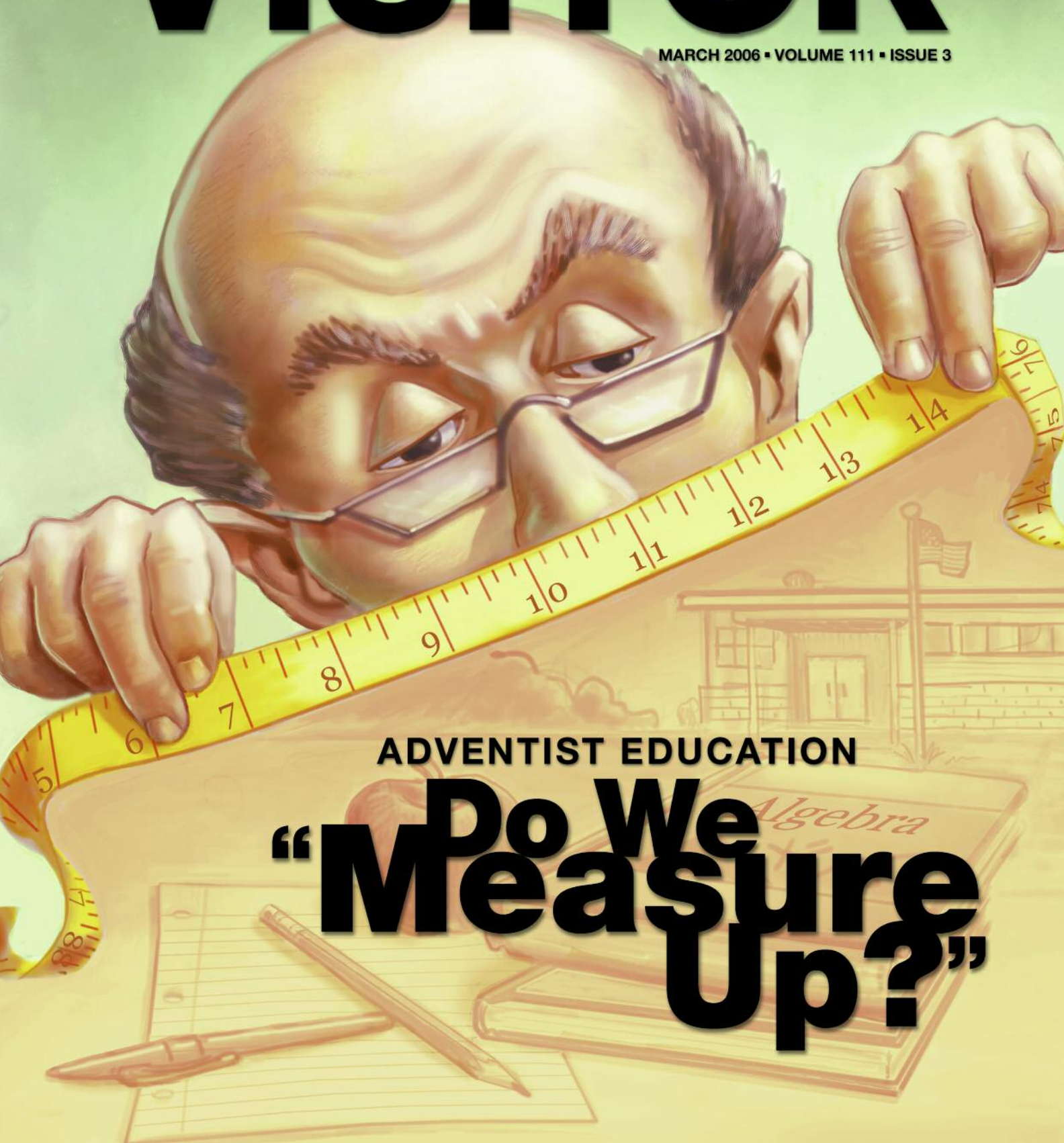


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New Study Aims to Find Out

Hamlet Canosa

Have you ever wondered how students who receive an Adventist education fare against their public school counterparts? A new study called *CognitiveGenesis* seeks to answer that and other important questions. Read about how this groundbreaking research tool may shape the future of Adventist education.

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Onward Christian Teachers!

Has this ever happened to you? While seeking God, in moments driven by delight or desperation, He sometimes chooses to answer, offering strange yet wonderful serendipity—a song in the night. Englishman Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), renowned writer, archaeologist, architect, artist, and teacher, wrote words for the hymn “Onward Christian Soldiers” (1865) in one evening while preparing for a student activity the following morning. “I wanted the children to sing when marching from one village to another, but couldn’t think of anything quite suitable; so I sat up at night, resolved that I would write something myself,” Baring-Gould was quoted as saying. “Onward Christian Soldiers” was the result.



“It was written in great haste, and I am afraid some of the rhymes are faulty. Certainly nothing has surprised me more than its popularity,” he continued. “I don’t remember how it got printed first, but I know that very soon it found its way into several collections. I have written a few other hymns since then, but only two or three have become at all well known.”

Recently my mind stirred late into the night, wondering of our Columbia Union students and teachers. Knowing challenges to K-16 education and troubled by our times, I settled to restless sleep only after asking the Lord to give me peace. At 4 a.m. I awoke, impressed to pen words that offered comfort to me and perhaps others. Set to Arthur S. Sullivan’s well-known music “St. Gertrude” (1871), as were Baring-Gould’s lyrics, “Onward Christian Teachers” was written in an hour.

Onward Christian Teachers

Onward, Christian teachers, servants all are we,
Sharing Christ the Savior, ever joyfully.
Ours, a call to teaching, each a precious youth,
To mind and heart, we will impart God’s eternal truth.

Refrain

Onward Christian teachers, servants all are we,
Sharing Christ the Savior, ever joyfully.

Onward Christian teachers, to sing now we pause,
“Excellence our journey, all in His great cause.”
True to this sure calling, ever we shall be,
We lift our voice, we’ve made our choice,
Christ, the Lord, is He.

Onward Christian teachers, here we take our stand,
Asking Christ our Savior, “Lead us, hand-in-hand.”
“Fill us with Your Spirit, help us all to see,
For each dear one, He gave His Son,
True we are to be.”

Friends, Christ calls students, parents, and teachers to meet the challenges of our time. We will go forward in the company of One who leads our cause for, we pray, His cause is our cause!

“ ... Do not be discouraged or afraid because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s ... ” (2 Chron. 20:15, NIV).

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Newsline

LAVERNE HENDERSON

Union ASI Chapter to Host One-Day Convention

On March 11, the Columbia Union Chapter of ASI (Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries)



will hold a convention at the Columbia Union Conference headquarters,

in Columbia, Md. **G. Edward Reid**, Stewardship director for the Adventist Church in North America, will be the keynote speaker. Also on hand will be representatives from Miracle Meadows School, Adventist Community Services, MissionServ, and other ministries. "This is a great opportunity to get a capsule-sized view," says Denise Thomas-Ellis, Columbia Union chapter president. For exhibit or display information, send an e-mail to willow@apiprinting.com. For general information, contact Thomas-Ellis at (240) 372-8066.

Allegheny East Member Appointed to Maryland Commission

Jude Boyer-Patrick, MD, MPH, was recently appointed by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich to serve on the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission. "I'm sure there are thousands of psychiatrists in Maryland; it is an honor to be chosen," says Boyer-Patrick, a member of the Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C. "Being a child psychiatrist, I have lots of concerns for young

people and hope that I can help fill the gap." She noted that the Governor wanted one of the commission members to be familiar with community mental health and that the Senate has allocated \$6 million to assist the underserved and community health clinics. Boyer-Patrick will serve on the Commission until May 2007. She previously served for two years on a substance abuse task force under former Governor Parris Glendening's administration.



Jude Boyer-Patrick, second from right, was chosen to serve on Maryland's Community Health Resources Commission.

Chesapeake Pastor Prays During House of Representatives Session

John Appel, senior pastor of the Frederick, Md., church gave the opening prayer during a recent United States House of Representatives session in Washington, D.C. The prayer, as well as the main session, was broadcast live on C-Span. "I specifically prayed that their actions would provide more 'light' than 'heat,'" says Appel, who was notified that between two and three million people were watching on C-Span. "It was an honor to stand and pray in the very spot that President George W. Bush gave his recent State of the Union address." Roscoe



Left to right: House Speaker Dennis Hastert; Frederick Youth Pastor Robert Quintana; Sally and John Appel; Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, and Frederick members Bonnie and Russell Horman.

Bartlett, a member of Appel's church and a Representative for Maryland's 6th District, was instrumental in arranging Appel's appearance.—George Johnson, Jr.

Regeneration Ministries Hosts 3rd Leadership Conference

"Saved to Serve" is the theme of the third annual Adventist Regeneration Ministries Leadership Conference. It will be held April 20-22 at the Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. In addition to various seminar offerings, Columbia Union speakers include



DeWitt Williams, Health Ministries director for the church in North America and co-sponsor of the event; and Willie Boyd, associate pastor of Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va. Sabbath service will be held at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md. To register, or for more information, visit www.plusline.org, www.adventistrecoveryministries.org, or call (800) 732-7587.

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Potluck

CELESTE RYAN BLYDEN

What's New

Music > Jakob's Night, "Epic Journey"

On their sophomore album, the six members of Jakob's Night explore difficult moments of the Christian journey. The lyrics in



"Compromise," rebelliously ask God to be patient. "I just don't feel like giving in today/ even though it's so much harder

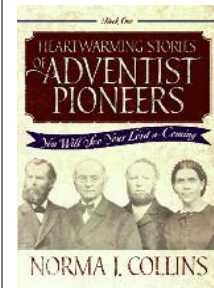
living life this way/I'll let You know when morning comes again/and I hope that You'll be waiting until then."

Honest listeners will identify with the lyrics on this album, as the 10 songs featured offer a journey for every Christian who struggles to live righteously. If you're ready for the experience, this is your destination. To meet the group and get more information on this proj-

ect, visit www.jakobsnight.com.
—Tanisha Greenidge

Books > Heartwarming Stories of Adventist Pioneers

Did you know William Miller—leader of the Millerite movement that heralded Christ's imminent return—practiced deism (a belief that God created the universe, certain laws of nature, and people; set it in motion; and took no further interest) for 12 years before his re-conversion? Did you also



know he was reluctant to set a date for Christ's return and accepted October 22 just two weeks before the famous disappointment? Did you know that when her son William nearly drowned in

his bathtub, Ellen White revived him by vigorously rolling him in the grass? Norma J. Collins' new book reveals these and other interesting tidbits. For 30 years she worked in the Ellen G. White Estate, at the Adventist World Headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., where she started as a secretary for Arthur L. White, Ellen's grandson. In 1995 she became its first female associate director. "For years I've been telling these stories at camp meetings, Sabbath Schools, and church services," notes Collins, who lives in Hagerstown, Md., and holds a private pilot's license. She's working on a second edition to be released in 2007. Find the book at the Adventist Book Center or www.adventistbook-center.com. Find Collins at collinsn@closecall.com.

Crucial Moments

The history lesson continues as Benjamin Baker, a writer and Kettering College of Medical Arts (Dayton, Ohio) adjunct professor, uncovers 12 "crucial moments" of black Adventist heritage. He reveals the truth about William Foy, the tall, brave, "colored" man who also received and preached about his visions from the Lord. He shares astounding details of Ellen White's visions regarding the Civil War and slavery. He introduces us to the fearless, horseback-riding, revolver-carrying, expert-sharpshooter Anna Knight. She attended Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio, started three



schools and a nursing home in Mississippi, and was the first black female to serve as a missionary to India. He also talks about the incident at an Adventist hospital that prompted the call for, and development of, black conferences, and many other little-known facts. Neal C. Wilson, former Adventist world president reviews the book as "fascinating, illuminating, and somewhat shocking," but Baker calls it "the story of a denomination that at first reluctantly accepted the challenge to evangelize black people, but finally, under the efforts of a few Spirit-filled individuals, initiated an evangelistic thrust that rocked the globe." To learn more, call 800-765-6955 or visit reviewandherald.com.

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What You Bring to the Table

5 Minutes With > Milton Nebblett, Jr.

Milton Nebblett, Jr., is an emerging chef and caterer who attends Potomac's Seabrook (Md.) church. He's a husband, father of three active boys, and one of those creative people who always has something going on. I recently got the scoop on his delicious and spicy dressings that literally make you want to eat salad:

What is Milton's Spicy Dressing?

It's a healthy, one-of-a-kind product, and the only dressing in North America with 100 percent olive oil. It's low fat, low sodium, has zero cholesterol, and no preservatives.



So, what does it have?

It's a gourmet blend of all natural spices infused with flavors inspired by the tropics. I've created 14 flavors like kiwi, guava, and passionfruit, but I've only released two—sumi-sumi (the original) and mango.

How did you get the idea to sell it?

It was a Christmas gift that got out of control. I gave away salad dressings to friends and colleagues for Christmas and didn't make it to New Year's before they were calling for more. Seven years later, it's on the shelves of the Potomac Adventist Book Center and in other health food stores in the [Washington] D.C., area.

Is it only for salad?

Use it on salad or as a marinade to cook anything from pasta and vegetables to gluten and tofu. We have recipes at www.milton-spicygourmet.com. To order, e-mail samenco@aol.com.



Keeping Score

Compare the penetration of Adventists in Columbia Union mission fields with classic mission fields overseas:

World -

1 Adventist per 480 people

Burundi - 1 per 88

Ghana - 1 per 73

Fiji - 1 per 37

Rwanda - 1 per 21

Jamaica - 1 per 14

Belize - 1 per 10

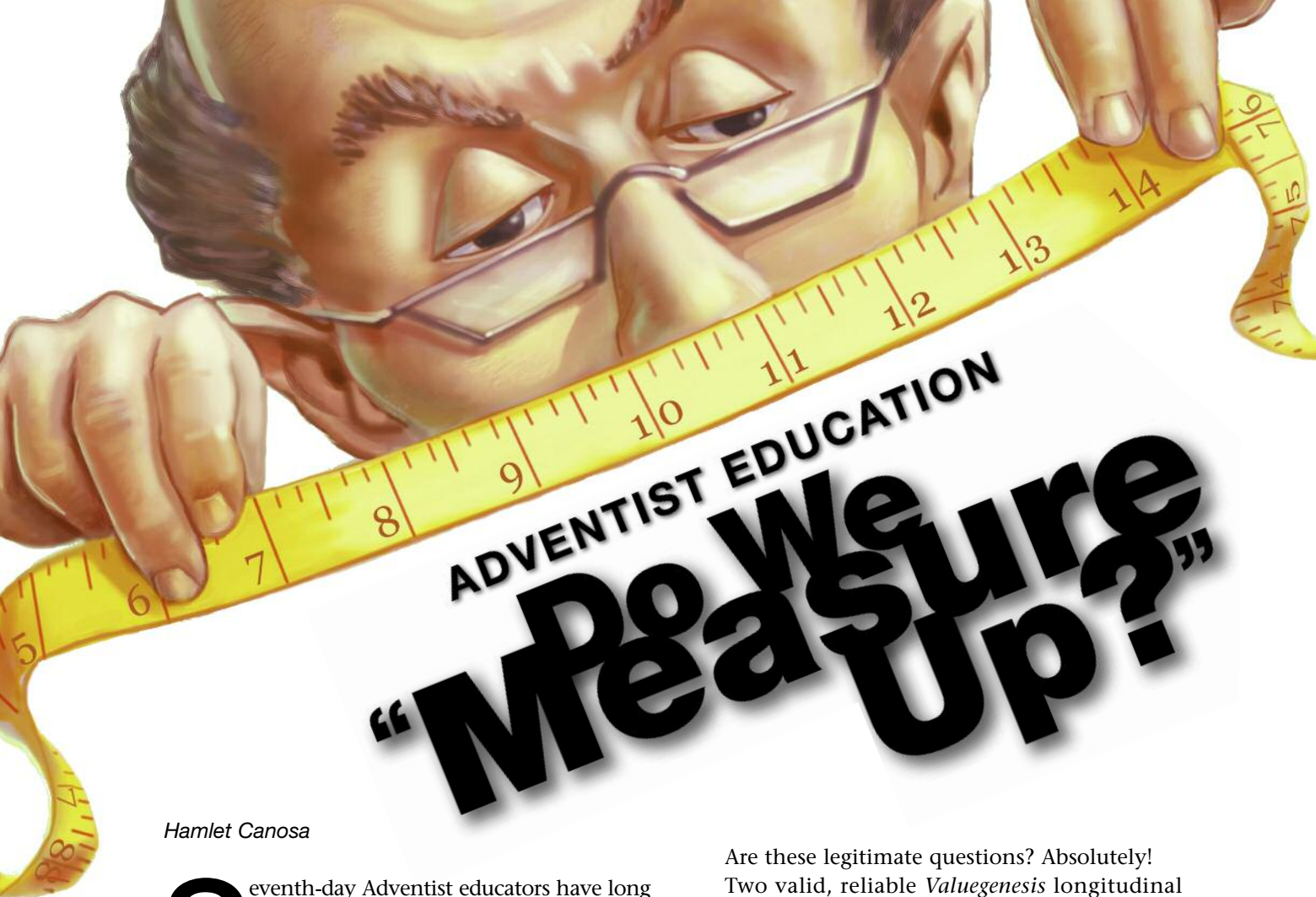
U.S. - 1 per 315

Pittsburgh metro area - 1 per 1,263

Philadelphia metro area - 1 per 588

Baltimore metro area - 1 per 439

—Compiled by Monte Sahlin



Hamlet Canosa

Seventh-day Adventist educators have long maintained that their students' Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores, pass rates, and college matriculation percentages consistently outpace most public school and comparable private school systems. Annual Council of American Private Education reports indicate performance of private education students on nationwide standardized tests routinely outpace those of public school students.

Are these impressive facts or well-intentioned propaganda? Parents want to know.

Marketing Adventist education is perceived by some as predictable "party-line" mantra. Notwithstanding the tireless and sincere efforts of Adventist recruiters, some parents still ask, "Will my child receive a quality education in Adventist schools? How can you prove that?" How do Adventist elementary and secondary schools "measure up" to their private and public school counterparts? Is an Adventist curriculum inferior, comparable, or superior to that of other school systems? Do Adventist teachers possess sufficient pedagogical knowledge to expose young minds to the wonders of Scripture, science, math, and humanities? How do Adventist schools in the Columbia Union measure up?

Are these legitimate questions? Absolutely! Two valid, reliable *Valuegenesis* longitudinal studies have measured the attitudes of Adventist youth toward the integration of faith and learning. Now, a new study called *CognitiveGenesis*, is being spearheaded by La Sierra University School of Education. It will seek to answer the question, "What impact does Adventist education have on the academic performance of students?" A definitive answer, based on valid, reliable, empirical data, will lead to one of two possible outcomes, either of which will prove beneficial to Adventist education and the Adventist Church:

- 1) the validation of Adventist education in terms of students' measurable academic performance, and/or
- 2) the identification of areas needing improvement.

Once results are available, speculation and uncertainty about whether Adventist education successfully promotes intellectual development of elementary, middle, and high school students will be put to rest. Everyone will know whether Adventist education is truly a "Journey to Excellence" or if our curriculum and/or teaching methodologies are in need of change. This is an exciting development!

What makes *CognitiveGenesis* different from previous studies? It will be:

Current – a pilot study is underway in the Pacific Union Conference and the remaining unions will be phased in over the next three years.

Comprehensive – it will involve most elementary and secondary students from across North America.

Objective – it will involve valid, reliable data and statistical tests.

Controlled – it will allow causality to be explored by removing biases.

The demographic composition will include 1) Adventist students attending Adventist schools, 2) "non-Adventist" students attending Adventist schools, 3) Adventist students attending non-Adventist schools, and 4) non-Adventist students attending non-Adventist schools. Variables will include a) standardized achievement scores, b) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Test scores, c) the percentage taking the SAT, d) the percentage attending college, e) the percentage of high school graduates, and f) the percentage of college graduates.

The *CognitiveGenesis* Advisory Board, composed of proven Adventist education leaders and researchers, has been established to approve appropriate data use. These advisors will exercise exacting diligence, along with sensitivity to individual privacy, to assure proper diffusion of information.

Parents and teachers will also have a part to play in *CognitiveGenesis* research. Parents will be asked to complete a brief survey to facilitate the study. Teachers will be asked to perform an additional tally procedure when administering the standardized tests. These joint efforts will provide much-needed answers on how Adventist students compare with their counterparts in other school systems.

Students who have attended Adventist schools exclusively may academically achieve higher than those who have only attended public or both public and Adventist schools. Premised on preliminary findings of students in an unnamed local Pacific Union conference, the graph (at right) suggests what *CognitiveGenesis* may or may not confirm.

Elissa Kido, EdD, dean of La Sierra University School of Education and lead proponent of *CognitiveGenesis*, believes this invaluable research initiative to be "... a step toward better understanding where we are as an educational system and where we want to go academically." Kido has

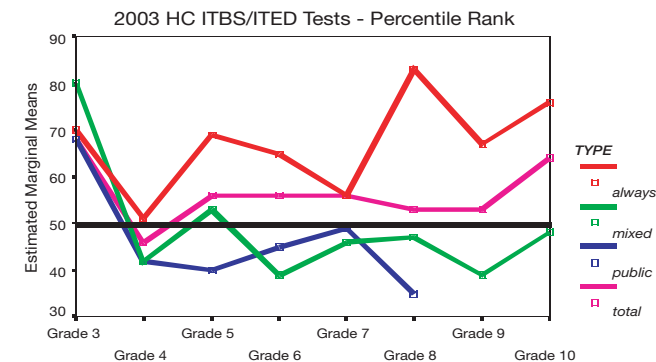
traveled across North America expressing how Adventist education could benefit from this research. She and Robert Cruise, PhD, *CognitiveGenesis*' principal investigator, have fielded questions and rallied considerable division-wide support for *CognitiveGenesis* research.

According to Cruise, "*CognitiveGenesis* can help Adventist Education determine if our schools are developing 'thinkers and not mere reflectors' of other people's thoughts." Isn't the calling of Adventist education to develop true thinkers— young people equipped with sound academics to serve God and their fellow man?

CognitiveGenesis could reap a harvest of blessings for the church. In addition to equipping youth to successfully meet the challenges of university academics, Adventist education may be able to craft advanced teaching methodologies. We must do no less to position students to compete in an ever-changing, fast-paced world.

Combined with the benefits of *Valuegenesis*, *CognitiveGenesis* might lead to preparing youth to serve the church as a life calling. When youth and parents see that Adventist education delivers spiri-

Results From One Conference



tually and academically, there may be a growing cadre of young people determined to work for the Lord as a life-calling.

This is our opportunity to find answers to perplexing questions, develop academic strategies, and chart the best course for educating our youth and teachers. My heart thrills imagining an army of mission-driven, spiritually-grounded, and academically-equipped youth readied for His cause.

Hamlet Canosa, EdD, is vice president for Education for the Columbia Union Conference. He has recently been named co-project manager for the multiyear

Is Adventist Education Worth the Cost?

LaVerne Henderson

Are you a parent of a student currently enrolled in a Seventh-day Adventist school? Have you ever asked yourself if an Adventist education is worth the cost—especially with tuition and boarding academy fees getting more and more expensive? We surveyed some parents around the Columbia Union and asked them this question. Here's what they had to say:

1 Reading Junior Academy Pennsylvania Conference

As the parent of four children enrolled in Adventist schools, I probably pay more for their education than most people. I believe that being in an environment where Christian values are the norm, their spiritual growth can only be accelerated right alongside their outstanding academic experience. For our family there was no other option than Adventist education.—*John Richards*

2 George E. Peters School Allegheny East Conference

Others who have the same ultimate goal as us—to meet Jesus in heaven—surround our children. That's why we believe Adventist education is worth the cost. During family worship, we love to hear them pray and sing new songs that they learned in classroom worship, chapel, or from their music teacher.

We are products of Adventist Christian education, and we want our children to have the same experiences we did. George E. Peters School provides our children with Christian virtues, spiritual development, and social graces—without sacrificing academic excellence. It's a sacrifice for us, and many other parents, to send our children to an Adventist school, but we believe that it is the right decision. Training our children for salvation is worth the sacrifice.—*Theodore and Donna Allyson Edwards*

3 Spring Valley Academy Ohio Conference

I feel Adventist education is worth the cost because of what is at stake! Isn't your child's eternal destiny worth any cost? Of course there is no certainty, but it surely gives them a definite advantage.—*Tammy Erickson*

4 Tappahannock Junior Academy Potomac Conference

I was raised in a single parent home with three other siblings, so I know the sacrifice involved to pay for an Adventist education. I also recall saving my own money to help pay for my registration. John and I now have three daughters of our own attending Tappahannock Junior Academy. The financial cost is great, but we both feel it is well worth the price. The peace of knowing that our children are being exposed to God both at home and school is priceless!—*John and Judi Hayes*

5 Ramah Junior Academy Allegheny West Conference

Our world is filled with injustice, fear, and temptation. So, despite the cost, Christian education is of great importance; it aids in building and strengthening characters that are essential to inheriting the kingdom. Christian education gives children a balance between Christian principles and education, which are very important for practical life.

Finding an institution that provides comfort and shares values similar to a Christian home is invaluable. Having the opportunity to send our children to a place where discipline and knowledge can be obtained, while learning about what the Lord would have them do, is what makes Christian education worth the cost.—*Heather Brissett*



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John Richards, a father of four, strongly believes that Adventist education is the only option for this family.

Left to right: Taylor, Allyson, Theodore, and Theodore Edwards, Jr. These parents believe Adventist education is training their children for salvation and worth the sacrifice.

Tammy Erickson feels that Adventist education provides children a definite advantage for eternity.

Left to right: John, Hannah, Elyse, Judi, and Taylor Hayes. According to parents John and Judi, knowing their three daughters are being exposed to God at home and school is priceless.

Left to right: Kammeron, Kammile, and Heather Brissett. For Heather, Christian education gives her children discipline and a knowledge of what the Lord would have them to do.

Statement of Policy—Nondiscrimination in Adventist Schools

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2. Preferential hiring shall be practiced only on the basis of freely chosen adherence to Adventist tenets essential to the operation of an Adventist institution.
3. Compensation and benefits will be administered without regard to race, color, ethnic background, country of origin, creed, age, or sex except where age or sex is a bona fide occupational qualification.
4. Decisions for the promotion of employees will be based upon the qualifications of an individual as related to the requirements of the position for which he or she is being considered.
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Allegheny West—Columbus Adventist Academy, Ethan, Ramah Junior Academy

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Mountain View—Greenbrier Adventist Junior Academy, Highland Adventist School, Mountaintop Seventh-day Adventist School, Parkersburg

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Healing Ministry

A NEWSLETTER ABOUT ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE IN THE COLUMBIA UNION

Perez Influencing Nationwide Healthcare Trends

Kevin Lavoie

Thanks to Kettering Adventist HealthCare president and CEO Frank Perez, some of the Dayton area's triumphs and growing pains have influenced national healthcare discussion and actions. Perez recently concluded a three-year term with the American Hospital Association (AHA) Board. During his tenure, he made certain that Dayton's voice has been heard loud and clear.

"We have experienced several things locally that I felt could be of benefit to hospitals around the nation," Perez noted. "Those experiences were relayed and the AHA Board acted upon them. Today you can actually see how Dayton has impacted national improvements in healthcare."

A couple improvements came in the area of healthcare quality. Four Dayton hospitals—Good Samaritan, Grandview, Kettering, and Miami Valley—demonstrated a 30 percent reduction in heart attack deaths over a three-year period with standard practices such as aspirin, beta-blockers, and aggressive cath lab interventions.

"The dramatic results we demonstrated here in Dayton prompted the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations to present Dayton hospitals with the Earnest A. Codman Award for improvement in healthcare," Perez said. "More importantly, AHA endorsed the practices that brought Dayton so much success, and thousands of American lives are being saved every year as a result."

In an effort to remedy the problem of 46 million uninsured Americans, the AHA has been active in studying models of countries that have achieved healthcare coverage for all citizens. "We were able to share the model from the Victor J. Cassano Health Center and rally around it," Perez said. "We see some 30,000 patients a year at Cassano Center. Many of them avoid catastrophic, costly illness by



having the ability to seek care before issues like pre-diabetes and high blood pressure get out of hand."

Perez has also been instrumental in pointing out the need for improved information technology in healthcare around the nation, and Dayton hospitals will be among the first to introduce the electronic medical record. The move should immediately reduce medical errors due to problems like insufficient health information or inaccurate handwriting interpretation.

Impacting the Future

Perez will assume a new role within AHA's Institute For Diversity. He and his colleagues will work to facilitate greater diversity within the executive, managerial, and general workforce areas of healthcare. Another aim of the Institute will be to examine health discrepancies due to ethnicity, cultural and language differences, and socio-economic factors. The Institute For Diversity will also examine why certain groups are more susceptible to certain diseases and why some populations respond differently to treatments.

Kevin Lavoie is a media relations specialist at Kettering Adventist HealthCare.

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Representing the Healing Power of God's Love

Frank Perez

Everything began in 1964 when the Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital opened its doors to serve the public. There has been a lot of growth over the past 41 years, with four hospitals being added to the network and health centers taking the message to more and more of the surrounding community. From the very beginning, the guiding light of Christ has been at the center of Kettering Adventist HealthCare's (KAHC) work and has been the focus of our mission.

That mission has always been to serve our local communities, and it remains the central focus today. Kettering Adventist HealthCare has always worked to support the needs of those we come in contact with everyday through our medical services. But even more important is

showing the love of Christ to all; especially those who simply need help making it through the day.

Good Neighbor House, supported by KAHC and local church congregations, reaches out to those in need by providing food, clothing, dental, and healthcare services to the working poor of the Dayton area.

Every year, KAHC donates to the local chapter of the United Way. This year, as a corporate donor, we were able to contribute over \$202,000, setting the bar for other local organizations. The local giving and fundraising also extends to specific health issues like the annual Heart Walk and Walk for Women's Wellness, which raises monies for mammograms, to working closely with local communities to provide education about the effects of smoking.

Fall brings a renewed focus to our mission and reason for existing. Every autumn, Kettering Adventist HealthCare hosts the Mission Conference. It begins with a vespers program during the opening hours of the Sabbath and finishes with services at Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church, in which the guest speaker gives the morning message. This past year, Dwight Nelson, head pastor of Pioneer Memorial church at Andrews University, shared inspired insights. He spoke of working to help and heal in the mission of Christ and to take everything KAHC does to a new level—the same level of love that Christ showed and shared with the world.

Love in Action

When Hurricane Katrina left thousands of people displaced and southern healthcare systems stressed to the breaking point, Kettering Adventist HealthCare responded on many

fronts. One of the first actions taken was a \$50,000 donation, which was presented to the Dayton Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. Next, in response to a huge rush of employees wanting to help, individual donations were also encouraged. And did employees give! They gave money, expertise, and vacation time.

Also, several medical personnel from KAHC brought care to Katrina survivors as part of a disaster medical assistance team. They waited in Memphis, Tenn., until the storm blew through, and then made their way to Biloxi, Miss., where they cared for the sick and injured in the parking lot of a devastated hospital. Over 4,000 patients were treated and more than 4,000 prescriptions were filled.

The communities served by KAHC continue to grow and even extend overseas. Over the past few years, teams of doctors, nurses, technicians, and medical students from Kettering College of Medical Arts have participated in many medical mission trips to countries around the world. Some of the most recent involved health fairs in Belize and Guyana, and medical teams going to villages in Guatemala and Haiti.

Last summer, KAHC workers filled a 40-foot container with more than \$100,000 in medical equipment. The materials were immediately shipped to Adventist Hospital of Venezuela to help equip its new operating room and new imaging center. This was the first time Kettering Medical Center Network Missions dispatched a container to Venezuela, although it has sent equipment, supplies, clothes, and furniture to dozens of impoverished countries, including Azerbaijan and Romania, during the past six years.

Looking Ahead

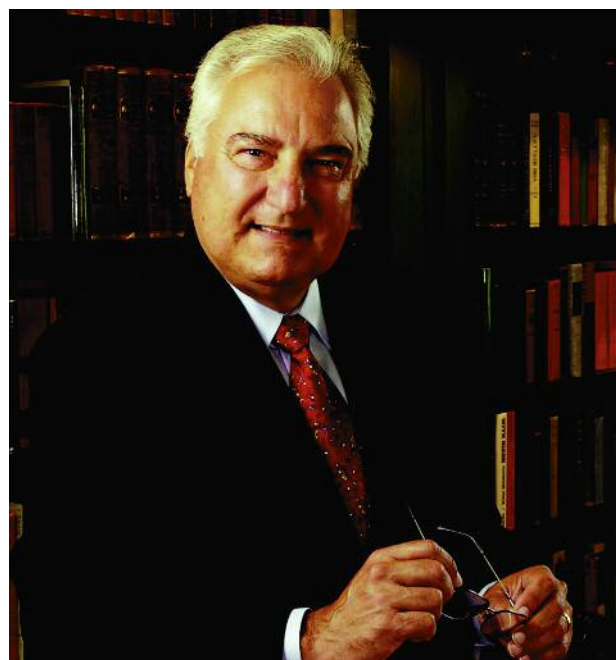
What does the future hold? We can say with certainty that it will involve an ever-growing walk with our Partner, Jesus Christ, as we touch lives and reach hearts. Sharing the love of



And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him" (Matt. 8:7).

Christ, something that cannot be measured or quantified, yet can be sensed, will be the focus and driving element of what Kettering Adventist HealthCare will bring to the future of the world, the nation, and our communities in and around Dayton.

Frank Perez is president and CEO of Kettering Adventist HealthCare, which operates over 50 healthcare facilities, and is headquartered in Dayton, Ohio.



Kettering Breaks Ground on Greater Dayton Surgery Center

Kettering Medical Center (KMC) recently broke ground on a new 14,350-square-foot, \$4.9 million surgery center. The facility will feature four surgery suites and one procedure room and it will employ about 25 people. The focus will be on orthopedics and ENT procedures.

Part owners in the project include specialists in the areas of hand surgery, sports medicine, total joint replacement, surgery of the spine, and ear, nose and throat surgery.

“This new state-of-the-art facility will give doctors greater flexibility in scheduling surgery suite times, and that bodes well for the patients in need of their services,” said KMC president Fred Manchur. “It is an exciting project that furthers Kettering Adventist HealthCare’s mission to improve access to healthcare for the people in our communities, and it also advances our strategy to strengthen relationships with more physicians in the Greater Dayton area.”

Kettering Medical Center-Sycamore Expansion Fulfills Mission

Kettering Medical Center-Sycamore broke ground a few months ago on a \$55 million expansion project that will increase healthcare resources to



residents in south Dayton. A 125,000-square-foot, four-story medical office building is being built on the campus. This facility will house physician offices, a retail pharmacy, and hospital services, such as a Sleep Lab and Women’s Imaging Center. “The growth of all the KMC services on the Sycamore campus is very exciting. It gives us the opportunity to fulfill our mission to improve the lives of the people in the communities we serve. Looking ahead we will be able to offer more services to more people, expanding the sacred work we do at Kettering Medical Center-Sycamore,” said Richard Haas, senior executive officer of Kettering Medical Center-Sycamore.

The current property now includes a 178-bed hospital with comprehensive in- and out-patient surgical services, an intensive care unit, radiology, and imaging technology. The Wright State University Internal Medicine Residency program and a retirement com-

munity with over 500 residents, also reside on the property, as well as, the Miamisburg Seventh-day Adventist Church and childcare center.

Grandview Employees Believe in Friends Helping Friends

The Friends Helping Friends group at Grandview Hospital jumped into action again to help some of their fellow employees who were in need. Many of them got involved in baking items for the bake sale, creating theme baskets, or donating paid time off hours. By the end of the day, \$5,044 was raised and 315 hours were donated. A lot of “behind the scenes” work was involved, by all departments, to make this effort successful.—Pam McGinnis



Friends Helping Friends planning committee members minister to fellow employees. They are (left to right, back row) Lorraine Kline, Lisa Hudson, Tina Brooks, Bob Little, and Deb Langford, and (front row) Judy Bicknell, Linda Thompson, Janie Ferrell, and Lynn Dersham.

For a complete listing of Adventist healthcare locations, visit www.columbiaunion.org/healingministry.html

ALLEGHENY EAST *Exposé*
MARCH 2006

New Conference Center Opens

Allegheny East Conference (AEC) has a new conference center. The new state-of-the-art complex recently opened with a ribbon-cutting event led by AEC president Charles Cheatham.

The Allegheny East Conference Center was erected on the plot of land where the Joyland Pavilion used to sit. Conference administrators are studying options for alternate Joyland facilities during the upcoming camp meeting. “Don’t worry,” Cheatham said, when asked about facilities for the children. “We have not forgotten our children. As a conference, we have taken care of, and provided for, each generation as they have come along. We will provide for this generation as well.”

Ironically, it was a child whose quick actions saved the building from being destroyed or severely damaged last summer when it was near completion. One evening, 12-year-old Noelle Reid was riding in a car with her grandmother past the construction site when she



Treasurer Lawrance Martin thanks Noelle Reid.

noticed fire burning in the new building. She alerted her grandmother who, in turn, called Robert Booker who was working late in his office. He called 911 to alert the fire company. It turns out that the workmen had left oily rags that caused spontaneous combustion. Thankfully, the fire was extinguished without severe damage to the building. On the day of the ribbon cutting, AEC administrators presented Reid with an award for her alertness.

The AEC Conference Center features a full commercial kitchen with serving bays and moveable walls. It is also equipped with the latest in electronic wiring that allows conferencing to be held using Internet accessibility. “The best thing about this building is that it is paid for,” said Cheatham while giving accolades to conference treasurer Lawrance Martin. “There are no mortgage notes or bank notes. It is paid in full. We owe that to the genius of our treasurer, the support of a faithful constituency, and the continued blessings of an Almighty God.”—Robert Booker



Just opened: Allegheny East Conference Center.



Right: Allegheny East Conference president Charles Cheatham enjoys the buffet.

New Associate Joins United in Christ Pastoral Team

Michael A. Edwards was recently appointed associate pastor of the United in Christ Seventh-day Adventist Church in Baltimore, Md. He joins Senior Pastor Conklin Gentry who has been leading the congregation for two years.

“Pastor Edwards had a great start on his inaugural weekend and was well received by church members,” said Fredrick Russell, senior pastor at Miracle Temple church in Baltimore, Md., who led the introduction. “He looks forward to passionately leading this church into the future.”

During his 17 years of pastoral ministry, Edwards has worked with the Hillcrest church in Washington,

N.J.; Mount Calvary church in Williamsburg, Va.; and New Hope church in Center Cross, Va. He received a Master’s of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. He is married to the former Wilhelmina H. Johnson; they have two sons—Michael Anthony Emanuel II and Miguel Antonio Elisha.—Tanisha Greenidge



Intergenerational Banquet Connects Generations

The Capitol Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington, D.C., recently held an intergenerational banquet to bridge the gap between its seniors and youth. Forever Young, a ministry for individuals age 50 and over, sponsored the event. Gwen Tisdale, Forever Young leader, said the purpose was to “lead the way with love” and provide an open, relaxed forum for young and old to interact.

Research indicates that when older people are included in programs that involve or benefit children, interactions occur in a natural way. The goals of the intergenerational program are to 1) give children accurate information about older people; 2) show children that every older person is unique, just like every child; and 3) enable children to feel good about older people—and growing older.

With these goals in mind, the festivities kicked off with an opening march by the Capitol Hill Pathfinders and a prayer by Sandra Austin and members of the junior/teen prayer warriors. Sandra Johnson, the church’s head elder, took time to share wisdom and advice with the parents while Amy Riley, a teen member, shared her experiences with peer pressure. She also encouraged youth to listen to their parents’ guidance and direction.

Speakers shared the importance of creating wholesome relationships, choosing peers with moral fiber, and the positive benefits of eating healthy. A special highlight was when 100-year-old Elizabeth Jones symbolically passed the torch to each young person.

Organizers promised to continue working with youth throughout the year in various programs.—Dorothy L. Kennedy



\$8,000 Raised for Columbus Academy

A benefit concert was recently held to raise tuition for students wanting to attend Columbus Adventist Academy, a kindergarten through eighth-grade school at the Ephesus church in Columbus. The concert helped raise more than \$8,000 in support of Adventist education. The performance featured the Wilberforce University Choir, a 50-member ensemble under the direction of Jeremy Scott Winston. A native of Philadelphia, graduate of Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania, and alumnus of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., Winston studied under the direction of legendary conductor Nathan Carter at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md. He is currently the Ray Charles Distinguished Chair of Sacred and Choral Music at Wilberforce University.



Jeremy Scott Winston directed the Wilberforce University Choir during a fund-raising concert for Columbus Adventist Academy students.

The concert was sponsored by the church’s education committee, chaired by Frank W. Hale, Jr., PhD. “Our goal is to let young people know that resources are available for them to go to school,” said Hale. “We want them to realize that Christian education is invaluable and the benefits are numerous.” Two other groups also performed for the concert including Another Level, a group directed by Ephesus member Marilyn Graves.

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NEWS

Conference Departmental Directors Chosen

The Allegheny West Conference Executive Committee recently selected several pastors to serve as departmental directors for the next four years, as follows:

- Marvin Brown, will serve a second term with the conference and direct Stewardship, Community Services, Prison Ministry, and Trust Services. Brown has spent more than 27 years working for the Adventist Church.



- Donald Burden was re-elected to oversee Youth Ministries and Ministerial Ministries. Burden has served the church for 22 years and worked as director of Youth Ministries for the past five. “It’s a joy to serve in this capacity and I look forward to the challenges,” he said.



- Alfred Booker is the new Family Life director. He has worked for the church for over 30 years.



- Bryant Taylor, pastor of the Southeast Cleveland church, was selected to serve as conference communication director. He has a doctorate in ministry from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.—Tanisha Greenidge



Southeast Member Awarded for Outstanding Service

Margaret L. Reed (pictured), a member of the Southeast Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cleveland, recently received the Bronze Award for her outstanding volunteer services from Medical Mutual, a large health insurance provider in Ohio. Representatives from Medical Mutual honored Reed and three other “extraordinary senior volunteers who enhance the lives of others.”



Reed was nominated by church members who felt her dedication and outstanding desire to help others in the community deserved recognition.

She has spent more than 30 years volunteering in the community, including 10 as Southeast’s community services coordinator.—Arlene Castaneda and Audrey Severns

Disabilities Retreat Planned

On May 19-21 the Allegheny West Conference (AWC) Disabilities Department will host a retreat for coordinators, people with disabilities, interpreters, and other interested persons. The conference theme is “Connecting All That We Do For His Glory.” The retreat will be held at the AWC campground in Thornville, Ohio. For registration and housing information, contact Diane King at (614) 252-5271.

A Run for Johnnie

Three former members of the Dale Wright Memorial church in Germantown, Ohio, recently joined 33,000 runners in Phoenix, Ariz., for P.F. Chang's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and 1/2 Marathon. Tara Taylor who now resides in Cleveland; Tiffani Singleton, who now lives in Huntsville, Ala.; and Chioma Patterson, who now makes her home in Dayton, Ohio, were asked to run the race by John Nelson Jr., a pancreatic cancer patient and member of the Dale Wright Memorial church. "Johnnie," as close friends and church members knew him, wanted them to help him raise awareness for cancer research and programs.

The three ladies agreed and spent months training



Tiffani Singleton and Tara Taylor take a moment before the race begins.

for the long distance run. They also raised funds to support The Wellness Community, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing programs to enhance the lives of those living with cancer, as well as their families.

As the event drew closer, the ladies envisioned shaking hands with Nelson at the finish line. However, two weeks before the anticipated event, he died. Saddened by his passing, but motivated more than ever by his death, the three women determined to cross the finish line. Patterson ran 13.1 miles—the 1/2 marathon—while Singleton and Taylor completed the full distance of 26.2 miles. Each one considered it a privilege to run for such a worthy cause.



Tara Taylor, Chioma Patterson, and Tiffani Singleton display their marathon medals.

Bethel Seniors Celebrate the Gift of Time

The Bethel church in Cleveland recently celebrated its senior members with Senior's Day. This annual event gives those age 55 and older the opportunity to focus on how God has blessed them with time and the truth of the gospel. Each year, the church's Sensational Seniors plan their special day with gusto. Roberta Brown—current Sensational Seniors leader—coordinated this year's program with the help of assistants Ruth Thomas, Betty Sparkman, and other volunteers. Pastor Perry Jennings, the featured speaker for the morning church service, gave a spirited sermon about God's gift of time. "Being a senior citizen is part of God's plan of blessings and time," he preached, referring to the creation story in Genesis 1.

Brown reported on the seniors' many activities throughout the year: They mail cards to missing members, visit the sick and shut-in, give tokens of love to

one family per quarter, and enjoy trips to various points of interest, such as the Black History Museum in Cincinnati. They also host the Snowflake Ball, a formal event held during the holiday season. At the last ball, the Reverend Joan Campbell—mother of Cleveland's former Mayor Jane L. Campbell—served as mistress of ceremonies.



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Ambassadors for God

Recently, I visited Hackman's Bible Book Store with a group of Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) students. While these small-group leaders searched for resources, I was able to peruse the reading material. I was quite surprised to be recognized by an employee who asked if I had been with the choir that had sung the previous weekend in Wellsboro, Pa. I told her that I had indeed been the bus driver for Bel Canto, and that we had been in Wellsboro on Saturday evening. She told me she had been at the Wellsboro Christmas celebration and was extremely impressed with the music. As we talked, I realized that many of the students with me were in Bel Canto. I introduced her to seven students who were choir members and enjoyed watching them interact. And the next thing I knew, our students were singing right there in Hackman's!

Blue Mountain Academy is proud to send out tour groups as ambassadors for God and our church. Often their influence is limited to Adventist church membership. It is rare that we encounter someone who was present for a performance other than in a church or on campus.

The performance at Wellsboro was part of a great weekend for reaching a broader audience. On Friday night, Bel Canto, La Sonnette, and our newly formed string ensemble performed at the Luzerne County Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a program BMA has participated in for many years. After Wilkes-Barre, Bel Canto performed in Stroudsburg, Pa., and at a Methodist church in Wellsboro, while La Sonnette gave a concert in Hackettstown, N.J. Thus many people were blessed through the music of BMA groups.



Spencer R. Hannah
Principal

Gifts Help BMA's \$4.3 Million "Continuing the Dream" Capital Campaign

The day we received a call from Marilyn Dennison, telling us that she and her husband Herb had a Christmas present for us, was indeed a good day for Blue Mountain Academy! Both Herb and Marilyn are 1967 graduates of BMA, and they have been faithful supporters through the years.

This past summer they looked at the needs in both dormitories and took careful notes as they thought about how they would be able to help. While there is a lot of work to do before we can actually begin the plumbing work, the Dennisons decided to take advantage of this year's pricing and bought all the fixtures for us. They are even planning to volunteer the labor as well! What a blessing is their gift to Blue Mountain Academy!

So far we have raised more than \$1 million toward our \$4.3 million goal. While we have a long way to go, God is moving mountains to make our dreams come true. To date we are moving forward with several projects from campaign funding:

- Upgraded sewer plant is nearly complete
- Added classes to our curriculum—advanced placement chemistry, honors western civilization, honors Anatomy & Physiology, honors junior English, junior and senior religion electives, and

- additional sections of junior and senior English
- Added a leadership director and a leadership track to our curriculum
- Added a learning specialist
- Planted several trees on campus
- Gave financial aid to more than 18 students
- Carpeted the north wing of Edison Hall
- Added smart boards to two classrooms

It was the faith of our early pioneers that made the building of Blue Mountain Academy a reality more than 50 years ago. Today it is our faith that will see the dream continue.

If you would like more information about our school or this campaign, please contact us via e-mail at kathys@bma.us or call (610) 562-4214.

—Kathleen A. Sutton



Herb Dennison wore his holiday hat as he delivered the gifts. His wife Marilyn checked the inventory. Through their generosity, they're making dreams come true for BMA.

Students Share Christmas Spirit With the Hamburg Community

During the holidays, the Bel Canto singers, along with BMA's string ensemble, gathered on the stairs at nearby Cabela's sporting goods store and performed beautiful holiday favorites. Comments from shoppers included, "Who are these kids?" "Look how well they are dressed and how well they behave!" "Thank you for keeping Christ in Christmas!"

Earlier in the season, the student body went caroling house-to-house on a Sabbath afternoon. On another day Bel Canto serenaded shoppers on the streets of Hamburg, also generating a warm response.

"We want the Hamburg community to know that we are a Christian school and that our students are great!" said principal Spencer Hannah. In January several students attended the local Rotary Club with Hannah to share their experiences as volunteers in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina.

Service remains a strong focus at Blue Mountain Academy, as we share Christ in our community.
—Kathleen A. Sutton



Bel Canto singers and the string ensemble, directed by Hector Flores, spread holiday cheer through music at Cabela's sporting goods store in Hamburg, Pa.



Coming EVENTS

March
3, 4 Elementary Music Festival
5 Career Day
7-19 Spring Break
7-20 Mission Trip
31-Apr. 1 Tour Weekend

April
3-8 F.O.C.U.S. Week
14, 15 Tour Weekend
18-24 Senior Class Trip
19-23 Home Leave
28-30 Alumni Weekend

May
3 Service Explosion
5 La Sonnette Home Concert
6 Sylvan Singers Vespers
Band Concert
7, 8 Academy Days
26-28 Graduation Weekend

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Our Accent as a Redemptive Community

We must always be conscious that the church's origin is of God, not man. We are God's people—His "called-out ones"—set in the loneliness of a world estranged from Him. We have been commissioned to reflect the love of God to a world full of hate; speak the truth of God to a world torn by falsehood; exemplify the beauty of God's character to a world marred by sin; and proclaim the willingness of God to redeem and heal all who will call upon Him. Our accent must always be that of a redemptive community.

The church is not made up of people who simply have their names on the books. It is made up of people who have had a personal encounter with Jesus, acknowledged His Lordship, and deliberately, understandingly, and voluntarily committed themselves to the accomplishment of His mission.

This results in living a life worthy of Him. We will seek to reflect purity of life and genuineness of character in all our relationships. This has always been the strength of the church—validating before the court of the world (by the transformation of life) the power of the Redeemer. It calls us to live in a manner that will put an end to spiritual smugness and pride. Profound humility will mark our labors and earnest longings for something better will echo in our prayers. We will maintain a holy discontent for the "status quo." We will work with utter seriousness because we do not live for the moment, nor do we judge ourselves by the standard of the present.

So again I ask you, what is the accent of your life, your church, and our conference? Are we redeemed people? Are we a redemptive community? To make that a reality in Chesapeake is one of our greatest challenges as well as privileges.



Rob Vandeman
President

NEWS

Miss Wall Goes to Washington

Tybee Wall, a Columbia Union College student and member of the Westminster (Md.) church, has been selected to participate in the inaugural year of the United States (U.S.) Model House of Representatives. The program will bring one student from each congressional district across the U.S. to Capitol Hill April 17-21 for a simulation of the workings of the House of Representatives. It's designed to teach college students from across the country about policy making, relationship building, and negotiating skills within the walls of Congress. Wall will take part in writing and voting on bills, and participate in hearings in the committee rooms on Capitol Hill.



Camp Meeting Reservation Time Nearing

Every year the demand for housing at camp meeting exceeds the available supply. Every effort is made to accommodate the wishes of constituents while

maintaining as fair a process as possible. The process involves a first-come-first-served approach according to the postmark on the envelope of the application. Hand-delivered applications will be stamped with the date of delivery. But no applications will be accepted before the April 3 starting date. Should applications arrive before April 3 they will be marked as arriving on the 4th. An application form is printed on the next page. We are pleased to have for our evening and weekend speakers Jim Gilley, formerly a vice president of the North American Division and current senior pastor of the Dallas (Texas) First church; and Dwight Nelson (pictured), senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. The remaining details will be published in the May issue of *The Challenge*.



**RESERVATION FORM
CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING
June 13-17, 2006**

QUANTITY	ITEM	PRICES	TOTAL
DORMITORY ROOMS			
GIRLS DORM -- ADULTS ONLY (18 years and older)			
_____	Girls Dormitory (1 st floor - men's restrooms)	\$75.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Girls Dormitory (2 nd floor - ladies' restrooms)	(price is for 2 people)	
_____	Girls Dormitory (3 rd floor - ladies' restrooms)		
BOYS' DORM -- FAMILIES & ADULTS			
_____	Boys Dormitory (1 st floor - ladies' restrooms)		
_____	Boys Dormitory (2 nd floor - men's restrooms)		
_____	Boys Dormitory (3 rd floor - ladies' restrooms)	\$5.00/night each additional person	\$ _____
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_____	Tent w/concrete floor & electricity	11.00/night	\$ _____
_____	Single cot with mattress	3.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Folding table	1.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Folding chair	.50 each	\$ _____
PERSONAL TENTS (With Use of Shower Rooms)			
_____	Space for your own personal tent or	\$ 20.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Space for your own personal tent	6.00/night	\$ _____
_____	Space for your own personal tent w/electricity & water	\$35.00/5 nights	\$ _____
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_____	Folding Chair	.50 each	\$ _____
TRAILERS Length of trailer _____ ft.			
_____	Trailer space w/electricity, water, sewer or	\$ 55.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space w/electricity, water, sewer	13.00/night	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space w/electricity, water or	50.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space w/electricity, water	11.00/night	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space without hookups or	25.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space without hookups	5.00/night	\$ _____
CABIN UNITS			
_____	Youth Cabin Unit with electricity	\$90.00/5 nights	\$ _____
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New Chaplain Arrives

Otis Coutsoumpos, Jr., was recently introduced as Columbia Union College's (CUC) new chaplain. In this position he will minister to the campus body and serve as an associate pastor at Sligo church. Coutsoumpos, a CUC graduate, recently received his master's from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. "As the search committee met with Pastor Coutsoumpos, we were deeply encouraged by his ability to speak creatively about ministry to young adults, and by his insight and passion to create opportunities for students to become agents of transformation and servants in their church and community," said CUC president Randal Wisbey, DMin. He added, "Most importantly, Otis is able to share his love for God and his desire that each person have the opportunity to come face to face with Jesus."

As a member of the search committee and chair of CUC's Department of Religion, Zack Plantak, PhD, summed it up this way: "Otis is extremely personable, warm, and loving. He is a humble leader and we look forward to working closely with him."

From his previous experience, Wisbey believes God has prepared Otis for this campus ministry. "From his time at Takoma Academy—where he worked with the North American Division on the development of prayer confer-

ences—to his significant work as a National Teen Prayer Conference leader, Otis has had the privilege of seeing thousands of young people involved in ministry," said Wisbey.

As an undergrad at CUC, Coutsoumpos worked as a Campus Ministries director; assistant pastor at Washington Spanish church in Silver Spring, Md.; and youth pastor at Miracle Temple church in Baltimore, Md. While at Andrews University, he worked as a phone chaplain at the Adventist Information Ministry, and as a small group leader. "I am passionate about spirituality and want people to fall in love with God and abandon self for Him," Coutsoumpos says. "People can count on me to be honest and genuinely interested in what they say and what they're going through. I am determined to get things done with whatever resources are available."

Coutsoumpos and his wife Deidre, have been married for two-and-a-half years and are happy to be back in the Washington, D.C., area where both of their families live and work.



New chaplain Otis Coutsoumpos and his wife Deidre were recently welcomed to ministry at CUC.

New "Colleague" Starts Work on Campus

CUC's Information Technology Department recently launched Colleague, a new payroll/HR software program. Compared to the old system, Colleague will markedly improve the internal operations of the college. Its introduction marks the end of a very long, detail-laden process that began in April 2005.

"We transferred more than 900 individual employee records by hand," said Marlene Kreidler, CUC's executive director for Human Resources. "Every record we had of student employees, faculty, staff, and contract workers—along with their income, deductions, taxes, and benefits—was transferred, down to the last detail." Now, employee benefits and records can be tracked more efficiently through the computer database.

Half of CUC's accounting functions, including purchase orders, fund requests, and accounts payable, have also been transferred to the Colleague program.

Other campus functions such as enrollment, registration, financial aid, and academic records will be placed online in the coming months.

According to Greg Ingram, associate vice president of Information Technology for CUC, the majority of students and employees will not notice any obvious changes in how business is conducted on campus. Instead, college personnel who navigate the easier system will benefit and, in turn, offer a higher degree of accuracy and efficient service to students.—PR Staff



Clockwise from bottom left: Claudya Hernandez, Beth Lemkelde, Tim Wirt, Greg Ingram, Roger Wright, and Marlene Kreidler completed the human resources component of CUC's new Colleague program.

CUC Student Captured by Reuters Photographer

Vanessa Jorgensen, a sophomore, was recently photographed at the 2006 Winter Olympics by a Reuters cameraman while cheering on the U.S. Women's Ice Hockey Team as they played Germany for the win in Torino, Italy.

Images of Jorgensen were posted on the Yahoo! Olympic Sports page during February. She is currently spending a year abroad studying at the Istituto Avventista Villa Aurora, an Adventist college in Florence, Italy. Columbia Union College has affiliations with several overseas schools and each year a number of students take the opportunity to spend a year studying abroad through Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA). In addition to the Villa Aurora, recent CUC students have spent a year studying in France, Spain, Austria, and Argentina—just to name a few.

The CUC students in the ACA program for 2005-06 are as follows: Petra Houmann, Universidad Adventista del Plata, Argentina; Vanessa Jorgensen, Istituto Adventista Villa Aurora, Italy; Nadine Grey, Sagunto Adventist College, Spain; Patricia Mwila, Sagunto Adventist College, Spain; Kayla Watkins, Sagunto Adventist College, Spain.

To learn more about studying abroad while at CUC, e-mail enroll@cuc.edu.—Jonathan Scriven



Vanessa Jorgensen wears the U.S. flag during the women's ice hockey game at the 2006 Winter Olympics.

CUC to Host Upcoming Alumni Weekend

Make plans for CUC Alumni Weekend, April 7-9. Mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy these exciting activities:

Friday, April 7

Bus Tour—Enjoy our nation's capital, with a visit to the FDR and WWII memorials. This \$15 tour includes lunch in East Potomac Park with scenic views of the Potomac River and cherry blossom trees (weather permitting).

Alumni Banquet

Reconnect with former classmates at 5 p.m. in Sligo church's atrium for conversation and supper. The cost of the banquet is \$17 per person.

Vespers—Listen as Joe Wheeler, PhD, professor emeritus of English at CUC, presents

a message at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Vespers will also include the annual dedication of student missionaries.

Sabbath, April 8

Sabbath Morning—Attend worship service at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., as Ronald L. Carter, PhD, class of 1969, and dean of the School of Science and Technology at Loma Linda University, speaks at Sligo

church. The New England Youth Ensemble and Columbia Collegiate Chorale will present the musical program. We invite you to stay for a delicious complimentary lunch in the CUC dining hall.

A Tribute and Concert

Appreciate two special events scheduled in Morrison Hall Chapel. "Remembering our Deans," from 2:30-4 p.m., will honor former residence hall deans.

At 4-5:30 p.m. the Black Student Union Choir will perform a concert with choir alumni.

Shakespeare

Spend the evening at the General Conference Headquarters as Marilynn Loveless, PhD, class of 1981, and assistant professor of Communications at Walla Walla College, presents "Cats Do Not, As A Matter of Fact, Go To Heaven," an enlightening and enriching look at the works of William Shakespeare. Transportation is provided.

For more information call the alumni office at (301) 891-4133.—Elisa Rodero



These members of the class of '84 attended last year's event.

CALENDAR

March

- 1 FAFSA Deadline for Maryland, CUC Priority Applications
- 2-12 Spring Break
- 6 Spring Fever Day—*Campus Closed*
- 15 Board of Trustee's Meeting
- 19 Winter Sports Banquet Student Association March Madness
- 23 Career Fair
- 25 Student Association Roller Skating

April

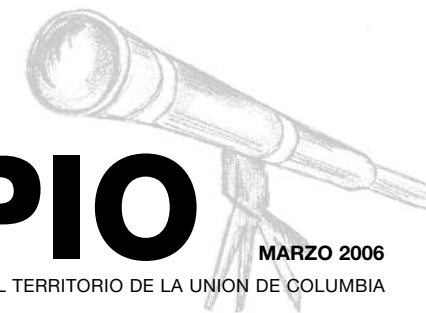
- 1 Student Association Sabbath Cherry Blossoms Outing
- 2 Student Association Year-end Cookout
- 5 Awards Convocation
- 7-9 Alumni Weekend
- 9 Open House Tastes of Takoma

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"Jesús es la Esperanza" con el evangelista Alejandro Bullón, será transmitido cada noche del 15 al 22 de abril, desde la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo-día Berean (www.atlantaberean.org) en Atlanta, Ga. Bullón, escritor, portavoz internacional, y expositor tanto en la radio como en la televisión, es conocido y amado por su manera simple y práctica de presentar las verdades de la Biblia. La serie será transmitida en vivo de 7:30-9:30 p.m. hora del Este en 3ABN Latino y el canal de televisión Hope Channel—Esperanza TV.

Ésta es la primera serie de satélite hispana donde se solicita que iglesias, grupos pequeños, y cualquier sitio de enlace se inscriban. Cada una de las entidades que se registre en www.JesusEsLaEsperanza.com/registracion se listará como un sitio de ayudar a los asistentes interesados en encontrar la localidad más cercana. Cada sitio registrado recibirá carteles de publicidad gratis y un DVD musical gratis para ayudar a las iglesias a aprender la música que se ejecutará durante la serie. Pida más información a www.JesusEsLaEsperanza.com/materiales o llame al (678) 420-1443. Hasta la fecha, 175 sitios están registrados en los Estados Unidos, Canadá, Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panamá, México, Guatemala, Bolivia, e Italia.—Lynetta Murdoch

Reunión de los Miembros Hispanos para la Evangelización

Recientemente, más de 1,200 miembros de la Conferencia de Potomac trazaron un curso para el evangelismo en Ocean City, Md., que se ha convertido en un retiro anual y reunión de evangelización. Los miembros de las congregaciones de habla Hispana y sus pastores volvieron a renovar su compromiso a la ganancia de almas a través de los grupos pequeños. El tema de este año fue "Jesús, Haz de Mi Hogar una Iglesia."

En este ministerio, los miembros hacen un compromiso para organizar un grupo pequeño de estudio de la Biblia en sus casas, e invitan a sus amigos y vecinos. Como resultado de este proyecto, más de 1,100 personas se bautizaron en las iglesias de habla Hispana de la Conferencia de Potomac en el año 2005. "Éste no es un programa o una estrategia evangelística, sino un estilo de vida," dijo el Pastor José Esposito, coordinador de evangelismo Hispano de la conferencia mientras hacía una llamada a los nuevos participantes. Esposito predicó un sermón que hablaba sobre las bendiciones recibidas por la casa de Obed-Edom cuando éste permitió que el Arca del Pacto permaneciera en su casa durante tres meses. Esposito señaló que mientras algunos viven en proximidad al poder de Dios y Su Palabra, no todos toman las ventajas de las bendiciones disponibles.

Más de 125 personas adicionales respondieron al llamado a organizar "casas-culto" este año al pasar al frente y tomar una vela, símbolo de la luz que su casa ahora sería. En total, 900 miembros se han comprometido a este ministerio.—Garrett Caldwell



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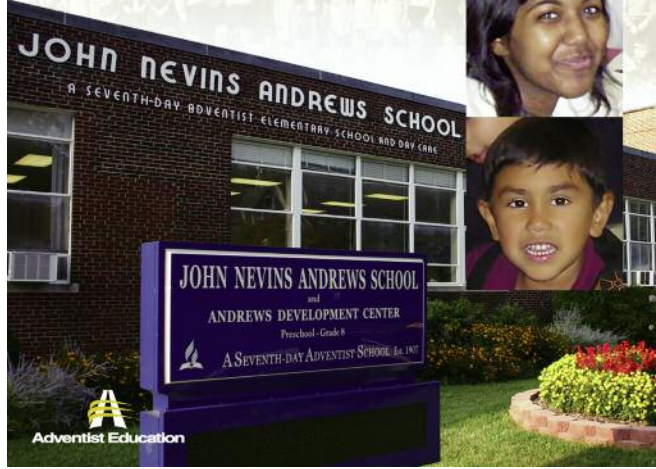
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MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

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Reasons for the Rut, Part II

Last issue, we looked at the peril of professing believers being in a spiritual rut. Could it be that, as Adventists, we have talked so much through the years about Christ's coming that we've now lost our zeal and sense of urgency, and are calloused to the Spirit's influence? What can cause such a spiritual rut?

1. Clinging to Cherished Sin. To cherish a sin means we aren't willing to fully surrender it to Jesus. We may ask for His forgiveness, but we know we'll visit that sin again. It may be sins of commission—acts we know displease God. It may be sins of omission—acts left undone that we know God wants us to do. It could be sins of the flesh—gluttony and intemperance, as well as immoral thoughts and actions. The world may approve of "alternate lifestyles," live-in relationships, divorce and remarriage (without Biblical grounds), adultery, fornication, pornography, etc. Some churches may even permit such behavior, but God's Word is clear. Some may cherish sins of the mind, such as greed, jealousy, bitterness, selfishness, envy, the spirit of criticism, covetousness, etc. Praise God, we can confess our sins and be cleansed from all our unrighteousness! (See 1 John 1:9.)

2. Lack of True Conversion. There are many means by which people find themselves members of the church: they ooze in with the group, come in by osmosis, get in by marriage, meet the age requirement, graduate from a course of study, etc. But there is only One way to become part of God's family. Victory comes through surrender, giving ourselves fully to Jesus. If we're making little spiritual progress after being in the Church for years, we need to pray, "Search me, O God, and know my heart today." True conversion results in radical repentance, a changed life, conscious forgiveness of sins, a spiritual rebirth, inner peace, and assurance of salvation. "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

3. Missed Moments with Jesus. The world is full of Christians who spasmodically read the Bible and seldom experience heart-felt prayer. They're a dime a dozen! Are we growing in Jesus by reading our Bibles through each year? How many are even finishing their lesson study for Sabbath School? Are personal devotions/family worship a vital part of our daily schedules? Are our children and youth in Adventist schools where they can learn from God's Word and grow in their love for Him? Are we so in love with Jesus that we can't wait to talk and listen to Him? (See Psalm 119:11, 50, 93, 105.)

Without surrendering all to Jesus, being truly converted, and devoting time daily to meaningful devotions with Him, we're in a spiritual rut. Pious profession without the passion is preposterous! Our spiritual validity and vitality are directly proportionate to the meaningful time we spend growing in our relationship with Jesus. Next month, our series will continue with Part III: "Getting Out of the Rut."



Kingsley Whittsett
President

Photo Profile: Highland Adventist School



Highland String Orchestra provides opportunities for all students at Highland Adventist School. The beginning and advanced orchestra groups, directed by Barbara Green, perform a bi-annual concert for the Elkins community. K.C. Whetsell and Liz Niederman performed during a recent holiday concert.



Non-competitive, outdoor recreational skills form an important part of Highland's physical education program. The school's location gives many advantages for development of lifetime recreational skills. Left to right: Tesa Bennett, Stacy Blanz, and Nicole Whetsell enjoy backpacking in nearby Monongahela National Forest.



Monarch butterflies were hatching everywhere as students like Ariana Strah and Brittany Robinson (pictured) participated in the Mountain View Conference Monarch Project. This project—done with the assistance of Joel Stecker, conference Pathfinder director—is part of the school's annual, hands-on science education program.

To learn more about this K-12 school and its 36 students, visit www.highlandadventistschool.org or call (304) 636-0811.



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Valley View School Thrives in Bluefield

If I could choose any school to be in, I'd choose this school," said one sixth-grader at Valley View Adventist School in Bluefield, W.Va. The 30 students enrolled in Valley View, ages 6 to 18, enjoy a favorable 3:1 student-teacher ratio. Library holdings are at 5,000 and rising. The school offers hot lunches daily, prepared by volunteers and staff. At assembly each week, students sing, "Shine, Jesus, Shine," to the accompaniment of piano, guitars, violins, and a double bass.

Riel Sarno, director of the school choir and the Valley View church choir, captures special programs on DVD for wider circulation. Music programs, augmented by speeches and recitations, have been well received in our own and surrounding churches. In one program, "Come Meet Jesus," the academy students represented 10 of Jesus' disciples, sharing how they met Him and what new dimensions this brought into their lives. This built on the elementary and middle school presentations of Jesus as both Word and Creator.

Classes in art and gymnastics have prepared students to participate in many community events that gain frequent recognition and awards from program sponsors.

Students also participate eagerly in drives to help those in need. Over the last few months, these have included:

- Collecting socks for diabetic victims of Hurricane Katrina
- Conducting a math-a-thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- Filling shoeboxes with gifts for children worldwide, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse
- Caroling and collecting funds for Campaign for Community *in the snow*
- Distributing handbills for the recent Amazing Facts seminar, and assisting with the music



- and children's programs at these meetings
- Helping Pennies for Patients collect change for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society
- Raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Valley View church views the school as the apple of its corporate eye and members lavish us with encouragement, support, and enthusiasm. Together our vision is to make a difference in the lives of the students, church members, and folk in our community.—*Rosalie Stockil*



Mountain View EVENTS

March

- 9-12 Pathfinder Classoree, Valley Vista
- 18 Music Festival, Charleston Church
- 20 MV Teachers In-Service, Valley View School
- 26 MV Constituency, Summersville Church, 10 a.m.
- 27 Ministers Meeting, Weirton

April

- 3 Executive Committee, Conference Office
- 6-18 MV Mission Trip, Mexico

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No Liars in Heaven

Recently I had an experience interacting with people who claimed to be on their way to heaven, but were caught telling a lie. Talking with these individuals caused me to do some self-reflection: "LeRoy, you have as one of your core values 'integrity at all times;' do your words always reflect clearly the absolute truth?" I asked myself. There is no such thing as a "little white lie" in God's sight. There are no shades of truth or half-truths.

When we identify ourselves as Adventist, do our lives reflect that we are sons and daughters awaiting our returning Lord? Do the things we say express what Jesus meant when He said, let your "yes" be yes, and your "no" be no? Our lives should be above reproach. But for the sake of self-preservation, manipulation, or selfish agendas, lying has crept into our way of life.

Those who will one day hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," will only be those who practice integrity at all times no matter what the circumstance. As Jesus' parable says, some may try to enter that blessed city who will hear the words, Depart from Me, I never knew you (see Matt. 7:23), because "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8, NKJV).

As Ellen White wrote, "The last lingering traces of the curse of sin will be removed, and Christ's faithful ones will appear in the beauty of the Lord our God; in mind and soul and body, reflecting the perfect image of their Lord. Oh, wonderful redemption! Long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with eager anticipation, but never fully understood" (*Great Controversy*, p. 644). I long for this to be a reality.

We can experience the joy of our salvation if we, like Isaiah, have our lips purged of all taint of dishonesty by the "hot coal from the altar." We are God's servants; He is our Master. His mission is our mission, and He does not need us to "help" Him accomplish His good work by speaking anything but that which is absolutely true.



LeRoy Finck
President

First Filipino Youth Lead Worship

At the First Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hazlet, N.J., the fourth Sabbath of every month is set aside for youth. During "Youth Hour of Worship" young people lead the program and present the sermon.



Recently, 14-year-old Don Magbanwa (pictured) was the featured speaker. In his message, entitled "Power Behind God's People," he spoke about optimism, saying that like enthusiasm, optimism is contagious. "Disability does not mean inability," he preached, noting some famous disabled persons who were able to climb the ladder of success.

"Challenges may look like mountains, but these challenges can never be greater than the Power behind God's people." In conclusion, Magbanwa urged the kids, youth, and adults not to give up, but to trust God.

Aside from his active involvement in Pathfinders and other youth activities, Magbanwa also plays an instrument in church.

Youth Hour of Worship is just one of the many ways that First Filipino keeps its youth involved in church. We count children as precious jewels and engage them in service and leadership roles so as to fully utilize their potential.—*Manny P. Mullaneda*



Bridgeton Spanish Youth Crusade Yields 20 Baptisms

The Bridgeton (N.J.) Spanish church recently conducted a two-week evangelism series to win souls for Christ. The series was organized and run by the youth department and Pathfinders at the church. Pablo Lopez, a pastor from Baja California, Mexico, preached the nightly messages under a large evangelistic tent anchored on church property. His sermons focused on the theme "Victory in Jesus."

The young people planned the program, found speakers, handled registration, assigned ushers, put together a prayer team, and formed a music committee. When the adults saw how active the youth were, they became curious and wanted to know what was going on. They were impressed to see what the youth were doing. In order to support them, the adults in the church brought their children to the evangelistic series and even invited other young people to attend.

Many people living in the city took notice of the event and many passing by the church stepped inside to listen to the messages. As a result of the crusade, 20 souls were baptized. *To God be the glory!* "We are so thankful for our youth and the good work they are doing," says Joel Soto, pastor of the Bridgetown Spanish congregation. "We know that this is the army God has placed on this earth to finish His work."



As a result of the youth-initiated evangelism effort, this couple accepted the call for baptism.

Women's Retreat Focuses on Helping Hearts

Author and speaker Carolyn Sutton recently shared messages from her books, *Lessons from Grace 101* and *The Helping Heart*, at the annual Women's Enrichment Day, sponsored by the New Jersey Conference Women's Ministries Department. She used biblical teachings, as well as her own experiences, to encourage attendees to lean on God's heart to meet their every need.



Attendees at the annual Women's Enrichment Day pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The daylong retreat was designed for women who—at one time or another—felt inadequate or wondered how to help others. It offered tools to handle life's everyday trials, disappointments, and troubles. It also offered participants ideas about how to support friends and family members who are wrestling through hard times.

"It is only through God's grace that we can find the hope, healing, and inner peace we are seeking," said Roseann Metrisko, Women's Ministries leader for the New Jersey Conference. "Jesus said to seek first the kingdom of God and all the other things we are searching for

will be added to it. Those who came to the day of refreshing seeking God's direction had their prayers answered!"

According to Metrisko each participant left the conference with practical tools to help them minister to hurting people. They also left better equipped to share God's grace. "By using the examples Jesus left, we can bring comfort to others and encourage those who turn to us for support," she says. This spring, the conference will sponsor two weekend retreats for women. The English women's retreat will take place March 31-April 2 and the Spanish women's retreat will take place April 28-30.

dates

NEW JERSEY

- March**
19-21 Pastors Enrichment
28 Ad Com
 K-12 Board of Education
- 31-April 2** English Women's Retreat
- April**
2 ABC Open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
3 Pastors Meeting
 Camp Meeting Planning
6 Principals Council
8 Children's Ministry Convention, Tranquil Valley Retreat Center
9 Pathfinder Community Service
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14-16 Pastor/Elder Retreat, Tranquil Valley Retreat Center
28-30 Spanish Women's Retreat

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Dayton Pathfinders Learn Mission in Puerto Rico

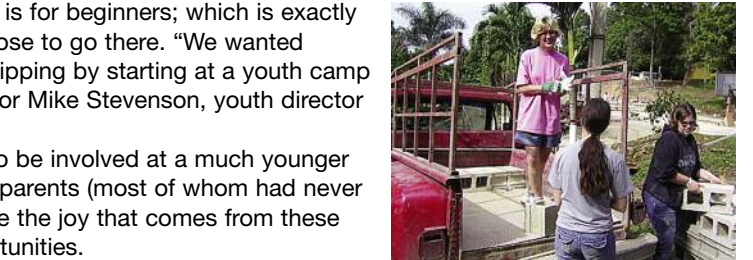
As mission trip destinations go, Puerto Rico is for beginners; which is exactly why Ohio Pathfinders and their parents chose to go there. "We wanted younger Pathfinders to get a feel for mission tripping by starting at a youth camp and helping with a building project," says Pastor Mike Stevenson, youth director for the Ohio Conference.

Not only did the Pathfinders get a chance to be involved at a much younger than normal age for mission tripping, but their parents (most of whom had never been on a mission trip) were able to experience the joy that comes from these highly educational and culturally diverse opportunities.

The pictures only begin to tell the story. As these families reflect on their recent trip to Elias Borgas Camp in West Central Puerto Rico, and as opportunities to help here at home present themselves, a reflective mission trip effect will become evident. We'll be working eagerly to see what God will inspire these Pathfinder families to do locally to continue the "going" they did at Christmas in Puerto Rico.



Dayton area Pathfinders and their families spent the holidays building bleachers for a basketball and volleyball court at Elias Borgas Camp in West Central Puerto Rico.



Camp Meeting Series Begins

This year, the Ohio Conference will host several area camp meetings and community outreach events around the state, as well as the traditional weeklong camp meeting at Mount Vernon Academy, June 11-17. Here are the first two in the series:

April 8

Location: Open Door Ministries Campus, Chillicothe
Speakers: Bill Cox, Pastor, Ephesus Church; and Norah Bagirinka, Rwanda Survivor
Community Singing: Hubert Cisneros and Alice Thomas

April 29

Location: Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church
Speakers: Walter Wright, President, Lake Union Conference; and Norah Bagirinka, Rwanda Survivor
Community Singing: Hubert Cisneros
Music: Toledo Bell Choir and Spring Valley Academy Choir

NEWS

Hillsboro Church Establishes Mission Outpost

For seven years, Phil and Glad Lewis (pictured), longtime members and leaders in the Hillsboro church, have been holding Bible studies in the small southwest Ohio community of Peebles. Besides meeting with various individuals in their homes, the couple has also used the local newspaper to create awareness about some of the Adventist understandings of key biblical doctrines. As the number of interested people grew, Sabbath afternoon gatherings were organized for study and worship. Last December, the Hillsboro church purchased a building in Peebles to house the growing "congregation" in that community. Still under the primary leadership of Phil Lewis, the group has a vision of enlarging their presence in this community. A formal "grand opening" dedicatory service is scheduled for Sabbath, March 25.

**"Buck-a-Week" Provides Winter Coats in Westerville**

It started in 1995 with Judy Neal and her generosity and desire to help low-income families at Christmastime. Upon discovering that one of the biggest needs was for warm winter coats, she instituted the "Buck-a-Week" program that was generously supported by members of the Westerville church. That Christmas, enough money was raised to donate eight coats. Last Christmas the



program, headed by Cliff and Karen Chapman (pictured with Bobbie Wilson), was able to provide 218 coats—along with hats and mittens—to low-income families.

During the last 10 years, the church has provided over 1,000 coats and become the largest single donor

in the community. Every year, on the first Sabbath of December, all the coats are hung in the church sanctuary so members can see their dollars at work. In order to fit them all in the same room, they are hung from every conceivable location. Seeing the many, many coats spread about entices the members to question whether it is the donors or the receivers of these coats that are actually being given the "gift-of-warmth."—*Joe Ashley*

Columbus Eastwood Worship Center Dedicated

The Eastwood church in Columbus recently dedicated its new worship center with a message by Pastor Larry Grahn themed: "Let This be a Missionary Church." The service included a variety of readings, prayers, and musical selections by members and students from the church's Eastwood Jr. Academy (pictured). The congregation sold its former church home



last summer and purchased a 23-acre plot in northeast Columbus. Until the new sanctuary is built, the congregation will worship in a large, renovated home on the property. Construction has already begun on a new K-8 school, which should be open for the 2006-07 school year. Work on the new sanctuary will commence as soon as the school is finished.

New Building for Barberton Church

The Barberton congregation has recently purchased a new church building. Though only one mile from their current location, it will provide more parking and facilities for conducting seminars. The members are looking forward to working in their new neighborhood, meeting the people, offering seminars, and sharing God's love. They will continue to operate their community service program that distributed over \$67,000 worth of food items to Barberton's needy citizens last year.

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Come Abide in Christ

An enriching time for spiritual growth, fellowship, training for mission, musical refreshments, and opportunities to invite non-church friends are all headed your way at the 2006 Pennsylvania Conference Camp Meeting, themed "Abiding in Christ." God has blessed us this year with dynamic speakers such as Ben Maxson, Michael Hasel, Bill Knott, Gary Gibbs, Mary Maxson, Shirley Gear, and others. We'll also have "Family Worship," great seminars, and children's programs.

Christian recording artist Michael Card will be offering his musical message Sunday evening at our community invitational concert. In a career that spans 25 years, Card has recorded over 20 albums, authored or co-authored over 14 books, hosted two radio programs, and written for a wide range of magazines. He has penned such favorites as "El Shaddai," "Love Crucified Arose," and "Emmanuel." His goal in life, to simply and quietly teach the Bible, is reflected in all he does—his music, writing, and concerts. Adventist churches across the Pennsylvania Conference have the opportunity to obtain tickets at a special rate if they order *before* April 15. After April 15, general admission tickets will be available for \$12.50. Artist Circle tickets are available for \$18.50. (There is no special rate for Artist Circle tickets.)

This year promises to be a powerful camp meeting experience and you will be blessed and strengthened as you attend. I invite you to reserve your place right now by sending in your application (see next page). I especially encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you for the Michael Card concert Sunday evening. Bringing a friend is a wonderful way to break down barriers and build friendships for Jesus and the Adventist message. The spiritual retreat of camp meeting is of great value as we seek to grow in the Lord's walk. Together, we will live our camp meeting theme and abide in Christ.



Ray Hartwell
President

Camp Meeting Guests

Author and recording artist **Michael Card** will perform during the community invitational concert on Sunday evening. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family.



Walter Pearson, speaker/director of Breath of Life Ministries, will speak for the worship services on June 9 and 10.



Gary Gibbs, marketing director for the Hope Channel, will lead us in evening worship Monday-Friday and speak for the Sabbath worship service on June 17.



Ben Maxson, senior pastor of the Paradise (Calif.) church, will speak for our early morning worships Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m.

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1. A completed application with payment in full is required for all reservations. Checks should be made payable to Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. You may also register and pay online using PayPal at www.paconference.org. Go to the News & Events page. Applications will still be processed on a first come first served basis.
2. Telephone reservations for late applicants will only be accepted within the last week prior to camp meeting.
3. Reservations must be made by the party attending camp meeting. Reservations cannot be made by one party for another. Please duplicate the application if you need one for a friend.
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Potomac People

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A Vision for Team Leadership

Martin Luther King Jr. had a vision of what this country could be without the problem of prejudice. Recently, our nation took the time to remember his vision and how it has helped to shape this country in a positive manner. As a part of the administrative leadership of the Potomac Conference, I also have a vision of what this great diverse conference could become; a vision that, if embraced, could shape our conference in a positive manner as well.

My vision is one in which pastoral and lay leaders work harmoniously together using their spiritual gifts to fulfill our Advent mission. The church desperately needs competent, spirit-filled leaders. Throughout the Bible we see the impact of good spiritual leadership. The whole history of Israel can be generalized by this observation: When the nation had a godly king, God blessed the people in every way. However, when Israel's kings were godless leaders they influenced the nation in a very negative way.

Leadership experts agree that leadership can be taught. The administration and constituents of the Potomac Conference have identified leadership development as one of the top priorities of our efforts.

One of the intentional ways we are addressing this vital vision is through our 2nd Annual Elder's Leadership Workshop at Camp Blue Ridge which will take place over two weekends—March 24-26 and March 31-April 2. This year we are strongly encouraging our pastors to team up with their local elders and pick either weekend to attend. It's not too late to sign up. Call Nancy Crickenburger at (540) 886-0771, ext. 203.



Ray Pichette
Assistant to the President

NEWS

Richmond Spanish—From Ashes to Victory

The Richmond Spanish congregation has a renewed hope after celebrating the groundbreaking of their new church complex. Three days after our country was reeling from the horrors of September 11, the Richmond Spanish church was destroyed by arsonists. Four years, one month, and 14 days later, they broke ground for a new complex that will include a sanctuary, public



Potomac Conference officers, Pastor Luis Linan-Olivera, and others took part in the groundbreaking ceremony.

gym, soccer fields, library, and the city's first bilingual, social services complex. It is their dream to bridge the gap between the American and Hispanic communities while spreading the gospel. Victory is guaranteed when God is in our plans.—Pastor Luis Linan-Olivera

North Valley Church Gives and Receives Blessings

The North Valley church's community services department prepared 36 boxes of food and distributed them to needy families in the community during

Thanksgiving. It was a team effort of members (pictured right) who supplied, packaged, and delivered the food. Members who helped with this project found the sentiments of Acts 20:35—"It is more blessed to give than to receive"—to be true.—Ruth Wyrick



Galax Recognizes Community Services Volunteers

The Galax (Va.) church recently hosted Community Services Volunteer Recognition Day. The church's community services department has been serving Galax and the Twin Counties of Virginia for 58 years.



Volunteers from the church and community have assisted individuals and families with clothing, household items, and furniture. To commemorate their unselfish acts of service, they were honored with a luncheon and awards (see above photo).—Donna Patton

Hispanic Members Rally for Evangelism

Recently, more than 1,200 members of the Potomac Conference charted a course for evangelism in Ocean City, Md. In what has become an annual retreat and evangelism rally, members of the Spanish language congregations and their pastors turned out to renew their commitment to the small group approach of soul winning. This year's theme was "Jesus haz de mi Hogar una Iglesia" ("Jesus has Turned my House into a Home Church").

In this ministry, members make a commitment to host a small group Bible study in their homes and invite their friends and neighbors. In 2005, as a result of this approach, more than 1,100 people were baptized into Potomac Conference Spanish-language churches. "This is not a program or an evangelistic strategy, but a way of life," said conference Spanish evangelism coordinator Pastor José Esposito while making an appeal for new participants. Esposito preached a sermon that expounded on the blessing received by the house of Obed-Edom when he allowed the Ark of the Covenant to reside in his home for three months. He pointed out that while some live in close proximity to the power of God and His Word, not all take advantage of the blessings available.

More than 125 additional people responded to the appeal to host "home churches" this year by coming to the front and receiving a candle symbolic of the light that their home would now become. In all, 900 members have committed themselves to this ministry. Potomac Conference officers Dave Weigley, Roger Weiss, and Kurt Allen presented each pastor with a beautiful translucent plaque of appreciation for their hard work and dedication to evangelism and for their leadership in involving members. Under the leadership of Pastor Reuben Ramos, director of Hispanic Ministries the Potomac Conference has one of the fastest growing Spanish-language ministries in North America.—Garrett Caldwell



Three men proudly display their candles and their commitment to small group ministry.

Sheriff Road Company Evangelizes the Inner City



Pastor Lloyd Palmer (far left) and conference evangelist Ron Rogers (far right) stand with newly baptized members.

The Sheriff Road Seventh-day Adventist Company, located in the inner city of Washington, D.C., held evangelistic meetings weeks after purchasing the facility they had been renting for almost two years. Until this congregation was planted, there was no Adventist church presence in the community. Because the sanctuary is small, two meetings a night were held to accommodate the visitors. The Lord blessed, and the small building was filled! The overflow was directed upstairs where visitors watched and listened to the truths being presented through closed-circuit television. Several visitors stayed for the second session each night. It was a high day when, on the last Sabbath, the entire church traveled to the Silver Spring (Md.) church for the baptisms of precious souls making their commitment to join God's remnant church.—Cheryl Rogers

Prison Ministry Convention Planned

Make plans now to attend the first Potomac Adventist Prison Ministry Organization (PAPMO) convention in the beautiful mountains of Virginia at Camp Blue Ridge, April 20-23. Pastor Harry Sharley of the Waynesboro (Va.) church will provide inspirational messages. They'll also be good food, excellent fellowship, and soul-stirring music by the southern gospel quartet, 4 The Lord.

PAPMO will also offer special training for anyone interested in becoming a certified Correctional Chaplain Assistant. Applications for this class must be received by March 31. Contact Danny McManus for applications.

Convention costs are \$104 for meals and lodging. The deadline for reservations is April 8 and space is limited. To register, contact Danny McManus at (804) 389-1538 or dmcmanus67@hotmail.com; Dell Peterkin at (804) 328-1748; or Shirley Daniel at sdaniel75@net-zero.net. Mail convention fee or certification application to: PAPMO, P.O. Box 68, Highland Springs, Va. 23075.

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What Do We Do For Others?

And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matt. 25:40, NKJV).

Mission and outreach are two of the vital aspects of a well-rounded program that Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) strives to offer each student. As we prepare for another mission project let me share with you what we've done. Recently, we traveled to a community in Mississippi to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief. On another occasion, SVA students and staff members went to Washington, D.C., to feed homeless residents and distribute clothing, gloves, and toiletries to the needy. Over the holidays, 28 SVA student leaders and volunteers provided clothes, toys, and a holiday celebration for young children and their parents in the community.

This spring our mission outreach continues as a number of our students will commit their time to represent Jesus Christ in Puerto Rico. Our staff is blessed to have so many students who are willing to volunteer their time and services to help a part of society that is less fortunate.



John Nafie
Principal

Chaplain Prepares for Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

Head Chaplain Tim Harley has taken SVA students on mission trips for the last eight years. I asked him about previous mission trip experiences and also got information about this month's trip (March 8-19) to Puerto Rico:

Republic; Fiji; Arizona to a Navajo Reservation; Kentucky; Florida; and Mississippi



What motivates you as you plan the upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico?

Chaplain Harley: The 40 students who are excited about being a part of the mission and knowing the anticipation they have at seeing a new country.

How have mission trips positively affected SVA students?

Chaplain Harley: I knew a senior who was struggling with drugs. He chose to go on a mission trip and was truly converted. He returned and set a positive example among the student body and eventually became a pastor.

What will your team accomplish while there?

Chaplain Harley: We will focus on three projects: repairing several churches damaged by the hurricane season; holding Vacation Bible School programs for local children; and educating people about their health and doing individual health assessments.



How many years have you led mission trips?

Chaplain Harley: I spent five years as an assistant and three years as the actual mission trip leader.

Where have these mission trips taken you in the past years?

Chaplain Harley: Cozumel, Mexico; Dominican

How many people are going on this mission trip and who are they?

Chaplain Harley: There are a total of 52 people including 40 students, seven staff members, two community members, two former staff members, and one parent.

What do you want students to learn from this experience?

Chaplain Harley: I want the students to know that they are part of a worldwide church and can be used by God to reach others, if they are willing.—Brian Becker

Volunteer Photography Instructor Inspires Creativity

When Joe Lipscomb, director of Technology Services for SVA, heard that the photography class was in need of a teacher—or it would be dropped from the curriculum—he quickly volunteered.

Private schools can only offer classes when there are qualified instructors available to teach the subject and Lipscomb fills the bill. Before graduating from SVA in 1999, he took photography classes from Dale Halverson. He also worked as Halverson's assistant. Because of his strong interest in graphic arts, Lipscomb took additional classes at a local community college in Digital Photography, Photoshop, and Illustrator.

Last semester, 11 students took his photography class. They were encouraged to think creatively and take quality photos using a 35mm manual camera. He also taught them how to process film in SVA's fully-equipped dark room. For their class project, they were required to keep a portfolio that would be submitted at the end of the semester.



Budding photographer, Cynthia Gonzalez, studied under Joe Lipscomb.

Each was responsible for having at least six photos that showed depth of field, action, architecture, nature, portrait, and properties of light included in their portfolio. They were also graded on their competence of photo quality.

One student in particular revealed her creative eye in a black and white photograph of melons. While walking on campus near SVA's orchard, Cynthia Gonzalez, a senior, saw watermelons piled in wooden crates by the school barn. She thought it was an interesting sight and used a Pearl Master Manual Camera to capture depth of field. Out of the many shots she took that day, Gonzalez chose one unique angle for her portfolio. This is Gonzalez's first time taking a photography class but she can recall her father's photography hobby and thinks she has inherited his talent.



This black and white photograph of watermelons piled in a wooden crate—taken by senior Cynthia Gonzalez—effectively demonstrates “depth of field.”

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calendar of events

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- 5 Sunday School
- 7 K-12 Board
- 8 3rd Quarter Ends
- 8-19 Spring Break, *Begins at 6 p.m.*
- European Tour
- Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
- 25 Ice Skating, *7 p.m.*
- 27-Apr. 1 Spring Week of Prayer

April

- 1 Class Parties, *7 p.m.*
- 8 Bowling, *8 p.m.*
- 9 ACT Testing
- JR/SR Banquet, *6:30 p.m.*
- 14 Alumni Golf Tournament, *8 a.m.*
- 14-15 Alumni Weekend
- 30 Sunday School
- Spring Picnic, *6 p.m.*

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FREE CONCERT.

Jennifer LaMountain will present a free concert at the Hagerstown Adventist Church (11507 Robinwood Drive) on Friday evening, March 10, at 7 p.m. Jennifer is energized about sharing God's love with those who are seeking greater purpose in their own life. She is a popular gospel recording artist, and a frequent feature vocalist on several religious television and worldwide satellite programs. Everyone welcome! For further information, call 301-733-4411.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST KOREAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE ALUMNI MISSIONARIES

Where are you? If you served in South Korea as a language school missionary, please send us your contact information in preparation for a reunion summer/fall 2006. Email: marilynazarus@hotmail.com or sali@puconline.org.

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announces the first annual Ruth Mosby Greene Oratorical Contest on March 18 at 7 p.m. All alumni and Pine Forge Academy supporters are invited to this event.

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OBITUARIES

CARTER, Agnes Marie, was born December 22, 1945 in Loretta, Tenn., and died September 3, 2005 at her residence. She worked as an elementary school teacher for 26 years with learning disabled and emotionally disturbed children. Carter received a "Teacher of the Year" award shortly before retiring. She was a member of the Galax Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include her husband, Lester; a daughter and son in-law Andrea and Daniel Cox; two sons, Brian and Scott; one brother, James Wilson; one half-brother Charles Bosheer; two sisters and one brother in-law, Gladys and Perry Wittingham and Gracie Dial; and two grandchildren, Kelli Carter and Jacob Cox.

BURDICK, Barbara Francis, was born March 25, 1936 and died December 26, 2005 at Waddell Nursing Home in Galax, Va. She worked as a teacher in the Seventh-day Adventist school system and was a member of the Galax Adventist Church. Survivors include her husband David; her mother, Fannie S. Hurst, a brother and sister in-law, James and Gloria Hurst; six sisters and a brother in-law, Jeanette Hurst, Shirley and David Harrell, Charlotte Hurst, Julie Wayne, Leona Niccum, and Violet Hurst, and a half-sister, Rosalee Hurst.

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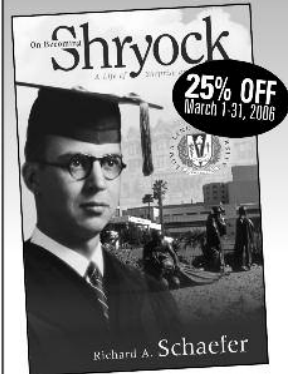
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Teens and Religion: More Interested Than You Think

There is a lot of evidence in recent research that today's teenagers have a strong interest in spiritual things, as well as religion. It's not every teenager, but there are high percentages.



For example, *The Washington Post* commissioned a survey last fall among teenagers and their parents in the major metropolitan area it serves. Among the teens, 13 percent said it was the "most important" thing in their life. Another 32 percent said religion was "very important" to them and 27 percent said it was "somewhat important." Only 28 percent said it is "not too important." Probably the most honest way to view these data is that 45 percent of teenagers in the Washington area (and most of these are in the suburbs) place high importance on religion in their everyday lives, while 55 percent do not.

Among parents, 59 percent report that religion is either the "most important" thing in their life or "very important," while 41 percent indicate that it is less important to them.

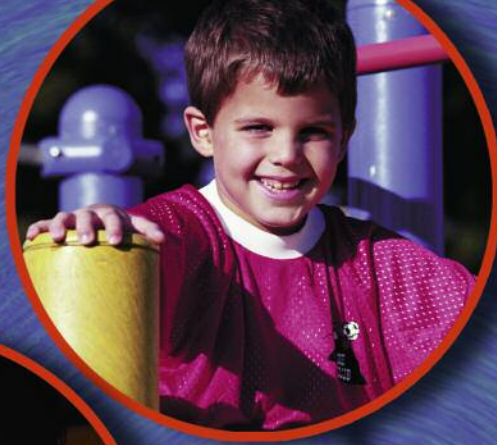
What Does This Mean?

Despite how secular our society has become (or, perhaps, precisely because of how secular it has become), there are a lot of teenagers with a strong interest in religion. It is a growing portion of the teen population! So, if your church were to start a Bible study group for teens and properly market it, you can expect teens from your community to come and participate.

What do I mean by properly market it? The methods that we use with adults to promote Bible seminars will not work with teens. It is a different audience with a different culture, a different "language." To reach teens it has to be more informal, more lively, and more participatory. Dress down, not up. Use contemporary music and a contemporary translation of the Bible. Include skits and "icebreaker" activities. Don't use traditional religious or "churchy" words unless you explain what they mean. Whatever topic you introduce from the Bible, be sure to quickly answer the question, "So what?" Help the teens make practical applications of the Bible in their everyday lives.

To get the word out about your Bible study, get teens to help you. Our typical direct mail brochures won't get the job done. Instead, ask them to invite friends using e-mail and text messages. Buy someone the software to create a video spot and circulate it through their networks. Buy somebody else art supplies or a computer graphic arts program to make posters. If you want to make this happen, get their input and put them to work!

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