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COVER STORY

"If unity can be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference, and even war."—Ellen White

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENTAL CAUCUS

by Stephanie D. Johnson

An august assembly of men and women* from Northeastern (NEC) and South Central conferences (SCC) gathered for a historic two-day meeting at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

The group realized the urgency of the time, the uniqueness of the black work and heeded the counsel of E. G. White: "let there be the wisest planning for the success of the work. Decided efforts should be made to open new fields in the north, the south, the east, and the west . . ." (Manuscript 11, 1908). "Time is short and our forces must do a larger work." (9T:27).

Pastor J. P. Willis served as coordinator and general chairman of the meeting. He performed his task with skill and wisdom. Each departmental director presented to the caucus its objective, immediate plans, long-range plans and recommendations that would prove beneficial to their work.

After the director completed his/her presentation, a question-and-answer period followed and members of the caucus made further recommendations to enhance the work of the department. A vote was then taken to approve these recommendations that are to be passed on to the General Conference.

The program format proved most beneficial because many of the departments shared common problems and concerns. It also allowed each department the opportunity to draw from the expertise and experience of other departmental heads. It provided fresh revelation and insight on how to effectively organize each department into a strong evangelistic tool. Thus a sense of unity and strength was realized among the men and women.

Listed are some of the departmental recommendations that were made at the caucus.

Sabbath School and Personal Ministries: A Missionary Unit

Pastor M. E. Joiner (SCC), J. P. Willis (NEC) and Robert L. Lister (NEC) presented the concerns and goals of the Sabbath school and personal ministries departments. The Sabbath school department recommended:

1. Combine Sabbath school and personal ministries as a missionary unit. Personal ministries would supply the training and Sabbath school the manpower.
2. Enlist the aid of every Sabbath school member in finishing the gospel. Every Sabbath school member a soul-winner!
3. Accept the General Conference faith, action and advance program.
- Personal ministries recommended:
 1. Encourage lay evangelism.
 2. Finance lay evangelism by contributing ten percent of Ingathering for a laymen's fund.
 3. Develop a ministry to reach government leaders, people of influence and wealth.
 4. A national day of witnessing.

Ministerial Department: Strengthening the Ministry

Pastors S. W. Stovall (NEC) and C. E. Dudley (SCC) conducted this segment of the caucus.

The ministerial department recommended:

1. Master the art of human relations.
2. Ministers to develop strong spiritual lives.
3. Place great emphasis on studying and mastering English.
4. Closer study between Oakwood College (theology department) and the conference.
5. Strict guidelines for ordination.
6. Cull out non-productive ministers.

Inner-city and Community Services: Returning to the Masses

Pastor M. E. Joiner (SCC), S. W. Stovall (NEC) and W. E. Moore, "the father of community services," expressed deep concern for the welfare of black people in light of President Reagan's economic plan.

- Recommended goals were to:
1. Set up feeding stations in the local churches.
 2. Set up housing facilities for the homeless.
 3. Establish clothing distribution centers.



Robert Lister and Murray E. Joiner, personal ministries directors, share their views for getting the total lay family involved in witnessing for the Lord.

4. Establish emergency health clinics.

5. Medical van use as an evangelism tool—reaching into remote rural areas and high crime urban areas to provide free medical assistance. The van ministry should not be a public relations tool that caters to suburbia.

6. Medical vans equipped with qualified medical personnel and SDA literature to serve at major conventions—NAACP, Urban League, etc.

Temperance and Health: A Tool for Better Living

Pastors T. H. C. Baker (NEC) and J. W. McCoy (SCC) presented health and temperance as a Bible doctrine rather than a list of do's and don'ts.

They recommended:

1. Using health and temperance as a means of introducing others to the gospel.
2. Actively involving every SDA youth in better living clubs.
3. Encouraging SDA youth who attend public schools to arrange for a better living rally during assembly period.
4. Actively fighting alcoholism and drug addiction on college and academy campuses.

Adventist Book Centers: Partners in Survival

C. Creech (NEC) and Pastor G. I. Pearson (SCC) set forth recommendations that would unite them in a partnership to guarantee their survival:

1. Develop cooperative purchasing of ABC supplies.
2. Appoint two regional ABC managers and one regional treasurer to the North American Publishing Committee.

Education: Developing Today's Leaders

Sandra Herndon (NEC) and Pastor J. F. Dent (SCC) focused on a paramount

pillar of our church—educating our children with a view towards eternal life. What could be more important?

Their recommendations were:

1. Implement the hundreds of recommendations that have been suggested (1976-1982) by SDA administrators on black SDA education.

2. Upgrade the quality of schools.

3. Establish alternative education—gifted child, mentally retarded, etc.

4. Broaden curricula to include languages, vocational training, etc.

5. Develop a health program.

6. Develop a systematic spiritual emphasis program.

7. More money should remain in black conferences for educational purposes.

Youth Ministries: Guiding Today's Leaders

Pastors J. W. McCoy (SCC) and T. H. C. Baker (NEC) suggest concrete ideas to guide and sustain SDA youth in the turbulent 1980s.

They recommended:

1. Establish Adventist centers that teach SDA youth, as well as adults, doctrines, SDA history, skills (typing, carpentry, etc.) and tutorial services. A place of refuge and learning from the world.

2. Black AY leaders to develop MV kit.

3. Hold Bible conferences for SDA youth who attend public institutions.

4. Expand Pathfinder honors.

5. Write a history of black Adventists so that the youth might understand the contributions made by blacks to the church.

Trust Services and Stewardship: Broadening the Concept

Pastors L. G. Newton (NEC) and I. J. Johnson (SCC) presented the work of the departments of trust services and stewardship in a wider concept to include time, talents and even life itself.

These are recommendations they made for stewardship and trust services:

1. Promotional materials geared to black membership.

2. Administrators to develop a conference-wide development program.

3. A workshop to be held once a year to enlighten conference administrators and pastors regarding the principles of stewardship.

4. Encourage all workers to prepare wills and remember the church in their wills.

5. At campmeetings, establish council rooms for trust services.

6. Educate members regarding the work of trust services and stewardship.

7. Pastors to alert stewardship and trust services of financial endowment that members possess.

Communication: Reaching the Masses

Communication Directors L. A. Paschal (NEC) and I. J. Johnson (SCC) placed top priority in using television, radio and printed materials to evangelize the thirty million blacks in America. They recommended:

1. The use of radio and television spots to introduce Adventism to the masses.

2. The use of the National Black Radio Network to reach the mainstream of black people.



J. P. Willis of the Northeastern Conference chaired the meeting and gave a strong direction for using all departmental expertise for a finished work.

The caucus again reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to Riverside. They discussed the financial inequity of the General Conference sustentation program. Eight percent of the black conferences' total tithe income goes to the General Conference (\$2,400,000 in 1981 and in 1982 possibly \$3,000,000), yet no more than 115 black workers have ever been able to reap any benefits. It was suggested that regional conferences develop a retirement supplement program "to help their workers avoid seeking help from the government welfare assistance program."

As I sat in the caucus, my mind returned to the civil rights movement. I thought of the noble struggle for equality and justice. I remembered the scorn and

hatred black people faced because they wanted their constitutional and God-given freedoms.

I remembered the sacrifices that were made. I remembered how blacks were misunderstood in their demands for freedom. But I also remembered that the justness of the cause was finally vindicated. As a result, blacks are now enjoying the freedoms for which courageous men and women were willing to give up their very lives. Remember, no true victory can result except there be genuine sacrifice.

I saw history repeated in Nashville, Tennessee, as 22 noble men and women chose principle above popularity, courage above caution. They stood firm in their commitment to the black work.

Maybe one day the church will recognize its true believers: the C. E. Dudleys and the George R. Earles who, armed with a strong burden for the thirty million black people in America, dared to organize a council to finish the work. Maybe one day tribute will be paid to the black men and women who went to remote rural areas and high crime urban areas to preach the gospel.

Maybe in the final analysis our true motives will be recognized and we will receive an eternal crown that will not fade away. Maybe one day future generations will celebrate and commemorate February 8 and 9 as a time when black Seventh-day Adventists united to direct their mission to black America.

CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY:



"THE SIX HUNDRED"

E. E. Cleveland

There is a poem that says:

"Theirs is not to reason why,

Theirs is but to do and die;
Into the valley of death,
 Into the jaws of hell
Rode the SIX HUNDRED."

This verse describes the hopeless charge of 600 soldiers during the Crimean War. They *did* and they *died*—never knowing the reason why.

Lerone Bennett mused over the history of the black man in America in a recent article in *Ebony* magazine, and wondered why. He advanced five possible reasons for the unprovoked enslavement and brutal treatment accorded blacks, but found no answer to the question, why?

This writer is not addressing the question of why the early European settlers did what they did to the Africans they brought here. After what Hitler did to the Jews in my lifetime, it's obvious that man needs no reason to justify brutality to his fellow man. Incidentally, when a television network decided to show the "Holocaust," they received thousands of letters of protest. Few people wanted to realize the horror, each for his own reasons.

There are those among us who resent this delving into the past. For some strange reason, they fear the memories. Let all such be instructed that "those who forget the past are destined to repeat it." And further, inspiration has clearly indicated that the spirit of the slavemaster still lives beneath the veneer.

There is a reason for the teaching of history in our schools. By familiarizing ourselves with the past, we may learn from our mistakes and build on our successes. *It is ours to reason why!* And perhaps we need not "do and die." We must avoid, at all costs, riding into the "valley of death," and we must avoid, if possible, *revisiting* "the jaws of hell" as did "the six hundred."

To do this, we must remember the God of our fathers. Only the God of Heaven could possibly have delivered us from bondage. The emancipated slave knew this and his songs reflected his faith. It took ten plagues to set at liberty the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. It took one plague to free the American negro—the Civil War! After four years of the slaughter of the flower of America's white youth, President Abraham Lincoln acknowledged that the curse of God was upon the land. He freed the slaves and the curse was lifted. The black man had his jubilee! He must not forget the God

who set him free. History is not encouraging in this regard. The Israelites—when delivered from Egyptian bondage—forgot the God of their fathers, adopted the weaknesses of their Canaanite environment and forsook the paths of rectitude.

There are sure signs that we are going the way of the Israelites. It is not too late to arrest the trend toward secularism. It is not too late, I say, but the shadows are lengthening.

Secondly, the time has clearly come for us to "reason why." The Scriptures do not require quiet acceptance of oppression. Nor does the Bible teach blind loyalty. In the early days of slavery, the first preachers on the plantations were white. These ministers taught the slaves to "obey your masters" and all of the passive virtues of Scripture. To this day there are some blacks who regard any protest against oppression as sinful. We are called "trouble-makers," "boat-rockers," "racists" and "unchristian." And some of our good brothers solemnly counsel us to "just pray."

Perhaps we ought to say here that we do pray, but we don't feel we should leave to God what He has left to us; namely, the privilege of crying "ouch" when we're being stepped on. "God helps those who help themselves."

Furthermore, the fruitful soul-winners and most regional conference presidents were and are in complete accord with legitimate protest when faced with injustice. And the results justify the endeavor. As a result of the eleven-year drive for regional unions, five executive secretaries were elected to existing unions and three men were elected to head departments within existing unions.

A black man presently holds the position of president of the Lake Union, and a black man holds the position of vice president for North America.

Someone was heard to remark, "If you all had just remained quiet it would have happened anyway." Wishful thinking! The movement had stood 136 years and nothing like this happened. We can only conclude—in the light of the evidence—that dedicated protest on the part of black leaders and a positive response on the part of whites resulted in the above-listed gains.

But these things have solved few of the basic problems that plague the black constituency and its leadership. For instance, when the present black incum-

bents are promoted to higher office, there is no guarantee that their successors will be black. If not, we are right back where we started from, which is why we wanted two black-controlled unions to begin with.

And we are further concerned that there exists no natural promotional system for black executives in our church. Black presidents have no upward outlet when they have fulfilled their local missions. All offices above the local conference level are by *white appointment only* and are often filled without consulting black leadership. We have been fortunate to get good men in the main, but is it too much to hope for administrative reform in this area? Unlike the six hundred, ours *is* to reason why. And we are prepared to live with the consequences of our reasoning.

Meanwhile, we are neither unmindful of nor diverted from the central mission of blacks in the Advent movement, namely to expose the millions of blacks in America to the messages of the three angels of Revelation 14. Even Christ first "came unto His own, but His own received Him not." He was not exclusive, nor are we. But there are primary and secondary missions. Happy is the man who understands this.

Chilly winds are blowing across the continent and millions are victims of its blast. Polarization of racial attitudes is again a fact of life. Unemployment among blacks is 36 percent of the work force. Local churches should be marshalling its resources to feed one meal a day to the hungry. When the full impact of the present austerity program hits the streets, you will understand the above suggestion.

Why should the Salvation Army be first in this exercise of Christlike compassion? The black church must begin now to plan for its own survival and effective witness. No one else can or will. To "sleep-walk" now is to set ourselves up for a rude awakening.

"Ours is to reason why. Ours is to really try." And unlike "the six hundred," we expect neither the "valley of death" nor the "jaws of Hell."

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My son, honey whets the appetite, and so does wisdom! When you enjoy becoming wise, there is hope for you! A bright future lies ahead!

Proverbs 24:13, 14

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



J. A. Edgecombe, president of Southeastern Conference.

WHAT IS MAN?

"When I consider Thy heavens, the works of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour." Psalm 8:3-5.

I have been filled with awe as I viewed beautiful color slides taken by friends who have been fortunate to travel extensively around the world. I have dreamed of one day standing on the summit of some of the world's great mountains, cruising down the quiet waterways of Europe, viewing the snow-capped mountains of Switzerland and entering the deep caverns of the earth. To be able to view the great wonders of the world would indeed be a fascinating adventure, to say the least. Yet this may never become a reality for me and countless others.

As I meditate upon the magnitude of the power of God to speak and mountains take their positions, to give commands and the sun in its blazed splendor casts its heat rays on the cold atmosphere, the moon is fixed to become the reflector of the sun and the starry host twinkle in the darkened skies. The earth is perfumed instantly with the fragrance of sweet-smelling flowers and the dusty earth is carpeted by the green grass with flowing brooks, chirping birds and trees doing a curtsy to the whisper of the summer breezes. It is no wonder that the Psalmist, being so caught up with the

wonder of it all, said, "What is man?" for this great phenomenon must be the grand finale.

Man, in comparison, is simply a frail creature of the moment, an infinitesimal object in stature when measured with the great Andes or the Alps. His chemical composition consists mostly of water, 200-plus bones with nerves, muscles, arteries, veins, tissues, cells and, when reduced to ashes, his remains can be contained in a small vial placed upon a mantle only for memory's sake. What is man? Yet all heaven was in agitation when this lump of clay formed by the almighty God sinned, making it necessary for a sacrifice to be made to redeem him from the hand of the enemy.

God gave His only begotten Son! Why? Because when the final act of creation was completed, it was the breath of God, not flowing through mountains, stars or brooks, but into the nostrils of man made in the image and likeness of God. That made man somebody. There is a love relationship that has been established between man on earth and the heavenly family above. Man, the apple of God's eye. Man, who is sensitized by the supreme sacrifice of a father's son bruised and wounded on Calvary because of his rebellion!

Man, who has been designed to speak to and for God. Man, who has been given the ability to reason and make choices, to accept or reject the plan of God for his peace and eternal happiness. Man was not an afterthought in the great master plan of God. He was and still is the "supreme act" of creation.

The year 1982 has been predicted as a time when the recession will place many households in a bind. Already, unemployment is at an all-time high, interest rates are accelerating, scholarship grants are being discontinued, social programs are being terminated, institutions are cutting back on working staffs and some families have thrown up their hands in despair. Even Christians are now asking, "What is man? Who am I? If I am so precious in God's sight, where is the job, the needed finances, such as the tuition, the mortgage payment? The utilities' money, the car note and other basic needs to survive. In other words, how am I going to make it?"

The questions are not new. Neither is this the first time God has had to reveal Himself to men in a crisis. Bible history

tells us that 600,000 men and women, besides children, left Egypt to find the promised land of Canaan. Enroute, they began to question the place of God, even though he was present in the form of the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. They questioned the plan of God, even though He gave directions to their delegated leader, Moses. They questioned God's travel plan (by way of the Red Sea), food service program (manna), water program (no water fountains), and clothing program (no factories).

Nevertheless, for 40 years God was present with them. He made water come out of dry places and rained down food from the sky. Their shoes did not need soles or half-soles and the clothing they started with lasted throughout their sojourn. This alone should have told them something about the superior ability of their God.

Can we in 1982 trust the God of the Israelites, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to be our God? Is man still of great value to God as in times past? Psalm 90:1 states: "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting." You are God's concern. For further assurance, Matthew 28:20 states: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." In times of distress and grief, famine and want, the same man who posed the question concerning God's concern for man lived long enough to say in Psalm 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Psalm 34:10 states that "The young lions do lack, and suffer, but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."

Psalm 24:1 states, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein."

Haggai 2:8 states that "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts."

The reader might still ask, what does this mean to me? It means a lot, dear reader. For in the fourth chapter of Galatians, Paul reminds us that when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son to redeem us to God that we might receive the adoption of sons. Therefore, we are no more a servant, but a son, and

The Editor's Desk

NAD BLACKS—A SUPPORTING PARTNER

During 1981 the black membership of the church was blessed to make substantial financial contributions in support of the church. Tithe income—\$35,392,853, Sabbath school missions offering—\$2,000,000 and \$900,000 for the annual Ingathering program.

Of the tithe income, 20 percent or \$7,078,570.60 was sent for mission work; eight percent or \$2,834,428.20 was sent for the retirement fund; one percent or \$218,928.53 was sent for the special assistance fund; ten percent was sent to the unions for their operations and five percent was sent for supporting the program of higher education of the church (colleges).

We feel the blessings of heaven are attending the black in leadership as he

seeks to keep the work moving with the small amount that is left after the percentages have been sent to higher levels.

KEEP THE VOICE COMING

In addition to supporting the *Regional Voice* publication from month to month, the regional conferences also contribute large sums of monies to help with the publication of union journals. This becomes a terrible financial strain on the black dollar. We appeal to you for your support in keeping the *Voice* coming to your home from month to month. Will you send a contribution to assist with the funding? \$1, \$5, \$10, \$100? Send contributions to:

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If a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Our Father is rich in houses and lands. He holds the wealth of the world in His hands, rubies and diamonds, silver and gold. His coffers are full by his riches untold. You are a child of the King!

The Bible records more than 3,000 precious promises to assure, revive and sustain us. One is found in Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

While the debate goes on in the nation's capitol over the budget set by the Reagan administration, we will have great concerns for ourselves and future of our families, but let us never forget, "This is our Father's world," and we are our heavenly Father's children. Let us continue to "Trust Him, where we cannot trace Him." When the mountains disappear into the sea, and the sun and moon give way to Christ, the light of the world, man, all of us will still be "The apple of God's eye" . . . God will take care of you!

J. A. Edgecombe
President

Southeastern Conference

SUNSET CALENDAR

	April	30	May 7	14	21
Boston, Mass.		6:42	7:50	7:58	8:05
New York City		6:52	8:00	8:07	8:14
Buffalo, N.Y.		7:14	8:20	8:30	8:37
Atlanta, Ga.		7:20	8:25	8:30	8:35
Miami, Fla.		6:51	7:55	7:59	8:02
Charlotte, N.C.		7:08	8:14	8:20	8:25
Birmingham, Ala.		6:29	7:34	7:40	7:45
Jackson, Miss.		6:41	7:46	7:51	7:56
Memphis, Tenn.		6:45	7:51	7:56	8:01
Louisville, Ky.		7:33	8:39	8:46	8:52
Detroit, Mich.		7:31	8:39	8:46	8:53
Chicago, Ill.		6:47	7:55	8:02	8:09
South Bend, Indiana		7:42	7:50	7:57	8:04
Minneapolis, Minn.		7:17	8:26	8:34	8:42
St. Louis, Mo.		6:52	7:58	8:05	8:11
Kansas City, Mo.		7:10	8:17	8:23	8:30
Denver, Co.		6:53	8:00	8:06	8:13
Little Rock, Ark.		6:53	7:58	8:04	8:09
Dallas, Texas		7:08	8:13	8:19	8:23
New Orleans, La.		6:37	7:41	7:46	7:50
Albuquerque, N.M.		6:51	7:57	8:02	8:07
Oklahoma City, Okla.		7:15	8:21	8:27	8:32

Add one minute for each 13 miles west; subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

ALLEGHENY EAST

BERRYVILLE COMPANY REACHES OUT

The Berryville, Virginia, company, with a membership of nine, is one of the smallest organized groups in the Allegheny East Conference. What they lack in size, they make up for in zeal.

This little company is the direct result of the efforts of Ernestine and Leslie Ellis, who moved to Berryville to be with Ernestine's mother. Finding no church there, these active missionaries formed one. Originally, this group was part of the sisterhood of churches of Allegheny West Conference but, because of their

geographic location, they were re-signed to Allegheny East.

Berryville began the year of missionary activities by launching a series of Community Services projects aiming for a visible witness to their community. The first program was a health seminar held at the local elementary school. Featured speakers were Pastor C. D. Brooks, field secretary of the General Conference, and Dr. Samuel DeShay, health coordinator for the North American Division.

Henry J. Fordham III is the pastor.

Leslie Ellis
Communication Secretary



Daniel L. Davis

DAVIS RETURNS TO ALLEGHENY EAST

Pastor Daniel L. Davis has returned to Allegheny East Conference to serve as its youth director. Most recently, Davis served as the Adventist youth director of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division, headquartered in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Davis is well known throughout the Columbia Union Conference, having served as pastor and departmental director since 1951. While he was youth director in the conference, Allegheny East ranked number one in the union. His expertise in this area earned him the nickname of "Mr. Pathfinder." In 1976 he was called to direct the youth department of the Columbia Union. From this position, the General Conference invited him to mission service in Africa.

Allegheny East welcomes him and wife Betty "back home." Davis will fill the vacancy created when Samuel Boynton accepted a call to the pastorate of a New Jersey district.

ALLEGHENY EAST HOLDS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The ministers and Bible workers of the Allegheny East Conference met at the Walnut Street Community SDA Church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in February for a leadership seminar that exposed them to some of the dynamics of Christian leadership.

The seminar was conducted by Pastor Frank Jones, General Conference assistant treasurer. According to Jones, good leadership consists of "plordicoco," planning, organizing, directing, coordinating and controlling.

Jones was able to involve the workers into the full experience of "plordicoco" through discussions, role-playing and other forms of group dynamics.

Other aspects of the leadership seminar included North American Division President C. E. Bradford's charisma. Bradford spoke on the importance of Christian leaders allowing themselves to

be led by the Holy Ghost, becoming vessels to be used by God in the finishing of His work.

Walter L. Pearson, Jr., pastor of the North Philadelphia church, and John Trusty, pastor of the Harrisburg-Hillside church, received special awards for outstanding leadership in evangelism.

Meade C. Van Putten, Allegheny East Conference president, expressed his gratitude to the team of workers for their part in making this conference the leader in evangelism in the Columbia Union.

Other guests included J. Paul Monk, Jr., *Message* magazine editor, Earl Moore, Review and Herald Publishing Association, Ira Thompson, vice president of the American Bank in Reading, and representatives of the General Conference Risk Management and Real Life Communications.

Robert L. Booker, Director
Communication Department

Allegheny East Conference 1982 CAMP MEETING APPLICATION FORM (please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER (area code) _____

NAME OF HOME CHURCH _____

YOUR PASTOR'S NAME _____

Will you be staying for the entire encampment? _____

Do you have physical disabilities? _____ If so, please specify:

What kind of accommodation would you prefer? Please specify a *first*, *second* and *third* choice.

<input type="checkbox"/> Luxury cabin	\$200 per room
<input type="checkbox"/> Handy Hall	\$125 per room
<input type="checkbox"/> Kimbrough Hall	\$100 per room
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer space <i>with</i> electric, sewer, water	\$75 per space
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer space <i>without</i> electric, sewer, water	\$50 per space
<input type="checkbox"/> Economy cabin	\$60 per room
<input type="checkbox"/> North Hall	\$60 per room
<input type="checkbox"/> Family tent	\$50 per tent
<input type="checkbox"/> Bed space	\$4 per night
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal tent space	\$2 per night

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (payment for first choice must accompany application)

REMEMBER: Please mail early so your application will arrive in our office not later than April 1, 1982. Please make cashier's checks or money orders payable to the Allegheny East Conference, P. O. Box 266, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania 19548.

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION IN 1982



The president of the conference, H. L. Cleveland, charges the lay leadership to evangelism explosion, since they, along with the ministers, are the ones to inspire laity for this task ahead to, by God's grace, reach the conference goal of 1095 souls in 1982.



The group of elders and head deacons.



Elders and head deacons of the southern Ohio delegation with Bates, Cleveland and Rogers.



The Cleveland Bethel delegation studies the conference evangelism FLEET program.



Part of the Pennsylvania delegation at the prayer breakfast.



EVANGELISM EXPLOSION IN 1982



Guest speakers: S. G. Cole, Sabbath evening vespers; R. W. Bates of the G.C., Sabbath morning speaker and instructor; E. E. Rogers, professor emeritus at Oakwood College, taught "How to Build a Sermon."



Elders and head deacons, northern Ohio delegation.



Elders and head deacons, Pennsylvania delegation.



Elders and head deacons, Virginia delegation.





Evangelist H. L. Thompson delivers one of his powerful, straight-forward messages.

NORTHSIDE'S CRUSADE '81

The Northside church in St. Louis, Missouri, became the crusade center while sponsoring an intensive five-week evangelistic campaign from November 1 to December 5, 1981.

Pastor B. T. Rice led song services and acted as quiz master as evangelist H. L. Thompson delivered sermons.

Evening services were well attended, bringing a flow of listeners, many of them young adults, from across the metropolitan area.

The campaign resulted in the reaping of 91 souls who publicly committed their lives to the Lord through baptism.

Guest speakers C. D. Brooks and Pastor E. E. Cleveland, along with guest musicians Paulette Baker, John Layne and Maxine Logan, usher board leader Mary Redmond, and Bible workers Alexander Bryant, Elizabeth Rice and Jean Ross, were members of the evangelistic team.

Jane Byrd
Communication Secretary

LIGHT BEARER'S GRADUATION

Graduation exercises were held for the first Training Light Bearer's Class at the Community church in Denver, Colorado. The six-week course was conducted by Pastor Raymond Morris of the Park Hill church. Ten members attended the class which was primarily made up of new converts.

Etta Collins
Communication Secretary

G. H. JONES SELECTED "PASTOR OF THE YEAR"

G. H. Jones, pastor of the Bethesda SDA Temple in Omaha, Nebraska, and



C. D. Brooks delivers his sermon, "Heads, Not Tails," during the fourth week of crusade '81.

The purpose of the class was to teach new members correct techniques in giving Bible studies, gaining confidence in witnessing, and acquiring a knowledge of church doctrines. It was a requirement that each member give a Bible study before completing the course.

Eight graduated and received certificates presented by W. D. Felder, Jr., pastor of the Community and Park Hill churches. Two outstanding members were honored with gifts: Rodney Johnson and Anthea King, scoring first and second place respectively on their test and weekly participation.

Words of inspiration were delivered by the pastor, who challenged the church to be reconciled to God so that we can finish this work of winning souls. Gary Fields, class respondent, followed. He stated, "we realize that where there is one who does not know Jesus Christ, there is a mission field." We by God's grace will try to reach all we can; teach all we reach; and win all we teach."

A gift of appreciation was then presented to Morris by Edward Collins, first elder. The program concluded with the congregation singing the theme song, "Pass It On" by Kurt Kaiser.

Etta Collins
Communication Secretary

the Allon Chapel SDA Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, was selected as "pastor of the year" for the Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Jones, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, received his undergraduate degree in religion from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. After completing a master of divinity degree at Andrews, he was called to his present ministerial post in Nebraska.

He is well respected by the black community in Lincoln and has taken an active role in the Black Ministerial Alliance. When Daniel Raines, president of the Black Ministerial Alliance and pastor of the Newman United Methodist Church in Lincoln was told of Jones' honor, he had this to say: "I have found Pastor Jones to be a sensitive, compassionate and dedicated young man, one who possesses a high commitment to Christ and Christian fellowship in our community. I am pleased that due recognition has been paid to him."

Jones is married to the former Brenda Taylor, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. G. H. Taylor, Sr., of Atlanta, Georgia. The Joneses have two children, Carla and Gerald, Jr.

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Don't fail to correct your children; discipline won't hurt them! They won't die if you use a stick on them! Punishment will keep them out of hell.

Proverbs 23:13, 14



Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Brown, guest speakers for Sabbath emphasis weekend at the Lansing, Michigan, Bethel church.

BETHEL CHURCH SPONSORS SWEETHEART BANQUET

The Sabbath school department of the Bethel SDA Church in Lansing, Michigan, sponsored a sweetheart banquet on February 13 at the Carriage Hill East Clubhouse in East Lansing.

The theme of the banquet, "Love," was evidenced through wall decorations of famous sayings on love as well as elegant red and white table settings and candlelight decor.

Love permeated the entire evening with vocal music provided by Melody Bennett Ennis from Jamaica and Jesse Jones, accountant from the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

While the formally dressed guests dined from the delicious menu, they enjoyed sentimental music from the strings of a beautiful harp by the featured artist, Pat Hager, harpist. Earlington Guiste provided the comedy lines that added to the lovely evening.

The very special guest, Virginia M. Brown of the Lake Region Conference,



Nola Bell, Sabbath school superintendent for the Lansing church and coordinator for the weekend program.

climaxed the evening with a dynamic address on love—true love for mankind and for God.

The beautiful evening was engineered through the leadership of Sabbath School Superintendent Nola Bell and her committee: Carrie Owens, Evelyn Guiste, Gatha McClellan, Sarah Bufford and Evelyn Thomas. One of the goals of the Sabbath school department is for Bethel members to get to know each other through social, spiritual and loving activities for "to live in love is life's greatest challenge. It requires more subtlety, flexibility, sensitivity, understanding, acceptance, tolerance, knowledge and strength than any other human endeavor or emotion." (Leo Buscaglia)

Carrie Owens
Communication Secretary



Professor Robert Robertson, special education emphasis speaker at the Emmanuel SDA Church in Chicago Heights, Illinois.



Chicago Heights church school children rendered special music for the educational emphasis program.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EMPHASIZED AT EMMANUEL

Special emphasis was placed on Christian education on February 13 at the Emmanuel SDA Church during the divine worship hour. This church is very supportive of the J. R. Wagner School, grades 1-8.

Robert Robinson, a teacher at Shiloh Academy, delivered the sermon on the importance of Christian education through quotes from the Bible and E. G. White. The day climaxed with music by students from Shiloh Academy and the Washington family, accompanied by their mother.

Robinson has formed bands in areas throughout the Lake Region Conference. One of the newest is at the J. R. Wagner School, where thirteen students are making remarkable progress (instruments include clarinets, flutes, trumpets, drums, saxophones and trombones).

R. D. Barnes, superintendent of education, Joan Bauer, principal and teacher of grades 1-4, and Betty Morrison, teacher of grades 5-8 at J. R. Wagner School, were present on the rostrum. Remarks from R. D. Barnes were very inspiring.

It was a beautifully planned service which was enthusiastically received by the congregation. Students not attending the J. R. Wagner School were encouraged by the program by expressing a desire to attend.

EMMANUEL TEMPLE HOSTS A.Y. WORKSHOP

Pastor Trevor H. C. Baker welcomed the youth team for 1982 as Emmanuel Temple played host to the Western New York Adventist Youth Workshop.

Baker informed us that the mortality rate for youth leaders is high. Some take on the responsibility of leadership much the same as some folks enter marriage: "If it doesn't work, I'll get out." A.Y. leaders should be willing to say "Before the youth ministry dies, I'll die!" That is commitment.

He further emphasized that youth leaders should be praying people, creative, flexible, listening, patient, tactful and courageously persevering. They should think young to deal with youth who have "a lot of things tugging on them besides the Lord."

Pastor Baker stressed the fact that youth are hero-worshippers, so dress neatly, be friendly and loving with a sense of humor. "Nothing is like when we grew up." Blend all these qualities with loyalty to the church, Christ and yourself.

A.Y. workshops and literature were passed to representatives who came from Mt. Carmel, Syracuse, Pioneer Memorial, Niagara Falls, New Hope Mission, Jamestown and Victory Temple, Buffalo, New York.

Junell L. Vance
Communication Secretary



Victory Temple's dedication: Pastor Martin, local elders, deacons, and Ms. Jeltz, a Bible worker.

ANNUAL SALUTE TO EDUCATORS

The fifth annual Salute to Educators, sponsored by the education department of City Tabernacle church of New York City, under the direction of Norel James, was held on November 7 and 8, 1981.

The Sabbath program was dedicated to the honorees. The guest speaker and honoree for the divine worship service

was Dr. C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. The title of his message was "Things Which Are Seen Are Nothing, Things Which Are Not Seen Are Eternal." The message was deep and profound.

In the afternoon, an interesting program followed. Dr. Joyce Patterson was the guest speaker and music was rendered by the R. T. Hudson Elementary School Children's Chorus.

The salute continued on Sunday at a luncheon held at the Chateau Pelham. Funds raised through this annual luncheon help to provide scholarships for students in their quest for a Christian education.

Pastor L. A. Paschal, national president of the Oakwood College Alumni Association and editor of the *Regional Voice*, served as the master of ceremonies during the luncheon.

Music was rendered by Edwina Humphrey, Annette Wilson and Camellia Johnson. Mr. Hutton, a member of the Dramatic Club of Tabernacle, presented a dramatic reading of "The Creation." The invocation was offered by Pastor Jonathan Roache of Oakwood College.

The honorees were: Dr. C. E. Bradford, vice president of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Dr. C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College; Lloyd Chung, director of City Tabernacle and the Northeastern Academy choirs; Jacqueline Down, laboratory technician with the chemistry department of City College, New York City; Dr. Peter Negroni, outstanding educator, New York City; Rosalee Jones, retired Bible instructor, founder and directress of the New Believers Choir of Ephesus SDA Church, New York; Savannah Anderson, Outstanding Musician Award recipient; Fred Facey, musician, radio and television personality; Merle Facey, health specialist and wife of Fred Facey; Allen Vassell, religious leader and head deacon of City Tabernacle church; and Enid Vassell, community health specialist.

Roy Ashmeade, pastor of City Tabernacle, and the education committee are to be commended for such an excellent program.

This year offers infinite possibilities that even greater exploits and higher goals will be reached!

Elizabeth V. Martin
Communication Secretary



Pastor and Mrs. Silas McClamb.

LITERATURE MINISTRY IN NORTHEASTERN

Under the capable leadership of Pastor Silas McClamb for the last fifteen years, dedicated workers have entered the literature ministry, millions have truth-filled literature in their homes and thousands have been baptized into the Advent message. Who can measure the far-reaching influence of the publishing work?

1981 was a very good year for Northeastern despite a harsh winter, inflation, unemployment and an epidemic of crime in urban areas. The literature evangelists report more than \$200,000 in deliveries.

The missionary report for 1981 was quite impressive: number of free literature—71,075; number enrolled in Bible courses—2,358; number of people attending services—834; number of former SDAs contacted—178; number of prayers offered in homes—5,546; number of Bible studies given—1,280.

As a result of their ministry, souls were baptized. 1982 offers even greater, infinite possibilities!



Victory Temple organization day with elders Earle, Baptiste and Washington, Pastors Miller and Martin.

Northeastern

STATE FEDERATION HELD AT ASHEVILLE

The mountain city of Asheville, North Carolina, is part of the Asheville-Spartanburg, South Carolina, district. This was the site chosen as the setting for the November 17, 1981, South Carolina Alice Slater State Youth Federation.

The theme for the convocation of youth and "young at heart" was "Ready or Not, Here I Come." This topic provided a perfect setting for Pastor F. W. Parker, youth director for South Atlantic Conference and guest speaker, to graphically demonstrate and illustrate with real power his central thought for the day: "Don't allow the devil to make a sucker out of you."

The A.Y.S. program in the afternoon provided, among other things, an opportunity for the young people to discuss with conference officials and other pastors some of the controversial topics of today's generation, such as: the homosexual revolution, the Desmond Ford controversy and others. Special features included a statewide Pathfinder investiture in which Pastor and Mrs. Parker participated.

Music for the service was rendered by the Chancel Choir of Sumter, South Carolina, assisted by Sammy Lloyd of Columbia and Rita Winborne of Orangeburg, South Carolina. Nine-year-old Lloyd created an electrifying sensation in the audience with his rendition of "One Day At A Time, Sweet Jesus."

Federation President Furman Johnson, in his final remarks to his constituency, solicited their pledge that of all the "can'ts" we so often say the church promotes the biggest "can't" is "we can't afford to be lost. So if the Lord delays His coming, he invited everyone to join them in the port city of Charleston, South Carolina, in the spring of 1982.

Zenobia Seward
Correspondent

AWARD GIVEN TO ALDERMAN

Larry Little was the special guest for the divine worship services at the Ephesus church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for Community Guest Day held recently by the Sabbath school department.

Several local officials were invited as guests. Among them were Beverly Mc-



Pastor F. W. Parker, youth director for the South Atlantic Conference, was the guest speaker for the South Carolina state federation.



Pictured left to right: nurse Thelma Surles, instructor-sergeant Lonnie Sessions and Rebecca Johnson.

Carthy, staff reporter for the *Chronicle*, a local black newspaper, Al Martin, a local announcer for radio station WAIR and many others.

The presentation was made by Lucy Boykin, communication secretary for the church. Al Martin introduced Alderman Little, citing outstanding work and achievements since Little's high school years. Little is the youngest alderman serving on the board.

Guest speaker for the divine worship service was Pastor T. A. McNealy of Decatur, Georgia, whose family accompanied him. Following the services, a dinner was held at Ephesus Junior Academy, which was sponsored by the Sabbath school council spearheaded by Superintendent Barbara Brown.

Lucy Boykin
Communication Secretary

LIFE SUPPORT CLASS CONDUCTED

The members of the Abney Chapel medical unit recently became certified in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiac care.

The class was conducted at the church October 24, 26 and 27. All members who participated received cards and are now certified. They are: Thelma Surles, LPN; Rebecca Johnson, NA; Mary Lewis, Karon Knox, Anthony Glover, Paul Campbell and Queen Sessions, wife of the instructor, Bessie M. Campbell, RCT, CMA-C, assisted Sergeant Sessions and serves as president of the medical unit.

Bessie M. Campbell
Communication Secretary

YOUTH CONGRESS '82

The South Central Conference Youth Ministries, under the direction of Pastor J. W. McCoy, has made plans for a historic youth conference to be held April 22-24 at the Cook Convention Center and Holiday Inn on Overton Square in Memphis, Tennessee.

Pastor Barry Black is the scheduled guest speaker. In addition to spiritual enlightenment, the congress will also offer workshops on "Music in Worship" by E. Ostermann, "Focus on Doctrine and Problem Texts" by Dr. L. Grant, "Youth Harvest Celebration" by M. E. Joiner, "A Fresh Approach to Youth and Their Health" by Dr. Victor Duncan, "Relationship Enhancement" by Pastor J. L. Butler and "Speed Reading and Memory Systems Careers—Scholarship and Grants."

Special features include the conference Bible Bowl championship, temperance oratorical finals, conference basketball finals, and the annual Adventist Youth Society awards.

Pastor McCoy is looking forward to this congress. He is confident that it will ennoble, elevate and uplift the youth.

IN TRANSITION

Morris Patterson from Pensacola, Florida, to Nashville, Tennessee (New Heights church).

Antoine Maycock from Jackson, Tennessee, to Pensacola, Florida.

P. N. Smith from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to Jackson, Tennessee.

R. L. James from Bessemer, Alabama, to Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

T. L. Hemingway from Natchez, Mississippi, to Bessemer, Alabama.

T. L. Blevins from seminary to Natchez, Mississippi.

J. A. Jones from Oakland, California, to Nashville, Tennessee (Hillcrest SDA Church).

G. I. Pearson, interim pastor of Hillcrest church and ABC manager, will now be able to devote his full attention to the ABC.

Jessie Green from the seminary to Selma, Alabama.

R. S. Norman from Selma, Alabama, to Meridian, Mississippi.

L. E. Blackwell from Meridian, Mississippi, to chaplain in an Adventist hospital, Trinidad, West Indies.

D. Edmond to Covington and Frankfort, Kentucky.

CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR ELDERLY TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1982

Completion of South Central Village, a \$3.5 million housing complex for the elderly under construction here, is progressing on schedule and should be completed by May 1982.

I. J. Johnson, housing coordinator for Better Living Services, Inc., said the building, located south of Paradise Hill Road and the Mason Rudolph Golf Course, will have 134 apartment units.

Better Living Services is a non-profit subsidiary of the South Central Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The church operates several housing projects for the elderly which offer federal rent subsidies of up to 75 percent. The building was constructed with Department of Housing and Urban Development money loaned to Better Living for 40 years.

When completed, the apartment complex will offer 22 two-bedroom units specially designed for the handicapped and 112 one-bedroom units, Johnson said.

The one-bedroom units are 567 and 520 square feet and the two-bedroom units are 735 and 702 square feet. Monthly rent for the apartments varies depending on the size, said Johnson, but ranges from \$325 to \$425 per month. Each unit has a kitchen and bathroom in addition to bedrooms.

Johnson said Better Living Services would not show an eventual profit from the facility although the rent price is considered high for this area.

"We don't get anything out of it," said Johnson. "We just want to provide something for the people. To qualify for federal subsidies, a person must be 62 or older, he explained. Tenants will be accepted that do not qualify under economic conditions of the subsidy payments, but those tenants will be required to pay most or all of the rent.

In March the city council agreed to an in-lieu-of-tax payment by Better Living for property taxes it is exempt from paying under state law. The city approved a package whereby Better Living pays \$40 per unit for each of the first five years, \$45 for the next five years and \$55 for all years after the first fifteen. That will generate from \$5,560 to \$7,370 annually.

Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference, agrees with Johnson and says that "all of us want the same thing and that is to provide something for the people."

The managers will be American Realty Management Association. For further information, write: I. J. Johnson, 715 Youngs Lane, Nashville, TN 37207 or call (615) 226-6500.

MUSIC WORKSHOP SET FOR CAMPMEETING

Music is a universal language. With music, lives have been changed. With music, God is brought closer to us and we to Him. When the earth was completed at the end of creation week, the heavenly choir sang. When Jesus was born among mankind, there was music.

While on earth, Jesus sang. He sang with the birds. He sang the devil away from Him. He sang with His disciples in the upper room. All of heaven sang when He returned to glory after coming from the tomb. When we all get to heaven, He will have us be seated and then sing us a solo. Let us learn the art of music and singing.

During the coming campmeeting, Pastor Shelton Kilby and others will conduct a music workshop for the churches and choirs of the conference. Please encourage your choir directors, their choirs and the ministers of music to attend this workshop. Music is evangelistic. It draws souls to the Lord.

CHURCH IN ACTION

Jordan Street SDA Church in Pensacola, Florida, observed the Children's Jubilee first anniversary.

This children's choir has grown under the direction of Gilda Stewart and is now being presented in concert to our church and other neighboring congregations. They sing regularly as a part of our divine worship service.



The Jackson, Tennessee, members on the weekend of the church's opening.

SOUL-WINNING A PASTORAL PRIORITY

Why are some Seventh-day Adventist churches growing rapidly while others grow slowly, some not at all, and others even decline? The answer to these questions is vital to the future of the Southeastern Conference.

Last year at campmeeting President James Edgecombe challenged the pastors of the conference to reach a goal of 1,000 souls in 1981. At the January 1982 worker's meeting, held at the Hilton Hotel in Orlando, Florida, the reports and awards were given. Below are the baptismal records for the centurions and quinquagenarians:

Dennis Ross	151
Roy Brown	111
Willie Taylor	105
Herman Davis	75
Gerald Nozea	58
Keith Dennis	55
Ernest Young	51
Trevor Fraser	50

We certainly appreciate the loyalty and dedication of these pastors, which represent a spiritual principle: "According to your faith, be it unto you."

Other highlights at the January meeting included a devotional message by H. J. Carubba, president of the Florida conference, a workshop on conducting the services of the church by D. Baker, a pastor in the Allegheny West Conference, and a family life seminar by Pastor and Mrs. Lewis Edwards.

MODERN MACEDONIAN CALL IN PERRINE, FLORIDA

The work of God is making progress in Miami, Florida, part of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

In 1981, while Pastor R. R. Brown of



The new Perrine Seventh-day Adventist company. Photo R. R. Brown.

the Northside SDA Church in Miami, Florida, was engaged in evangelism, W. Edmonds from the southwest section of Miami came and requested his help in organizing a company of believers, who had no church home, between Miami and Florida City. A few weeks later, Mr. and Mrs. T. Beckford, P. Shelton, Phyllis Rose and Gloria Edwards came and made a similar request.

At a meeting scheduled at the Beckford residence, plans were laid for the organization of this company. Pastor R. R. Brown thought there was corroboration between the Beckfords and W. Edmonds, but there was not. Neither party knew of the other's request. God had led in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.

After approval by the conference committee to organize, a search for a place of worship was the next order of business. The Sweethome Baptist Church in Perrine, Florida, under the pastorate of J. Allen and its board of directors, granted the company permission to use its facilities until permanent arrangements are established.

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Rev. JAMES E. ALLEN
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On January 2, the company of believers moved into their new church. Guest speaker at this historic occasion was Pastor H. L. Fletcher, education director of the Inter-American Division. A house-to-house ministry in the community is being directed by Dan Grant, the energetic personal ministries director.

Plans are being made to purchase three acres of land for \$75,000 to erect a permanent church home.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

The Northside SDA Church, Miami, Florida, is experiencing unprecedented growth. The education building is no longer able to supply the needs of its young people.

Under the able leadership of Pastor R. R. Brown and the church's building committee, Pastor H. A. Mills, committee chairperson, plans have been laid for the erection of six classrooms and a pastor's study. The estimated cost is \$110,000.

Special guests present at the ground-breaking ceremony were Dr. Irvin Elligan, pastor of the New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Dr. Roy Phillips, vice president of Miami-Dade Community College north campus, and Pastor L. H. Fletcher, education director, Inter-American Division.

The Southeastern Conference will have the opportunity to approve the plans drawn by architect James Merrifield, and the finances. Construction should begin in May or June of 1982.

A sacrificing and dedicated congregation is undertaking this large assignment for they believe that all our children must be taught of the Lord.



A portion of the members present at the ground-breaking ceremony.

R. R. Brown

IN THE NEWS



New York alumni chapter baby contest first place winner—Aimee Nozil, being held by her mother.



Second place winner—Gregge Elizabeth Nixon.



Elise Paulette Fryson, third place winner.

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SECOND ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 31, marked the Second Annual Prayer Breakfast at the East-side Multi-Service Center in San Antonio, Texas. This celebration commemorated the installation of the church officers for 1982, and time was spent outlining the program for the church for the new year.

Pastor G. D. Howell extended a cordial welcome to the church body and introduced for prayer Pastor C. L. Watkins of the Galilee Baptist Church. Air Force Captain David Yates presented the purpose of the prayer breakfast.

One of the unique features of the morning service was prayer circles. The congregation was divided into five groups with local elders directing each group praying for specific needs of Ephesus: love and fellowship, dedication, consecration, personal ministries and health of the church.

After a palatable breakfast the invited guest, W. C. Jones, president, presented a stirring challenge to the officers for greater service. Clerk M. Waiters gave a response to the message. Music was rendered by Frank Jays, Milton Emanuel and the youth choir.

The entire service was an inspiration to the believers. We look for an eventful year for Ephesus of San Antonio.

Doris Jones
Reporter

Pretty words may hide a wicked heart, just as a pretty glaze covers a common clay pot.

Proverbs 26:23

COVER

* Those present at this historic meeting were: Northeastern Conference—G. R. Earle, president; S. H. Brooks, treasurer; H. W. Baptiste, secretary; L. A. Paschal, director of communications and editor of the *Regional Voice*; C. Creech, Adventist Book Center (ABC) manager; Sandra Herndon, director of education; R. L. Lister, director of personal and inner-city ministries; L. G. Newton, director of stewardship and trust services; J. P. Willis, director of Sabbath school and religious liberty; S. W. Stovall, director of the ministerial department, community services and health; T. H. C. Baker, director of youth ministries and temperance, and Stephanie D. Johnson, associate editor of the *Regional Voice*. South Central—C. E. Dudley, president; F. N. Crowe, secretary-treasurer; J. W. McCoy, director of youth ministries, temperance and health; M. E. Joiner, director of personal ministries, Sabbath school, community services and inner-city ministries; S. Ruff, director of publishing; I. J. Johnson, director of communications, stewardship, trust services and housing director; J. F. Dent, director of education and religious liberty; and G. I. Pearson, Adventist Book Center (ABC) manager. Special guests—E. W. Moore, Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D.C., and R. C. Brown, secretary of the Lake Region Conference and managing editor of the *Regional Voice*.

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