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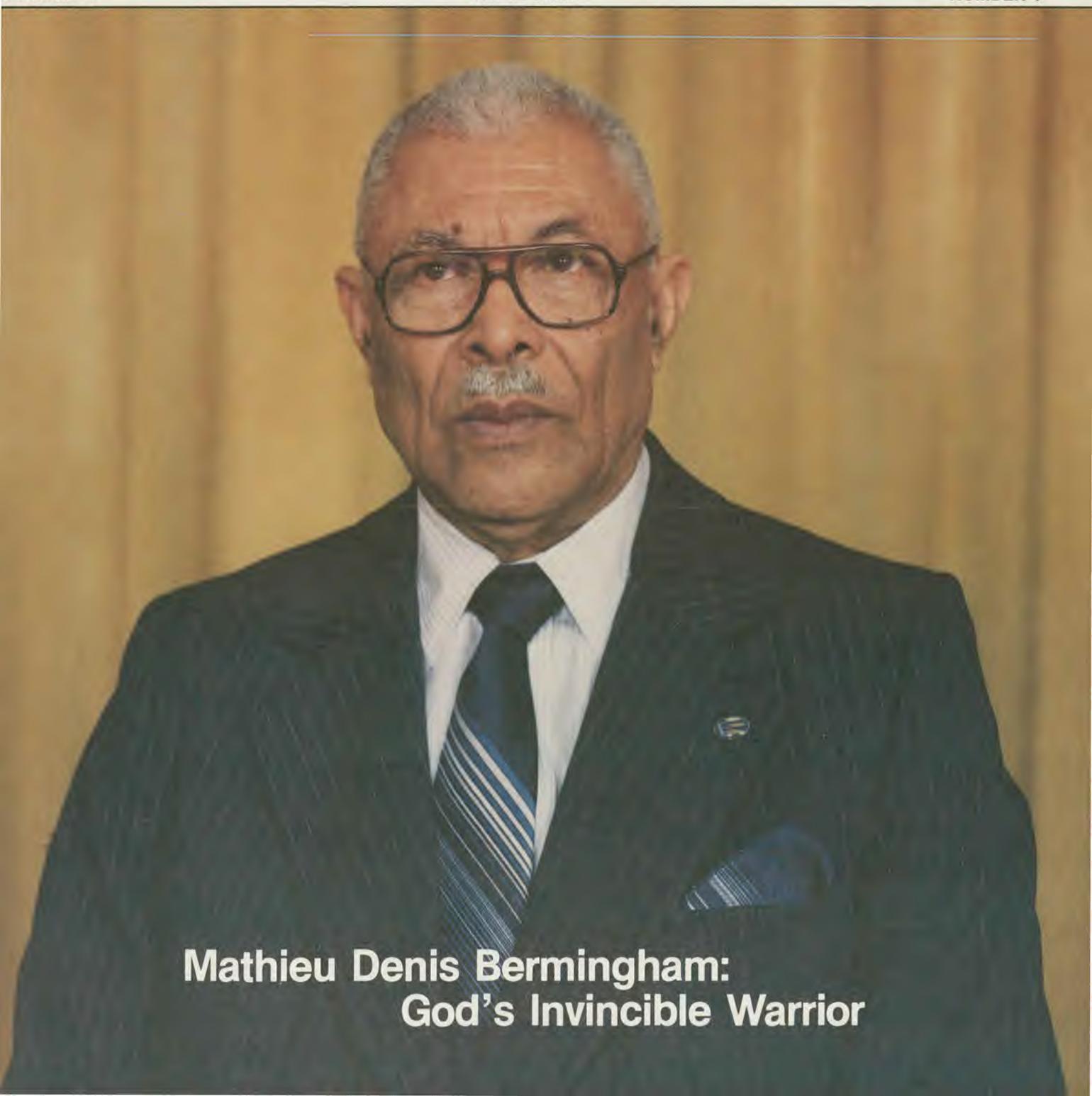


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**Mathieu Denis Bermingham:
God's Invincible Warrior**

COVER STORY

GOD'S INVINCIBLE WARRIOR

by Stephanie Johnson

The land of Haiti has nurtured an invincible gallery of liberators from Boukman, an African slave who swore to "live free or die," to the courageous Touissant L'Ouverture, Henri Christophe and Jean-Jacques Dessalines, who struck a blow for freedom that rang throughout the world.

As it is in the temporal realm, so also in the spiritual domain. God has planted and nourished men and women who have fought courageously to spread the gospel throughout Haiti. One such invincible warrior is Mathieu Denis Bermingham.

Family Tree

Mathieu's mother, Leticia Chery-Bermingham, was of African and Spanish ancestry. She was the daughter of a wealthy merchant, Revol Chery, and Eugenie Antonio. Mathieu's father, Denis, was the son of Roland Denis Bermingham and Cherilia Chery-Ceard-Bermingham. Denis' father, Roland, was a British subject who came to Manderville, Jamaica, seeking to reap an abundance of wealth in the British colony. Before long Roland, Samuel and their uncle had established a flourishing plantation.

However, the promise of even greater wealth beckoned Roland and his uncle, while Samuel remained in Jamaica. They journeyed to Haiti, "the jewel of the Caribees." When Roland and his uncle arrived in Haiti, it was one of France's richest colonies, exporting huge amounts of sugar, coffee and rum. Haiti's total trade was greater than Britain's thirteen colonies combined.

The Berminghams settled in St. Marc, a thriving seaport town. Here great ships from around the world came with precious cargo. The city's inhabitants, visitors and merchants often crossed the Petit Rivere d'Artibonte to reach other parts of Haiti.

One eventful day, as Roland was preparing to transverse the river, he noticed a young lady in distress. "Look! You let all my mother's coffee fall into the river," she cried. Rushing to her aid, Roland discovered that as workers were loading sacks of coffee, a nail in the boat had torn them open.

Immediately he began to help. After

all the cargo was placed on the boat, the young lady thanked Roland for his kindness. Then she and her mother boarded the train to St. Marc to sell their coffee.

No doubt the young lady forgot all about the incident, but Roland could not forget. He was in love! He decided he would find her. He went to the mayor of St. Marc, explained his circumstances and asked for a letter of introduction to the mayor of St. Michel de l'Attalye. When his request was granted, he packed his belongings, said farewell to his uncle, and set out on an arduous journey in search of his true love.

Upon arriving in St. Michel, he went immediately to the mayor and explained his mission. The quest seemed impossible. Roland didn't know the young lady's name. He had no idea who her parents were or where she lived. Roland and the mayor decided to visit every French and Mulatto family in search of this young lady.

After a period of time Roland met every French and Mulatto family in St. Michel. Now there was only one family left. Would their search prove to be in vain?

Anxiously they knocked on the door. They were greeted by Madame Cecile Andre, who invited them inside her home. The mayor, Madame Andre and Roland chatted for a while, but still there was no sign of the young lady. During a pause in their conversation, Madame Andre called for a young lady to serve them refreshment. To Roland's great surprise, out walked the young lady that he dearly loved!

He couldn't believe his eyes! She was the one! Madame Andre introduced the

mayor to her beautiful, young daughter, Cherilia. She spoke politely and continued her duties as a gracious hostess. After they left Madame Andre's home, Roland told the mayor the search was over, for he had found his true love. Roland and the mayor frequently visited Madame Andre's home. Finally, Roland asked her mother for permission to marry Cherilia.

Cherilia Chery Ceard was the daughter of an aristocratic Frenchman and Madame Cecile Andre, a wealthy black woman who made her fortune in commerce. She was well educated, having established the first school for women in St. Michel.

Her mother consented to the marriage, but Cherilia refused. Winning her heart would be as challenging as finding her. It took quite a while before she consented to marry him.

In the early 1870's Roland and Cherilia were married. The couple remained in St. Michel, where Roland established a very lucrative business in construction and real estate. Roland proved to be an excellent father to his children, Denis, Annesine and Samuel. He wanted them to be educated in the finest schools in England. To finance their education, he went to Panama to help build the canal zone. While building it, he contracted yellow fever and died in the prime of his manhood.

Denis: The Ardent Revolutionist

When the news of Roland's death reached Cherilia, she vowed to educate her children. The eldest son, Denis, was sent to study in Gonaives, but he terminated his studies to help finance his brother's education.

Denis went to Cap-Haitien and secured a post in the customs house. He entered the military academy and earned the rank of colonel. It was a time of abundant prosperity for Denis, having amassed a considerable fortune managing business enterprises for his cousin, Cincinnatus Leconte, the future president of Haiti.

While serving in the army, he became actively involved in political affairs. He joined a group of revolutionists who were seeking to overthrow the government. The coup d'etat failed. Denis was charged with treason and sentenced to death by a firing squad. God miraculously moved upon the heart of General Nord Alexis, the future president, to spare his life.



Mathieu Denis Bermingham.

After Denis was freed, he returned to St. Michel at the turn of the century and began to work as a teacher, coffee merchant and "Fonde de Pouvoir," a legal assistant empowered to present cases in the lower court.

Here he met a beautiful young lady, Leticia Chery, and they were married soon after. From their union were born four children: Roland, Louise-Anna, Heloria and Mathieu.

For a time Denis settled into his role as a good husband and father, but the revolutionary fire in his soul could not be quenched. He left St. Michel to join the guerilla warriors.

Denis spent his wealth, energy, health and talents fighting in the revolution. His continued struggle led to constant imprisonment, severe beatings, hunger, thirst, loneliness and long absences from his family. He was a fearless, courageous man willing to die for his beliefs. Only a miracle could change him!

By 1911 he was no longer a revolutionist, but a member of the government. In that year his mother's cousin, Cincinnatus Leconte, became president of Haiti. He appointed Denis chief of the palace guard and head of the Haitian Intelligence Agency. By virtue of Denis' position, he was constantly with the president and lived in the palace.

Leconte's presidency was in its embryonic stages when Denis uncovered a plot to assassinate him. Immediately Denis informed Leconte of the plot. In utter disbelief, he replied, "No, I help the poor people! Why do you think they would want to kill me?" Denis realized he was fighting a losing battle. He turned to the president and said, "Your cousin is sick. I am going to care for her health." The president gave Denis permission to return home and appointed him judge of St. Michel.

With the departure of Denis, Leconte was left to face the jury alone. Within several months, the president was stabbed to death and the wooden palace was blown to bits. Once again God had miraculously preserved Denis' life.

Leconte's assassins assumed power. Tancrede Auguste became president in 1913, but he only ruled for a year before he was poisoned. The sower had reaped his just due. The thirst for power was so great that the generals fought for succession during his funeral. These were very dark times in the history of Haiti.



Mathieu D. Bermingham with friends from America.

A Miracle Happens

When Denis returned to St. Michel, little did he realize that God was leading in his life. The Lord did not see Denis as a fiery revolutionist bent on anarchy and destruction, but rather as a son of God invested with many talents that would prove to be a blessing to humanity if he would make a complete surrender to God.

God prepared a man, Dr. Antoine Daphnis Theodore, to reach his prodigal son. Dr. Theodore was an extremely brilliant man who loved and feared God. He was the son of Daphnis D. Theodore, a Haitian congressman, and Edelmonde Leroy-Theodore. He studied both law and medicine, then established a clinic in Grande Rivere du Nord that grew into a hospital. After practicing medicine for a number of years, he ended his career because he refused to violate his Christian principles. Dr. Theodore became a teacher and later an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who helped to establish many churches in Haiti.

On one of his missionary journeys, Dr. Theodore met Denis and they began to study the Bible. Before long Denis was baptized by Pastor Albert Priger in 1913.

Denis was the only Adventist in St. Michel. With fiery zeal he set out to convert his fellow citizens and revolutionary comrades. He kept the Sabbath faithfully with his children. Every Sabbath morning they would go to worship in the garden, where they would spend all day singing, studying nature and reading the Bible.

His wife, Leticia, did not become a Seventh-day Adventist, so he tried to force her to keep the Sabbath. Because of his harsh approach, many years

would pass before Leticia accepted the Advent message. For the next three or four years Denis remained a staunch Adventist.

Peaceful Protest

After the death of Tancrede Auguste, Haiti stood on the brink of anarchy. Civil war erupted. The economy suffered from stagnation and foreign debt escalated. This scenario provided the right alibi for the U. S. Marines to occupy Haiti from 1915 to 1934.

The Haitian people fiercely protested the Marines' occupation. To add fuel to the fire, the Marines imported a special American brand of racism and discrimination. Haitians became second-class citizens in their own country.

Denis could not keep silent. Although he had disavowed an armed struggle as the means of liberation, he entered a peaceful protest. He became president of the patriotic union and used his pen and the gift of speech to protest the occupation.

His protest aroused the fury of the Marines. He was beaten, imprisoned and forced to seek refuge in a mountain hideout because he dared to speak out. His wife pleaded with him to be quiet, but Denis refused. God mercifully preserved Denis' life during the long occupation.

The Return to God

During these years of darkness, God had not forsaken Denis. He was lovingly standing beside him. God used Elie Nicoleau and his son, Hermann, to bring Denis back into the fold. First, Denis received a letter from Elie telling him it was now time to return to God. This softened the heart of Denis to accept Elie's invitation to attend campmeeting in Limbe.

Elie went to St. Michel looking for Denis. He refused to leave until he found him. He sent Hermann to search every store and gathering place until he found Denis. After a considerable time, Hermann found Denis playing cards with his friends. Hermann explained his mission and Denis deferred, but his Catholic friends convinced him to go. It was at campmeeting in 1927 that Denis returned to God.

In that same year the mission sent Pastor F. D. Apollon to conduct a crusade with the intention of establishing the first Seventh-day Adventist church in St. Michel. For three months

he preached mightily. At the end of the crusade, one seventeen-year-old accepted the message: Mathieu Bermingham.

No doubt Pastor Apollon was a bit discouraged, but little did he realize that this leggy teenager would carry on the vision, entering into dark and forbidding territories, baptizing thousands, building churches and schools.

With fiery urgency Mathieu began to "preach and distribute tracts like a crazy man!" His relatives, friends and a Catholic priest turned against him and accused him of being crazy. The mayor called him into his office and warned him, "Don't follow your father because he is finishing his life. It is time for you to take pleasure, to live!"

When Walter P. Eliot, president of the North Haiti Mission, visited St. Michel he met young Mathieu and encouraged him to attend the Adventiste Seminaire in Cap-Haitien. Pastor Eliot offered to pay half of his tuition.

Mathieu accepted the offer, realizing that this was the will of God. He studied theology at the Adventiste Seminaire and was baptized in 1928 by Gustave Roth.

The gospel was making a strong impact on other members of the family. Louise Anna had joined and before long Heloria and Samuel would follow. Their mother, Leticia, would take a longer time.

In order to finance his education, Mathieu worked very hard, first in the school's vegetable garden and later in the print shop. While working in the print shop, he was asked by an administrator to spy on other workers, but he refused. How could the son of the president of the patriotic union spy on his Haitian brothers?

The Call

Mathieu returned home but could not rest. "I didn't accept the gospel to keep quiet," he said, "I accepted the message to preach it!" What could he do? How would he accomplish his great commission? He knew the doors to the organized work would be closed to him because he had refused to spy on his fellow workers.

Man's extremity is God's opportunity. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed." God had raised him up for a special work but first

he had to pass through the refiner's fire. God had chosen for him the work of the literature evangelist.

The road would often be dark and lonely. He would be persecuted and hated. His motives would be misjudged. He would suffer hunger and thirst. He would often have nowhere to lay his head. He would come face-to-face with death through sickness and peril that would forever leave their mark. Yet, these were trials and tribulations needed to make him God's invincible warrior.

(To be continued)

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

MISSIONARY PROBLEMS IN WEST AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pressley and their daughter, black American Seventh-day Adventist missionaries to Nigeria, West Africa, were fired from their teaching posts at the Adventist Seminary of West Africa by leaders of the church and were taken bodily from the campus by local authorities at the request of church leaders.

The incident that led to their expulsion stemmed, it seems, from their white counterparts at the school's refusal to show professional respect for daughter Robin Pressley, who also teaches at the college, relating to students.

Church authorities in Africa have sought to quietly return the Pressleys to the United States, even to the extent of threatening their future employment with the church. At this writing we are told the problem has been carried to the civil courts of Nigeria for settlement.

At the session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held in Dallas, Texas, in 1980, a reorganization of the church structure on the African continent took place, out of which the Indian Ocean Division was born. Since that time the division appears to be experiencing growing pains. It is of interest, however, that the black American missionary there appears to be experiencing an unusual amount of difficulties.

Recently, Dr. Dewitt Williams, president of the East African Union returned to the United States after conceptual differences with division leadership. Miss Harris of New York City, who was a teacher in Nigeria, was returned permanently. Pastor and Mrs. D. C. Hatcher of

Yazoo City, Mississippi, were rejected as missionaries to Sierra Leone. M. T. Battle, associate secretary of the General Conference, who was assigned to missionary appointments for the division, has been replaced by Mr. Jacobs of South Africa.

BREATH OF LIFE UPDATE

You will be pleased to know that, through the PTL Satellite Network, Breath of Life is presently accepting hundreds of phone calls from interested viewers each week. These calls are being accepted at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, through an 800 WATS line. Students there testify to the inspiration they receive from working with interested viewers.

These names are immediately forwarded to the local conference president, after which they are dispersed to pastors for follow-up. I know how much you value current interest names from the field.

Through the PTL release we are viewed through nearly 700 systems, reaching 1,500 cities, which means several million people can view the program from week to week.

The release time for Breath of Life on Saturday evenings is 6:30 p.m. EST and, of course, one hour earlier in each time zone.

Pastor Reginald Robinson, director of field services, is presently making plans to list in each union paper the locations and times at which Breath of Life can be viewed. I trust you will make your constituents aware of these facts and encourage them to request non-Adventist friends to view the telecast.

Those of us who represent the five regional institutions look forward to a new, invigorating thrust as we join hands with our pastors throughout North America in this phase of the Faith Action Advance program.

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And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. *Acts 17:30*

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

The Editor's Desk

CHANCEL CHOIR GIVES MEMORIAL CONCERT

The City Temple Chancel Choir presented a program entitled "Music" in dedication to the memory of Frances B. Stanton.

Frances shall long be remembered for her love for mankind and devotion to her family, friends and church.

When she joined the City Temple church, she continued her religious pursuits. She was secretary of the church, a member of the Circle Debonte Club, a teacher and pianist of the Sabbath school, and a member and assistant director of the chancel choir.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The managing editor, R. C. Brown, Sr., and editor-in-chief, L. A. Paschal, of the *Voice* attended the G.C. Communication Advisory held in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 28-February 2. This

annual meeting brings together North American Division union communication directors and the G.C. N.A.D. communication personnel. It is designed primarily to keep the directors abreast of new trends in their fields and to study methods and innovative ideas in communication. In addition, this meeting also focused on the 1,000 Days of Reaping and preparations for the G.C. session to be held in New Orleans in 1985. Pastor O. A. Troy, associate director of communication for N.A.D., chaired the meetings.

GROWTH OF THE BLACK WORK IN AMERICA—1982

Leaders of regional churches in America reported continued growth of the work during 1982:

Baptisms	10,286
Membership	142,892
Tithe Income	\$35,199,666

ALLEGHENY EAST



Cans collected by the Metrolite Pathfinders.

METROLITES ON THE MARCH

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!"

The leaders of the Metrolites, the Pathfinder club of the Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Maryland, firmly believe in these words. Their conviction is reflected in the program they have outlined to develop young people mentally, physically and spiritually.

Weekly club meetings are training sessions that prepare members for investiture. Club members participate regularly in services of the church, sometimes serving as ushers for the divine service or by reading from Scripture. The Metrolites constitute a strong choir that serves their home church and participates in fund-raising programs for church building. The group is frequently asked to sing in other churches.

Community outreach is an important aspect of the Metrolites' training. They take pride in their recently-formed drum corps that participates with merit in programs and parades on public holidays.

Their Halloween activities were well received by the community last year. Fifty-five club members and their counselors visited homes on two consecutive Sundays. During the first Sunday they distributed fliers and literature. In the second week they collected 525 cans of food and money to be distributed to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The dedication and expertise of Geraldine Hibbert and her associates, together with the willing cooperation of the parents, have helped to make the Metrolites the leading Pathfinder club of the Allegheny East Conference.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Apr. 29	May 6	13	20
Boston, Mass	6:41	7:49	7:57	8:03
New York City	6:50	7:59	8:05	8:11
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:02	8:21	8:29	8:35
Atlanta, Ga.	7:19	8:24	8:30	8:34
Miami, Fla.	6:51	7:54	7:58	8:01
Charlotte, N.C.	7:08	8:13	8:19	8:24
Birmingham, Ala.	6:21	7:34	7:39	7:43
Jackson, Miss.	6:40	7:45	7:50	7:54
Memphis, Tenn.	6:44	7:50	7:55	8:00
Louisville, Ky.	7:32	8:38	8:45	8:50
Detroit, Mich.	7:30	8:38	8:45	8:51
Chicago, Ill.	6:46	7:54	8:01	8:07
South Bend, Indiana	7:38	7:48	7:56	8:02
Minneapolis, Minn.	7:16	8:24	8:33	8:40
St. Louis, Mo.	6:51	7:57	8:04	8:09
Kansas City, Mo.	7:09	8:16	8:22	8:28
Denver, Co.	6:52	7:59	8:06	8:11
Little Rock, Ark.	6:52	7:58	8:03	8:08
Dallas, Texas	7:08	8:13	8:18	8:22
New Orleans, La.	6:36	7:41	7:45	7:49
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:50	7:56	8:01	8:06
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7:15	8:20	8:26	8:31

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Dr. S. Haywood Cox.

“SHARE THE MIRACLE”

“Share the Miracle” is the timely catch phrase of members in the Central States Conference. Dr. S. Haywood Cox, conference president, proclaimed 1983 as “Share the Miracle” Year. The members of Central States look forward with great anticipation toward sharing the miracle of soul-winning in 1983.

Under the capable leadership of Dr. S. Haywood Cox, the Central States Conference conducted a fine workers’ meeting. Special guests included Pastor Robert Smith, manager of periodicals of the Review and Herald, who delivered a powerful and spirit-filled keynote address. The heart of each worker was truly touched by his message.

Pastor J. P. Monk, editor of *Message* magazine, presented a thrilling message and seminar on being more effective counselors and leaders. All workers participating in the professional seminar gained additional insight into their jobs and responsibilities. Pastor Bob Thrower of the Hour of Prophecy presented a moving message and workshop for all pastors and Bible workers.

The air was filled with excellent comments on the beautiful workers’ meeting. The president was praised for his insight into the needs of the field. Central States Conference is on the move. There are many wonderful plans, projects and programs planned for 1983. “Come, let’s share the miracle!”

J. E. White, pastor of the Bethel SDA Church in Kansas City, Kansas, was named “pastor of the year.” This is the second time he has received this award. The Central States team is proud of their “pastor of the year.”



Brian Sawyer during the musical's finale.

“KIDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION”

Kids are people and, as a matter of fact, people are kids. All are under the construction of God.

This is the theme for the musical, “Kids Under Construction,” which has been performed in many Central States Conference churches by the following cast from the College Avenue SDA Church in Topeka, Kansas: Michelle Sawyer and Susan Miles, co-directors; Arnell Miles, Tammy Miles, Obadiah Miles, Rachel Miles, Howard Griffie, Stacey Griffie, James Sawyer, Cynthia Sawyer, Lesley Sawyer, Brian Sawyer, Gina Neal, Scott Neal and Jean Mitchell.

“Kids Under Construction” relates to all age levels. The musical helps to remind audiences that God is working inwardly, striving for our obedience to do His will.

It also tells of the miraculous machines we live in and the marvelous potential and promise born within each of us. We are not everything we’re going to be.

We all have a future and a lot of learning to do. It is very important that we have the plan to make it all work together, and by taking one step at a time



“God is the First Cause” as sung by Stacey Griffie and James Sawyer. Left to right: Jean Mitchell, Stacey Griffie, Brian Sawyer and Cynthia Sawyer.

we will all become what God would like us to be.

We hope that all those who have seen and will see this production will receive a blessing.

Dorothy Woodson
Communication Secretary

“THE HEALTH CONNECTION”

It was all about “The Health Connection,” which combined one’s physical, evangelistic, spiritual and mental propensities to produce a sanctified whole person.

“The Health Connection” was the theme for the Health and Temperance Day program conducted by leaders Phyllis Stricklan and Edyth Worten of the Beacon Light church in Kansas City, Missouri.

The physical connection included early morning prayer services with discussions on the principles of healthful living, which are sunshine, fresh air, exercise, pure water, rest, proper diet and prayer.

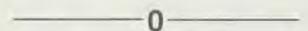
The evangelistic connection was presented in Sabbath school, which stressed the health message as the right arm of the gospel. The Sabbath school prepares one’s heart for its spiritual connection.

The spiritual connection was part of the eleven o’clock hour, which dealt with health reform and the Advent movement. This message was presented by Pastor Leroy Hampton, secretary-treasurer of the conference.

The A.Y. meeting covered the mental connection. A tape entitled “There’s More to Music than Meets the Ear” was played. The recording was an interview between a Christian radio program called “Point of View” and evangelist Mike Johnson, who talked against rock music in teenagers’ possession because it tends to go against Christian principles and contains demonic messages heard when the songs are played backwards.

“The Health Connection” proved to be a healing injunction for the Beacon Light church family.

Barbara Roby
Communication Secretary



Whoever fears to submit any question to the test of free discussion, values his own opinion more than the truth.

KING'S DAUGHTERS HOLD 1982 CONVENTION

The 14th Annual Eastern Division Federated King's Daughters Convention was hosted by the Federated King's Daughters Detroit Chapter I club in the Westin Hotel at the Renaissance Center.

Sister clubs from states east of the Rocky Mountains attended. Also, special guests from California were Maudester George, president of the western division, and several local club presidents.

Registration began on Thursday when Marion Quisenberry, the eastern division federation president, opened the convention with her welcoming speech.

Activities on Friday began with an early-morning catered buffet continental breakfast in the Kent room. Morning devotions were led out by Federation Chaplain Beverly English.

The day was rounded out with such scheduled activities as a business session and workshops on prison ministry, assertiveness and money-making ideas. These sessions helped to broaden the ladies' sense of purpose and strengthen their resolve to continue their community outreach programs and support of students in scholastic endeavors.

The day ended with a field trip to Bell Isle and Windsor, Canada. It was a welcome chance for relaxation and a shopping spree. The ladies returned to the hotel in time for Friday evening vespers.

Pastor Joseph Lewis and his congregation warmly welcomed the Eastern Division Federated King's Daughters' conventioners to the use of their Sharon church in Inkster, Michigan.

Sabbath activities began at 8 a.m. with an early-morning continental breakfast. Sabbath school services were superintended by Julia Lewis, followed by the eleven o'clock worship hour, when Dr. Betty Davis was the guest speaker. She is a renowned psychologist affiliated with the University of Michigan. Her message dealt with the Federation's annual theme, King's Daughters "Working It Out—Together We Can."

The ladies were served a delicious meal at the Frank L. Peterson school, which was catered by Josephine Taylor.

Members of the Federated King's Daughters participated in a missionary endeavor at one of the nursing home facilities in the community. The day of worship was brought to a close with an evening meeting and vesper service.



Dr. Betty Davis, a psychologist, was the guest speaker for the divine worship service at the Federated King's Daughters' Convention.

The Federated King's Daughters Detroit Chapter I hosted the 1982 National Convention's Scholarship Banquet. It was held in the Cabot Ballroom in the Renaissance Center. Guest speaker was Andita White, an educator from Chicago. The federation's annual scholarship of \$500 was awarded at the banquet. Angela Gardner was the recipient.

A time to reflect upon all the activities, information and ideas gleaned during the convention was made available during the final meeting. On Sunday the ladies attended four "mini-labs" or "rap sessions." They discussed how they could assimilate these ideas and information in four areas: home, work, community and church.



Seated right to left are Dennis C. Keith, Sr., treasurer of the Lake Region Conference, Marion Quisenberry, eastern division federation president, Veronica Farrell, president of the hosting Detroit Chapter I, and the guest speaker for the banquet, Andita White.

Regretfully, the ladies left the final session to head for home. This convention was definitely a time for Christian fellowship and mental and spiritual growth.

"We want to thank all those who contributed so much time and effort to make this convention a memorable success."

Veronica Farrell
President, Detroit Chapter I

CITY TEMPLE MEMBER RECEIVES HIGH HONORS

Nancy Lorraine Moore, a senior at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, has been elected to appear in

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1983.

Nancy possesses unusual talents and has outstanding abilities. She was valedictorian of the 1979 graduating class of Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster. While in high school, she had a grade-point average of 3.7. As a result of this G.P.A., she accepted a scholarship to attend Oakwood College.

Some awards Nancy has received while attending Oakwood are:

1. The National Dean's List for two consecutive years, 1980-1981 and 1981-1982.
2. The United Negro College Fund Scholarship for 1981.
3. The Oakwood Presidential Scholarship for having the highest G.P.A. of the junior class in 1981-1982.
4. The AICPA Scholarship for 1982-1983.
5. The 1983 edition of the *National Register of Outstanding College Graduates*.

6. Several plaques and trophies for high scholastic achievement during her freshman, sophomore and junior years.

In addition to her studies, Moore finds time to take an active part in the college choir. She is also a member of the mathematics club. She has served as: treasurer of the Lake Region Conference on the Oakwood campus (1980-1981); assistant treasurer of the junior class; treasurer of the Phi Beta Lambda Business Club; and has also done volunteer work at the college radio station.

Moore served in the accounting department as assistant payroll clerk. She was in charge of faculty and staff payrolls.

Nancy attributes her success, first of all, to the goodness of the Lord, of whom she declares, "I endeavor to put Christ first in my life and I strive to please Him in all that I do." Secondly, she attributes her success to her devoted and proud mother, Martha Moore, who serves faithfully in the church. Last but not least, she gives credit to a loving brother, Benjamin Coe.

Moore's major is accounting and her minor is mathematics. When she graduates, she plans to enter a university where she can obtain a master of business administration degree in finance or accounting.

Elsie Knox
Communication Secretary

BETHANY CHURCH RECOUNTS ITS HISTORY

On November 21, 1982, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Bethany SDA Church in Westbury, New York. On this occasion members recounted God's leading in the development of their church. Here is their story:

The Bethany church grew out of the Mount Vernon SDA Church in Mount Vernon, New York. Nine of its members built homes in Westbury and began commuting each Sabbath to church, a distance of about 40 miles. When winter came, and with it snow and icy roads, they decided it was too far to drive to Westchester County. Instead they began to hold a weekly prayer service at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Gilbert Foster.

During one of the weekly prayer meetings, it was suggested that the group, Pastor and Mrs. Gilbert Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster, Alice Foster, Hilda Foster and son, Anna Mae Foye and children, Phyllis Foster and Isabelle Fish, start conducting house-to-house missionary activities in the community with the goal of establishing a church in Westbury.

They decided to distribute Faith for Today lessons to neighbors. Hilda Foster and Isabelle Fish began going from house to house, but before long their work grew and other group members joined in to help. They organized a Bible correspondence school and chose the name Home Study Bible School. They rented a post office box to receive the lessons.

The response of the community was overwhelming. After 32 Bible lessons were completed, twelve students expressed an interest in keeping the Sabbath. These persons received further studies and were finally baptized. Among the twelve baptized were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cruz, Jerry Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Henry, Mrs. Vanterpoole and family. Richard Powell had previously made contact with the SDA church through a literature evangelist. In the following week, Savella Burton, who had taken a Bible correspondence course from the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast, Mary Byrd Hickson, Josie Harris and her husband joined after the first evangelistic tent effort.

After baptism it seemed hard to expect the new members to travel to Mount Vernon to church, so a mission was started in 1959 in the basement of



The ground-breaking ceremony in Westbury, New York. Left to right: Ralph Williams, former Westbury pastor, G. R. Earle, president of the Northeastern Conference, and D. C. Batson, present pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster's home. The basement was painted. The Brooklyn Temple church in Brooklyn, New York, loaned the mission its chairs and Pastor S. O. James borrowed a piano from Mrs. Charles, mother of Ruby Foster. G. R. Earle, then pastor of the Linden church in St. Albans, New York, gave advice and on many occasions preached.

After a time they decided to seek larger quarters. Phyllis Foster and Ruby Foster diligently searched for a worship place. They were turned down by many churches, but God provided them a place in the Carpenter's Union Hall. The rent was reasonable and the relationship very pleasing. Finally, when the union moved, members were given the first bid at purchasing the building.

The mission was organized as a church in 1961. At that time they began a building fund to which every Sabbath members gave liberally in the event that a church became available.

Their property was expanded in the early 1960's when a nearby bar and grill was destroyed by fire. Before long the property was up for sale and the Bethany church became its owners. The new church edifice is being erected on the lot where the bar once stood. It will be attached to the present building, which will be used for a fellowship hall and community services.

Many of the early pioneers have fallen asleep in Jesus awaiting the erection of this church, but God has given us the strength and commitment to carry on.

Ruby Foster
Historian

Francis Toyloy
Correspondent

COMMUNION WEEKEND HELD AT BETHESDA

Members of the Bethesda church in Amityville, New York, took part in a series of spiritual exercises collectively called Communion Weekend, December 17-19, conducted by the pastor, Clement Murray.

Communion Weekend started on Friday night with an edifying sermon by L. S. Dorsey, pastor of the Lighthouse Tabernacle church in Brooklyn, New York, followed by the first of many seasons of prayer during the weekend that dealt with different aspects of church life, the family, youth, undesirable traits of character and other problem areas.

Next, volunteers were divided into eleven groups. Group leaders were led to a table with several objects on it and asked to select an object. Next, the groups were sent to various rooms and asked to prepare a sermon using the item as an object lesson.

At about 1 a.m. the lights were turned off and members were allowed to take a look at themselves in the dark as Pastor Murray presented his sermon, "Gospel of Lights." He used several blinking, flashing and colored lights to typify the Christian and his or her walk through life.

This program was followed by a very touching film on forgiveness entitled "The Lie." Afterwards, the pastor led a discussion on how retaining unforgiven sins separates the church. The film and discussion had a very strong impact.

At 3 a.m., the first phase of Communion Weekend had come to a close, but members were surprisingly refreshed and wide awake!

Sabbath afternoon was the second phase of Communion Weekend. Sabbath school began at 1:30 p.m., followed by the divine worship hour. Pastor Murray was the speaker and the Gunther Trio performed special music. The Sabbath was concluded with a candlelight communion service.

On Sunday morning the church was assembled for the final phase of Communion Weekend. A prayer breakfast was held at 8 a.m. and the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident. It was an unforgettable weekend that proved to be a real blessing for each member.

FISHING FOR SOULS

Fishing for souls is an art. It sometimes appears as if the tent is the only productive way to fish for souls. Some ways may be slower by head count, but far more lasting in the long run.

The 1982 report shows the gathering of new souls in South Atlantic to be 1,128. Considering the large number of pastors who moved during the summer, that figure shows the guiding hand of the Lord. President Hairston reported that the personal ministries department of the Maranatha church in Atlanta, Georgia, under the leadership of Earnest Staley, distinguished itself in 1982. Staley rallied the church to finance a summer evangelistic campaign and they baptized more than 300 souls.

There are those who raise funds to finance evangelism through Ingathering. Rosa Holmes of the West Broad Street church in Savannah, Georgia, consistently raises thousands of dollars every year. In 1982 she raised \$4,325.06.

The educational arm of the church plays a prominent role in the evangelistic process, too. Regina Richardson is the daughter of Willie and Betty Richardson of East Point, Georgia. Betty said she was looking for a good kindergarten in which to place Regina. She knew nothing about Adventists, but some of her friends recommended Berean. She enrolled Regina. She and her husband liked the program and continued her into the elementary school.

By the time Regina reached third grade, she was telling her parents what they should eat as well as refusing to eat and drink certain things. By the time Regina reached fifth grade, she told her parents that she was going to be baptized. They gave their permission. Today she is not only in the first graduating class at the first senior academy of the South Atlantic Conference in its 37-year history, but she is also the senior class president.

The Bible correspondence school is back in business again. Pastor Earl W. Moore is its director, and his associate is Pastor Roy Willis, a 1982 graduate of Oakwood College and a special intern.

The school is operating on two fronts. One is the Search for Truth Bible Guide. This is handled through the mail and corrected at the office when lessons are returned. There are more than 4,000 of these lessons in the hands of students. This program is growing faster than



Pictured left to right on the television program "Issues of Concern" are Shirley Shealey, producer, Ora Wisdom and Adrean Lawrence of Atlanta-Berean SDA Church.



Regina Richardson is flanked on the left by her father, Willie, and on the right by her mother, Betty.

present facilities will be able to handle.

The second series consists of the Real Truth Bible Lessons, which are hand carried to the students and in turn are corrected by participating churches. This program started in December of 1982 and is already reaching more than 1,200 who are studying the truths of the Bible. This includes about 25 in such penal institutions as the Jackson Diagnostic Center, the Lexington County Jail and Reidsville State Prison.

We are following the imperative of the Lord to sow beside all waters. He holds Himself responsible for the results.

S. E. Gooden

FLORENCE CHURCH HOSTS COMBINED YOUTH DAY

Two districts composed of churches in Florence and Darlington, South Carolina, with Harold Gaskins as pastor, and Hemingway and Bucksport, South Carolina, with Fred Nealy as pastor, joined forces on January 29 for Youth Day at the host church in Florence.

The 8:30 a.m. power hour, which is an ongoing special feature at the Florence-Oakland Avenue church, blended into the opening of Sabbath school and set the stage for a spiritual refreshing.

The crest of the day's activities came at the eleven o'clock hour, when Pastor F. W. Parker, the guest speaker, chal-

lenged the young people with the need to develop within themselves a deeper Christian experience. Parker began his message by reading the "Help Wanted" column from a newspaper. He showed that even jobs in this world require experience. It also holds true that if you want to inherit eternal life, you have to have a personal experience with Jesus.

There was also a busy time in the afternoon and evening. Young people went out into the community and distributed 1,500 copies of "Your Friends the Adventists" and "How to be Born Again." In the evening each youth chose to participate in swimming, volleyball, weight-lifting, basketball or just to be a spectator at any or all of these activities.

The day was concluded with a beautiful Ingathering banquet that was spearheaded by Montell Frazier.



Yolanda King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Peace, visited the South Atlantic Conference office in January of 1983. In the absence of the president, the secretary-treasurer, Pastor John A. Simons, left, was there to welcome her while Linda Page, who accompanied her, looked on.



Three of the young people who participated in the Voice of Youth Crusade are, left to right: Crawford Humphrey, a theology graduate of Oakwood College, Jynean Palmer, a religion graduate of Oakwood College, and Jethro Johnson, a sophomore theology student at Oakwood College.



John P. McFadden, police chief in Lexington, Kentucky, hears the reading of his accomplishments by Claudia Edwards at the Lima Drive SDA Church Community Relations Day program.



Dr. E. E. Cleveland being introduced by Pastor Bill Monk at the Community Relations Day program of the Lexington, Kentucky, Lima Drive SDA Church.

PASTOR COMMISSIONED AS "COLONEL"

The city of Lexington, Kentucky, saw its first Adventist pastor commissioned as a "Kentucky Colonel" recently.

At its fourth annual "Community Relations Day" program, the Lima Drive SDA Church honored six persons who have contributed to the progress of the Lexington community. Those honored included: Lieutenant Governor Martha Layne Collins of the commonwealth of Kentucky; Lexington Chief of Police John McFadden; Dr. George L. Russell, pastor of the Wesley and Jimtown United Methodist churches; Theodore Berry, attorney; Marilyn Broadus Gay, school teacher; and Cornell Allen, local

businessman. With each plaque, a copy of the new missionary book, "Modern Conflict" was presented.

Mayor Scotty Baesler read a proclamation declaring January 22 as "Community Relations Day" throughout Lexington.

Dr. E. E. Cleveland, guest speaker, took the overflow audience on a higher spiritual voyage than they had ever envisioned. The South Central Conference president, Dr. C. E. Dudley, participated in this outstanding service of brotherhood and delivered an eloquent summary of the worldwide work of Seventh-day Adventists.

The audience was composed of a broad cross-section of various religious persuasions, including the leaders of the local Nation of Islam.

The surprise of the program came when, after the lieutenant governor had received an award, she presented Pastor Bill Monk with the coveted commission as a "Kentucky Colonel." This commission is reserved for persons of national prominence or those who have

made outstanding contributions to the commonwealth of Kentucky.

A fellowship dinner followed the morning service. Dr. Cleveland spoke again at 4:30 p.m. The day's activities concluded with a gospel concert by the Black Voices of the University of Kentucky, the Jimtown United Methodist Choir, and a duet by Jessie Heard and Gloria Weathers.

Besides the Jimtown choir, New York concert artist Othello J. Pumphrey and the Gospel Harmonizers made the musical portion of the morning service rich and uplifting.

The program was given wide exposure by the television and newspaper media of Lexington.

The hostess committee that performed its duties with precision and efficiency was composed of Claudia Edwards, Kim Elliott and Sarah Monk, the pastor's wife. The hospitality committee, headed by Louis Cook, served a delicious meal with speed and professionalism. God was truly uplifted on this special day.

MOUNT SINAI CHURCH OPENING

The Washington Shores community, in the heart of central Florida, was the scene of a grand religious celebration. The pastor of the Mt. Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Church in Orlando, O. H. Paul, and members were jubilant over the completion of phase two of the building program. The exquisitely appointed sanctuary is a monument to the glory of God and a testimony of His power.

The reality of this event was inconceivable at moments. Prayer, faith and trust in God brought the believers through. On January 7 at 7:30 p.m., services began in the fellowship hall completed in phase one. Pastor J. A. Edgecombe, president of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the consecration speaker. Visiting pastors, friends and many other distinguished guests gave praise to God during the candlelighting and consecration service.

On January 8 at 9:15 a.m., the Mt. Sinai church family and friends from far and near again assembled in the fellowship hall. Pastor Warren Banfield led out in the Sabbath school lesson study.

The long-anticipated moment of ribbon-cutting arrived. Pastors O. H. Paul, J. A. Edgecombe, C. E. Bradford, Keith Dennis and D. A. Walker, along with Orlando Mayor Bill Frederick, officiated. Prayer was given by Keith Dennis, youth director of the Southeastern Conference, before entering the sanctuary.

Mayor Frederick snipped the ribbon with scissors presented by Rosa Footman, one of the local elders. The ribbon dropped. Then the welcoming doors to the new sanctuary opened at Mt. Sinai on January 8, 1983, at 11 a.m.

*Open the gates of the temple,
Let the people of God come in.*

*'Tis a house of prayer for all people,
To be set free from the burden of sin.*

Trumpets sounded, the prelude began and voices were lifted in song. The inspirational message of the morning was presented by Dr. C. E. Bradford, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. A song of appeal was performed by Jacquelyn Ross. The standing-room audience was in awe as the mass choir sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Roy Parham, associate pastor of the Mt. Sinai church, pronounced the benediction.

Dr. C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, presented the vesper thought.

It was a spirit-filled weekend that climaxed with local talents in musical concert. The theme was "Together Let's Praise God." Charles E. Allen was the master of ceremonies. Participants were the Mt. Sinai mass sanctuary choir, under the direction of Winifred Rivers, the youth choir, directed by Patricia Brown, and the Sounds of Distinction II, directed by Dr. A. L. Bookhardt. Guest choirs included the Delray Beach Mass Choir with Director Victor Ghent; the Fitzgerald, Georgia, Mass Choir with Director Vanessa Melton; and the Carter Tabernacle Mass Choir of Orlando with Director Janice Carter. Guest organist was Lois Bookhardt Robinson.

We can truly say that "Our eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Sandra Lewis
Correspondent



C. D. Brooks, General Conference field secretary, with Dennis Ross, Jr., pastor of the Miami Bethany church.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS DAYS IN BETHANY CHURCH

The Bethany church in Miami, Florida, was enriched by four days of spiritual emphasis on January 12-15.

Pastor Charles D. Brooks, general field secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and speaker-director for the Breath of Life television ministry, warmed the hearts of many nightly through his clear and succinct presentations of the Word of God.

Crowds of more than 800 heard him speak at the Sabbath divine worship hour on Youth Day on the subject, "The Last Mile Home." The exploration of prophetic history in a dynamic and colorful presentation brought reaffirmations of faith by members and acceptance of the Advent message by visitors attending.

On Sabbath afternoon Brooks, who has had vast experience relating to youths on college and academy campuses, addressed questions from the church's young people. This audience was blessed by the skilled answers to their questions.

A standing invitation was given to Pastor Brooks to return.

R. Launita Gaiter
Correspondent

NEW BRANCH CHURCH FOR HAITIANS ORGANIZED

"And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel" (Nehemiah 8:1).

On Sabbath, November 6, 1982, Haitians worshipping at the Miami Northside church gathered to praise God in their own native tongue in their own church, Northside No. 2. This achievement was made possible by the Northside pastor, Roy R. Brown, a tireless shepherd for the Haitians.

The new branch church is located and sheltered in a Baptist church at 6500 North Miami Avenue and is pastored by Brown, with the assistance of Pierre Jean Joseph. Other leaders at the church are Edner Joseph and Jean-Claude Alius, a theology graduate.

At the opening service, Jean-Claude Alius was the speaker and his sermon was "Let's Share the Message."

Leon Williams
Correspondent

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The Lord despises the deeds of the wicked, but loves those who try to be good. If they stop trying, the Lord will punish them; if they rebel against punishment, they will die.

Proverbs 15:9, 10



Eight Pathfinder clubs with staff stand at attention for the flag raising.



Directors and deputy directors attend winter camp at Lone Star to complete the Pathfinder staff training course.



Campers listen attentively during the honor class period for rocks, minerals, campcraft and sands.

WINTER CAMP HELD AT LONE STAR

The third annual winter camp was held at Lone Star Camp January 28-30. Eight Pathfinder clubs, with a total of more than 125 persons, were in attendance: Alpha-Austin, Texas; Berean

Pioneers-Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Challengers-Cleburne, Texas; Trailblazers-Dallas, Texas; Panthers-Fort Worth, Texas; Constellations-Houston, Texas; Eagles-Houston, Texas; and the Alamo City Rangers-San Antonio, Texas.

The clubs enjoyed a weekend of Christian fellowship. Pastor Billy Wright,

Pathfinder director, and Nancy Jones, secretary, were rewarded for their untiring efforts in preparing this winter camp.

Doris Jones
Reporter



Master Guides attend winter camp at Lone Star, January 28-30.



The 114 attending the family seminar presented the youth director, B. E. Wright, with a gift of a tape holder to show their appreciation for a well-planned retreat. Pictured are some of the children presenting a gift to the youth director.



The Seventh Annual Youth Family Retreat was held Thanksgiving weekend, November 24-28. The personnel consisted of Clarence Ates, counselor, North Lake College in Dallas, Maceo Bailey, a ministerial student at Andrews University, Shelbert Gaines, a student at Oakwood College, Mary Hodges, a teacher in Alexandria, Louisiana, and M. V. Singleton, pastor of the Berean church in Baton Rouge. Pictured are the youths engaged in recreation.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

LOOK IN ON OAKWOOD

by J. E. Roache,
Director of Recruitment

Are you looking for a college for yourself, your child, or a friend? If so, then Oakwood is for you and extends to you, high school juniors, seniors and students interested in transferring, an invitation to visit and look over the college and its academic program during College Days, April 25 and 26.

Word has already been received that more than 35 seniors from Lynwood Academy in California and about 50 from Northeastern Academy in New York City plan to attend. This large number of young people has probably learned that during College Days the "red carpet treatment" is provided for visitors as they get an early start on acquiring the Oakwood "feeling."

Meals on campus, a trip to the space museum and a banquet are just some of the activities provided for guests free of charge while at Oakwood for College Days. A visit to classrooms, basketball games for males and females, a swim in the AA-approved swimming pool and a campus tour, which includes the school's beautiful church and religion complex, are activities planned for the two-day visit.

Since College Days are planned to introduce prospective students to the school and help them in their decision to make Oakwood the center for their undergraduate training, faculty members will be available to counsel with them concerning a tentative program for the next school year. Pre-registration is also possible. Students who are planning attendance for the 1983-84 school year are encouraged to make housing reservations while on campus for this visit.

Visitors coming for College Days will no doubt leave in full agreement that Oakwood College and its location in

Huntsville, Alabama (the space capital of the world), is ideal.

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teachers are assisting students in their transportation to Oakwood. Remember the dates: April 25 and 26.



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The J.C.A.H. survey team consists of health care professionals suited to the needs of a given facility or organization. A survey team consulted with all pro-

fessionals and administrative staff on virtually every area of our operation. This evaluation and consultation resulted in a valuable educational experience, aiding us in our efforts to provide quality care.

After the on-site visit, surveyors shared their findings with us and then sent a report to the J.C.A.H. central office for review and analysis by trained experts. After this review, recommendations were submitted for final consideration to the accreditation committee of the J.C.A.H. governing body, the board of commissioners. This committee of active, practicing health care professionals granted us accreditation.

Who We Are

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (J.C.A.H.) is the leader of voluntary quality assurance in activities for health care fields. J.C.A.H. is a private, not-for-profit organization created by and composed of health care professionals. It is governed by a 22-member board of commissioners, which includes a public member and 21 representatives appointed by the American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Dental Association, American Hospital Association and American Medical Association. Representatives of many other leading and national health care organizations serve on J.C.A.H. committees and offer technical advice and professional expertise.

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How Standards are Created

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Who We Serve

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How We Accredit a Facility

J.C.A.H. surveyors report their observations and findings to their headquarters, where trained analysts and senior members of the staff review each survey report. Staff recommendations are developed and submitted to the accreditation committee of the J.C.A.H. board of commissioners. This committee is comprised of practicing physicians, dentists, nurses, administrators, trustees and others who are leaders in the health care field. They review the staff recommendations and determine whether a facility should be accredited.

George Pelote
Administrator

IN THE NEWS



The Lebanon SDA Church in Laurelton, New York, welcomes its new first family (left to right): Sheryl, Pastor Philip Wesley, Gwen Wesley and Philip, Jr.

OBITUARY

Morris McQuaig, Jr., son of the late Fannie McQuaig of Durham, North Carolina, was born September 23, 1919, and passed away on December 21, 1982.

As a faithful member of the Immanuel Temple SDA Church, he served as local elder, director of personal ministries and Sabbath school teacher, as well as in many other areas of the church.

He will not only be missed by his beloved church, but also by: his wife, Wilhelmenia; four daughters, Dorothy Horton, DeLoris McQuaig, Patricia Reid and Mrs. Simonette of Arlington, Texas; three sons, Morris, III, of Washington, D.C., Charles and John; one brother, Malcolm McQuaig of Cambridge, Massachusetts; eighteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

NEWS NOTES

The A.Y.S. department of the Ebenezer SDA Church in Freeport, New York, has presented several programs of special interest.

Ina Richards and others presented an evening of black poetry that traced the history of black people in the U. S. and West Indies. This program was so excellently presented that it was performed at one of the sister churches and an invitation from another church has been extended.

In other news, three precious souls were baptized on Christmas at the Ebenezer church. One baptized person clearly saw the providence of God; her cousin was baptized last summer when an evangelistic crusade was held in Atlanta, Georgia. This event clearly aided her in making her decision.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

After a night of fasting, a morning of worship and a light lunch of soup and crackers, members of the West Philadelphia SDA Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, along with many sister churches, joined together for prayer and praise.

The Spirit-filled five-hour prayer service was alternately highlighted with testimonies, music and love. During one of the prayer hours a special song, consisting of a single verse out of a large number of selections, was taught to the audience. It was a wonderful experience.

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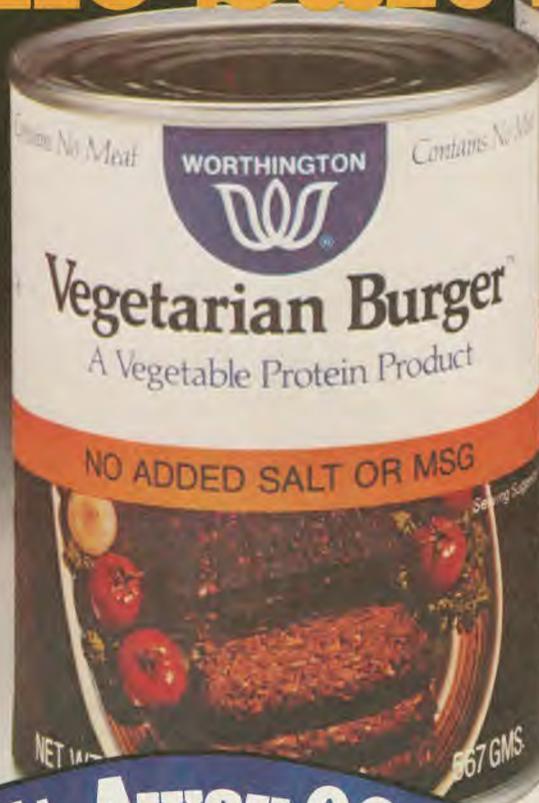
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