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*"What sense did it make after all?"*

## NEWLY BAPTIZED BELIEVER FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, GIVES HER VIEWS OF THE GC SESSION—1990

As a new Adventist of one week (baptized June 23, 1990), I left Atlanta, Georgia, on a Greyhound Bus for Indianapolis to attend the 55th Session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. My decision to be baptized and the baptism a week before were very exciting, emotional, and fulfilling for me. I thank God for the direction of His indwelling Spirit.

And now on to Indianapolis for "GC." But what sense could come from the gathering of 40-50,000 people from different countries, speaking different languages with varying backgrounds? I left Atlanta not certain of the answer, yet excited about being a part of this international convocation.

I returned to Atlanta knowing in my heart that General Conference and more specifically, the Seventh-day Adventist Church makes a lot of sense.

There's much to learn and a great task ahead. I'm glad to know a little more about God's purpose for my life.

Following are my reflections on the "SENSE" of GC as experienced at the 55th Session of the General Conference.

1. Sense of belonging—One meets no strangers at GC. Seldom did I feel alone unless Satan sneaked in through a crack in the door to my heart. The Enemy faced difficult times at GC.

2. Sense of FAMILY—GC is probably the largest Family Reunion ever held. It was like meeting long-lost relatives for the first time (however, I'm the one that had been lost). It was exhilarating to know that people were genuinely concerned and happy about my soul's salvation.

3. Sense of MISSION—Every seminar, sermon, exhibit, conversation, and business session communicated the task at hand: the story to be told, the souls to be saved, and the responsibility is ours. Thanks to our new President for the challenge to keep separate the Mission from the Machine.

4. Sense of DOCTRINE—The ability to articulate my beliefs, to hear them repeated, to know how to biblically substan-

tiate them, and to share them with six million others is AWESOME.

5. Sense of RIGHTNESS—No need to question, it's all in the Book. That spells relief!

6. Sense of GRATITUDE—Thank you Lord for allowing me to be clothed in Your righteousness, for Your saving grace, Your mercy, Your Church, Your love, Your peace, Your answers to prayer. Just thank you!

7. Sense of ORDER—Imagine being in the midst of 40-50 thousand people and having a general level of comfort that everything is being handled decently and in order.

8. Sense of LOVE—Just because I'm God's child. Not pretentious, insincere statements of love. Imagine folks you've just met calling to offer their services, to ensure you're not lonely, just to express their happiness over your decision. There was unconditional love all over the place—just the way Christ would have it.

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9. Sense of JOY—People kept comparing GC to the new Heaven and Earth when Christ returns for His own. Not a bad dress rehearsal. O HAPPY DAY!

10. Sense of WORSHIP—God's authority, worthiness, mercy, and His Supreme Gift were always acknowledged. The theme of GC—"We Shall Behold Him"—was reflected in a people who beheld God in everything done.

11. Sense of UNIVERSALITY—As we were called to a Global Mission Strategy during this session, the parade of representatives from every corner of God's earth allowed a glimpse of the enormity of the task at hand and how God will use His people to finish the work throughout the universe.

12. Sense of "GOD WANTS ME HERE"—The searching is over; I'm a part of God's remnant church. He has wanted this for me a long time. Thank you, God, for your direction, your patience, your angels.

NOW ON TO THE WORK!

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E. E. Cleveland

## "BRIDGES & WINDOWS"

Elder Robert Folkenberg was elected president of the General Conference at the General Conference sessions just concluded in Indianapolis, Indiana. He talked about "Building Bridges" between the heterogeneous racial groups comprising the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are deeply interested in those "bridges."

In all honesty, it must be stated that many bridges are already in place and need only to be used. Furthermore, many existing bridges are in constant use. Some bridges are just standing there, rotting for lack of use, namely—the Human Relations Committee of the Church at all levels. In fact, this committee has been ignored for the last 14 years. When did it meet last? And what did it discuss? And what about the "16 points?" For the sake of our laymen, the "16 points" were 16 promises made by White administrators to Black leaders for the Advancement of Blacks in the system—some fulfilled, some forgotten. And what have we had for 14 years? Stagnation! And for the want of a better word—retrogression. The President of the General Conference might well explore the feasibility of using some of the old bridges before building new ones.

For instance, there is a bridge, a natural bridge, that has been standing there since the early nineteenth hundreds called unions. It is an old bridge traveled by every race of man on the face of the earth except the American Black Man. Why? White leadership feels no qualms about organizing the Russians, French, English, and African Blacks and Whites. They've organized the South Americans, Asians, Middle America and the island nations. Only the North American Black man is

denied union status. Why? He qualifies financially, organizationally and otherwise. Why this blatant discrimination? You know, of course, that the Black President of a virtually White Union will soon move leaving the entire decision-making apparatus "lily white." Remove the road blocks from the "Union Bridge" and Blacks will move happily over. Mr. President, if you build no new bridges, the use of the old ones would be sufficient.

The 14-year "stalemate" is affecting us at the street level. There is no Union President to "broker" the movement of workers between conferences. Nor is there any possibility of upward mobility for presidents of Regional Conferences. This turns our constituencies into battlegrounds. The North American Division did not even send a representative to the last constituency meeting of the South Central Conference. The question, "Who Cares," looms large down here where "the rubber meets the road."

At this stage of the church's life, Mr. President, your choices of "Bridges" have been narrowed considerably.

**Assimilation**—Unacceptable to 98% of Blacks and Whites.

**Integration**—Will affect only small percentages of Blacks and Whites.

**Organization**—Having integrated what you can, organize what you can!

The bridge is there, Brother Folkenberg—use it! It may take you a little time to understand it, but it is the only natural bridge still standing.

It seems that nationals as Union Presidents world-wide constitute no barrier to "unity" or being "one." But when North American Blacks seek normalization of their affairs, cries of horror fill the air. Charges of "disloyalty," "unsanctified ambition," and "trouble-maker" are raised. These cries come from Whites who have much to gain from a paternalistic system, and Blacks who just don't care, or understand how multiracial government works.

Let me be helpful. An action was taken at the recent General Conference session to "peg" the number of delegates at present levels. This action had one objective, namely, to preserve the White voting delegate majority at all future business sessions of the Church. The Chairman declared that the proposition could not be amended. One White speaker heatedly declared that "anyone who sought to amend it is guilty of arrogance." That was too much to take, so I arose and asked the Chairman to admonish the White brother for his verbal intemperance.

The Chairman proceeded to railroad the action through as if I had not spoken. You see, we were aware that our White brethren had done a study that indicates that in a few short years, "Third World peoples" and Blacks would dominate the business sessions of the Church. So, at the Indianapolis session, the brethren "moved the goal-post." It seems to me that while the new president talks about "building bridges," the "arson squad" is busy burning them. And we heard the message of that vote loud and clear. What you said was, "if you don't like it, leave. Well, we don't like it, but we won't leave because this is not your church. It is *THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD*, hence we will stay and press until the last barrier to union recognition is removed! Placing a Black man on top of a white power structure—without the coercive power of the United States Army—is "Window-dressing." Give us unions and we will "Wash the Windows."

—E. E. Cleveland



Carlotta E. Higgins-Lewis

## LET LOVE REIGN

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7

"The full and final display of God's love will be manifested first of all within the church. It will permeate throughout the entire neighborhood. Then this love will be seen in a full and final blaze of glory throughout the world."—Review and Herald, May 19.

## LOVE AN AMAZING PRINCIPLE

The theme of love is a vein that travels through the entire Bible. John, the apostle, defined love simply when he said, "God is Love" (1 John 4:8)

If we desire a clear perception of what love is, we must direct our eyes to God. His character is love. Love is the very foundation of God's every action. "When self is merged in Christ, love springs forth spontaneously."—Christ Object Lessons, p. 384.

Emotional feelings has many times been confused with Bible love. Some seemingly think to love an individual they should feel toward him as they would feel toward their spouse or members of their family. Bible love is a principle that can be commanded, controlled, and directed toward friends and enemies alike. It is a principle.

We also get an interesting definition of love when we observe the law of God. The law must not be proclaimed negatively and legalistically as a mere system of do's and don'ts, but positively as an expression of God's character, and God is love. Therefore, to love is to fulfill the law, and to fulfill the law is to love. Summed up, the law says, "Be like God."

During every hour of Christ's sojourn upon earth, the love of God was flowing from Him in irrepressible streams. All who are imbued with His Spirit will love as He loved. The very principle that actuated Christ will actuate them in all their dealings one with another.

It is not possible for the heart in which Christ abides to be destitute of love. If we love God because He first loved us, we shall love all for whom Christ died, for in Him who sits upon the throne of the universe, divinity and humanity are combined. Being connected with Christ, we are connected with our fellow men by the golden links of the chain of love.

## LOVE MADE PERFECT

A God of love made a perfect world and peopled it with perfect beings. "As man came forth from the hand of the Creator, he was of lofty stature and perfect symmetry. His countenance bore the ruddy tint of health and glowed with the light of life and joy."—Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 45.

God filled this perfect world with living creatures. Everything in nature, animate and inanimate, was perfect. The living creatures were brought to Adam, and he named each of them. All had been created male and female, "but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him." (Genesis. 2:20, R.S.V.)

In His great love and wisdom, God chose to involve Adam in the creation of a perfect companion for him. A deep sleep

fell upon Adam and God created Eve from a rib taken from his side.

God planned that Adam and Eve live together in perfect harmony and joy. God told our first parents that their continued happiness was dependant on continued loyalty to the principles of righteousness.

#### LOVE ENRICHES

A life of self-denial and loving sacrifice does not come naturally. It must be nurtured. The carnal heart fights for the ascendancy. Every tendency toward the assertion of self must be suppressed, every effort toward self-preservation must be resisted. Satan does not willingly give up the control of a life to the reign of God's love. "Love cannot live without action, and every act increases, strengthens and extends it...Love works not for profit nor reward: yet God has ordained that great gain shall be the certain result of every labor of love." Testimonies, Vol. 2, p. 135.

Those who faithfully minister to the needs of their neighbor, who take every opportunity of demonstrating the love of God in selfless and humble service, will continue to receive bountifully of heaven's blessings. Their lives will be enriched and their spiritual faculties revitalized.

One word the Greeks have for love is "Philio." This is an affectionate, sentimental type of love. It is also based on feelings and emotions but it is more of an intellectual type of love. We can compare it to a mother's love. An example of this love is found in Matthew 10:37, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." The Philio type of love makes us willing to do everything for our friends or families whether it be right or wrong. It is also an intellectual love—two or more things in common, something that binds them together.

The highest and truest form of love is called "Agape." You will never know what true love is until you have experienced this Agape love. It is a love that loves the unlovely. Agape love is a principle of thought that causes action. It modifies the character; it governs the impulses; it controls the passions, and it ennobles the affections. When we let Jesus Christ take over our lives, we will have Agape love for everyone and we will have the power to become sons and daughters of God.

#### LOVE RELATES WITH OTHERS

Love for God will cause us to have love for others. Love is a thankful overflow of

the heart in response to God's goodness. This love recognizes the light above the shadows. It sings at midnight and under difficulty circumstances. (See Acts 16:25).

This world is dying for a tiny bit of love—true christian love. While there is hatred, prejudice and inhumanity on every side, God's people will reach beyond these barriers and help plant the seed of God's love in the hearts of men and women everywhere. It is by this they know that we are christians and God is a God of love.

There is a vastness, an infinitely greater vastness, to the love of Christ. "In the contemplation of Christ, we linger on the shore of a love that is measureless. We endeavor to tell others of this love and language fails us. We consider His life on earth, His sacrifice for us, His work in heaven as our Advocate, and the mansions He is preparing for those who love him, and we can only exclaim, Oh, the height and depth of the love of Christ!"—Acts of the Apostles, pp. 333, 334.

#### LOVE ENDURES

The greatest example of enduring love is the love exhibited by Jesus Christ. One reason Jesus came was to show us that God is love and that suffering, sickness, misery, and death are the results of satan's work.

However, Jesus came to prove once and for all that love endures, and even though man had strayed from God until God's image in man has had been nearly defaced, His love for men has never ceased.

Discouragement is the anesthetic the devil injects into your veins just before he takes your heart out.

The devil is a defeated foe. Jesus met him in the Garden of Gethsemane, defeated him there, and went on to the cross and died triumphantly. Jesus' cry, "It is finished" was really a cry of victory. (Desire of Ages, p. 758). If you put your trust in Jesus, you will be a conqueror. Never doubt it; never give up.

Love must give priority to personal preparation for our Lord return. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to wake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." (Rom. 13:11,12).

"The great motive powers of the soul," we are reminded, "are faith, hope and love." Education, p. 192.

Let love for Christ be awakened; let faith in Him be encouraged; let the conscience be educated, and there is no habit that cannot be changed. Let us uplift Christ and Let Love Reign.

#### IN TRANSITION



*Elder Harold W. Baptiste was recently appointed Executive Secretary of the North American Division during the General Conference Session held in Indianapolis, IN.*



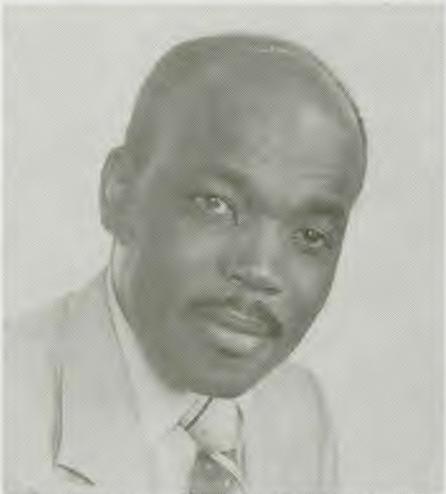
*Elder Richard Barron, formerly president of Southwest Region Conference, has accepted a call to the Church Ministries (Youth Ministries Department) of the General Conference.*



*Stewardship Director for the Northeastern Conference, Elder Robert L. Lister, was elected president of the Southwest Region Conference during a recent conference committee meeting.*



Lake Region Secretary, Elder R. C. Brown, Sr. has been appointed president of that conference.



Elder Trevor Baker, former director of Youth Ministries for Northeastern Conference, has been elected to the office of Executive Secretary.

## EMMANUEL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS JOIN HANDS

Pastor Melvin Hayden and many of the members of the Emmanuel S.D.A. church in Brinklow, MD. were among a host of local community leaders and government officials participating in the re-opening ceremony of the Ross Boddy Community Center in Sandy Springs, MD. Elder Hayden, Emmanuel's Community Services Department, Prepare Our Youth, Inc., and several lay members have dedicated their time, talents, and resources to assist the newly renovated multi-purpose center as an outreach project.

During his message to the attendees, Pastor Hayden took off his pastoral robe and rolled up his sleeves as a gesture of his commitment to the people in the community, saying, "The church must work among men as we work for the Savior."

He stated that the problems of the inner cities are now the problems of the suburbs also and the community and its leaders have a responsibility to fulfill. Pastor Hayden received a rousing outburst of applause from the hundreds in attendance when he said, "The homeless, the naked, the sick, and the hungry are here, and the Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church will help its friends and neighbors, because if we don't get involved with helping our fellowmen in a practical way, our religiosity won't amount to a hill of beans."

Among the VIP's present during the re-opening ceremony were Montgomery County Executive, Sidney Kramer; Sandy Spring, Civic Association President; Carolyn Snowden, U.S. Department of HUD area Manager; I. Toni Thomas; Mr. Ross J. Boddy who is the director of the center, named in honor of him for his many years



CHRISTA MATTHEWS

## ALLEGHENY EAST

### CHRISTA MATTHEWS' ART SHOW

Christa Matthews, in an art show at Sherwood High School, won first place in an abstract drawing/nature scene which was duplicated along with others for the 1990-1991 school calendar.

Benita Matthews had honorable mention for her art project for Earth Day.

The art projects at right were done in honor of Earth Day during the 1989-1990 school year.

# The Editor's Desk

## ADRA SIGNS CONTRACT TO BUILD HOUSES IN IRAN

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) signed a contract on October 7 with the Iranian government to build 150 homes for victims of the June earthquake. This is according to Harold Seidl, ADRA's director for disaster response and rehabilitation.

Three representatives from ADRA met with Iranian government officials in Tehran and signed the agreement after a week of negotiation. ADRA is the first and only non-government organization to sign an agreement like this with Iran, Seidl said.

In addition to the homes, ADRA will build two health clinics. The homes and clinics will be built in Guilan and Zanjan, two northern provinces nearly destroyed by the quake. Each home will cost approximately \$3,000-5,000 to build. The clinics will cost \$15,000 each. Also, as part of the agreement, ADRA has established a country office and has hired a local representative to be the director of ADRA's work in the country.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is not officially recognized in Iran, but the government does allow Christian churches to be open. While in Iran, the ADRA delegation

attended a small Adventist Church in Tehran. Seidl preached during the Sabbath service. It was the first time in four years that the church had had anyone from outside their country minister to them.

Seidl briefed the members on the work of ADRA and also told them about the work of the Adventist Church around the world. During the service, they had a question and answer period. "The members were very interested in the state of the Church," Seidl said. "They kept asking me how the Church was growing and how the spirit of the members was. They were eager to know that they were part of a global family."

The powerful earthquake that shook the northern provinces of Iran in June was the worst disaster in that country's history. It killed an estimated 40,000 people and left at least half a million people homeless.

ADRA reacted quickly to the disaster and sent nearly \$450,000 worth of food, tents, blankets, medicines and medical supplies to the earthquake victims. The building project will begin in December and continue through next year.

of selfless service to the Sandy Spring Community.

The Emmanuel Church will run a tutorial program, have Family Life meeting, address health issues and offer a host of other programs at the center.

—Harry L. Jeffery

### FORMER PASTOR COMES "HOME"

The First S.D.A. Church of Franklin, VA. recently celebrated the third anniversary of their edifice.

The Friday night started out with a bang as Pastor Gerald Wells, Pastor of the Calvary S.D.A. Church of Newport News, VA. took all on a trip to observe the upcoming Battle of Armageddon.

An inspiring Sabbath School service was put on by the members of the Franklin Church. The church's first pastor, Pastor Gene Donaldson, of Trenton, N.J. brought the morning's message. He was very pleased to see how far the church has progressed under the leadership of Pastor Maurice Taylor. Pastor Donaldson and his wife, Barbara, expressed their joy of being given the opportunity to come "home" and feeling very much at home.

An explosion of talent filled the afternoon air as gospel groups, choirs and solos from the Newport News, Norfolk,

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
Boston, Mass.	4:13	4:12	4:12	4:15
New York City	4:25	4:23	4:24	4:27
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:42	4:40	4:41	4:43
Atlanta, GA.	5:29	5:29	5:31	5:33
Miami, Fla.	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:35
Charlotte, N.C.	5:12	5:11	5:13	5:15
Birmingham, Ala.	4:39	4:39	4:40	4:43
Jackson, Miss.	4:56	4:56	4:57	5:00
Memphis, Tenn.	4:48	4:48	4:49	4:52
Louisville, Ky.	5:24	5:23	5:24	5:26
Detroit, Mich.	5:03	5:01	5:02	5:04
Chicago, Ill.	4:21	4:20	4:21	4:23
South Bend, In.	5:16	5:15	5:15	5:18
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:34	4:32	4:32	4:34
St. Louis, Mo.	4:40	4:39	4:40	4:43
Kansas City, Mo.	4:56	4:56	4:56	4:59
Denver, Co.	4:36	4:35	4:36	4:39
Little Rock, Ark.	4:58	4:58	4:59	5:02
Dallas, Texas	5:21	5:21	5:22	5:25
New Orleans, La.	5:00	5:00	5:02	5:05
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:55	4:55	4:56	4:58
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:18	5:18	5:19	5:21

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

Suffolk, Murfreesboro, N.C., and Franklin churches rendered their praised to God.

The day proved to be a blessing for an over-crowded sanctuary of visitors from near and far (as far away as the Eastern Shores, MD.) At the end of the day, all could say, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

—Luella Lake Taylor  
Communication Secretary

## WEST PHILADELPHIA SDA CHURCH RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM CITY COUNCIL

Pastor S. G. Campbell and Mrs. Madge Campbell accepted the "1990 Proclamation for Community Services" from the City Council of Philadelphia on behalf of the West Philadelphia SDA Church.

The City Council was extremely impressed with the church's leadership and participation in feeding and clothing the hungry. Council also applauded the members for their example of healthful living.

## LADIES DAY AT WALNUT STREET

Ladies' Day at the Walnut Street Church of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, featured Dr. Joyce Wood, a Christian psychologist and family counselor from Washington, DC as the guest speaker. Theme for the day was "Women in the 90's, Finishing the Work at Home, in the Church, and in the Community."

Dr. Wood graphically portrayed an incident in the life of Jehoshaphat in her sermon entitled "My Eyes are on You."

A fellowship dinner and an evening concert by Washington, DC recording artiste, Debbie Hayden concluded the day.



Dr. Woods dramatically illustrates her sermon as June Stubbs (left) and Esther Willis listen attentively.



Pastor Paul Anderson holds plaque which is to be placed in church kitchen as he and his wife, Debra pray a dedicatory prayer.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Debra Anderson, the ladies of the church raised sufficient funds to be able to purchase much-needed appliances for the church kitchen.

Paul Anderson is the pastor of this congregation.

## CENTRAL STATES

## A DAY TO REMEMBER

After worshipping for twenty years at 716 Nebraska, the members and friends of Bethel in Kansas City, Kansas, moved to a large, spacious church at 1719 Tauromee. It was a beautiful sight as the cars decorated with multi-colored ribbons left the church. As the members arrived at the new location, shouts of joy were heard by many who were anxious and had arrived early. Beautiful red ribbons were used to decorate the stairs and doors.

As the members and friends lined up on the steps, those who had contributed \$1,000 or more were invited to join Elder J. Paul Monk, the president of Central States Conference, and Elder Gil F. Webb, the pastor of Bethel for a short ceremony. Several songs were sung and prayers of thanksgiving were given. Elder Monk and Elder and Mrs. Webb were in charge of the ribbon cutting.

An overflow crowd entered the sanctuary as Ruby Robinson played soft music on the organ. Many lovely features were added to enhance the beauty of the church. One of the special features was a brilliant chandelier, which was given by Shirley Platt and Martha Ewing.

Elder Monk delivered the sermon and the Bethel choir sang as though they were "angels from heaven." All left the sanctuary and went to the spacious lower level where Ms. Theresa Reid and her committee had a lovely and delicious meal prepared. Many were so thrilled with the dinner and church services of the day, that they just sat and rejoiced and thanked the Lord for all of His blessings.

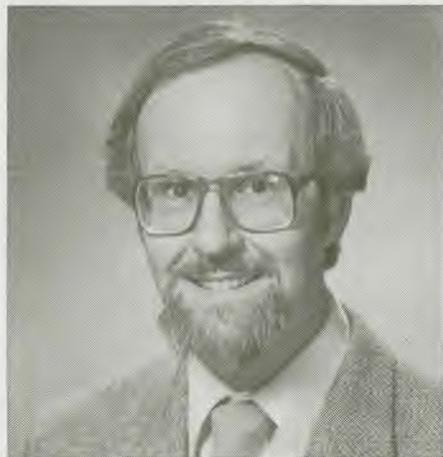
## PHILIP CLARK GIVES RECITAL

A piano recital was presented at the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church in Leavenworth, Kansas, recently by Philip Clark, one of the members. He has music degrees from Doone College, Crete, Nebraska and DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. Philip is a pianist and composes contemporary music, both sacred and secular.

The recital included sonatas by Mozart and Beethoven; two nocturnes by Chopin, and the Novelet No. 2 by Schumann.

A free-will offering was accepted for the Home and School Fund, to be used to help young Shiloh students attend Adventist Schools.

—Roberta Williams  
Communication Secretary



Philip Clark returns to Carnegie Arts Center

## ST. JOSEPH'S EMMANUEL SENIOR SINGLE CITIZENS' HONORED

During the Sabbath School hour, August 28, eight senior, single members were honored in a special service:

Lora Franklin, treasurer

Christine Cooper, kindergarten teacher

Julia Williams, organist/primary division leader

Alicia Smith  
 Roberta Jolly  
 Virginia Bell, choir president  
 Juel Montgomery  
 Walter Jolly, acting deacon

Each was asked to give a speech and each stated how much they appreciated being honored. When finished, a beautiful fresh cut rose was awarded to each one.

Mrs. Matilda Muir is Sabbath School superintendent and Pastor Hilliard Pettway, shepherd.

—Julia Williams  
 Communication Secretary

## NORTHEASTERN

### CALVARY BIDS FAREWELL TO A FAVORITE SON

On October 1, William Golson, Jr. began his new post of duty as the Director of Publishing for the Southeastern Conference in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

The story of Elder Golson's dynamic vision of literature evangelism began to unfold in 1970 when he came to Connecticut from his home in Jacksonville, Florida. In 1982, he served the New England district as a full-time literature evangelist. By 1984, William Golson had become the Associate Director of Publishing for Northeastern Conference, a position he held until his recent appointment.

Besides being a faithful local elder, William Golson was truly a "minute man" at Calvary, ready in a minute's notice to render the children's story, teach a Sabbath School class, lead out in song service or sit in on a panel during Adventist Youth Service.

The Calvary Church family is certain that this story can only be better. For though they will miss Elder Golson and his family, they are sure that the commitment and dedication he brought to literature evangelism will be powerful instruments in God's hands.

### LEBANON'S STREET MINISTRY

During the summer of 1990, the Lebanon Church of Laurelton, N.Y. was engaged in a successful street ministry. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and Personal Ministries Leader, Elder Eugene

Williams, the members participated in a variety of special services. Elders John Wiggs, Edward Johnson, Eugene Williams, along with Deacon Oliver Harewood, preached dynamically for eight Sabbaths.

Marie Mack, Rita Parker, and Joseph Craigwell, rendered special music, ac-

companied on the piano by Donald Logan. Other team members included, Iris Harewood, Emily Trotman, Horace and Margaret Turnbull, Horace and Yvonne DeLeon, Elder Victor Hutchinson, Samuel Thomas, Elder Robert Pressley, Gladys Anderson, Sylvia Modeste, Marcia McCloud, and Michael Davis, who also



Ms. Marie Mack presents music, accompanied by Donald Logan.



Marsha McCloud and Marie Mack distribute tracts.



Lebanon Street Ministry Quintet (l to r), Brothers Harewood, Craigwell, Logan, Johnson, and Pressley.



*Elder John Wiggs preaches the Savior's love.*

played the piano. Even children were involved in the ministry. Little Travis Williams and his sister, Tamara, as well as Juliane Atiene were involved in tract distribution. Myrna Williams was most instrumental in orchestrating and coordinating the work. She also helped coordinate the dispersing of the tracts.

During the course of the ministry, the team witnessed to former Adventists, alcoholics, and people with other special problems. Special prayer was offered for all and about 1,000 of the book, *Bible Answers* were distributed.

Pastor Oswald S. Euell thanks these special co-workers of Christ for a job well done. He, along with the entire church family, will be participating in a follow-up program.

## OAKWOOD ALUMNI MEET IN ROCHESTER

As the sound of the Oakwood Alma Mater rang throughout the Jefferson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rochester, New York, it was apparent many had attended the hallowed halls of learning on the red soil of Huntsville, Alabama. The new Western New York Chapter under the leadership of Francine Camacho boasted 42 members, from Pastor Edwin Thoms (1965) to Mrs. Margaret Earle (1927).

The theme for Sabbath School was "Precious Memories" and nostalgically former Oakwood students recounted memories of times past.

Elder Lee Pascal, president of the Oakwood College National Alumni Association gave an encouraging message from Isaiah 40:28. The challenge to soar with the eagles was from a historical perspective. Since Rochester is rich in spiritual, as



*(l to r) Pastor Edwin Thomas; Antoinette Garrett, regional vice president for the Alumni Association; Edna Lett Williamson, recording secretary for the Alumni Association; and John Bizell.*



*Elder and Mrs. Lee Paschal, president of the Oakwood College Alumni Association, and Mr. Fred Pullins, director of Alumni Affairs at Oakwood College share a light moment in Rochester.*



*Relaxing at the basketball game (front, l to r): Edna Lett Williamson, Francine Camacho, Rosa Wims, Phadia Grimsley, Antoinette Garrett, Pastor Edwin Thomas, Irving Gill, Elder Lee Paschal.*



*Cheerleaders, Phadia Grimsley, area Bible worker; and Rosa Wims, director of the Faith, Health Awareness Center in Rochester, New York, kept the onlookers' spirits high.*



Francine Camacho (r), president of the Western New York Chapter of the Alumni Association

well as secular history, the congregation was reminded of the heritage of doing great things. This newly-formed chapter proved its readiness to meet the "eagle" challenge by its membership and the participation in the weekend really.

Friday evening, Fred Pullins, director of Alumni Affairs, charged the congregation with "Jesus Didn't Buy us For What We Are, But For What We Can Be."

Saturday evening was capped with a basketball game between the young alumni and the not-so-young alumni. Phadia Grimsley, Bible worker for the area, and Rosa Wims, director of the Faith Health Awareness Center, pom-pomed as cheerleaders. The game ended in a perfect tie.

Also in attendance were Edna Lett-Williamson, recording secretary for the National Association and Antoinette Garrett, regional Vice-president of the National Association.

## COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT MT. ZION

Mt. Zion S.D.A. Church in Hamden, CT recently celebrated its annual Community Guest Day. Sabbath School began with song service by Stanley Wallace. Heike David served as Sabbath School superintendent. Special music was provided by the Harmonettes.

Dr. Paul Monk, president of Central States Conference was the guest speaker. His message was entitled "Bigotry and the Christian." Mr. Leacroft Green and the Mt. Zion Mass Choir provided music. The afternoon program consisted of musical selections and a talk by Dr. Monk.

Lola Nathan, Interest Coordinator, stressed the importance of Mt. Zion recognizing individuals who are making a difference in leadership, growth and development in the community. As such, the following individuals were honored: Mr. Otha Buffaloe, Patricia Floyd, Ph.D., Dr. Edith Jaquiere and Ms. Joy Mercer.

Mr. Otha Buffaloe, a former police officer, received a total of thirty-eight commendations for outstanding police service in New Haven. Mr. Buffaloe is presently employed as Chief of Security for the Housing Authority of the City of New Haven. He commented after receiving the award that all have to work together for the good of the community.

Dr. Patricia Floyd received her doctorate in Biology. She presently works at Yale University School of Medicine Laboratory of Pathology, Brady Memorial Laboratory in New Haven. She expressed thanks to the church and its members as she received her award.

Dr. Edith Jaquiere is presently the Dean of Academic Affairs at South Central Community College in New Haven. She thanked the members for the award and stated that it will grace her wall and heart.

Mr. Joy Mercer, one of five Black reporters at the *New Haven Register*, is helping to organize a Minority Job Fair for college students and other interested persons.

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*A puppy plays with every pup he meets, but an old dog has few associates.*

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## JAMAICA DEDICATES NEW ORGAN

A newly-purchased Allen organ was dedicated to the Lord's service at a special service of the Jamaica S.D.A. Church family, Jamaica, NY, on Saturday evening, August 25, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. The service was presided over by the church's pastor, David Glover and Pastor Arthur Morgan; Sabbath School Secretary, Robert Lister, and Stewardship Secretary of the Northeastern Conference of S.D.A.'s respectively. Three of the church's choirs, the Temple Choir, Gospel Choir and Serenity, participated in the service, accompanied by church organist, Henry J. Brooks.

Following the dedicatory portion of the service, which included vibrant congregational singing, a pastoral/congregational reading and a prayer of dedication, three representatives of the manufacturer, Allen Organ Company, presented a sacred concert for the purpose of acquainting the church members with some of the organ's vast capabilities. The three guest artists were: Claire Arnold, who studied in Europe as well as the United States, and holds a master's degree in organ performance at Queen's College, Flushing, NY; John Stump, who received a Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School of Music in New York City; and Robert L. Wyatt, who completed his graduate study in organ performance at Northeastern University. Mr. Wyatt has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada, has conducted professional choirs, composed music and has been regularly featured on radio and television broadcasts.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT SPRINGFIELD GARDENS S.D.A.

When Winsome James was asked to direct the Vacation Bible School for Springfield Gardens Church in Springfield Gardens, L.I. she prayed for two things—(1) "Lord let there be a lot of children;" and (2) "Lord, please find some willing helpers."

Her prayers were answered on both requests, as over 100 children and 25 instructors showed up! The VBS was the largest and most successful one that the church has had over fifteen years.

Mrs. James stated that there wasn't a problem getting the children from the community. In today's world with children



*Little Jason receives his diploma.*

being killed playing in back yards and on the sidewalks, parents are glad to have some place to send them. It was also obvious that the children themselves wanted to come. Over 75% of them graduated with perfect attendance. Their eagerness to come was also noted in their participation in the various activities.

The graduation program was given by the Sabbath School Superintendent, Ambrose Hunt. The topic of the graduation speech, "Labor for Learning," was given by the first elder, Leon Romeo. He charged the children to learn all they can, and in doing so to remember right and wrong.

Pastor Eldeen King congratulated the staff for a job well done, and encouraged the parents to continue to support their children in Christian endeavors.

The youngest graduate was a six-months old, and the others ranged upwards from this age to the teen years.

### COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT EBENEZER

The Ebenezer SDA Church of Freeport, N.Y. held their annual Community Guest Day on September 22. The day commenced with Sabbath School led by Gloriadine Bramble. Highlights of her program were special music by Karen Cannonier and a recitation of a poem by



*One of the early teens receives her diploma.*



*Honoree Muriel Lanaux, left.*



*Honoree Garmel Sinclair, right.*



*Youngest VBS graduate held by Ms. Morgan, receives his diploma from Winsome James.*



*Assemblywoman Earline Hill.*



*Mayor Dorothy Storm.*

Many guests were present during the divine worship hour. Among them were the distinguished Mayor Dorothy Storm of Freeport, and Assemblywoman Earline Hill. Both were honored with awards given as tokens of appreciation for service and devotion to the community. Mrs. Sadie Warner from Assemblywoman Hill's office was also present.

Among church members recognized were Garmel Sinclair and Muriel Lanaux for their untiring devotion to the church and community.

The congregation was graced with the beautiful music of Charmaine Yates and Marlon and Heather James. Pastor Willard brought the day's message. He spoke on the judgment. The Linden Ensemble for Christ of Queens, N.Y. performed during the afternoon program.

Officiating at the day's program were Sylvia Langley, Sabbath School superintendent, assisted by Gloriadine Bramble, Wayne Wellington, John Patterson, Udia Vitakawalu, and Judith Brown.

## PASTOR KYRAN JOHN INTERNS AT LINDEN

Continuing his internship ministry, Pastor Kyran John was introduced to the Linden congregation of Laurelton, N.Y. by senior pastor, Elder Roy Ashmeade.

Pastor John, born in Grenada, West Indies, attended Oakwood College and graduated with Bachelors of Arts in Theology and Communications.

While at Oakwood, he spent two years as a student missionary in the Marshall Islands of the South Pacific where he spoke the language fluently.

Upon his return to Oakwood, he was active in student government and served as one of the radio station's announcers.

Presently, John has served at the Exodus Mission in New Haven, CT, and the East New York Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

## BRONX CHURCH CONDUCTS SEMINARS

The Bronx SDA Church of New York City began their outreach program for the year at Public School 85X, which consisted of home, health, and educational lectures and culminated with a Revelation Seminar.

The educational lectures, conducted by Pastor J. Milton Thomas, included discussions on the education children were receiving in public schools. The health



*Kyran John, associate pastor.*



*Bronx Church Revelation Seminar graduates.*



*Newly baptized Revelation Seminar graduates along with lay Bible worker, left.*

program began with a fair coordinated by Joyce Williams, the Health and Temperance Leader for the Church. She and her staff of nurses interviewed 45 clients in the four hours which were allotted.

Dr. Gloria McNeil-Spencer spearheaded the organization of the nightly health and family lectures which covered mental health, alcoholism, diet, hypertension, gastrointestinal problems, etc. She was assisted by the following medical persons: Dr. Jephtha Nwakanma, Dr. V. White, Mr. John Reid, Mrs. Myrtle Pickett, and Mrs. Joyce Williams.

Family Life Seminars were conducted by Dr. Rupert Young, Mr. Hopeton Thomas, and Mr. Jonathan Straughn. These men who are trained experts in family relationships and psychology, made participants aware of the need to develop relationships in married and single life. Bronx Church was also fortunate to have Mrs. Anita Reid who stressed the need for parents to listen to their children.

The Revelation Seminar was conducted by Pastor J. Milton Thomas with the assistance of Elder Lester Castillo of the Mount Vernon New York Church and other lay personnel. The culmination of this seminar was the graduation of twenty students ranging from age 13 years and up. After the moving message by Pastor Thomas, the graduates along with family and friends were served a fellowship lunch.

Four of the graduates became baptized members of the Bronx Church. There are several others awaiting baptism.

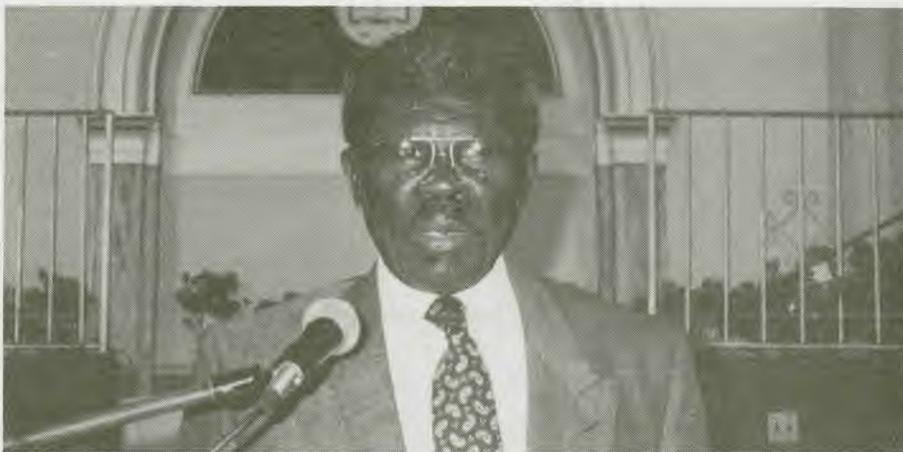
*Deta Lightbourn  
Communication Secretary*

## LINDEN RECEIVES NEW PASTOR

Dr. Rupert Young, Family Life Coordinator for Northeastern Conference, was commissioned by President Stennett Brooks to introduce Pastor Roy Ashmeade to his new flock, the Linden SDA Church of Laurelton, N.Y.

Pastor Ashmeade has been in the ministry for 35 years and Linden is his 40th church. Fourteen years were spent in New York City. He also served in Jamaica, West Indies, for 21 years in various areas of the ministry, including departmental leader in Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Welfare departments.

His wife, Edna, a registered nurse, serves the church best in the Sabbath



*Dr. Roy Ashmeade*

School and Music departments. Roy, Jr., a pharmacist, is a graduate of Long Island University, a musician and director of the young adult choir at Brooklyn Temple Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. John, a social worker and prospective law student, teaches in the Youth department at Brooklyn Temple.

A corsage was presented to the first lady by Mrs. Nwagu, and after warm hugs from the church elders, Pastor Roy Ashmeade donned the Linden Mantle.

## SOUTHEASTERN

### FIRST FEMALE ELDER AT MIAMI-BETHANY HONORED

On August 17, a candlelight recognition service was held to honor Lucille C. Croumel for 50 years of unselfish service

to her church, Miami-Bethany and the community.

During those 50 years, she served as Bethany's first female Church Elder, Sabbath School Superintendent, Deaconess, Community service Leader, Choir Member, Hospitality Leader, and 40 of those years as Personal Ministries Director.

Mayor Steve Clark of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida, proclaimed August 18 as Lucille C. Croumel Day.

Elder H. Davis, Bethany's pastor, spoke words of commendation on Friday evening and the auxiliaries presented tributes.

Elder Dennis Ross, Jr., former pastor at Bethany and now Southern Union Conference Revivalist taught the Sabbath School lesson and Jacqueline Ross, daughter of the honoree presented musical tributes of a mother's nurturing Christian love.

Elder R. L. Woodfork, former pastor of Bethany also, and now retired Field Secretary General Conference, ended the



*Standing left to right: Vivian Brown and Mrs. Lucille C. Croumel.*

recognition service with notes of gratitude and encouragement to a valiant servant of God and man. Woodfork was joined by his wife.

Lucille Croumel joins her family in Atlanta, Georgia. Left behind is her undying example of committed service to God and man, unselfishly performed in a spirit of love and humility.

—Shirley Dollar

## NEW FACULTY MEMBER AT MT. CALVARY

Mr. Johnnie Davis is the new home-room teacher for the 7th and 8th grade classes for the 1990-91 school year at Mt. Calvary Junior Academy in Tampa, Florida.

Besides being home-room teacher, Mr. Davis will teach Mathematics, Typing, and Physical Education.

Mr. Davis is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He received his B.B.A. degree in Accounting and Math, and a Master's degree in Business Education from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Prior to coming to Mt. Calvary, he taught in the Adventist school system in Louisville, Kentucky, and Boston, Massachusetts. Married to the former Jacinta Wilson, they have three daughters: Angelita, 10; Felicia, 9; and Micaela, 5.

## SOUTHEASTERN'S NEW PUBLISHING DIRECTOR

William L. Golson, Jr. graduated from Oakwood College in 1969 with a major in History and a minor in Theology. He began his work as a Literature Evangelist in Northeastern Conference, Jamaica,



Elder & Mrs. William L. Golson, Jr., new team members of the Southeastern office staff.

New York. During 1982, he sold over \$25,000. In 1984, he was appointed Associate Publishing Director. His sales have shown marked growth. In 1989, he registered over \$300,000 for his district.

John Wells, former Publishing Director, passed away in June, 1990. The Southeastern Conference Executive Committee searched for a competent, energetic, capable, Christian replacement. William Golson will now direct the affairs of publishing as voted by the committee and accepted by him.

Serving with him are Betty, his wife, and children, Dwayne, Dwight and Elgin.

—R. R. Brown

## YOUTH INDUCTED INTO ACHIEVERS SOCIETY

Jarius Jones and Trina Young were inducted into the McKnight Achievers Society at the Beulah Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida.

The McKnight Achievers Society is a Black organization which seeks to recognize and promote academic and cultural excellence in Black children from grades kindergarten through college, who either maintain all A's and B's or excel in some other area such as athletics, music, etc. At the present time, it is estimated that there are over 1,000 McKnight Achievers in the Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

As a McKnight Achiever, the student receives a McKnight Achievers' jacket at the time of induction and is privileged to all the benefits that the society offers.

Jarius, the grandson of Billy and Naomi Jones, is a third grader. Trina, the daughter of Pastor Theus and Elisa Young, is in the ninth grade.



Jarius Jones, new inductee into McKnight Achievers Award program.



Trina Young, another new inductee

## ORLANDO-MT. SINAI BURNS MORTGAGE IN SEVEN YEARS—\$362,000

The Honorable Mayor of Orlando, Florida, Bill Frederick, proclaimed September 8 as Mt. Sinai S.D.A. Church Day. It was signed and sealed. Why?



Members of Mt. Sinai for 25 years or more honored during services.



Elder O. H. Paul, former pastor, now Superintendent of Education, labored untiringly to see construction of Mt. Sinai completed in 1983.



Elder C. E. Bradford, guest speaker for Sabbath Divine worship service of Mt. Sinai's Mortgage Liquidation Celebration.

In 1983, there was a mortgage of \$362,000 on the church. In 1986, it was \$350,000; in 1988, \$227,000 and September 1990, \$0.00. In recognition of the acts of God through His people, the mortgage of over \$360,000 was satisfied in seven short years. That provided sufficient reason to be cited.

The church under the distinguished and capable leadership of Elder Benjamin Browne, pastor since September, 1988, completed a task begun a few years previously.

Elder O.H. Paul, now Superintendent of Education, Southeastern Conference, threw the doors of the sanctuary open on January, 1983. He had labored untiringly to see the construction completed.

He was succeeded by Elder S. J. Jackson, Ministerial/Stewardship Director, Southeastern Conference, who while pastor of Mt. Sinai, presented the idea of Mortgage Liquidation. During his administration, the Finance Committee implemented various strategies to see that goal accomplished.

Elder Benjamin Browne accepted the challenge in 1988 and pledged that by General Conference session, 1990, the goal would be realized. His slogan was dynamite—"Everybody Can Do Something." It was stewardship at its highest—equal sacrifice, not equal giving.

The diverse sacrificial plans adopted when presented by the Finance Committee proved successful.

From September 2-8, previous pastors and guest speakers raised the image of

the members, congratulated them, admonished, challenged and complimented them for being God's channel of blessing.

Pastors were Ralph Franklin, Malcolm Phipps, Calvin Rock, C.D. Henri, S. J. Jackson, O. H. Paul and guest Walter Pearson.

Elder C. E. Bradford, then North American Division President, was the guest in 1983 and for the mortgage burning service.

Program Chairperson, Antonio Assent supported by a magnificent cooperative staff, provided leadership in the total coordination of the event. Everyone shared in the responsibility of that dream.

Among the spearheaders were men like: Leland Barclay, Louis Johnson, and Nathan Forde, Finance Committee Chairpersons. It seems almost unfair to call anyone's name when so many did so much in so many ways. But they are a part of the family frontliners.

As the flame from the mortgage satisfaction papers flickered, before the cornerstone was uncovered, before Pastor Benjamin Browne thanked God and his people, before, yes, long before the victory celebration banquet at Sea World Stouffer's Resort/Hotel, one could not help but see on church members' faces a sense of duty well done for their Maker.

The reaction was songs of praise and jubilation, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" and "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

—Patricia Moore/Benjamin Browne

## SPOTLIGHT ON IRIS VANESSA MELTON

Iris Vanessa Melton is a faithful, dedicated and committed member of the Trinity Temple, S.D.A. Church, Fitzgerald, GA. She serves as a distinguished member of the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee, and has borne the responsibility with professionalism, dignity, distinction and as a contributor.

Her involvement for the local church and the conference are varied and numerous. Her most significant contributions are Vice-president and treasurer for the Southeastern Conference Youth Federation and Music coordinator.

The Southeastern Conference Executive Committee appointed her at its last meeting, Women's Commissioner for the Conference.

May, 1990, she was promoted Director for Emmanuel County, Department of Family and Children Services, Swainboro, GA.

Ms. Melton holds an M.B.A. and is active in many civic and professional organizations.

## PALM BAY BUYS LAND

The Palm Bay, Florida, Church has experienced tremendous growth under Elder Cleveland Holness' ministry.

The church in business took an action to prepare for the expansion that eventually would come. In February, 1990, they began the search for a new site.

Elders Jacob McCalla and Edric Sealy could find nothing within the city limits that was affordable. Providentially, the wife of a young man who worked with Elder McCalla worked as a realtor. She found a large tract of land. The negotiations for the

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*Good humor is a tonic for mind and body. It is the best antidote for anxiety and depression. It is a business asset. It attracts and keeps friends. It lightens human burdens. It is the direct route to serenity and contentment.*

—Grenville Kleiser

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Standing left to right: Edric Sealy; David Long, pastor; and Jacob McCalla.



Dr. Roland Hill.

six acres began at \$149,000. The closing took place on June, 1990 for \$127,500.

The church's goal is to liquidate the debt within five years. The future project will include a school, church and facilities for the full function of the outreach they envision.

Pastor David Long, the new pastor, will lead the congregation into that large undertaking.

—R. R. Brown

## SPOTLIGHT ON MARCIA ARMSTEAD

Marcia Armstead, employed by the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) as an Asset Technician Facilitator with the Resolution Trust Corporations (RTC) began with the Federal Government in 1984 as an office secretary. Her responsibilities have included technical supervision and training of Asset Technicians in the Real Estimate Owned Department of the RTC Southeast Consolidated Office, Tampa, Florida.

Armstead is a writer and executive producer of an employee training video directed by Florida International Pictures. The video will be used for training new technical employees within the RTC Real Estimate Owned Department. She has received commendations both from the FDIC and the RTC for outstanding performance in her duties.

Prior to Federal employment, she worked for twelve years within several S.D.A. organizations.

Marcia is the wife of Pastor Eugene Armstead who serves the Daytona Beach/Deland district. The independence



Marcia Armstead, wife of Pastor Eugene Armstead.

of their two teenage sons has provided her the opportunity to spend more time on her career.

Marcia has proven that with skill, determination, and a Christian attitude, one can make the grade in corporate America.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### DR. ROLAND HILL GIVES FINANCE SEMINAR AT MT. TAHOMA

Dr. Roland Hill visited the Mount Tahoma S.D.A. Church in Tacoma, WA and all were blessed by his presence. Dr. Hill spoke on how to get out and stay out

of debt. He gave very practical and spiritual lessons on how money could wisely be used.

Dr. Hill received his Doctor of Ministry in 1968 from the Reformed Theological Seminary with concentrations in Christian Finance and Economics. He is in demand all over North America and has given seminars in Bermuda, Canada and Southern California at workers' meetings. He is slated to come to Oregon Conference's Workers Meeting in the future.

Dr. Roland Hill presently is pastor of New Covenant Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

## EVANGELISM CONTINUES IN SOUTH CENTRAL

"You do not baptize people to get money, but you do get money when you baptize people." So states Dr. C. E. Dudley, the president of the South Central Conference. Dudley told the attendees at the Autumn Council that was held in Washington, D.C. a few days ago that "Evangelism is the key to a goodly number of the problems that the church faces today—just do what the Lord has commissioned us to do!" he admonished the leaders. It is working in the South Central Conference. Evangelism is the thrust for every program. When the workers came together for their fall workers' meeting they reported 987 baptisms for the first nine months of this year, and others are still being added.

Following is a complete list of the reports thus far:

PASTOR MICHAEL ROSS of Columbia, Tennessee, conducted his first tent crusade and was blessed with more than

ten souls. He has recently returned from attending the seminary at Andrews University.

PASTOR ROBERT D. EDWARDS of Columbus, Mississippi, along with his congregation, was blessed to have J. A. JONES, the conference evangelist, conduct a crusade in that city. More than forty new believers were added to the church. The membership was doubled. When the Columbus crusade came to an end, the pastor and his West Point members conducted a Revelation Seminar in that city and more souls will be baptized in just a few days.

PASTOR JEFFERY WATSON of Montgomery, Alabama, and a recent graduate from Oakwood College, conducted his first tent crusade in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and 28 new converts have been added to the church.

PASTOR VINCENT WHITE of Meridian, Mississippi, held his first tent crusade in that city which was blessed with fifteen new believers who were baptized.

ELDER LORENZO SHEPHERD of Columbia, Mississippi, held the first tent crusade in that city since the establishment of the congregation a few years back and 29 new converts have been baptized into the faith.

PASTOR DONALD GUIN of the Word of Faith congregation in Memphis, Tennessee, launched his first tent crusade, along with his members, and fifteen new members have been added by baptism.

ELDER JOSEPH I. GRIDER of Jackson, Mississippi, conducted a crusade in the armory, and the Lord blessed with 25 new converts.

PASTOR ALBERT FRAZIER, pastor in Owensboro, Kentucky, pitched a tent with a budget of less than \$800 and baptized 13 souls. His wife and one other helper made up the crusade team.

The conference evangelists—E. E. Cleveland, J. A. Jones, and T. Lewis—along with the two Bible instructors of the conference and other forerunners of their companies are doing "year-round" crusades in a number of cities across the conference. Over 500 new converts have been added from these crusades, and meetings are still in progress.

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*Rest satisfied with doing well, and leave others to talk of you as they will.*

—Pythagoras

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*R. L. Edwards and the members of his district since the summer's crusade.*



*Pastor Michael Ross and new converts at Columbia, Tn.*



*R. L. Edwards and the West Point members and their converts.*

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Elder and Mrs. Leon H. Davis have retired from the work of the church and are living in Spring Hill, Florida. He served as pastor for a few years before entering the Youth Ministries of the Northeastern Conference, and later served as the Director for Communications in the Atlantic Union Conference. Mrs. Davis served as a secretary for the General Conference Regional Department after giving many dedicated years with the publication of the *Message Magazine* under the leadership of L. B. Reynolds.

Elder Davis is one of the elder sons of the Davis family, pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist work in the St. Louis area. She is the daughter of the late Elder W. Lightner, one of the earlier pioneer ministers of the Black work in Tennessee and Nebraska.



Leon and Althea Davis.

## RUCKER RETURNS TO SUNBELT

Womack H. Rucker, Jr., has recently returned to the corporate office of Adventist Health Systems Sunbelt, Orlando, Fla., as vice president.

Rucker takes up this new appointment after having served as assistant to the president of Sunbelt for the past year. In that capacity he was under special assignment to recruit physicians for Tennessee Christian Medical Center, Madison, Tenn. He continues this responsibility as part of his new appointment at the corporate office.

Rucker first joined Adventist Health System Sunbelt in 1981. Soon thereafter



Womack Rucker, Jr.

he was appointed president of Riverside Hospital in Nashville, a post he held from 1981 to 1983.

At that time he was appointed vice president for strategic planning at the corporate office, where he served until he returned to Nashville in 1986 to accept the position of vice president for health services at Meharry Medical College. He also served as chief executive officer of Meharry Hubbard Hospital.

Rucker, who is a 1970 graduate of Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md., is a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators. He served as an administrative resident at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., from 1975-1976. He has a master's degree in hospital and health administration from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Merle E. Thompson-Adams  
Communication Secretary*

## OBITUARIES

### DR. VICTOR SEGISMUNDO GRIFFITHS

Victor Griffiths, the only child of Segismundo and Violet Mitchell-Griffiths, was born in Minis, Cuba, July 21, 1934. He departed this life August 29, 1990.

At age 13, Victor accompanied his parents to Jamaica, their homeland, where he was educated and graduated from West Indies College with a Bachelor of

Theology. He continued his education receiving a Master of Arts Degree and a Ph.D from the University of Nebraska.

His professional teaching career started at Northeastern Academy, New York City, and continued at Union College.

Victor married Barbara Douet in 1959, the same year he was ordained. His service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church included pastor-evangelist, linguist, educator, administrator, departmental chairman and graduate dean. He was a member of the North American Division Board of Higher Education.

His family remembers him as a gentle, devoted, resourceful father and husband. He was an intellectual giant, faithful friend, fervent believer, and a humble, thoughtful, illustrious alumnus of WIC.

Victor deserves his peaceful rest and an awakening in the resurrection of God's faithful servants.

### CLIFFORD ERASTUS BRAE

Clifford Erastus Brae was born August 1, 1916, the eldest son of William and Maude Brae in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, West Indies. He graduated as a carpenter from trade school there and worked at his trade as an apprentice. Growing up in an Adventist home, Clifford accepted Christ at the tender age of 14.

In 1942, he came to the United States and settled in South Carolina. After a move to Batavia, he relocated to Rochester but stayed for only one year before returning to his home in Jamaica. However, in 1947, he received permanent residency for this country and made his home in Rochester. His faithfulness to God was paramount in his mind, and he joined with the then Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist Church family, now the Jefferson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A lovely young lady touched Clifford's heart and after a year of courtship, Ernestine Annette Moore became Mrs. Clifford Brae in 1951. In 1963, the family was blessed with twins, C. Michael Brae, now of Staten Island, New York, and Sheri Michelle Brae Lunamogee, now of Monterey, Pa.

In 1953, Clifford was ordained an elder of Jefferson Avenue and remained in that position until his untimely death, Sunday, September 16, 1990. He also served the Lord and church in the offices of superintendent of the Junior Sabbath School Division, Temperance leader and a Deacon.

He followed the true meaning of the word "professional" in that he lived his high calling from God on his job at Kodak where he retired from the electrical department after 17 years of service. His favorite recreational activities were fishing and gardening; his favorite conversation was "the way of salvation;" his favorite text was Isaiah 55: 1-3

Elder Brae is survived by his loving wife, Ernestine; two children, C. Michael and Sheri Michelle; one granddaughter, Adriana Milan Lunamogee; son-in-law Alfred Michael Lunamogee; brother, Basil (Jamaica); sister, Cessaline Barracks (London, England); niece, Vivian Brown; uncle, David Smith; sisters-in-law, Redell Moore, Ruth Moore, Mildred Moore, Pansy Johnson, Lula Moore and Joyce Moore; brothers-in-law, Matthew Moore, Eugene Moore and Lawrence Moore; and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Hugh Brae.

In fond memory, his wife, Ernestine, recalls him to have been a generous, loving, kind man of high qualities. His son, Michael, proudly stated that his father taught him to be a contractor, and with a smile added that it was fun to work with his Dad. His daughter, Sheri, remembers the great Christian influence he had on her life. Loving, generous, concerned, sensitive and full of wisdom and truth, Elder Brae will be missed and remembered. The day is coming when the dead in Christ shall rise, and we which are alive and remain will join Elder Clifford Erastus Brae in meeting King Jesus.

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