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**Hundreds Attend Meetings  
in Central Africa**

## COVER STORY

### A DREAM FULFILLED: A VISIT TO THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA

It was the fulfillment of a lifelong desire when word came from the General Conference that the Africa-Indian Ocean Division had requested Elder W. C. Jones to conduct an evangelistic meeting in Africa, the cradle of civilization.

Elder Jones and his wife responded to the call and flew out of Houston International Airport on April 23 to Paris, France, and then on to Kigali, Rwanda, which is located in northern Africa.

In Rwanda, a country of six million people, the Rwanda Union Mission is located in the capital city of Kigali and has a membership of 190,000. The president, Robert G. Peck, informed the Joneses that in 1988 the Africa-Indian Ocean Division baptized 85,000 souls, and the brethren have set an ambitious goal of 100,000 baptisms for 1989.

From Kigali the Joneses motored 150 miles into the mountains 7,500 feet above sea level, where they were given living quarters at the Adventist University for Central Africa. The world church established this institution of higher learning to educate the French-speaking youth of Central Africa. Dr. Elton Wallace, president of the university, gave a guided tour of the lovely campus, and all were impressed with the beautiful modern facilities, the faculty and the wide-awake student body.

The meeting place was 12 miles from the campus in a Catholic community called Gasiza, located in the "bush" where the roads were rough and the rains came daily. Hundreds jammed the meeting place nightly to hear the "Black American" proclaim the everlasting gospel. It was a different kind of experience to speak through a French-speaking translator who translated the messages into the local dialect.

Pastor Tutsi, the district pastor, did the translation exceedingly well, and also arranged for students at the university to present health lectures, stories for the chil-

dren and special music.

Elder Jones was requested to conduct a Revelation Seminar daily from 8 to 10 a.m. for a class of 25 lay leaders, some of whom walked four hours to get to the seminar. Then the class members returned to their villages each day to teach what they had just learned to other villagers. The average attendance at these satellite meetings ranged from five to 30 people.

At the conclusion of the evangelistic series, the Lord blessed with 132 baptisms. As the village meetings reach decision time, a conservative estimate is made of an additional 100 baptisms by the end of the year.

Elder Peck expressed his appreciation for the success of the crusade and thanked Elder Jones and his wife for assisting his union to reach its 1989 objective for Harvest '90.

Elder Jones stated, "My wife and I considered this visit to the continent of Africa an act of providence and another milestone in our career of a life of dedicated service." W. C. Jones



*The Gasiza SDA Church in Rwanda, Central Africa, was packed by people interested in hearing the gospel. One hundred thirty-two persons were baptized, and at least 100 more baptisms are anticipated.*

**INDEPENDENCE OR DEPENDENCE**

On July 4, 1776, a new nation was born which was destined to be the strongest, richest, most progressive nation of all times. It was also destined to be the leader of free peoples of all the earth. On that date a very fluent and moving document was adopted by the 13 colonies in North America, showing the reasons why they felt it necessary to declare themselves to be independent and free.

That document was the Declaration of Independence and was signed by 50 members of the Congress of the colonies. It had borrowed ideas and expressions from the Magna Carta, which the English used in 1215 to obtain freedom for themselves. The Declaration of Independence also borrowed ideas from the Bill of Rights which the English Parliament used in 1689 to secure those freedoms.

The Declaration of Independence starts out: "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, ... a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Then in simple eloquence the document moves on until it makes its charge against the king. "The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpation, ... He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people ... He is at this time transporting large armies to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny. ..."

After the charge comes the declaration, the pledges and the signatures that made the United States of America a new nation. "We therefore ... do ... publish and declare, that these United Colonies are and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States. ... And for the support of this declaration ... we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

Time has proven that the United States cannot crawl within the shell of its own boundaries and continue to exist as a free

and prosperous nation. It is a good thing today that America and Great Britain are allies, depending one upon the other. And

may it ever be so. For in today's world, it is an inescapable fact that no man is an island, and we must each depend upon others for prosperity, and I dare say, for existence. May Independence Day also be brotherhood day.

There is another story that parallels this one. Nineteen hundred years ago, the Creator of the universe set out on a long and strange expedition to put down a revolution. There was one little world in His vast creation whose inhabitants had rebelled against the government of the universe. They had chosen to give their allegiance no longer to the kind and gracious King.

They had selected as their leader the one great rebel chief who had been expelled from the courts of the King. Under the leadership of this sagacious and crafty supplanter, the inhabitants of the rebel world were not only defying the authority of the kind King, but were also destroying themselves.

So the King sent His son, without an army, without money, to stamp out the rebellion and bring again peace in the rebel world. The son intended to establish again love for the King, respect for His authority and obedience to His laws. As you may know, the revolting world killed the son and, urged on by the rebel leader, became even more vehemently opposed to the authority and law of the King. That revolting world was this earth; that kind King was God the Father; that seeking Son was Jesus, the Christ; that rebel leader was Satan; and that law which Satan led the world to hate was the Ten Commandments.

Satan wants you to join him in his rebellion and to sign his declaration of independence from heaven. Satan would have you believe that the laws of heaven are too severe and strict, and that heaven has imposed "taxation without representation." One may feel that the highway laws are too strict when they tell us to slow to 15 miles per hour when going around the curve. But the driver who ignores the law finds himself tumbling over the cliff, down the steep mountain side, wishing that he had obeyed the law. Laws are for the good of mankind. God's laws are all good. And anyone who disobeys God's laws destroys himself. Stealing, lying, committing adultery, dishonoring parents, coveting, using God's name in vain, refusing to rest on the Sabbath, worshipping idols, all have destroying effects upon the human being. But God

does not force us to obey His laws. Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

One may feel that he does not have representation in heaven. But he has. In the Bible we are told that we have such representatives from the earth as Enoch (Gen. 5:24), Moses (Jude 9), Elijah (2 Kings 2:11) and others, such as the 24 elders (Rev. 11:16) and many more (Matt. 27:50-54). Yes, a host of resurrected saints went back with Jesus as representatives of earth. But if there had been no other earth creature in heaven, we have the earth-born Son of God who identified himself as the Son of man and is named as our advocate, or lawyer or representative. John, the beloved, tells us in his first epistle, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if ANY MAN sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:1, 2

Deacon Stephen, after a powerful sermon, was being stoned to death. He looked into heaven and saw, not the Son of God, but the Son of Man. The record is: "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." Acts 7:55, 56. God the Father gave Jesus to the human family. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Jesus will forever be identified with humanity. He describes his second coming, "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and with great glory." Matthew 24:30 and 25:31.

Man must never break from the chords of love that bind him to heaven and to his Saviour. For the laws of God are for the good of mankind and the God of heaven has earthborn creatures representing man there. Let us ever love and serve Him.

After making these laws, heaven has sent no armies to enforce them. But heaven does send men as ambassadors to explain them; heaven does send angels as peace corps to help men do them; heaven does send the Holy Spirit to transform man's nature that man will love to obey God's laws; and heaven has given time for man to see for himself that to disobey the laws of

God is to destroy himself. If one ever decides to obey God's law, he cannot claim that he was forced to do so. He must declare, "I delight to do thy will, yea thy law is within my heart." No one can make charges against heaven and its King as were made against England and its king. Man is not forced into taxation, and man does have proper representation in heaven. Heaven's king is merciful and kind. Heaven's laws are fair and just. So only the unwise would, by actions or inaction, sign with Satan a declaration of independence from heaven, its king, its authority or its laws.

## CENTRAL STATES

### NEWS FROM KIRKWOOD SDA CHURCH

Little Michael Anthony Miller, son of Bobby and Eva Miller, was presented to the Lord on April 29. As the proud parents were joined by the baby's grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends, Pastor Paul Turner and the elders of the church joined in prayer for the child. After the ceremony, the parents were presented with a plant to remind them of their duty to nurture and raise their child according to the Lord's will.

Eva Miller was also rebaptized on the same day.

The Youth Week of Prayer commenced with rousing sermons from Pastor Bryan Mann of Mt. Moriah SDA Church in Coffeyville, Kans. The theme was "Are You Ready for Jesus to Come?" Each night the attendees were blessed with relevant, keynote subjects pertaining to specific needs of the church. Pastor Mann was impressed with the young people's sincerity and attendance. He stated, "It is rare to see so many young people with such intense interest in improving their walk with Christ."

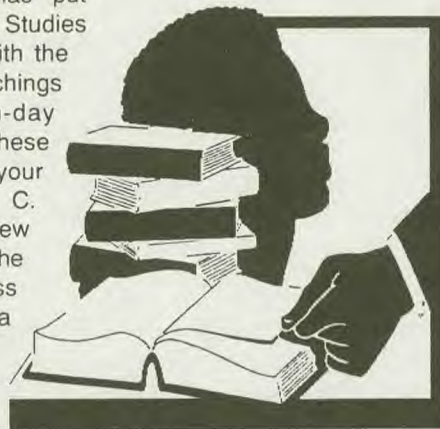
During the week of prayer, a new member was added to the ranks of the Kirkwood SDA Church in Kirkwood, Mo. Lonnie McNeil was added to the church roll via baptism. Lonnie had studied with Lee and Laketia Carrell prior to taking his stand for Jesus. Pastor Paul Turner performed the ordinance. Turner also pointed out that, "Shepherds do not add sheep to the fold, the sheep do!" Lonnie said that it was an uplifting experience, and "I was surprised at the intensity of emotion that the Holy Spirit gave me." Lonnie also mentioned that he acknowledged his need of eternal salvation, which only Jesus Christ can give.

Lee Carrell  
Communication Secretary

# The Editor's Desk

## E. C. WARD NEW BIBLE LESSONS

Elder E. C. Ward, the pastor of the Oakwood College church has put together a series of mini Bible Studies that are concise, but filled with the complete messages and teachings and beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists. You may secure these from him to help with your evangelistic crusades. W. C. Scales, Sr. also announces a new series of Real Truth Tracts that he has just come off of the press with. He is in Richmond, Virginia



## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	13	20
Boston, Mass.	6:30	6:18	6:06	5:55
New York City	6:40	6:28	6:17	6:06
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:00	6:48	6:36	6:25
Atlanta, Ga.	7:25	7:26	7:07	6:58
Miami, Fla.	7:10	7:06	6:55	6:49
Charlotte, N.C.	7:11	7:01	6:52	6:43
Birmingham, Ala.	6:35	6:25	6:16	6:08
Jackson, Miss.	6:49	6:40	6:31	6:23
Memphis, Tenn.	6:47	6:38	6:27	6:19
Louisville, Ky.	7:29	7:19	7:08	6:59
Detroit, Mich.	7:19	7:07	6:55	6:44
Chicago, Ill.	6:36	6:24	6:13	6:02
South Bend, Indiana	6:31	6:19	6:08	5:57
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:58	6:45	6:32	6:20
St. Louis, Mo.	6:47	6:36	6:26	6:16
Kansas City, Mo.	7:05	6:54	6:43	6:33
Denver, Co.	6:46	6:35	6:24	6:14
Little Rock, Ark.	6:56	6:47	6:37	6:29
Dallas, Texas	7:16	7:06	6:57	6:49
New Orleans, La.	6:49	6:40	6:32	6:25
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:54	6:44	6:35	6:26
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7:18	7:08	6:58	6:49

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

## CENTRAL STATES CELEBRATES CAMPMEETING

What a tremendous celebration! Campmeeting 1989 will forever be fondly remembered by the Central States members. There was excitement every day, with guests visiting from virtually every direction of North America.

Among the guests to share their ministry were C. E. Bradford, president, North American Division; C. D. Brooks, speaker, "Breath of Life" telecast; Steve Lewis, Allegheny West Conference; Malcolm Taylor, Southeastern Conference; Wintley Phipps, pastor, Capital Hill Church, Washington, D.C.; Delbert Baker, editor, "Message" magazine; Ken Bushnell, director, Church Ministries Department, Mid-America Union; Mrs. Gwendolyn Foster, director, Temperance Department, Allegheny West Conference; Clarence Hodges, deputy assistant secretary, Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights Commission; Reginald Robinson, "Breath of Life" telecast; Dewitt Williams, associate director, Health/Temperance Department, General Conference; and representatives from Union College and "Three Angels" broadcast.

Rarely is there an occasion to have Elder C. E. Bradford and Elder C. D. Brooks together in one campmeeting setting. It was a refreshing joy to listen to the preaching, the music, the praise for God through personal testimonies, and the departmental hour of information and help.

The Family Life Department sponsored a singles workshop throughout the entire campmeeting, and it was well attended. There were joys of shared experiences from Bible workers and literature evangelists, seminar after seminar.

The Youth Department featured Elder Malcolm Taylor and Elder Wintley Phipps in message and in song. There were workshops, films, discussions and evening recreational activities.

The junior-youth program was very special under the direction of Pastor Matthew Gibson, Amos Fatoma and Cheryl Rainey. The junior-youth had both a full campmeeting schedule and a junior camp experience going on field trips. There were daily special features for the junior-youth.

The Vacation Bible School was conducted by Charlene Pembleton, along with a host of supportive staff. It was a very good program, and the children were spiritually led closer to God as a result of the devotion, arts and crafts, field trips and enrichment classes.



*Professor of Religion, Union College.*



*Elder C. D. Brooks*



*Bobby and Lavonne Waters during ordination.*

Central States also conducted the largest ordination service in its history. Four ministers were ordained to the gospel ministry. They are Pastor Rodney Dragoon, Omaha-Lincoln district; Pastor Bobby Waters, Atchison-Topeka district; Pastor Reuben Roundtree, Denver-Community; and Pastor Willie Wilson of Leavenworth, Kans.

Elder C. D. Brooks and President J. Paul Monk of Central States presented the charge and the challenge. Ordination was a very spirit-filled experience for all the members.

Theresa Taylor was honored during campmeeting for her outstanding work as a teacher and administrator. Theresa is principal/teacher of the Omaha Dolea Fullwood Junior Academy and a recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is presented by the North American Division Department of Education. The award included a plaque, certificate and \$1,000.

Campmeeting 1989 will long linger in the minds of the members, as it closed out with a traditional Wintley Phipps concert under the big tent. Once again, God blessed the entire campmeeting and all those who attended.

## YOUTH DAY AT LINWOOD

June 10 was Youth Day at Linwood Blvd. SDA Temple in Kansas City, Mo. The 11 o'clock service was taken over by the youth of the church. The sermon was given by Furman Fordhan, the title being "Do You Believe?"

Young people who participated on the program were Akreitha Burkes, Ramon Haynes, Jamelle White, Edric Hawthorne, D'Andrea Larry, Craig Frye, Shawn Payne, E'leka Littlefield, Rudyard Fatoma and Regina Clark.

The day ended with a special AYS program prepared and presented by the youth of Linwood.

Rena C. Dixon  
Communication Secretary

## YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

Seek Ye First the Kingdom was the theme of the Youth Week of Prayer sponsored by the Community Seventh-day Adventist Church Youth Department, of Denver, Colo.

The week was highlighted by daily readings (Sunday-Friday) according to Sidney King, leader of the AY Division.

Guest participants included Gary Collins, Gary Fields, Mortimer Floyd, Ted Napier and Sidney King.

Some of the topics discussed during the meetings were Christian courtesy, love of



(left to right) Pamela Mobley, Sabbath School secretary; Mrs. Stepp, guest.

God constraining, Satan catching us, youth's obligation to parents, dress codes and haircuts.

Meetings were well attended with the turnout for Wednesday and Friday being the largest.

Walter Gibson  
Assistant Communication Secretary

## COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

A former businesswoman and community coordinator was honored recently during a Community Guest Day celebration held at Community SDA Church in Denver, Colo.

Overwhelmed by the occasion, Mrs. Geraldine Stepp wept tears of joy as she received a plaque during the worship hour, presented by Pam Mobley, secretary of the Sabbath School Department

Mrs. Stepp had been recognized for her work and persistence in helping educate Coloradans concerning some of its great Black men and women and their contributions to their communities and the state.

This work led to the establishment of the Black West Museum and Heritage Center and to the restoration of the late Dr. Justina Ford's home, the first Black female doctor licensed by Colorado, both located in Denver, Colo.

The museum traces the history and development of the Black pioneers in the 1800s and 1900s, who traveled from the South to the West. It features an array of photograph collections of cowboys and artifacts. There's also a section on the Black professionals who shaped American music, art and business.

Pastor Reuben Roundtree continued the theme of involvement focusing on the family of God.

Others honored were Gary Fields, Zenobia Williams and Chris Ewing, a contractor in the area. Mr. Ewing was awarded a plaque for donating more than 120 hours of free labor toward detail finishing work at the church.

Marcus Roybal received a gift for bringing the most guests. She brought 12, and a close second place went to Gwendolyn Fields, who brought six visitors.

After the service, the guests fellowshiped with the church at a potluck dinner sponsored by the Sabbath School Department.

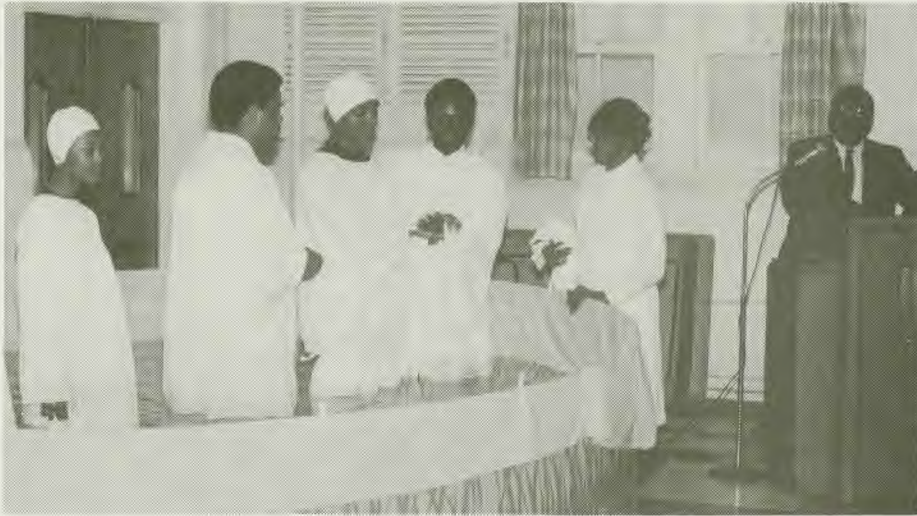
Etta R. Collins  
Communication Secretary

## AGAPE CHURCH NEWS

Although the Agape SDA Church in University City, Mo., has no baptismal pool, several people were recently baptized. The five candidates wanted to be baptized at their own church among friends and family.

Previously, Agape was forced to use a pool at one of the neighboring churches every time a baptism took place. This forced members to rush through the divine worship hour to go to a strange church for the ceremony. Unfortunately, this time the pastor was unable to secure a pool at any of the locations. Therefore, there was much surprise when the pastor announced that Agape's first baptism would be held the following week.

Much speculation ensued through the succeeding week. The next Sabbath the candidates appeared in white. After affirm-



Candidates prepare for baptism at Agape.

ing their solemn vows, they were escorted to the fellowship hall where a large plastic swimming pool awaited. While promising to continue their efforts to raise funds for the construction of a permanent pool, Agape members rejoiced in their first baptism. Baptized were Donita Burnett; Ranyea and Charrmen, children and grandchildren of member Emma Avery; and Katherine Bailey, former student of another church member.

Anita L. Clay  
Agape Communications

The food was not only garnished and decorated nicely, it was pleasing to the most discriminating palate. There were extraordinary desserts and gourmet entrees.

Mr. Roy Holmon, who is a certified chef from Rochester, N.Y., was invited to demonstrate some of his techniques for preparing quick and delightful meals. He carved and created lovely figurines from fruit and vegetables. Mr. Holmon is an expert in food preparation and catering service.

The men are looking forward with great anticipation toward Holmon's input in October when they sponsor another bake sale. It will prove to be the ultimate test for participants. In order to appreciate the fine quality and art of cooking, one would have to attend this event and see the men and boys of Emmanuel Temple as they proudly display their products.

### 1989 GRADUATION AT EXCELSIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AN HISTORIC EVENT

The June 1989 graduation at Excelsior Elementary School made its place in history as 27 pupils received their diplomas. Three of these pupils actually started their education in the kindergarten class when the school first opened in September 1980. Seven of the graduates joined the school in the first grade. Congratulations to those parents who had the conviction to send their children, and the faith to stick with the program, thus seeing the results of their faith.

Heartiest congratulations also to Mr. Rudolph Hinds, the principal, as well as the teachers and staff, who devotedly worked to prepare such a fine group of pupils for

the task that is before them as they continue to climb the academic ladder.

Worthy of special mention is Mrs. Danette Walcott, who started teaching at Excelsior from its inception. Teachers and students alike all praised her for the tower of strength she has been to all who came in contact with her, and for her love, admonition and counsel to every student, whether or not directly in her charge.

At the Thursday, June 15, class night program and banquet, the pupils received their awards after staging an excellent program. On Sabbath, June 17, during the baccalaureate service, students and teachers marched to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," radiant in their academic regalia, to rededicate their lives to God and be counseled by Pastor William McNeil, the first resident pastor of Elim Church. Pastor McNeil admonished the students on "How to Get a Grip on Excellence."

Maylyn Ambrose  
Communications Secretary

### YOUTH WEEKEND AT VICTORY TEMPLE

March 31 began a weekend of spiritual emphasis for the youth of the Victory Temple Church in Buffalo, N.Y. The theme was "Yes to the Lord."

Pastor Kendall Guy began on Friday night by speaking from Exodus 19:1 and 8. The title of his sermon was "Yes or No," letting the youth know that they have a right to say no when things are not according to God's word. He pointed out that they should be careful of the company, and hours they keep and their appearance.

For Sabbath service, guest speaker was Pastor Paul Anderson of the Allegheny East Conference. The title of his message was "The Ageless Answer." He admonished the youth to take time to listen to what the Lord will have them to do.

Music was given by the Youth Choir, under the direction of Warner Carter, and a delicious vegetarian meal was served following the morning service. The day was climaxed with a talk from Dr. Caroline Goodie Mogadime from South Africa. The topic of discussion was "Family Life and Child Discipline." The day was completed with a concert from Sherrie Riles.

Ann Guy  
Adventist Youth Leader

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**Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. Luke 6:38 NIV**

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## NORTHEASTERN

### MEN OF EMMANUEL TEMPLE FORM SERVICE CLUB

The men of Emmanuel Temple SDA Church in Buffalo, N.Y., have united, organized and are functioning as a men's club. This idea was conceived by the late Joe Lewis, Sr. many years ago. After his passing, Timothy Gentry made his friend's dream come true by becoming the leader of this active group.

For the past four years, they have consistently been involved in fund raising in order to purchase equipment for the youth and to sponsor youth activities, in addition to securing necessities for the church at large.

From the very beginning, these men have created some fantastic vegetarian dishes as well as baked items that will compel one to return for seconds. This year's event started out as an evening of fun, activity and experimentation. However, this year's bake sale was the best yet.

## CAMPMEETING '89/ NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE "TOGETHER FOR A FINISHED WORK"

Campers from all over the seven states of Northeastern Conference converged on Hyde Park, N.Y., for Campmeeting '89. It promised to be 10 days packed full of activity and spiritual rejuvenation. Divine worship speakers in the senior pavilion were Dr. Roy Adams, associate editor of the *Adventist Review*, and Elder C. D. Brooks of the "Breath of Life" telecast. Speakers at the youth tent were Pastor Samuel Hutchins, Jr. of the Southeastern California Conference, and Elder Delbert Baker, editor of "Message" magazine. Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi, professor of theology at Andrews University, was also present, giving lectures on church doctrine.

Other features of Campmeeting '89 included a Family Life Seminar, Vacation Bible School, prayer for the sick and various sessions highlighting conference departments.

Two ministers were ordained during this campmeeting session. They were pastors Oswald Euell and Antonio Rosario.



*The Breath of Life Quartet*



*Pastor Doctor Smith and Mr. Joseph Peele, a Northeastern Conference campmeeting veteran.*

## SEVENTY GRADUATE FROM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT EPHEBUS, N.Y.C.

The Ephesus Sabbath School under the leadership of Larkland Lynch, superintendent, sponsored a two-week Vacation Bible



*Former conference president, Elder G. R. Earle, shares a light moment with Elder Stennett Brooks.*



*C.D. Brooks*



*As Mr. P. Kilgore, Atlantic Union Education representative, looks on, Mrs. J. Johnson (center), Northeastern education superintendent, presents awards to Mrs. C. Phipps (2nd from left) and Mrs. E. Karr (right).*



*This young camper pauses for thoughtful meditation.*



*Dr. Roy Adams, associate editor of Review and Herald, speaks at Northeastern campmeeting.*

School. Attendance at the closing program on Sabbath, July 21, was overflowing. Seventy kindergarten, primary and junior youth received certificates of graduation. Parents, staff members, friends and children were exuberant in their praise of the accomplishments and results of the session. Vacation Bible School 1989 proved to be the most successful session to date.

Mrs. Thelma Bernard served as director, assisted by a corps of dedicated and faith-





*Pastor and Mrs. Oswald Euell*



*Pastor Antonio Rosario and family*

ful teachers and staff members. Classes were held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. Students participated enthusiastically in the opening exercises, Bible study, mission emphasis storytelling, music, song, science classes, and arts and crafts. The opening ceremony included prayer, pledges and songs in recognition to our God, the Bible and our country.

The theme this year was "Jesus and Me." It was a delight to hear the boys and girls sing the theme song. A kindergarten student took the honors in leading the entire school each day as he raised his voice, lustily singing "Jesus and Me."

Artistic and meaningful workbooks involving the Bible lessons were produced by the children. Quizzes, puzzles and other challenges were presented to the scholars through these workbook activities.

Once a week, the Vacation Bible School Store was opened, and children were able to use their "talents" (money) awarded to them to purchase merchandise: games, books, Bibles, mugs, pins, bookmarks, pens, notebooks and other selected items.

The exciting response of the primary and juniors to the science lessons paid off in daily prizes and a trip to the newly renovated Central Park Zoo. Here, they continued to see God through nature, as they observed the animals.

Daily, all enjoyed a tasty and nutritious lunch prepared by the cafeteria staff.

More than 25 volunteer staff members joined in making Vacation Bible School '89 a signal success. Leading out with faithful assistants in the various departments were:

Sabbath School superintendent, Larkland Lynch; Vacation Bible School director, Thelma M. Bernard.

Kindergarten — Charlene Sismith, leader; assistants, Bernice Wiseltier, Eunice Ansong, Cheryl Demmitt, Eva Martin, Evadne Quainoo, Barbara Franklin, Flora Sweetie, Maria Humphreys, Gladys Powell and Nicole Williams.

Primary — Pauline Walcott, leader; assistants, Sybil Gooden, Nalini Persuad, Henrietta Jackson, Celia Serrant, Delbert Harry and Yvonne Ross.

Junior — Judy Hall, leader; assistants, Edna Lett Williamson, Lynda Elliot, Alice Harriot, Alpea Parker and Gladys Gaskin.

Arts and crafts — Gloria Waite, leader; assistants, Ermie Chandler, Kermalin Lawrence, Elizabeth Bowie and Bart Burton. Music — Lynda Elliott, leader; assistant, Alpea Parker. Science — Edna Lett Williamson. Refreshments — Pauline Lynch, leader; assistants, Margaret Dowdy, Alita Jessie, Cleare Williams, Mamie Davis, LaVerne Greene and Retinella Phillips.

Secretary, Caroline Brown; assistant secretary, Stacie Cunningham; supply people, Lois Wesley and Leopold Perry; photographer, George Saunders.

Two children are attending church regularly as a result of the Vacation Bible School, and interest is already building for VBS 1990.

Elder Lynch and Mrs. Bernard are following up with letters inviting non-Adventist Vacation Bible School scholars to come to the Ephesus Sabbath School weekly at 9:30 a.m. A harvest of souls from the summer's effort in child evangelism is hoped for.

Edna Lett Williamson  
Correspondent



*Ephesus Vacation Bible School staff*



*Ephesus VBS Junior class and instructors*



*Ephesus VBS Kindergarten class and instructors*



Elder L. Roy Davis, church treasurer, and Pastor Bailey display last mortgage payments.



Elder Stennett Brooks, conference president, speaks to the Linden congregation.



Elder Leroy Hampton, conference treasurer, displays Linden's burning mortgage papers.

the Man" was the theme of Pastor Harold Brewer, 16th pastor of Linden, on Friday, May 26.

Sabbath, May 27, the Sabbath School team, along with Ms. Cynthia Edwards, hoisted the banner on which was inscribed: "With God All Things Are Possible." Pastor Author Morgan enlightened the congregation during the mission emphasis with a thorough presentation of the inception of Sabbath School around the world. The Sabbath School lesson was presented by the following pastors: Larry Bailey, Richard Calhoun Sr., Tony Taylor, Roy Stringer and Edgar A. Lockett, 13th pastor of Linden.

Divine worship rose to the heavenly horizons with Maestro George Davis at the organ and the concert artiste, Pearl Runnels, at the piano. "Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place" was the thrilling salute to the Lord's Day. Diane Bailey, the pastor's wife, likened the occasion to Solomon's dedication of the temple. Mrs. Iva E. Harrell, chairperson of the Mortgage Burning Committee, acknowledged the gathering to the culmination of the event. Pastor Van Runnels' sermon, "The Twelve Stones," a historical/spiritual discourse of the Egypt-to-Canaan journey and the 12 gates of pearl in the heavenly Canaan, was preceded by a solo from his wife's expert fingers on the piano, "I Gave My Life for Thee." "I Exalt Thee," by the Cathedral Choir — children's choir of Linden — was a tribute rising from the tender hearts.

At 5:45 p.m., the mortgage burning and dedication service began. The platform guests were pastors Larry Bailey, Linden; Harold Baptiste, secretary, Northeastern Conference; Stennett Brooks, president of Northeastern Conference; Leroy Hampton, treasurer, Northeastern Conference; Richard Calhoun, Sr., Linden; Benjamin

Cummings, Ebenezer; elders L. Roy Davis, treasurer, Benjamin Grimes and Richard Nwagwu, all of Linden. The sermon of dedication was presented by Pastor Stennett Brooks, who requested each member to dedicate himself to the gospel of salvation.

The mortgage ceremony was directed by Pastor Cummings, with responsive choruses from the congregation. The dedicatory segment was performed by pastors Bailey and Calhoun. "Bless This House, Oh Lord, We Pray," sung by Berelette Tribbett, was the sentiment of each Lindenite, not only for the physical structure, but for the body temple God has given each one for His glory. A musical fanfare directed by Iva Harrell was the crescendo to the four high days of celebration.

Sheri H. Forrest  
Communication Secretary

## FAREWELL TO THE MORTGAGE

After two years of fund raising at the Linden SDA Church in Laurelton, N.Y., the match was struck at sunset, May 27, 1989, as a full house witnessed the \$400,000 mortgage papers curl in defeat as the smoke spiraled to the balcony, the ceiling and beyond.

The countdown started on Wednesday, May 24, with returning ministers and visiting choirs and musicians from "daughter churches." Pastor George Earle, 12th pastor of Linden, recounted in his sermon, Nehemiah's rebuilding and restoration of the walls of Jerusalem. Pastor Benjamin Cummings, 18th pastor of Linden, continued Thursday, May 25, with his sermon, "A Building Not Made with Hands." "Behold

## GRADUATION AT JAMAICA'S DAY CARE CENTER

Sunday, June 18, was a special day for the kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students of the Busy Bee Day Care Center, operated under the auspices of the Jamaica SDA Church in Jamaica, N.Y. It was graduation day for the kindergarten students and promotion day for the pre-kindergarten students.

Dressed in red caps and gowns, marching to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," the Class of 1989 stepped forward to receive their diplomas, bid farewell to their teachers and friends, and to celebrate this initial step in their educational development.

Among the numerous awards given was an unusual and endearing one presented to

each graduate by their teacher, Miss Lynnette Shorey. It was termed the "Bananas Award." Miss Shorey explained that she will miss each of her students so much, she will "go bananas" without them.

The commencement speaker, Pastor Arthur E. Morgan, Sabbath School secretary of the Northeastern Conference, encouraged the parents and guardians to observe their children's talents, gifts and interests, cultivating them so that they may become godly, productive, influential citizens in their communities.

Amid the flashing cameras of their proud parents and relatives, the children eagerly and capably recited their parts and sang their songs, giving the audience an idea of the skills obtained at Busy Bee during the past year. The diplomas were presented to each student by Mr. Trevor Byfield, the director of the center.

Ms. Merle Thompson-Adams  
Communication Secretary



Commander Dr. Barry Black addresses audience at Silver Anniversary luncheon. (Photo by Steve Edwards)

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY PIONEERS LUNCHEON

Commander Barry Black, a United States Navy chaplain and outstanding product of Christian education, told an audience of about 250 persons it is criminal that any child wanting a Christian education should not be able to receive it.

These remarks were given during the keynote address at the Pioneers Luncheon held April 30 at the Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, N.Y. The event was sponsored by the Hanson Place SDA Elementary School as part of its silver anniversary celebration.

Honor was given to five individuals who played an invaluable part in the founding of the school 25 years ago. They were Dr. Susan Fenton Willoughby of Atlantic Union College, with whom the idea of founding a church school originated; her husband, Ralph Willoughby, the school's first principal; Prisca DeJonge, the school's first home and school leader; Neville Leacock, a founder whose support for the school has never waned; and the late Joyce Harper Nurse, who played a leading role in the founding.

Following brief remarks by school board chairperson, B. G. O. French; Dr. W. Lionel Williams, the school's principal; Dr. Lyndrey A. Niles, chairman of Howard University's communication department; and Dr. Milton O. C. Haynes, chairman of the Silver Anniversary Committee, gave snippets of biographical information about each honoree. Each honoree was then presented with a plaque given by past and present students of the school. Anderson Nurse,

with daughter Shelly and son Robert, accepted the plaque posthumously awarded to Joyce Harper Nurse.

Commander Black held the audience captive as he recounted how he and his siblings were able to overcome poverty and privation in a Baltimore, Md., ghetto and obtain a Christian education with the help of concerned Christians. Commander Black holds three master's degrees, a doctorate in ministry, and is presently a candidate for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the American International University in San Diego, Calif.

"In this life," Black told the audience, "it is not enough for us to wander through and leave the world like we found it." He added that God wants all to make a difference; to make changes in the world and to take risks. Referring to the honorees as "a representation of people who were willing to take risks and to step out in faith," he suggested that the audience try to emulate them.

As a special treat, on request of the emcee, Dr. Lyndrey Niles, Commander Black thrilled everyone with an uncanny delivery of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, which evoked a rapturous ovation.

Adding a slash of color and a spot of culture to the program was a group of six female dancers and two male drummers of the world-famous Marie Brooks Children's Dance Theatre, which charmed everyone with their skill, discipline and enthusiasm in performing dances from Africa and the Black diaspora.

Dining music was provided by a group led by Allan Chase, founder of the Hanson Place School band, which rendered two selections under David Greene, its present director. Chase is presently on the faculty of Northeastern Academy in New York City.

Others attending the luncheon included Pastor R. Clifford Jones, senior minister of the Hanson Place Church and Elder Alvin R. Gouldbourne, secretary of the Atlantic Union.

Lloyd Goodridge  
Correspondent



Mrs. Icilma Burroughs of Bronx Temple

## USHERS' DAY AT BRONX TEMPLE

Ushers' Day at Bronx Temple found the women dressed in white, the young adults in black and white, and the men in black suits.

Mrs. Novella Smith, president of the Ushers Federation, and Mrs. Marion Kemmerlin presented awards to Mrs. Edith Thomas, Mrs. Mary Lewis, Ms. Angela Simon, Mr. James Lewis, Mrs. Roberta Adams and Mrs. Lorene Gray. Mrs. Marion Kemmerlin also received an award.

Pastor P. Wesley instructed the congregation that ushers are priceless. He explained that the ushers' job could be most demanding at times and they should be appreciated.

Mistress of Ceremonies for the afternoon program was Mrs. Novella Smith.

Kathleen Hughes  
Communication Secretary

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### NATIONAL BAPTISTS OPEN NEW WORLD BAPTIST CENTER IN NASHVILLE, TENN.

The National Baptist Convention of the USA, Inc., which is the largest Black organization, having a seven-million-member roll, dedicated its new Baptist world headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. on June 21. More than 50,000 officials, clergy, government leaders, pastors and their congregations attended the ceremonies along with the various media representatives from the press, television stations and radio networks.

The building is located on a site of 12 and one-half acres, overlooking the Cumberland River. Its chapel will seat 2,800 people, and a goodly number of offices are housed in the facility, which includes an archives center, classrooms and meeting spaces. An underground parking facility leads to an outdoor baptismal pool. The convention also plans to build a hotel near the center, which some are already calling "the eighth wonder of the world."

Dr. T. J. Jemison is the president of this assembly, but resides in Baton Rouge, La.; Dr. Henry Lyons is the vice president; Dr. Oscar Chappelle is the president of the National Baptist Congress for Christian Education. The Women's Auxiliary is headed by Dr. Mary Ross of Detroit, Mich., and Dr. Myra Taylor of Atlanta, Ga.

On hand for the dedication were many notables such as Pastor Jesse Jackson; Dr. Benjamin E. Hooks, the executive director of the NAACP; activist Dick Gregory; Mayor Bill Boner of Nashville; and Gov. Ned McWhether of Tennessee.



*Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Jemison, president, National Baptist Convention*



*Baptist leaders gather for office building opening in Nashville, Tenn.*

### ALCY STUDENTS TOUR WASHINGTON, D.C.

A tour of the Washington, D.C., area and Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania was taken recently by a group of 15 students and their chaperones from the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn. The tour included accommodations at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., various activities and a wide variety of good meals. All of this, blended with a tour of the highlights of the nation's capital and the Pine Forge Academy campus made their field trip a most unforgettable experience.

The group left Memphis, Tenn., on Sunday, May 21, at 1 a.m. to share in this five-day cultural and enjoyable experience. The students and adults traveled through the rolling hills and mountains of Tennessee and Virginia. Upon arriving in Takoma Park at approximately 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, the group settled in their respective dormitories on the CUC campus.

Each morning of the field trip began with breakfast at the CUC cafeteria, followed by joint worship on the bus. Highlights of the tour included Seventh-day Adventist head-

quarters, Metro-rail round-trip to the Washington area, the House of Representatives, Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, Senate Building, National Air and Space Museum, Hadley Memorial Hospital, White House, National Museum of Art, J. F. Kennedy Center of Performing Arts, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington Monument, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, National Museum of Natural History, shopping at the Georgetown Mall, and the Pine Forge Academy campus.

Many other historic buildings and sites were witnessed by the individuals of this delegation. The Holy Spirit was definitely present from the initial planning stages to the culmination of this field trip on Friday, May 26, at 4 a.m. The far-reaching effects of the experiences shared by the group will be evidenced in the youth in their studies and future academic and professional attainments. Two of the eighth-grade graduates have already made decisions to continue their Christian education at the Pine Forge Academy.

The Alcy students involved in this field trip would like to thank the Alcy faculty and staff, Longview Heights Church, parents and supporters for making this dream a reality.

Michael R. Tompkins, Sr.  
Seventh-grade Instructor

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**I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.**  
**John 3:3 NIV**

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*Alcy students relax in front of the White House.*

## GADSDEN CHURCH OPENING

"With God All Things are Possible." This is exactly what the Ebenezer Church of Gadsden, Ala., believed, and the Lord honored their faith accordingly. In March 1988, Elder Washington Johnson Jr. discovered a pink sign posted on the church doors. The sign read "Condemned by the City of Gadsden." The church began to pray. Services were held in the pastor's home until they were able to secure a place of worship in a Catholic church, after being turned down by most churches in the area.

To renovate the church, according to several construction companies, would cost more than \$100,000. This did not discourage the congregation, but rather encouraged them to pray more. A prayer committee was established, and immediately they began to see results. The church was aware that they could not afford to hire a professional construction team. So Elder Johnson became the contractor and his mother, Dr. Mildred Johnson, conference Bible worker, became the co-contractor. Work days were started on Sunday, and throughout the week for those who could come.

The church purchased the supplies and used their skills in various areas to complete the task. At first it seemed to some that the church had taken on more than it could handle by taking on such a large task, but time proved that all things are possible with God. Many merchants gave the church discounts on building materials.

After a year of work both day and night, the church was finally opened on July 1, 1989. The theme for the church dedication was "With God All Things are Possible." The church has a medical room, library, nursery and a fellowship hall. The morning message was given by Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference. In his message, he challenged the people by reminding them that as they had taken God at His word in stepping out in faith to renovate their church, not knowing which direction to take, so are all admonished throughout the Bible to take God at his word in all circumstances.

That evening Elder Ralph Peay, president of the South Atlantic Conference and former pastor of the Gadsden congregation, spoke. His message was entitled "The Church." He expounded upon the work that God has given in these final minutes of earth's history. Also a concert was given by the Chattanooga Inspirational Choir. They were the guest choir along with Janice Johnson of Oakwood College.



*C. E. Dudley, F. N. Crowe, R. P. Peay, and Washington Johnson at Gadsden opening.*

Remarks that evening were given by Elder L. Hamilton, former pastor; Elder A. Maycock, pastor of Chattanooga SDA Church; Pastor J. S. Lake, pastor of the First SDA Church in Gadsden; and Dr. F. N. Crowe, treasurer of South Central Conference.

It was a day of high celebration, and the presence of the Lord was there and felt. Neighbors in the community came out and expressed their pleasure with what the members had done with a building that many thought was hopeless at one time.

Mr. Leroy Tyson, the oldest member of the church, remarked, "I knew that God was going to work things out in the end for our favor." Mrs. Barbara Batson purchased hymn books for the church before her death, and on that Sabbath they were dedicated in memory of her and her husband, the late Elder D. C. Batson, also a former pastor of Gadsden. Also present was Mrs. Mary Mackey, who husband, the late Elder Odell Mackey, pastored the Gadsden Church in the 40s when it was part of the Chattanooga District.

Elder Mackey pastored shortly after Elder F. L. Peterson became president of Oakwood College. Elder Peterson is responsible for officially starting the work in Gadsden when he gave a Bible study to Mrs. Berth Jones's mother-in-law, Ms. Ellen Jones. Berth Jones is still a member and worker in the Lord's cause.

The church now, according to the pastor, is preparing for a major evangelistic meeting to take place in the city.

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**"Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Phil. 3:8 RSV**

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AN ADVENTIST ESSENTIAL

Christian Education Day Sabbath is always anticipated each school year, and this year was no exception. All five constituent churches of the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn., united once again on this special Sabbath in support of Christian education and Alcy SDA Junior Academy.

The Sabbath School hour was coordinated by Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins, kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Brenda Renfroe, teacher assistant. The Alcy students were featured during the morning program. Chaplain Doug Simons of the Regional Medical Center taught the Sabbath School lesson.

A total of 90 percent of the 153 students participated during the morning divine worship hour. "Holy Ground," "We're Going to Make It" and "I'm Available to You" were the three musical selections given by the Alcy students. The songs touched the hearts of those present. The Faculty Chorale made its second appearance for the school year. "Stand" was the musical selection sung by the teaching staff of Alcy.

1989 has been designated as Year of the Teacher by the Department of Education of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In keeping with the theme for the year, Principal Charles Battles made a special presentation honoring each of the Alcy teachers. A special plaque was given to each for their commitment and dedication to Christian education and Alcy over the years. Later in the program, the teachers made a surprise presentation to their principal.

The Alcy Gold, Silver and Bronze Club — Alcy's expansion program — was officially initiated. Each member who had been faith-



*Teachers of Alcy honored during Education Day Sabbath. "Year of the SDA Teacher"*

ful during the past 12 months in keeping their monthly financial commitment, received their official gold, silver and/or bronze ribbon designating them as charter members of the Expansion Program Club. More than \$15,000 was raised for the school's future building expansion by the faithful 100 financial supporters of the school.

Elder Charles Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, delivered the morning sermon. He re-emphasized the importance and role of Christian education, not only in Memphis but throughout the denomination, and the crisis and challenges facing the church in the decade ahead. He further encouraged the members to continue their support in helping make a new educational facility for the children of Memphis a reality soon.

Sabbath evening, the Memphis SDA Mass Choir, composed of members of the Bethany, Breath of Life, Longview Heights, New Covenant, Overton Park and Word of Life SDA Churches, was featured in a special musical benefit concert in support of Alcy. Approximately seven months ago, the Mass Choir under the direction of Gale Jones Murphy and Claude Jones Jr., was the first-place winner in the Mazola Corn Oil Choir Contest. The award was 1,000 record albums. On this evening, the Mass Choir was recorded live at the famous Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. The proceeds from the selling of the record album and video that will be available are to go to Alcy's expansion program.

Christian education is alive and growing among the churches in the Memphis area. Many non-Adventist families are also joining with SDA families in realizing that "Christian Education is an Adventist Essential."

Charles D. Battles  
Principal

## CHURCH LAUNCHES VISITATION PROGRAM

Keeping in touch with members, whether by phone, home visits or otherwise, is a must for the CARING church! The First Church of Huntsville, Ala., is a caring church, the "Loving Link" church. At a meeting of the elders and deacons called by the pastor, a visitation program was announced. Pastor Gary Wimbish was the keynote speaker. He presented, from his experience as a pastor, pointers on church family visitation.

Pastor Willis then gave each elder his/her family group. Each elder is placed over two deacons, and each deacon has seven more families on his/her list. The pastor indicated that group leaders should maintain contact by whatever means is most appropriate.

Roy E. Malcolm  
Public Relations Secretary

## THE WILLISES HONORED AT FIRST CHURCH

Elder R. L. Willis and family came to the First SDA Church of Huntsville, Ala., on July 5, 1986, from the Shiloh Church in Chicago, Ill. On July 1, 1989, the family received special recognition for the three years of service rendered to the church at large.

One significant contribution to the church strongly encouraged by the pastor is the addition of 5,000 square feet of space to house the day care center, thus freeing the gym for recreational activities.

Special speaker for the occasion was Elder T. Marshall Kelly, a long-time friend of Elder Willis. Kelly entitled his message "More Blessed."

Letters of congratulations from C. E. Dudley, C. D. Brooks and C. B. Rock were read to the congregation by Pastor Gary Wimbish, who also offered the dedicatory prayer. Head Elder Lance Shand presented a plaque to Elder Willis, while Elder Lola Stewart made a similar presentation to Mrs. Willis. In addition, flowers were given to each member of the pastor's family in attendance.

Following the church service, dinner was served in the church's fellowship hall. Since the pastor's birthday fell on July 7, the event climaxed with a candlelit cake, special gifts and a birthday song, much to his surprise. The pastor showed deep emotion of gratitude for the church's expression of appreciation.

Roy E. Malcolm  
Public Relations Secretary



*The Robert Willis family*

## SOUTHEASTERN

### FRENCH CHURCH GROWTH

The work among the French believers is experiencing tremendous growth.

One of the principals in the growth process is Pastor Amos Bossous. Under his administration and with the cooperation of his members, the work in Boynton Beach, Fla., has reached new proportions.

On July 11, this congregation of 148 members purchased a church building and another building for Sabbath School classes, for \$240,000, to house its members.

The transactions have not been without great sacrifice. To have a place called

home, they have given, and thus secured their own facilities.

President J. M. Doggette and secretary, R. R. Brown, were present for the closing, with Pastor Amos Bossous, first Elder Alfred Smith and treasurer, Idner Noel.

## PATTERSON JOINS SOUTHEASTERN

Robert Patterson was recently called by the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee to serve as its treasurer beginning July 1.

Patterson, who served at Oakwood College as vice president of finance from 1984 to the present, is not new to the Southeastern Conference territory.

He is a graduate of Oakwood College and was to receive his M.B.A. from Alabama A & M in August. He began his work in the Allegheny East Conference in 1967 as the Adventist Book Center manager. He joined the South Atlantic Conference as assistant treasurer in 1973, and accepted the full responsibility as treasurer under Elder R. L. Woodfork in 1976. In 1980, he went to the Central African Union as treasurer and returned to the North American Division as treasurer at Oakwood College in 1984.

The conference will have in Patterson one who is acquainted with the conference territory when it was a part of South Atlantic Conference. Patterson, his wife, Patricia, sons Robert Jr. and Roderick are a welcomed addition to the work.

## FRENCH LAYMEN ACTIVE IN MIAMI

Marc Socrate Joseph and a corps of lay workers held a two-week evangelistic campaign in Miami, Fla., recently. Their burden was expressed in the words, "the time is now to finish preaching the gospel in order to go home."

## YOUTH FEDERATION: "WITH HEAVEN IN MIND"

The M.C. Strachan Chapter Youth Federation of Seventh-day Adventists was held at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Tallahassee, Fla. The Maranatha SDA Church in Tallahassee was the host for the event. The theme was "Heaven in Mind in 1989."

On Friday night, the vesper service speaker was Elder Tyrone Boyd, host pastor of the Tallahassee district. Special guests for the evening was the Florida A & M University Gospel Choir.



Participating in the closing for the newly acquired Boynton Beach SDA French Church buildings: first elder, Alfred Smith; treasurer, Idner Noel; attorney, James Moran; SEC president, J. M. Doggette; and Pastor Amos Bossous. Not pictured, secretary, R. R. Brown.



Second from left on back, Marc Joseph, and staff laymen plus six souls baptized in two-week evangelistic effort.



Pastor James Doggette, Southeastern California Conference, guest speaker for M. C. Strachan Youth Federation.

On Sabbath morning, Ms. Judith Hawkins, superintendent of Maranatha SDA Church, was in charge of Sabbath School. At the 11 a.m. divine worship service, the welcome was given by City Commissioner Jack McLean Jr. (former mayor of the city of Tallahassee). Commissioner McLean remarked, "We should always have faith in God because He can make a way out of no way." Elder Tyrone Boyd introduced the Southeastern Conference president, Elder J. M. Doggette, who also brought greetings on behalf of the conference and staff.

Music was provided by the Maranatha SDA Youth Choir. Renee Cooper, president of the M.C. Strachan Chapter Youth Federation, introduced the speaker for divine worship, Pastor James Doggette Jr. (son of the president) from Southeastern California Conference. His sermon was entitled "A City Called Glory."

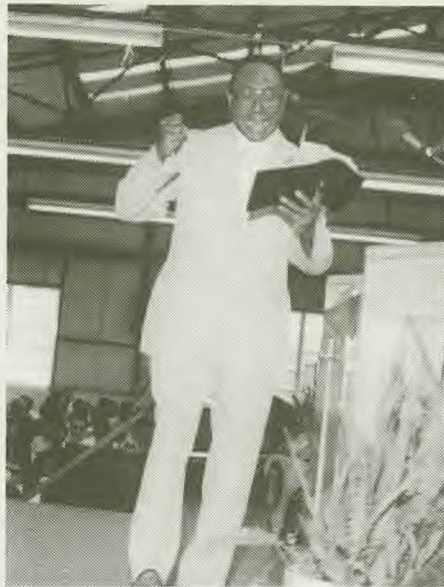
On Sabbath afternoon at 3 p.m., there was a parade. W. L. Taylor, youth ministries director, and the Tallahassee Pathfinders distributed literature. After the parade, there were seminars covering the following topics: "Self-Esteem," "Creative Ministry" and "Don't Believe the Hype." Contests were held in the following areas: oratorical, essay, poster, jingle and quartets.

The youth federation weekend culminated with a championship basketball game between teams from Orlando, Fla., and Fitzgerald, Ga.

Phillippa James



*President, J. M. Doggette, guides the affairs of campmeeting.*



*Elder E. C. Ward, pastor, Oakwood College Church, Huntsville, Ala., makes his point during Sabbath sermon.*



*Elder Alvin Kibble, president, Allegheny East Conference, speaking on "The Healing Waters."*



*Elder Joe Grider, South Central Conference, spoke to the heart of the youth.*

## CAMPMEETING '89

If the campgrounds of the Southeastern Conference in Hawthorne, Fla., could only speak, what vivid spiritual reflections would be shared with its listeners. For more than five decades, those hallowed grounds have been the dwelling place of hundreds, yea thousands, who have been the recipient of God's blessings, instruction, Christian fellowship, communion and growth.

The facilities and environment, though outdated and antiquated, to say the least, in some areas, keep the campers in touch with the past, and keep fresh the idea that this is campmeeting, a preparation spot for the great campmeeting yet to come.

Because this is His church, the transition from a previous administration to a new one did not in any way dampen the fervor or spirit of the worshippers. Thousands came on the weekends and hundreds sojourned during the weekdays to prosecute with diligence all that was planned for every age group.

There was outstanding music by the Orlando Mt. Sinai Mass Choir; the campground choir, In His Image; and a number of soloists, duets, quartets and choral organizations. The theme of campmeeting '89 was "The Time is Now to ..." The speakers for junior youth, young adults and the main pavilion included Pastor Leon Davis, former youth director, Atlantic Union; Elder J. Grider, South Central Conference; Elder Ronnie Vanderhorst, Allegheny East Conference; and local pastors.

Elder Asser Jean-Pierre, president of the Hatienne Union, served the French believers. Elder Reginald Robinson of the "Breath of Life" telecast; Elder A. L. Kibble, president of Allegheny East Conference; Elder C. D. Henri, administrative assistant, South Atlantic Conference; Elder E. C. Ward, pastor of Oakwood College Church in Huntsville, Ala.; Ms. Norwida Marshall, assistant director, Education Department, Southern Union; and others brought messages of hope and challenge.

Mrs. Linda Lynch, former assistant dean, Rollins College, spoke for the Shepherdess Organization; and R. C. Lewis, director, publishing, Allegheny West Conference, spoke to the literature evangelists. Excelsiors, an organization from the Mt. Sinai SDA Church-Orlando, presented a play entitled "Showdown on Mt. Carmel," which was well received.

J. M. Doggette, R. R. Brown, R. Patterson, departmental directors and pastors were immersed in the pressing duties of the encampment. With hearts, hands and



understanding, the work and the responsibilities were met and shared, and God blessed.

God tabernacled with His people and, like the Israelites of old, another 10 days would have been equally enjoyed.



Elder Reginald Robinson, "Breath of Life" telecast



"In His Image" reflects it in song to the thousands at campmeeting.



At the piano, Roderick Harris and Wayne Bucknor share their musical talent.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

### THE OAKWOOD-SOUTH AFRICA CONNECTION

During the month of March, Mervyn A. Warren spent more than a week on the campus of Bethel College in Butterworth, Transkei, Southern Africa, developing an accredited bachelor of arts curriculum in ministerial theology and in religion. Until such time that Bethel College itself can

apply for and obtain full approval by the Commission on Colleges of SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), Bethel is serving as an extension campus, whereby Oakwood delivers its accredited program to students in South Africa without their having to leave their homeland.

To set up the program, Warren, chairman of ministerial theology and religion at Oakwood, held several meetings with the board chairman, Dr. V. S. Wakaba, who is also the president of the Southern Africa Union Conference; with the principal of Bethel, Elder J. J. Mdkane; with the academic dean, Dr. F. Lusk; with the business manager, Mr. D. Orillosa; with the director of admissions and records, Mrs. J. Bloem-etjie; with other administrators and the faculty in plenary session as well as with the religion chairman, Elder M. Tshuma; and with the student body.

Although delivered and monitored by Oakwood, the project will be evaluated by SACS who will carry an evaluating committee to visit the Bethel campus during the winter of 1990. The future of the program rests on a positive report by SACS.

The Oakwood-Bethel connection began in a more general way in the early 1980s when a visit to the Bethel campus was made by Dr. C. B. Rock, then president of Oakwood, followed by Dr. Rosa Banks, Elder John Beale, Dr. Paul Brantley, Ms. Carol Books and Dr. Garland Millet.

These all advised and/or taught courses at Bethel for at least one term. The salient difference between those earlier visits to Bethel and the most recent visit by Warren lies in the latter being an official mission to establish a fully accredited curriculum so that the Bethel graduates can receive appropriate recognition for their degrees anywhere on the African continent and, indeed, around the world.

Should you desire to participate in this Christian education endeavor, one among several urgent needs is books — new or used modern textbooks in religion, natural sciences, business, mathematics, psychology, English, computer science, sociology, music and education. Contact Dr. Warren at Oakwood College for more details on getting the books to Bethel.

Warren's visit to Bethel included also the Bethel Alumni Homecoming Weekend where he served as principal speaker Friday night, Sabbath morning and Sunday morning. Saturday night, featured a grand banquet with the president of the Transkei Nation, Major General Bantu Holomisa, as honored guest and speaker, and a report by alumni president, T. Motha. With its ap-

proximately 400 students and dedicated staff, Bethel College is destined to make its contribution toward preparing workers to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and the knowledge of God throughout the whole world.

Roy E. Malcolm  
College Relations



M. A. Warren with students majoring in ministerial training and/or religion at Bethel College.



President J. J. Mdkane, M. A. Warren and V. S. Wakaba (board chairman) in front of Bethel College Administration Building.

### PULLINS RETURNS TO ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Fred A. Pullins, who served as alumni director from 1981 to 1984, has returned to that position since July 1. During the interim, he was principal of Oakwood Academy.

Pullins' first term as alumni director was a successful period. He began the computerization of alumni operations within the college and created a publication called "Alumni Happenings," which replaced the former "Alumnarian."

In terms of fund-raising, his office achieved the BUSH and BECA goals each year. This generated in donations and foundation matching gifts a total of \$607,000.

Pullins is a native of Dallas, Tex. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Oakwood in 1966, and his master's of

education degree from Memphis State University in 1973. His work experience includes: 1966-67, boys' dean, Oakwood Academy; 1967-73, principal, Alcy SDA School, Memphis, Tenn.; 1973-77, principal, Cadet School (Catholic interfaith), Holly Springs, Miss.; 1977-81, principal, Mt. Calvary SDA School, Tampa, Fla.; 1981-84, director of alumni affairs, Oakwood College; 1984-89, principal, Oakwood Academy.

It is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Pullins back to this very important position, and all look forward to another productive era under his leadership.

Roy E. Malcolm

## **BOSTON U. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK HONORS EDITH FRASER**

The School of Social Work at Boston University has begun to feature an outstanding graduate in each issue of its "Alumni Journal." The first person to be so honored was Mrs. Edith Fraser of the social work program. The following are excerpts from the very extensive article:

Originally from Louisville, Ky., Ms. Fraser has developed an exciting career in social work in several different parts of the country. Counted among these experiences are: social worker in a New York family court and in a Florida victim's assistance program, coordinator of a day care center in Florida, social worker in a Michigan day treatment program, and a graduate student in Massachusetts. She also has lived in New Jersey and California, where most of her daily life was devoted to raising her young children (a son and a daughter, now 10 and 13, respectively). "I feel fortunate to have lived in a variety of places," explains Ms. Fraser, "I've learned a lot in these different settings."

### **A Natural Choice**

This career appears to be a natural for Ms. Fraser, who proudly admits, "I knew I wanted to be a social worker since the ninth grade." Her decision at that time was based on her own research of a career choice list. "After checking each profession thoroughly," she states, "I concluded that social work was for me."

Ms. Fraser chose sociology as her undergraduate major at the University of Louisville because, at that time, "it was as close as I could get to social work." She adds, "There were very few undergraduate social work programs in those days."

Ms. Fraser's "fond memories" of her graduate education include her field placements at Boston Children's Services and

McLean Hospital, and her classes with Jim Garland, now professor of group work, and Julianne Wayne, now associate dean. "Though I was not as involved with the school as much as I would have liked, it was a great experience. And, I loved Boston!"

Ms. Fraser joined the faculty at Oakwood College in 1984. She describes the social work program as "dynamic, vibrant and growing." Four Oakwood students have, in fact, applied to Boston University School of Social Work over the last two years; three have been accepted.

With her future plans including a doctoral degree in social work, Ms. Fraser will continue to make valuable contributions to the field that has provided her with numerous opportunities for learning and for helping people.

Ray E. Malcolm

## **MILTON BROWN LEAVES OAKWOOD ACADEMY**

Milton Brown has been a long-time favorite of the students at Oakwood Elementary School, Huntsville, Ala. An excellent teacher of Bible, math and social studies, he also has taken time to organize a seventh-and-eighth-grade basketball team, Bible Bowl, Pathfinder Club, and to sponsor the students' newspaper.

He will be missed, as he was to take up his new post in August, as principal of Larchwood Academy in Philadelphia, Pa.

Brown obtained the bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1974 from Columbia Union College. He has been principal of Bethany Junior Academy, Bridgeton, N.J., 1966-68; Ephesus Junior Academy, Richmond, Va., 1968-74; and Ephesus Junior Academy, Birmingham, Ala., 1976-81. He was also vice principal of Baltimore Junior Academy, 1974-76.

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Brown always taught seventh- and eighth-graders.

In Birmingham, Mr. Brown obtained union accreditation for the school, and organized a band program, youth outreach and basketball team. Each place he worked, he established many innovative programs in addition to being a role model.

Mr. Brown is married to the former Deborah Jones. The couple has three children — Milton Jr., Pam and Michelle. His hobbies include fishing, swimming, tennis, basketball, gardening, carpentry and camping.

His many friends wish him well in his new position. "Our loss is their gain."

Roy E. Malcolm

## **OAKWOODITE AUTHORS EXCITING NEW BIBLE GAME**

Challenge 500 presents a new dimension in Bible card playing. The game is designed to enhance the overall consciousness and knowledge of the Bible in society. Many of today's card games can be played with these cards as well, allowing one the same intrigue, suspense and fun, while at the same time, a biblical theme is maintained.

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**Players:** From 2 to six players, age 8 to adult.

**Author:** Ledrew C. Wilson is a graduate of Oakwood College. Born in Bermuda, Wilson developed a keen mind for business. He is an accountant in Atlanta, Ga. He is married and has two children.

Roy E. Malcolm

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**"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." Phil 4:23 RSV**

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## **IN THE NEWS**

### **HISTORY OF THE OPELIKA, ALA., CHURCH**

In August 1886, Henry Tinsley and family of Detroit, Mich., returned to their home state of Alabama after having spent many years in the North. They came with a burden to see the "truths of Adventism" shared with the people in their home state. Opelika was chosen as the place for doing their witness.

Bible studies were given, tracts were distributed, and Elder Jesse Wilson, pastor of the nearby Phenix City, Ala., church, came to conduct an evangelistic tent meeting during the summer of 1888.

There were some 29 people who became members of the church in that city. However, when the final count was made, approximately 15 of the believers came together to become the first company of believers of the regional Seventh-day Adventist church in that city. The group was organized into a company of believers on Oct. 29, 1888, and met from house to house until the Lord blessed them to find a place in which to hold their worship at the

St. Paul Baptist Church. In April of 1989, the Outreach SDA team was organized into a company by the conference president, Dr. C. E. Dudley. It became the 129th church organization of the conference. Plans are presently being laid to construct a building for this new group.

## THE REVIEW AND HERALD SEEKS BLACK EMPLOYEES

The Review and Herald Publishing Association is gathering names of persons in Black conferences with particular skills who may be interested in employment at the publishing house. If you know of such persons in your congregation, contact the personnel department at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md.

## OBITUARIES

**Eva Brandon Bryant.** On August 6, 1898, in the red-clay hills of Brandontown, Ala., a special child was born to William and Mary Scruggs Brandon. Eva was the second child born to this union. Laurine was the first child, and Bernice and Burgess followed Eva.

Two Bible students from Oakwood Training School (later named Oakwood College) came to Brandontown and gave Bible studies. William, Mary and a cousin, Bela Brandon, joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her parents sold their cotton gin business and moved to Louisiana. William became a literature evangelist, and Mary, a graduate of Walden University in Nashville, Tenn., taught school and sewing in Monroe, La.

Her mother died when Eva was eight years old, leaving the young children to be raised by their father. They lived together at Oakwood for a year and one-half, and then were scattered to live with friends and family. Eva did not see her older sister, Laurine, for 22 years. Eva was raised in the loving home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bentley in Nashville, Tenn. Her two sisters and her brother preceded her in death.

On June 27, 1918, Eva married Thomas Warry Bryant of Nashville, Tenn., and they moved to Indianapolis, Ind. Five children were born to this union: Thomas Jr., Mary Bernice, James Edward, Brandon Latrelle and Ramona Jean. In 1924, she found the Seventh-day Adventist church she had been looking for. She had often said, "My mother's

dying request was that God would save her children." She worked faithfully in her church until her health would no longer allow her to be active. Eva served as a faithful church treasurer for 24 years and as a choir member and deaconess.

On April 28, 1963, her husband of 45 years passed away.

After the death of her husband, Eva learned to drive and became even busier — "for the Lord," she would say. She and her two companions, Candice Brown and Lillian Gowens, could be seen all over Indianapolis, visiting the sick and those who were shut in, working in the Community Service Center, and running errands for others, "just doing the Lord's work." After her first serious spell of illness in February 1987, though she could no longer verbally communicate, she would still witness the love of Christ with her beautiful smile.

Eva Brandon Bryant departed this earthly life at St. Vincent Hospital on July 1, 1989, at 6 p.m. She leaves to mourn, five children, three daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, numerous friends, neighbors and church members she so dearly loved.

We regret to speak of the passing of the following persons: **Ricardo T. Hudson**, son of Mrs. Dorothy Smith, the associate dean of women at Oakwood; **Donald Hayes** of Memphis, Tenn.; **Sister A. Hassell**, one of our veteran literature evangelists of Montgomery, Ala.; **Elder J. Beale, Sr.**, former instructor of religion at Oakwood College; the **baby son** of Pastor and Mrs. Marcus Taylor of Memphis, Tenn.; **Miss Oniela Taylor**, the former librarian who established the library at Oakwood College; **Mrs. C. Musson**, the mother of the Musson children who attended Oakwood a few years back; **Dr. Nathaniel Banks**, former professor of chemistry at Oakwood College and the brother of G. N. Banks; and retired missionary to Liberia, **Leonard Williams**.

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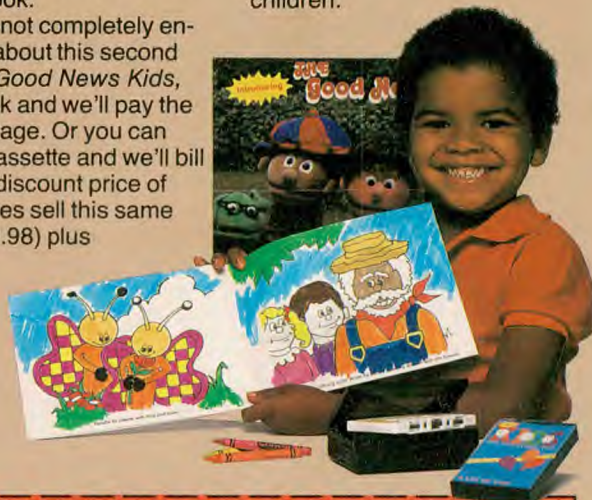
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