

Eightieth Anniversary, Louisville, Kentucky, Church

THE Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist church in Louisville, Kentucky, the oldest Negro Seventh-day Adventist church existing today, celebrated its eightieth anniversary March 7-15.

In 1878 J. N. Loughborough held a tent effort in Reno, Nevada. A young man of color by the name of C. M. Kinney attended the meeting and accepted the truth. He attended Healdsburg College in California, 1883-1885, and was subsequently sent to Kansas to begin missionary work among the widely scattered and struggling colored citizens. In 1890 C. M. Kinney was sent to Louisville, at which time the church was organized.

The work in Louisville had been started by S. Osborne, a layman who had moved to Iowa and there accepted the truth. He returned to Kentucky and held public meetings, to which some colored people came and accepted the truth. A. Barry, a layman who later became a minister, looked after the group until the coming of C. M. Kinney.

The group met for worship in several halls until the pastorate of J. H. Laurence. They then moved into their own building at 1715 West Chestnut Street. Soon the congregation outgrew this edifice, and under the pastorate of H. J. Miller a church was built at the present location, 1942 Magazine Street.

High lights of the anniversary week included music by visitors and members, greetings from all sections of North America, and fellowship with other churches in the area.

The celebration began with special revival services conducted nightly, March 7-12, by a former pastor, E. T. Mimms from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He reviewed major doctrines and spoke on the theme "The Foundation

Stands." Former members were encouraged to return to the church and a special night of instruction was devoted to the youth. During the ten years that Elder Mimms was pastor of the church, a fire destroyed the building and the present structure was erected.

March 13 D. L. Crowder, former pastor who now has charge of the church in Denver, Colorado, spoke on the subject "Where Is Your Faith?" Elder Crowder burned the mortgage of the church in 1961.

At 8:00 A.M. Sabbath, March 14, a most inspirational program began with special prayer and Bible study conducted by J. B. Mallory, a former pastor, now 90 years of age. Many visitors attended Sabbath school.

H. D. Singleton, secretary of the Regional Department of the General Conference, spoke at the 11:00 A.M. hour. He compared the Christian life to a race for which the Christian strives not for a corruptible crown but an incorruptible—eternal life.

C. E. Dudley, South Central Conference president, gave the welcome and explained the history and work of the denomination.



C. E. Dudley, South Central Conference president, and J. B. Mallory, former pastor, greet persons who have been members of the Louisville church for fifty years or longer.

The present pastor, I. J. Johnson, gave the history of the church and told of its present progress. Elder Johnson assumed the task of completing the plans started by C. R. Graham to build a school. Property consisting of a church, parsonage, and a building of twenty-eight rooms was purchased in 1969. At present an elementary school, grades 1-8, a day-care center, Health and Welfare Unit, and a health food store are operated on this property. A radio program "Wings of Love" is sponsored weekly.

After an enjoyable meal in Fellowship Hall, visitors and members shared their talents in a Singspiration program.

Special recognition was given to the following eleven members that have been members of the church for 50 years: Mrs. Alice Walton, Mrs. Ada Fort, Mrs. Margaret Miles, Mrs. Hattie Titus, Mrs. Anna Simmons, Mrs. Margaret Hopper, Mrs. Ella Riggs, Phillip Clark, William Fort, and James Fischer. Miss Emma Minnis was honored as the only person living when the church was organized.

The day ended with C. E. Dudley giving the church membership a challenge for greater evangelism by comparing the growth of the church with the growth of the community.

The anniversary celebration ended March 15 with a sermon by C. R. Graham of Chicago, Illinois, when nine persons were baptized and eight persons joined the church. Other ministers that have served this congregation well are J. M. Campbell, J. H. Dasent, T. H. Allison, J. W. Jones, F. S. Keitts, A. B. Storey, H. J. Miller, and C. A. Lynes. A special tribute was given these faithful pioneering ministers and the members now sleeping.

The church has operated a school since the first school was organized in



J. B. Mallory, former pastor of the Louisville church, is now 90 years old. On Sabbath morning, March 14, he conducted an inspirational meeting with special prayer and Bible study.

1915. The students are still proving themselves worthy of any sacrifices that were made in their behalf by serving their communities in many professions.

Another church was organized when a Sabbath school evangelistic effort by John Elmore organized 14 members of this church and others into a church in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

A deep appreciation and a brighter outlook for the future was expressed by the membership as they rededicated their lives to help finish the work of God.

E. L. GREEN
Press Secretary
Louisville Magazine Street
SDA Church



D. L. Crowder, former pastor of the Louisville church, speaks during the week-long celebration. He is presently pastor in Denver, Colorado.

Emma L. Minnis Honored

THE Magazine Street church of Louisville, Kentucky, honored Emma L. Minnis with a "This Is Your Life" program in recognition of her retirement from forty years of service as chorister of the senior church choir. Many friends, pupils, and well-wishers expressed honor and deep appreciation by various testimonials.

Miss Minnis was one of the first persons to be baptized in the newly organized church in 1890. She is the sole survivor of the immediate family of Madison and Elizabeth Minnis. The Minnis family is well known for outstanding talent in music. Her father was a teacher of vocal music and a church chorister, her mother taught music, and her sisters, Elizabeth and Ella, were music teachers in the public school system. Although Miss Minnis inherited much of her love for, and gift of, music from her parents, she studied diligently and developed unusual abilities in both vocal and instrumental music. She was a graduate of Central High School and the city normal schools of Louisville, Kentucky; attended summer terms of senior courses at Chicago University and the University of Illinois; and stud-

ied voice, pipe organ, and methods of piano teaching under private tutors. She taught high school and was principal of Banneker School for thirteen years in Louisville. In 1927 she taught music for one year at Oakwood College and organized a choir there.

Her family's contribution to the music world is reflected in the lives of many men and women whom they have started on successful careers in music and literature, not only in Louisville but throughout the nation. As Miss Minnis continues to carry on the family tradition of teaching music, many more pupils will cherish the inspiration to appreciate the value of healthful Christian living, noble thinking, and high standards of character development that she has exemplified in her own life.

As she retires to observe and enjoy from the pew the music that will be directed by many of her former pupils, the church will always remember and appreciate her many years of faithful service and her dedication to the task of inspiring in others an appreciation for the best in music. May the high quality, dignity, and heavenly inspiration of truth-filled songs remain with us as a part of our worship. To her we pay a tribute of respect.

News Notes on The Message Magazine

THE pastors, lay activities leaders, and the Regional conference presidents recently met at Oakwood College to spur the onward march of *The Message Magazine*. At this meeting, unprecedented in recent times, a wonderful report was given of 47,500 subscriptions, including a telephoned report from western conferences. This amounts to approximately \$107,000 reported in one day. This too was unprecedented. We sincerely thank our members and churches for their loyalty in the 1970 subscription crusade. Together with our leaders you are enlarging the ministry of our international missionary journal, *The Message Magazine*.

Charles M. Willis, former field representative at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, was recently called to the Southern Publishing Association's periodical department.

One of his major responsibilities will be to promote a larger circulation of *The Message Magazine*. We anticipate a sharp upturn in circulation under his valued leadership.

Two reports from the Pacific Union Conference can only be called pace-setters: In response to the call for
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Primaries Experience a New Adventure With God

A PRIMARY church at City Temple was initiated by J. R. Wagner, pastor, in December, 1969. The age group, five through eight, participates in divine worship by responsible activity.

In the first divine worship service Elder Wagner compared the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly with the change of anyone who is united with Christ. He is a new crea-



Primary church at City Temple in Detroit, Michigan, was started by J. R. Wagner in December of last year. Group of young people are participating in the Sabbath worship hour.

ture. His old life is over, a new life has already begun.

The teachers—Mrs. Gwen Dozier, Mrs. Merle Phillpotts, Mrs. Georgia Ray, Mrs. Beverly Dooms, Mrs. Gwen Carter, Mrs. Roberta Brezell, Mrs. Dorothy Jordan, Basilio White, and Nathaniel Higgs—supervised constructive activity. It was fascinating to observe caterpillars and butterflies forming on canvas with paint and brush. The youngsters were enthusiastic and creative. The Word of God became more meaningful in their lives.

We have been gratified by the response of the parents to the Primary



Thomas Glenn, left, has been called to the Allegheny West Conference as associate publishing secretary. Brother Glenn was one of the most successful literature evangelists in the Lake Union. He is an active soul winner and is shown with the last trophies he won before leaving the territory. The woman holding the book *Bible Readings* had been searching for a copy for twenty years.

church. Many asked that four- and nine-year-olds be included in the program. As of January, 1970, this group became part of the activity.

Many parents have been able to enjoy church without the children who often find adult services beyond their understanding.

Elder Wagner next presented a series on the Creation. The Primary church eagerly awaits each week with great anticipation the new adventure that brings them closer to God.

SARAH M. JACKSON



William A. Loveless Speaks at Bethel Church

THE Bethel MV Week of Prayer, March 14-20, brought an overwhelming and overflowing crowd on the opening Sabbath morning as William A. Loveless, pastor of the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist church in Takoma Park, Maryland, inspired and uplifted young and old as he developed the theme "You Are Your Choices." The Columbia Union College choir was present to add to the divine worship hour with their sacred musical selections. In addition to

preaching each night Elder Loveless also inspired the congregation as he played his saxophone.

Some of the topics he spoke on were "Doctrinaire-Nonviolence," "Christian Philosophy of Sexuality," "How's Your Health?" "God's Account With the Nations," "Married? So What?" and "The Riches of Salvation." After each session a Feedback was engaged in with Dr. Loveless freely giving of his counsel.

At the conclusion of the Week of Prayer it was felt that the week would be long remembered.

MARIE A. CURTISS
Press Secretary
Bethel Church

Ephesus Youth Church Celebrates Fifteenth Anniversary

WILLIAM FELDER of the Springfield, Massachusetts, church, a young man who grew up in the Ephesus church, was the speaker for the morning service on Sabbath, March 7, when the Ephesus Youth church began its fifteenth anniversary week celebration.

The youth of Ephesus also presided at the Wednesday night service. The young and dynamic William Alleyne was the guest speaker. Pastor Alleyne is a former pastor of the Ephesus Youth church and is presently leading the congregation at the Hanson Place church in Brooklyn. He was assisted by the Northeastern Academy Choir and the Anderson sisters, who rendered beautiful music for the occa-

sion. Among those present for this meeting were two other former pastors of the Youth church—Robert H. Carter, secretary of the Northeastern Conference, and Owen A. Troy, secretary of the MV department of the Northeastern Conference.

Another former Youth church pastor, Harold Kibble, delivered a powerful sermon to an overflow congregation at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath, March 14. Music was supplied by the Youth church choir, the Larkettes, and the Boys' Choir.

The growth and progress of the Youth church were portrayed in a historical pageant during the MV hour, the last of the anniversary programs. At the close of the program the youthful members of the congregation joined hands with senior supporters and well-wishers and sang "Bless Be the Tie That Binds." R. C. Connor indicated to his constituency that the first decade and a half of its life is history and the stage has been set for even greater progress in the future.

HAROLD L. NORMAN
Press Secretary
Ephesus Church

Amityville Church Opening

THE words "O Happy Day" might well have expressed the inner joy experienced by the members of the Bethesda church of Seventh-day Adventists in Amityville, New York, as they entered the doors of their newly constructed church home on Sabbath, March 14, 1970. They were joined by more than 250 well-wishers from far and near for the official opening.

Nearly three years previously the congregation had completed the construction of another church building only to see it completely destroyed by fire one week before the first scheduled service. Saddened but undaunted, Pastor Roy Brown and his courageous members began anew the task of building a temple to the glory of God.

The present structure, built at a cost of \$225,000 is situated on six acres of land. This will provide off-street parking and allow room for future expansion when necessary.

The beautifully appointed sanctuary will seat 400 persons. A large lower auditorium can be divided into four spacious classrooms. The building also contains church offices and a well-equipped kitchen.

Carl Purchell, architect, designed the Bethesda church. It was built by the Gunderson Construction Corporation.

G. R. Earle, Northeastern Conference president, delivered the message at the initial service of the week-long celebration on Sabbath, March 14, 1970. Darrel Rollins, pastor of Corona Seventh-day Adventist church, spoke at the 4:00 P.M. meeting.

On Sabbath, March 21, G. H. Rainey, Atlantic Union Conference Ministerial secretary, spoke at the 11:00 A.M. service. The congregation was pleased that N. C. Wilson, General Conference vice-president for North America, would give the concluding message of their celebration at the 4:30 P.M. service.

Guest ministers and choirs from the area led out in the evening services during the special week of thanksgiving.

ROBERT H. CARTER
Public Relations Director
Northeastern Conference



Mrs. Virginia Norman of Bronx, New York, was elected to serve as a member of the Northeastern Conference executive committee. She is the first of her sex to serve in this capacity.

Constituents Elect Woman to Northeastern Executive Committee

MRS. VIRGINIA E. NORMAN became the first member of her sex to serve as a member of the Northeastern Conference executive committee. She was elected by the constituents to the thirteenth biennial session of the Northeastern Conference.

Mrs. Norman received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakwood College

and the Master of Arts degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Upon graduation from college she worked for four years as secretary to the president of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. For ten years she served as instructor of secretarial studies at Northeastern Academy. She has been teaching secretarial studies for the Board of Education in New York City for the past six years.

Mrs. Norman is an active church worker at the Ephesus church, where she holds membership. For a number of years she was the head clerk of the church. She is presently superintendent of the Sabbath school.

She is married to Harold Norman and is the mother of a daughter, Gail.

ROBERT H. CARTER
Public Relations Director

Northeastern Mourns Prominent Physician

CONSTITUENTS throughout the Northeastern Conference were saddened by the passing of one of its prominent physicians and outstanding laymen. Dr. V. McKinley Wiles, of international fame and a noted urologist of New York City, died at his home Sunday, March 22, 1970, after a long illness.

Dr. Wiles, a deeply religious man, was a staunch believer in the power of prayer. In his office waiting room were always several copies of the Bible for his patients to read. These he found were read in preference to the usual waiting room magazines. The sound of background religious music, which Dr. Wiles taped himself, was always in evidence. Before examining a patient for the first time and prior to performing surgery, Dr. Wiles always offered prayer with his patients. Above Dr. Wiles's office was a prayer room which he established for his patients to use for study and meditation.

Dr. Wiles was born in Barbados, British West Indies, the son of James H. and Constance M. Wiles. His family moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1912, where Dr. Wiles attended school. He graduated from Cambridge Latin High School and attended Andrews University, formerly Emmanuel Missionary College, in

Berrien Springs, Michigan. He obtained his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1937.

Dr. Wiles was a Diplomate of the American Board of Urology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. During his years of practice he was on the staffs of the following hospitals: Bates Memorial, Beth Israel, Harlem, Hospital for Joint Diseases, Jewish Memorial, Knickerbocker, Mount Morris Park, Prospect, and Sydenham.

He held membership in several professional organizations: International College of Physicians and Surgeons, American College of Physicians

and Surgeons, the Executive Board of Central Manhattan Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He was a member of the Atlantic Union Conference executive committee and the Northeastern Conference executive committee of Seventh-day Adventists.

During a lifetime of dedicated service Dr. Wiles received many honors. He made several annual service tours to many African countries to care for patients in various mission and government hospitals, at his own expense. He was the first Negro specialist invited to perform surgery in the Albert Schweitzer Hospital at Lamborene, Gabon Republic, Africa. Following that

experience he accepted membership on the Albert Schweitzer Foundation Committee. In 1963 Dr. Wiles was given the distinguished service award of the Abyssinian Baptist church in New York City. In 1964 he was named the Layman of the Year by the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In 1966 he was named Honored Alumnus of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Dr. Wiles is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons from an earlier marriage, Dale and Spencer, of New York City; and a brother, Hilton, of Montreux, Switzerland.

ROBERT H. CARTER
Public Relations Director



Workers' Meeting

► On Thursday, April 30, the annual workers' meeting was held at the University church in Los Angeles, California, through the courtesy of S. D. Meyers and his congregation.

The theme of the meeting was to study plans and ways in which further expansion could be realized in the growth of the Black work in the Pacific Union. New progressive steps in leadership were especially emphasized as the group of workers reviewed the report of the study commission that met recently in Washington, D.C.

The meeting convened at 9:30 A.M. with a devotional hour in which an inspiring message was presented to the workers by Dr. Leslie Hardinge of the department of religion at Pacific Union College. The emphasis of this keynote devotion was the stability and the solidness of the foundation that is found in the Advent Movement.

After the devotional W. J. Blacker, president of the Pacific Union Conference, served as chairman of a discussion in which the report of the study commission from Washington, D.C., was reviewed. Elder Blacker stated that the Pacific Union would

not hesitate to carry out the format as outlined in this report.

The afternoon session was highlighted by a lecture brought to us by Dr. Richard Nies, one of the leading clinical psychologists of the Southern California area, on family relationships and guidance in their relationship with others, particularly members of the church and those of the public at large.

The final hour of the afternoon meeting was spent in discussing problems and matters that related directly to the betterment and enlargement of the Black work in the Pacific Union.

Recent Changes

► There have been a number of changes in leadership in the Regional work during recent weeks and months. Among the newcomers to the Pacific Union we welcome E. D. Rudley to the pastoral leadership of the Seaside-Monterey community; Kenneth Bushnell to the pastorate of the San Jose Ephesus church; Earl Canson to the Pacoima church; Clinton Warren to the Long Beach, California, district; S. A. Bushnell to the Perris Fifth Street church; Joseph Winston to the pastorate of the new Altadena church. Among the younger workers who have recently taken on the responsibilities in the Pacific Union we mention J. A. Jones assisting in the Market Street church, Oakland, California; Irwin Dulan assisting in the Capitol City church in Sacramento, California; and David Yates helping out in the San Diego Thirty-first Street church.


Among our Bible instructors, we have the following changes and new assignments: Mrs. Mildred Dossman, a new worker to the Northern California Conference area; James Steele to the Los Angeles University church; Mrs. O. M. Harris to the San Diego area; and Mrs. Helen Horton to the Southeastern California Conference.

Glenn Howell has moved into his new assignment as associate MV secretary in the Southern California Conference. Major White, former pastor of the Miramonte Boulevard church in Los Angeles, has taken up his new responsibilities at this time as the leader in the inner-city work for the Central California Conference. Verna Barclay is now serving as one of the deans of women on the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University.

Weddings

On March 21, Janet Dorine Banks, daughter of Elder and Mrs. G. N. Banks, was married to Joel Ludwig Jones. The Joel Joneses have flown to Kingston, Jamaica, where Mrs. Jones is serving in the nursing department of the Andrews Memorial Hospital, and Mr. Jones is continuing his medical training at the University of the West Indies Medical School.

On April 3 one of the office secretaries at the Pacific Union Conference, Mrs. Lois Jean Walton, was married to Edward Drayton at the Altadena Seventh-day Adventist church. The Draytons are now living in Riverside, California.



ALLEGHENY EAST

First Church Holds Five-Day Plan

THE First Church of Washington, D.C., recently held its third Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking.

The church has been very careful to follow up these programs with telephone calls and letters to check the people's progress in overcoming the habit. Seven persons have completely overcome the smoking habit as a direct result of attending these programs.

The most recent program was encouraging because only one person of the total number enrolled failed to come out each night. The others were very faithful. One man who enrolled in the program stated happily that he has been successful in overcoming the habit. He had been a chain smoker and was very doubtful as to whether he could overcome it. He is a contractor living in Arlington, Virginia, and is taking Bible lessons from a Seventh-day Adventist member there. Now he wants to know when the next program will be conducted because he has two friends who would like to attend. So many of the people who came want to share this "good news" with their friends who have never heard of the plan.

Dr. Lennox Westney, a Seventh-day Adventist physician and member of Washington, D.C., First church, directed the program and was assisted by Dr. Neville Ottley and Dr. Adrian Hoston, also Seventh-day Adventist physicians. L. R. Palmer, Jr., is pastor of the church.

LONA NELL LEA

Jacob Justiss Guest Speaker at Ebenezer

ON SABBATH, February 21, Jacob Justiss of Washington, D.C., delivered the message for the worship service at the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His text was taken from the fifth chapter of Matthew.

Elder Justiss is currently on leave



Jacob Justiss of Washington, D.C., was recently guest speaker for the Sabbath worship hour at the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia.

of absence from the active ministry while engaging in advanced studies. He has pastored many churches and directed youth activities. Just recently he was invited to join the staff at Andrews University in Michigan.

Preceding his sermon A. R. Jones, pastor, presented certificates of scholarship to those members that had completed their Home Bible Study Course.

Thomas Bias, assisted by Allen Foster at the organ, stirred the congregation with his message in song—"I Must Tell Jesus."

At the close of the morning service five precious souls presented themselves as candidates for baptism. It was truly a high day in Zion.

CHARLES D. ARRINGTON
Public Relations Secretary
Ebenezer SDA Church

Dupont Park Pathfinders


RECENTLY during the MV hour the Orion Pathfinder Club of the Dupont Park church presented techniques of survival. High lights of the program were the method of obtaining water in the desert by way of the "solar still," starting a fire using two flashlight batteries, and cooking a chicken while walking. The participants boiled water using paper as a container, and demonstrated how to use a fallen log as a temporary shelter.

The Pathfinders were very active during the past year. At Halloween they collected canned goods for the needy. Within one hour more than 100 items were collected and a case of oranges was given for the Thanksgiving baskets.

Those participating were Wendell Barnes, Jackson Desmukes, Larue Stokes, Darlene Everett, Mary Smith, Deborah Wytch, Lester Jackson, Lynwood Coleman, Gregory Starks,

Ronald Coleman, David Starks, and Jurez Desmukes. Counselors were Patricia Bennett, Harriett Ponder, James Pitt and William Pitt. Director of the Orion Pathfinder Club is William Ponder. J. Milton Thomas is the pastor of the Dupont Park church.

MRS. MARIE A. MORGAN
Press Secretary
Dupont Park Church



ALLEGHENY WEST

Allegheny West Laymen

THE laymen of the Allegheny West Conference have really been on fire for God through personal evangelism.

In 1968 they purchased out of their own pockets 8,000 sets of Go Tell lessons and distributed them weekly throughout their communities. In 1969 Allegheny West had a conference-wide lay preachers' congress which resulted in 11 lay efforts, with one new church and one company realized. We now have two churches in the city of Cincinnati the second of which was raised up by lay preachers' work last summer. They now have about 25 members—all the results of lay work.

The mother of Andrew Shorter, one of our pastors in the Northeastern Conference, after all these years was brought into the truth last summer as a result of a lay effort conducted in Youngstown, Ohio.

While visiting in Akron, Ohio, on a Sabbath during the middle of March, there were approximately 50 visitors from one First Day church. Each Monday evening two of our sisters are giving them studies. Eight persons have already taken their stand for the truth.

The Palmers, Brother Epsie Carter, and Brother Burrell Scott, all of Oberlin, Ohio, are truly workers for God. To witness their lay program would be gratifying.

These are just a few of the many, many experiences that could be told as to what the laymen are doing in Allegheny West.

SAMUEL THOMAS, Secretary
Sabbath School and Lay Activities



fare work sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist church in the community. The influence of Brother Walter Sims is far reaching.

MARY A. HICKS, *Press Secretary*
Kirkwood, Missouri

Pathfinders From Lexington Avenue School

THE Pathfinders from the Lexington Avenue Seventh-day Adventist school of St. Louis, Missouri, solicited more than 300 cans of food for the Health and Welfare Center. They were assisted by Brother and Sister Medford Brown, Mrs. Mamie Penny, Mrs. Marian Sharp, Patricia Barnes, and Mrs. Mary A. Hicks. Brother Lloyd Kirk and the Center Council are most grateful for this cooperation from the Pathfinders.

MARY A. HICKS, *Press Secretary*
Kirkwood, Missouri

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"categorical coverage," Head Elder H. S. Goodlett of the Los Angeles Berean church, chose the category of Black doctors and is sending a year's subscription to *The Message Magazine* to every one in that category in the metropolitan Los Angeles area. The number is already over 200.

Oakland's Market Street church pastor, W. R. Robinson, in addition to reporting 1,100 subscriptions, will use some 2,000 additional copies of every issue to be sold by Market Street's Student Scholarship Club. Thus a total exceeding 3,000 copies of each issue of *The Message Magazine* will blanket the East Bay metropolis with relevant truth for our time.

In 1969 more than 850,000 copies of *The Message Magazine* were printed, which was an increase of 125,994 over the previous year. We have determined to be a millionaire *Message* in 1970.

There is a standing waiting list to which we would like to send supplies of *The Message Magazine*, both in America and overseas. Hospitals and prisons are included. Persons desiring to help us in this important missionary program should send their contributions to World Literature Fund, c/o *The Message Magazine*, P.O. Box 59, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

GARLAND J. MILLET, *Editor*



The Oakwood Program of Christian Education

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THE hallmark of a Christian college is its ability to effectively develop the spiritual as well as the academic potentialities of its students. The success of Oakwood graduates in the academic world as well as their outstanding contributions in service and leadership to the church evidences the viable character of the Oakwood program of Christian education.

When we consider the far-reaching influence of Oakwood College on the lives of its students, the benefits of a Christian education become incontestable. Through the years, hundreds of students from humble walks of life and from scores of States and foreign lands have come to Oakwood and have given meaning to its motto: "Enter to learn; depart to serve." Today, Oakwood graduates and former students are serving in positions of responsibility in the church, in government, and in industry. Within the church, the spectrum of their service and leadership extends from the pulpit to the highest echelons of the church organization.

One way of measuring the productivity of a college is to consider the number of its graduates who earn doctoral degrees. During the past decade 15 Oakwood graduates have earned doctoral degrees. In addition, at least 14 graduates are presently enrolled in doctoral programs. It is interesting to note that a graduate of Oakwood is presently serving as a White House Fellow. Recently, an Oakwood student was selected to receive the Luard Scholarship of the English-Speaking Union of the United States. This scholarship entitles the recipient to an all-expense-paid year of study at a British university during his junior year. The pre-eminent success of Oakwood graduates attests to the quality and strength of the Oakwood program of Christian education.

His Influence Is Far Reaching

WALTER SIMS is a faithful Seventh-day Adventist. He joined the Berean church in St. Louis, Missouri, during an evangelistic effort conducted by E. E. Cleveland in 1965.

He co-finances the evangelistic broadcast over KDVI for the Berean Sunday night service under the direction of E. F. Carter, pastor. This broadcast has opened the eyes of many seeking for truth.

Brother Sims is interested in the Inner-City program sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is now operating Sims's Auto Service, Inc., where he has an on-the-job training program for unemployed young men, ages 17 to 35.

There are twenty men in each class. It takes from nine to twelve months to complete the course. These young men are provided with experience in the fields of auto mechanics and auto body repair.

When the courses are completed the men are placed on jobs averaging eight dollars an hour. As a result of the program these men have become independent, happy citizens, and they have a closer walk with God because of the godly example of Brother Sims.

He is a very busy man, but finds time to give to the Health and Wel-



Walter Sims (in white) of St. Louis, Missouri, and young men who are enrolled in a program where they can obtain on-the-job training in the fields of auto mechanics and auto body repair. Brother Sims operates the program.



Let Them Build Me a Sanctuary

THE new Ephesus church of Jacksonville, Florida, was opened with a very impressive service on April 18, 1970. Through the years Jacksonville has been an outstanding church in the area even before the conference was organized. H. D. Singleton, secretary of the Regional Department of the General Conference, was the keynote speaker for the grand-opening service. Elder Singleton is a native of Jacksonville.

Nearly 700 persons filled this new edifice to help celebrate this high day in Jacksonville's history.

R. B. Hairston, the church pastor, led the congregation from the school auditorium where they had met for the past three years to the door of the new church. W. S. Banfield, president of the South Atlantic Conference, led out in the ribbon-cutting service. A happy congregation and visitors marched in to fill the church to capacity. The choir under the leadership of H. Rahming rang out the hymn "To God Be the Glory." Mrs. Gladys Fredrick read the history of the church.

The Ephesus church was founded in 1907 in a rented Masonic Temple hall. The late Isaac Robinson Palmer served as local leader of the new group. The work grew rapidly in Jacksonville and a small frame church building was erected. In 1917 the late



New Ephesus church, of Jacksonville, Florida, with a membership of over 300. The grand-opening service was April 18, 1970. R. B. Hairston is the pastor of this congregation.

George E. Peters came to Jacksonville as evangelist. He conducted a large tent effort and many new members were added to the church. J. E. Anderson, J. P. Pegues, and Isaac Palmer led out in the construction of a new brick church building on the same lot on which the tent effort was held. This building was a durable one and lasted as the church home until 1966. Jacksonville has had some of the top Regional workers to serve as pastors over this sixty-three year period.

R. B. Hairston, the present pastor, came in 1966 and, under God, an outstanding job has been done in soul winning and raising funds and leading out in the construction of this beautiful church. Elder Hairston baptized more than a hundred new members in his first two years as pastor, and the old church could no longer hold the membership. Since 1967 the congregation has been meeting in the auditorium of the church school on Edgewood Avenue in a new subdivision of the city. The late Mrs. Julia Walker Brown sold the present school and church land sites to the church for a very reasonable price, and did all she could to help make the dream of a new church come true. Mrs. Brown went to her rest in 1969 just before construction was begun on the church. She will long be remembered for her efforts to see this church finished.

The new edifice is 144 feet long and 60 feet wide, with three Sabbath school rooms on the second floor at the rear of the church. There are 10,100 square feet of space in this completely air-conditioned building. The outside and inside walls are brick with beautiful wood trim paneling. A new era has begun for this church that has through the years been a

leading church in the South Atlantic Conference.

C. E. Moseley, a field secretary of the General Conference, opened a revival Sabbath afternoon after the grand opening service. This revival was most effective, for every night in the week up to 80 per cent of the membership attended.

F. L. JONES
Press Secretary

South Atlantic Conference

Oakwood College Offering August 8, 1970

The opportunity this year to contribute to the needs of Oakwood College occurs on August 8. At that time all the churches in North America, both black and white, will be answering the appeal for \$100,000 in funds for Oakwood.

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Leaders who took part in the opening service of the Ephesus church in Jacksonville, Florida. From left: O. D. Kirkland, S. C. Robinson, L. S. Follert, R. B. Hairston, H. D. Singleton, W. S. Banfield, and C. E. Moseley, Jr.