and the hearts of the villagers. What began as a cautious and curious response to the smiling and waving foreigners on the back of the flatbed truck that drove in and out of the village on day one, turned into a daily

ritual of exchanging smiles, greetings and heartfelt waves. By the last day on the worksite, the team members had received "favored people status" with many of the villagers.

The mission team stayed outside the city of Tzaneen in the home of Faan and Ina Ebersohn. The Ebersohns have been doing mission projects in the small African villages and towns throughout the Northern Province over the past 10 years. It was their vision and tireless efforts that made the dream of the church members in Mamitwa a reality. And it was their passion for the mission of the Church among the Shangan tribes that originally impressed



Above: Members of the mission team.
Right: Faan and Ina Ebersohn.



Above and right: Construction progresses on the church walls.



Mamitwa

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Neville Harcombe and Rob Vandeman on their project scouting trip in early 1999. Team members were equally moved by the Ebersohn's faith and commitment as they listened to their mission stories after supper each evening.

The project itself consisted of laying a double wall of brick around the 25' x 75' concrete slab. The floor plan included several ancillary rooms, a mothers' room, restrooms with running water and a baptistry. The entire construction cost, including handmade pews and pulpit furniture (by Mr. Ebersohn), totaled under \$13,000. Each afternoon several team members broke from the construction work to lead

VBS for 50-70 children under the large tree in the church's front yard.

On the two Sabbaths spent in the Northern Province, team members conducted services (with Pete Braman, Jack Johns and Rob Vandeman preaching) in the churches in Tzaneen, Mamitwa and Nkowankowa. They found the experience of rubbing shoulders with fellow believers most inspiring. Team members testified that although they brought the financial resources and labor force, they felt that they were the ones receiving the greatest blessings.

The team was only able to complete about 50% of the project and made

arrangements for a local contractor to finish the brickwork at a cost of \$1,500. Two days after the team left Mamitwa the heavy rains returned, once again washing out the bridge and road leading into the village. Coincidence? Hardly. Once again it was obvious that God wanted this project accomplished.

The group spent a day in Kruger National Park—one of the largest game reserves in the world—and a day in the Johannesburg area before heading home with memories of a lifetime and friendships that will last through eternity.



Above: Children of the village. Right: A neighbor of the church doing his own construction project.



HVA receives numerous grants

Highland View Academy has received more than \$21,000 in grants, thanks to the grant-writing efforts of science department chair Ophelia Barrizo this past summer. Most of the funds are designated for curriculum innovations and interactive field trips in the science department. Here is the list.

- **Chesapeake Bay Foundation:** Field trip grants at \$25/student for canoe trips on the Monocacy and Gunpowder Rivers and work on the CBF work boat, the

Snowgoose. On these trips students studied various aquatic ecosystems, conducted water-quality tests, macro-invertebrate assessments, oyster counts, and other interactive projects.

The grant totaled \$4700.

- **Chesapeake Bay Trust:** \$2867 awarded for field trips to the Weinberg Education Center in Baltimore and scientific activities on the skipjack Minnie V. The grant also provided \$1,800 worth of native trees and perennials for habitat restoration on the school grounds.

- **Maryland Department of Natural Resources:** A DNR grant of \$1,000 for resources on wetland studies and subsidy for transportation costs for field trips.

- **Federal Technology Grant:** This grant, done in conjunction with the Washington County Board of Education, provided \$2,035 for an internet research tool and computer software in mathematics, science and social science.

- **Toshiba American Foundation:** A \$3,600 grant for a new and innovative diagnostic and math-tracking program called Accelerated Math for individual student learning.

- **Dorr Foundation:** This grant of \$7,400 funded a forensic science project for the chemistry class. Instead of the traditional chemistry labs, this grant allowed for investigations like fingerprinting, blood samples, art forgery, drug and DNA analysis—to name a few. Students found the labs to be interesting and applicable to



Seven young people were inducted into the newly-organized Williamsport Adventurer Club one Sabbath in February. Club co-directors Cherri Wuerstlin (left) and Jan Bush are picture with six of the seven inductees. Middle row, left to right: Erin Bush, Kristi Wuerstlin, Brianne Ford, Eric Bush. Front row, left to right: Paul Byrkit, Brian Wuerstlin, David Byrkit.

Not pictured: Katelyn Eaton.

everyday life.

The receipt of these various grants has strengthened the science and mathematics curriculum and provided students with fun and interactive field trips to round out their education at HVA. And special thanks to HVA board member Byron Byrd for providing summer salary support for Mrs. Barrizo so she could do the grant-writing.



Left: Stephen Byrkit and Felicia Ford learn to navigate the skipjack Minnie V.

Top: Shawn Edwards, Buddy Phanord and Kit Peteranecz examine the blue crabs they caught in the Chesapeake Bay.



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OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

OHIO CAMP MEETING 2000



MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY
JUNE 11-17

Camp Meeting is... learning



Practical, educational and spiritually enriching seminars that provide immediate application to your life.

- Bible Study
- Family Life
- Leadership
- Preaching
- Health
- Family Finance
- Divorce Recovery
- Congregational Health

food & fellowship

Picnic on the Green

A complimentary Picnic Supper on the Green will be served to all campers on Wednesday June 14, sponsored by Kettering Medical Center.



recreation

Designed to provide for recreational and family activity, the **Wednesday Get-a-way** will offer several options for camp meeting participants.

- **Hike, roller blade or bicycle** all or part of the Kokosing Gap 13 mile Trail, from Mount Vernon to Danville.
- **Horseback Riding through Mohican State Park** Enjoy a leisurely afternoon, exploring the trails through Mohican State Park. Fee Charged.
- **Visit Ohio's Amish Community!** An air-conditioned bus tour of Ohio's Amish Community. Fee Charged. Reservation required.
- **Project Restoration**—Participate in work projects on Mount Vernon Academy buildings and campus.

Canoe or raft down the Mohican River!

Enjoy a 2 hour canoe/raft trip down the Mohican River.

Fee Charged



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worship

In our busy lives, it's easy to lose the significance of the things that matter most. Simply managing life can be overwhelming. Ohio's Camp Meeting 2000 will provide you with a renewed faith and personal rejuvenation.

Pastor
Marvin Moore
Editor, Signs of
the Times



Pastor
Harold Lee
President
Columbia Union

Pastor Clarrisa
Worley
Oregon City,
Oregon



Pastor Calvin
Thomsen
Azure Hills
California

Pastor Alden
Thompson
Walla Walla
College



Pastor
Raj Attiken
President
Ohio
Conference

Pastor Peter Bath
President
Kettering College
of Medical Arts



fun

A "full-service" program is planned for children and youth including a balanced schedule of spiritual, recreational and relational activities.



music

The Emmanuel Quartet from Deer Lodge, Tennessee has completed two albums, performed for 3 ABN and the Voice of Prophecy, as well as several live radio performances. They tour regularly throughout the United States bringing the sounds of old southern gospel harmony with a touch of barbershop style to create a unique blend of a cappella music.



**The Emmanuel Quartet
In Concert, Saturday
evening, June 17, 2000.**

inspiration

Daily devotionals presented by Ohio Pastors
Daily from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.



Pastor
Michael
Belknap



Pastor
Bill
Strong



Pastor
Igor
Botansky



Pastor
Ken
Ferguson



Pastor
Kelvin
Mitchell



Pastor
Randy
Daniel

Ohio Camp Meeting 2000 Schedule

	Sunday June 11	Monday June 12	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15	Friday June 16	Saturday June 17
7:00-8:00 a.m. Freshdew							
8:00-8:45	LIFEFIT			Power Walk			
9:30-10:30 LifeLine		Study and Prayer Groups					Sabbath School Peter Bath
10:45-12:00 Noon LifeKeys		Marvin Moore			Alden Thompson		Worship Calvin Thomsen
2:30-5:00 SoulCafe		Group A Seminars	Group A Seminars	12:30-5:30 Family Get-a-way	Group B Seminars	Group B Seminars	3 p.m. Feature Presentation 4 p.m. Alden Thompson
7:30 p.m. LifeSource	Harold Lee			5:30 Picnic on the Green			7 p.m. Raj Attiken Emmanuel Quartet Concert
		Clarrisa Worley			Calvin Thomsen		

Children's Schedule

Division	Location	Sunday	Monday - Friday	Sabbath	Camp Mohaven Schedule
Cradle Roll Birth - 3 yrs	Girls Worship Room		10:30a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:15p.m. - 5:15p.m.	9:30a.m. - 10:45a.m.	
Kindergarten 4 - 6 yrs	Physics Room		10:30a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:15p.m. - 5:15p.m.		
Primary 7 - 9 yrs	H4 & H5	7:30 - 9:00p.m.	10:30a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:30p.m. - 3:45p.m. 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.	9:30a.m. - 12:15p.m. 3:30p.m. - 4:45p.m. 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.	Friday Afternoon
Junior 10 - 12 yrs	MVA Chapel	7:30 - 9:00p.m.	10:30a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:30p.m. - 3:45p.m. 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.	9:30a.m. - 12:15p.m. 3:30p.m. - 4:45p.m. 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.	Monday and Thursday Afternoons
Earliteen 13 - 15 yrs	Library	7:30 - 9:00p.m.	10:30a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:30p.m. - 3:45p.m. 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.	9:30a.m. - 12:15p.m. 3:30p.m. - 4:45p.m. 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon
Youth 16 -	Conference Third Floor	7:30 - 9:00p.m.	10:30a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:30p.m. - 3:45p.m. 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.	9:30a.m. - 12:15p.m. 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.	Wednesday Afternoon



Resource Guide

MAY, 2000 FOR MINISTRY IN YOUR HOME, WORKPLACE & COMMUNITY

How to Start a New Ministry

Empowering members for service in the church may result in new ministries

One of the primary roles of church leaders, as defined by Scripture, is to "equip the saints for works of service" (Ephesians 4:11, 12). When we equip members, we must empower them to use their God-given gifts and talents. Motivation for service is closely tied to the freedom to discover and use one's special abilities in the body of Christ.

But, sometimes barriers to service come up. For instance, the unique gifts of a member may not find expression in the current venue of ministries in your church. Empowering members to use their spiritual gifts may open new avenues that do not currently exist in your local church. A member's enthusiasm may be short-lived if local leaders ignore or squelch such eagerness. Some may ask, "Who will lead this new ministry? Is there a need for a budget? Does this ministry require the use of facilities?"

Good administrative questions may block the start of something good. Or they may provide stepping stones to begin a new ministry. Leaders need to think big and continually search for new ways to involve everyone in service. While a small percentage of members have the skills and unction to begin a new ministry, most need a system to help walk them through the process.

Consider the following four-step process for beginning a new ministry in your church.

1. Identify the Need. For a ministry to be considered, there must be a highly visible and identifiable need. This could be people to serve or a problem to solve. The need should be clearly felt and articulated. Ministries should not start just because other churches have one. Neither are they to continue just because they have always existed. A ministry must meet a need, but a need does not necessitate a ministry. Clearly identify the need for a new ministry.

2. Gather the People. When such a need has been identified, the next step is to form a group of those who are interested, appropriately gifted and exhibit a genuine passion to see that need met.

They meet for prayer and discussion. Through wisdom and time, these people formulate a clear vision for the ministry. Appropriate resources that provide a vision for a new ministry are helpful at this point.

3. Prepare the Plan. After reaching a consensus on the need and a vision to meet that need, it is time to develop a ministry plan. Continue to meet together until the details and strategy of a ministry plan are worked through. In many ministry areas, guidelines for structuring a ministry may already be available. Look for such resources in this guide, on the web, through your local conference office, AdventSource or by calling PlusLine at 800-732-7587. After a plan is developed it needs to be approved. Also, there is still one very important step: Affirm the leader.

Affirm the Leader.

4. Before you put a plan in motion, the leader needs to be affirmed. Even though the need, the people and the program may be in place, without the right leader, a ministry should not be started. Affirmed leadership will take appropriate responsibility for the ministry. Without the right leader, problems may be quickly given to others who may not have the passion or gifts

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Your Resource Guide

Information, tips and articles to enhance your ministry

Editor: Denise Valenzuela

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<http://ministryhealth.cis.to>

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www.nadei.org/seeds2000/index.html

Information on the annual church planting conference sponsored by the North American Division Evangelism Institute. June 21-24, 2000 at Andrews University. New this year, Kids Seeds Day Camp.

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Resource
Guide

7 Ways to Enhance Congregational Singing

by Duane Maracle

(1) **Work for variety within the songs chosen.**

There should be a good mix of songs that are fast, medium or slow. If all are slow people get sleepy. If all are fast there's no time for meditation. The faster songs get attention, help people wake up and allow for energetic praise of God. Slower songs help settle and direct the mind, focus attention and prepare a person to hear God speak.

(2) **Learn some new songs.**

There are good reasons why the Psalms encourage new songs. A song sung over and over loses some of its meaning. People's minds start wandering and the blessing to be gained from the song is lost. Learning a new song breaks people out of the ruts. Not only do they think about the new song they've just sung, but also old songs start taking on new meaning.

(3) **Search out good music.** There's a wealth of music available to churches. Educate yourself on what's available. Don't feel that your singing must be limited to what's in the Adventist Hymnal. Try going to the ABC or a local Christian bookstore for resources. Be aware, however, that not all music is of the highest quality, so...

(4) **Pay attention to the lyrics.** Song lyrics can powerfully affect our thinking, teach a truth, be a prayer to God or touch someone's heart. But, not all songs do this well. Words that are archaic

can obscure the message of the song, while shallow words fail to feed the mind. Look for words that have depth, are easily understood and help members mature as children of God.

(5) **Pay attention to the music.**

Melodies for congregational singing should be easy to sing, in a range that the majority can comfortably reach. Notes that soar too high, melodies that are difficult or awkward tend to frustrate people and distract their minds from the singing to the sore throat that's developing.

(6) **Lead gently.** Change can be exciting when so much good music is in front of you, but it's threatening to some. Don't be surprised or discouraged if a few people are worried and voice criticism. Be patient and move slowly enough that people can follow without being overwhelmed.

(7) **Remember to get a copyright license.** If you're reproducing the words to a copyrighted song in the bulletin, on a song sheet, or on a projection screen, your church needs a license. Copyright laws protect the rights of songwriters, and Christians should be the first to respect them. Contact an organization such as Christian Copyright Licensing, Inc. (800-234-2446 or www.ccli.com)

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Resources for improving congregational singing:

Songbooks:

- **Hosanna Music Songbooks #1-13.** Cassette/CDs of the songs are also available. Contains lots of songs - don't be overwhelmed - you have to pick and choose - they're not all useable. Website: www.integrity-music.com or 800-239-7000
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—Curtis Rittenour is Associate Director at the Center for Creative Ministry, a para-church ministry serving to build up Adventist churches in North America.
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HART Resource Center -- (800) 487-4278 or www.hartresearch.org

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National Black Youth Resource Center (205) 726-8426 or www.tagnet.org/nbyrc

Center for Youth Evangelism -- (800) 968-8428 or www.andrews.edu/CYE

Hancock Center for Youth & Family Ministries -- (800) 785-4293 or www.lasierra.edu/hcyfm

For help with health ministries:

The Health Connection-- www.healthconnection.org

Pacific Health Education Center-- (888) 588-7432 or www.heart-beat2000.org

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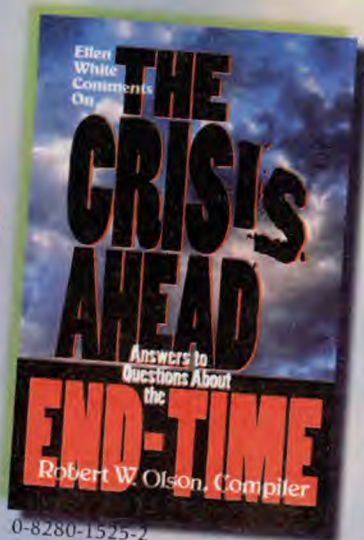
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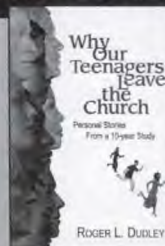
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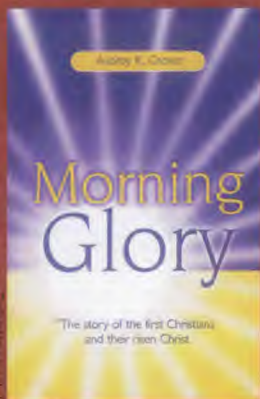
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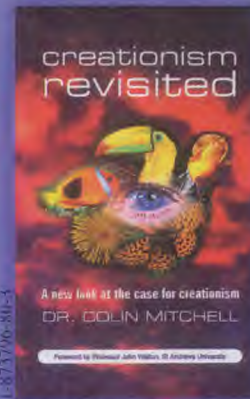
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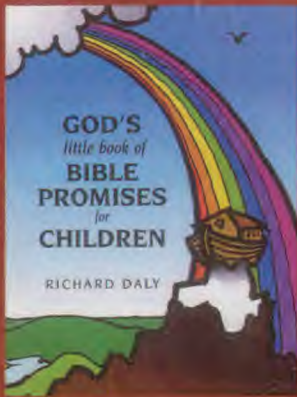
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Keep the Light On for Them

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It came to mind as I overheard a pastor and elders trying to decide if they should "keep the church open" during camp meeting. The pastor had duties at camp meeting and one of the elders planned to attend. The others were looking at each other with that horror that people get on their face when they have to do public speaking!

It is easier to just announce that there will be no church when camp meeting or some other major event is scheduled. This is especially true when all of the professional preachers will be needed at the event and local volunteers must fill the pulpit.

At the same time, there are new families moving into town during the summer, families on vacation sometimes visit relatives who live in your "backyard," and the usual number of truck drivers and others who must travel for their job. In addition, there is no forecasting when the Holy Spirit may move on the hearts of individuals.

Summer may be a time when you feel a need to take off from church responsibilities, but it is also a time of opportunity to meet new people who need the Lord and His church. Keep the light on for them!

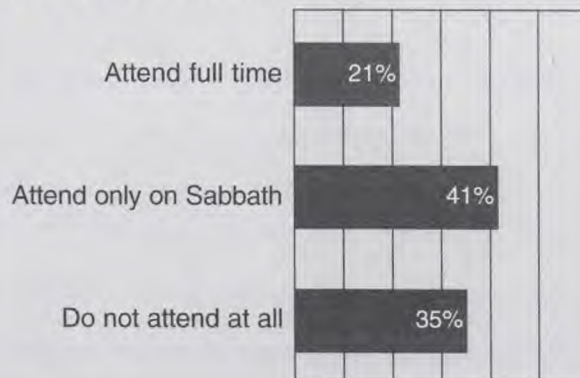
One idea: Put to work the teenagers and young adults in your congregation who come home in the summer. Even if they are home only one or two Sabbaths, let them take over for the deacon or greeter or Sabbath School leader who is away at camp meeting or the ocean. This allows you to achieve two missionary goals at once. You keep the light on and doors open for the unexpected guests at church and you let our youth know that they are needed in the church.

Another idea: If you are unable to find a preacher anywhere, there is a sermon up-linked each Sabbath on the denomination's satellite system, Adventist Communication Network. (Dial 800-ACN-1119 for more information.)

In fact, there is a lot of good preaching on tape.

Be flexible. If it is hard to get advance commitments, make needed assignments among those who do show up. It is OK for a visitor to read scripture or play the piano. It is OK for dress to be casual. "The Lord looks at the heart," not "the outward appearance." (1 Samuel 16:7) Keep the light on for them!

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