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**Elder & Mrs. Harold Baptiste**



## HAROLD BAPTISTE NAMED SECRETARY OF N.A.D.

The Isle of Spice is no longer a hidden, little-known tourist Caribbean attraction in the Western Hemisphere. Grenada has become an international spectacle after the 1979 American-led invasion of the West Indian Island. Grenada has qualified itself as a competent tourist attraction, but it is even more, because it cradled the early years of Pastor Harold Wilson Baptiste.

Harold was born in Victoria, Grenada. As a boy, he lived the typical Caribbean lifestyle: attending to animals, picking fruits, working the ground, plowing the field, playing soccer and cricket and spending countless holiday hours just basking in the sky-blue Caribbean paradise of Trinidad.

But the Seventh-day Adventist legacy of the Baptiste family was rooted in Grenada long before Harold was born. His parents, Anthony and Sophia Baptiste became Seventh-day Adventists during their teenage years. Tent evangelism was very popular in those days and blazing the trail of competent Caribbean evangelists in those days was Pastor Glenn A. Coon, who shifted the tide of Adventism from island to island, conducted tent efforts, shedding the leaves of the new message from point to point until the two teenagers, Anthony and Sophia, gave their hearts to the Lord.

Their migration to Trinidad afforded them the opportunity to become very functional members of the church in the area. Anthony Baptiste served as head local elder where he conducted tent efforts, preached the Gospel and was basically the main stay of the church. His wife, Sophia, was also quite active. She became a literature evangelist and served as the treasurer of their church for many years.

At the age of nine, Harold took his stand for the Lord through baptism. It was about that same time he decided he wanted to become a preacher of the gospel and never wavered. His desire almost did not materialize. He and his family returned to Grenada when he was a teenager. Because of the predominant British oriented educational system and their meager finances, he was unable to attend

high school. However, his desire for a better and brighter education by far outweighed the obstacles with which he was confronted. So he independently studied for and passed the Senior Cambridge exam. This qualified him for college entrance. This desire for academic excellence paved the way for his entrance into the gospel ministry. In 1958, Harold returned to Trinidad to enroll in Caribbean Union College (CUC).

CUC is located in the northern section of Trinidad in the beautiful Maracas Valley. The valley is extremely conducive to one's spiritual growth. CUC provided Harold with the beginning he needed. Although the college was in operation for many years, living conditions were not as ideal as students would have liked. But that was a part of the learning process. As a student, he had to work and study, not because of the program, but because he needed the money. There he got a chance to rub shoulders with the "big shots" in Seventh-day Adventism and was able to broaden his perspective. He met with students from throughout the Caribbean—from the Virgin Islands in the north to Surinam in the south.

Two years later, he graduated with his Associate degree in Theology and interned in Guyana, South America. It was while in Guyana he met his "pearl of great price"—Shirley Christiani. She later accepted the Adventist message through a Voice of Youth effort and soon was on her way to Caribbean Union College to further her education, but their friendship continued.

After four years in the Guyana field, Harold decided to obtain his bachelor's degree in Theology at West Indies College in Jamaica. Commonly known as the "College on the Hilltop", West Indies College (WIC) provided a spring board for the young pastor, as he was now able to lift his vision to the North American Continent. Acquiring a Master's degree was paramount to his future in the ministry in North America, so off to the Theology Headquarters of Seventh-day Adventism he went—Andrews University.

The years he spent at Andrews earned him his Master's degree in Theology which he completed in 1965. He later attended the New York Seminary of Theology where he received a Master's of Sacred Theology. In 1965, he and Shirley were united in holy matrimony at the Hansom Place Church in Brooklyn. For two years he worked at the Medical Library Center of New York before he was called

to the Northeastern Conference. His first North American pastoral assignment was at the White Plains, New York Church. There he pastored for four years and was very instrumental in encouraging the members to provide themselves with a new and permanent building for worship. The White Plains members can now be proud of their beautiful "First Seventh-day Adventist Church of White Plains."

He was later called to serve the Brooklyn Temple congregation for two years. From there he moved on to the Mt. Vernon N.Y. Church. Mt. Vernon would love to believe that they were instrumental in grooming him for the Secretariat of the Northeastern Conference. It was while pastoring the Mt. Vernon Church, (after completing four years in 1978) that he was elected Secretary of the Northeastern Conference. While in office, he served Presidents Earl, Newton and Brooks.

At the 55th General Conference session held in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 1990, Northeastern Conference made history when Pastor Harold Baptiste was elected as Secretary of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist. In this capacity, Pastor Baptiste will spread his wings over a vast ocean of nearly one million souls. For those who took note of the administrative voting procedures, you would have remembered that many surprises took place. To move from a local conference to the Division is an unusual move, but the brethren allowed the Holy Spirit to take over.

All the Regional Conferences of the North American Division are truly proud to have Pastor Baptiste in his new position. With his experience, knowledge and commitment to God's work, much is expected from him. However, one of the greatest challenges that Pastor Baptiste will experience in the ministry is to be able to serve everybody and to maintain all the potential of leadership even while working with all the different factions of the church. He said, "It is not easy to work with everybody, to do what is right and yet be in a position to be the leader without challenging their suspicions." He has a big job, but little can he do without the prayers and support of each local church member. He's wished God's speed in his new endeavor.

In a very definite way the Mt. Vernonites made it no secret that Pastor Baptiste was their pastor and that his membership is still there. On September 9, 1990, over 300 members gathered in banquet style to wish him farewell as he move on to his

new appointment. Conference executives, pastors, present and past members of the Mt. Vernon Church and friends celebrated with Pastor and Mrs. Baptiste. The couple was also celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and were happily surprised to receive a portrait painting which they will cherish for years to come.

Mrs. Shirley Baptiste has a BA in Sociology and is currently the chief statistician at the United Nations. They have been blessed with three children: Wilson, who loves to work with his hands, will be pursuing a career in construction technology; Keith is at Andrews University majoring in English with a plan to pursue Law, and Michelle is also at Andrews University majoring in English and Art with a goal to be a Museum Curator.

The Northeastern Conference has truly lost a "son of the soil" but the North American Division has acquired a talented and respected man of God. Pastor Baptiste has over the years demonstrated his unequivocal commitment to the growth and program of the Seventh-day Adventists at the local church and conference level and by God's grace, the legacy which he left behind tells us that he will work at his utmost best at the division level. His burden is to see a more united church which will be able to function more unilaterally, to meet with the various ETHNICITIES and be able to mobilize unity.

As Secretary of the Division, one of the many concerns of Pastor Baptiste is for an Urban Ministry. He feels that the way in which the ministry is fashioned is not suitable or adoptable to urban culture as it exists in the large cities of the United States. He said, "Somehow, we need to concentrate on that and develop a ministry that is more effective as an Urban Ministry. I do believe we will be able to reach more people that way."

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### HOPE FOR NICARAGUA

Torn by more than 10 years of civil war, Nicaragua is now a country struggling to get on its feet. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is helping Nicaragua by providing emergency food and medical assistance to the innocent victims who survived the war.

Two building projects are also underway. Homes are being built on a small island off Nicaragua's eastern coast, and a vocational school is being built near Managua.

The fighting between the Sandinista government and the Contras caused severe hardship for people in this small Central American country, and it will be years before they recuperate from the destruction of war. Though the situation seems gloomy, there is finally hope for the future. The war is over; a new government has been elected and foreign aid is being channeled into the country.

In May of this year, ADRA began its first project for war victims in Nicaragua. ADRA received \$1.6 million from the States Agency for International Development (USAID) for food aid, medical assistance and clothing. Immediately food was sent, and for six weeks volunteers distributed 900 tons of food to the poorest families in Managua, the capital city. About 220,000 people were fed.

ADRA is now concentrating on the medical phase of the project. "The health of the people in Nicaragua is very poor—there are so many problems like poverty and hunger," said Dr. Maria Esperanza, who works with ADRA's medical team. "Children are dying of malnutrition and other preventable diseases."

ADRA has trained 150 community health workers who are providing primary health care in the provinces of Somoto, Ocotal and Esteli. These hard-to-reach, mountain provinces near the Honduran border are in the area where some of the worst fighting occurred. Many of the villages are at least two hours away from the nearest hospital or clinic, and there is little or no transportation available.

The ADRA health workers concentrate on helping sick and malnourished children. They identify and treat common illnesses such as malaria, diarrhea and respiratory infection. These sicknesses kill hundreds of children in Nicaragua each year.

To fight malnutrition, ADRA distributes supplementary food to 80,000 people each month. Though the people in the northern provinces are mostly farmers, the war and two years of drought have made it nearly impossible for them to survive. Also, many of the young men were drafted and then either killed or seriously injured in the war. This has left few people to grow the precious food needed. ADRA's supplementary food is the differ-

ence between life and death for thousands of people.

ADRA also sponsors a hospital in this area. La Trinidad, a 48-bed hospital in the north, specializes in treating people affected by the war. Many patients are missing limbs, or have severe burns or wounds that were never treated.

Several years ago, La Trinidad was an Adventist hospital, but it was taken by the government after the Sandinistas came to power. Conditions at the hospital deteriorated while it was under government control. The new government has asked the Adventist Church to manage the hospital for one year and will then make a decision about its future.

In July, ADRA sent more than \$50,000 worth of equipment to the hospital. The shipment included medicines, beds, X-ray equipment, operating tables and laboratory equipment. The hospital, however, still needs assistance. Medicine shelves are bare, more equipment is desperately needed, and men, women and children wait for hours to be treated. There are simply too many injured people for the small hospital to handle.

About six miles outside of Managua, ADRA is building a vocational school. ADRA received a \$1.7 million grant from the Danish International Development Agency in December of 1988 to build the school. ADRA is using the money to build classrooms, dormitories, a cafeteria and staff housing. The school will provide vocational training for more than 300 students annually and is scheduled to be completed in 1991.

ADRA is also sponsoring a building project on a small island off the eastern coast of the mainland. During the fall of 1988, 95 percent of Corn Island was destroyed by Hurricane Joanna. Nearly all of the 7,000 islanders were left homeless, and the coconut industry, which provided most of the people their livelihood, was destroyed. All of the mango, banana, papaya and other fruit trees were also destroyed. This is the first year since the hurricane that there has been a fruit harvest.

"Everyone was in terrible shape," says Phil Williams, ADRA's building supervisor. "After the hurricane, people picked up scraps of metal, wood—anything they could find to make a small shelter. Two years after the hurricane, they are still living in those shelters. Every time it rains they get wet."

ADRA is building 80 homes and repairing 40. Twenty-two of the homes are near

completion. The neediest families with children will receive the ADRA homes.

Through these projects, ADRA hopes to alleviate the suffering that the Nicaraguan people have endured for so long. But there is still so much more that could be done. The people in northern Nicaragua need more food; La Trinidad hospital desperately needs medicine and medical equipment, and the people on Corn Island need homes and fruit trees. If you would like to help ADRA help them, please write:

ADRA/Nicaragua Project  
P.O. Box 4289  
Silver Spring, MD 30904



Elder Kibble (center) ordains Yveniel St. Luc who serves as elder to the new congregation

## ALLEGHENY EAST

### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF JERUSALEM PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

The beginning of the formation of the Franco-Haitian congregation of Philadelphia went back to the year 1982. During the month of March of that year, some Haitian people were attending the Adventist Church of West Philadelphia, ministered to at that time by George L. Braxton. Soon they organized themselves into a Branch Sabbath School under the direction of Miguel Raphael, called Toto, and Berthony Deguere, called Tony. They were meeting in a trailer and at that time they numbered 10. Two of this number were Sonia Deguere and Marie Pierre Pierre.

After Toto departed for Miami, Florida, during the summer of 1982, Tony remained the leader of the small congregation placed under the direction of the mother church, West Philadelphia.

From 1982 to 1984, the church membership increased. Included in this number were Therese Gabriel and Rose Leocal.

From September 1984 to March 1985, certain inexplicable problems occurred which caused the dispersion of the brethren into some English and Spanish-speaking churches.

During that time, Therese Gabriel had the inspiration of gathering back some of the members along with others who attended the Philadelphia-Germantown Church.



Charter Members of the Jerusalem Franco-Haitian Church are organized into a church by Allegheny East Conference president, Alvin M. Kibble

At the request of Tony, Therese addressed an invitation to Leslie Moise, a young preacher living in Brooklyn, New York. Moise preached for the congregation on Sabbath, April 6, 1985 in the basement of a Spanish Adventist. At the congregation's request, he returned on Sabbath, April 27, this time preaching in the home of Mr. Lubio, where the church had met for worship.

Soon thereafter, Elder Braxton found a place for the church to worship and Leslie Moise became the church leader.

On May 25, 1985, Elder Meade C. Van Putten, then president of the Allegheny East Conference, met with the French congregation for the first time. He returned to organize the group into a company on October 26 of the same year. In the meantime, the following joined the congregation: Mimose Guerrier, Victoria Philippe-Auguste, Luce Laforat, Renner Leroy, Betty Pierre, Margont Charles, Josy Cenatus, and Mananel St. Val.

From March 1987 to the present, the Jerusalem Church (as they named themselves) has worshipped at the National



President Kibble addresses the congregation as Dr. Edner Corbier translates his sermon into the French language

Pulpit at the West Oak Lane Center in Philadelphia, Penn.

Leslie Moise took a leave of absence to continue his studies at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. During this interim, the church has been under the leadership of Dr. Edner Corbier. Corbier located a former student, Yveniel St.

Luc. The two have worked with untiring devotion to care for the spiritual and administrative needs of this young congregation.

## WOMAN ELDER ASSISTS IN BAPTISM

Jayne Darby, the only woman elder in the Walnut Street Church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, assisted Pastor Paul Anderson in baptizing Kim Ford and Lawrence Martin, a couple who were married the following day.

Darby is the wife of Samuel Darby, is a retired teacher and the mother of four adult children. She has written numerous articles and stories in Adventist journals. Her most recent work is the Third Quarter 1990 Adult Program Helps for the General Conference Sabbath School Department.



Elder Jane Darby (left) assisting with the baptism

## FAMILY DAY AT MACEDONIA

The Macedonia S.D.A. Church of Chester, Penn. held its Family Day on September 15. Relatives of members,



Mrs. Hines, (rear, second from right) surrounded by long-lost family members

both near and far, visited the church. The family of Pastor George E. Thorton journeyed from the Baltimore area to be with him and the members; and then there was the grandmother of Ms. Viola Munn.

Ms. Munn and her sisters had been separated from their grandmother for 30 years. A few months ago, Ms. Munn's paternal uncle and maternal uncle met by chance and the conversation turned to Mrs. Hines' search to find her granddaughters. When the names of the girls were mentioned, it was found that both men were related to the children. They were united on Family Day.

Mrs. Hines met her granddaughters and all her great grandchildren. Now the families are in regular contact. Certainly, God blessed this Church's Family Day.

## CENTRAL STATES

### RECEPTION FOR CRAIG CURTIS AND HIS BRIDE

A reception was held in honor of Craig Curtis and his recent bride, Jennifer Brown. They received many useful gifts and the church prays God's special blessings on this christian couple.



Adventist men dressed in their burgundy waiter's jackets serving dinner



Sister Minnie Simmons

## NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH, MO. EMMANUEL CHURCH

Elder Sherman Wilkinson, St. Joseph, Mo. Emmanuel church first elder, is conducting a Bible class on Friday nights. The attendance is encouraging, and directly after the class, there is a talent program to enable teenagers and children to be able to use quality time on Friday evenings rather than pursuing other outside interests.

### PRIMARY DIVISION PRESENT PROGRAM

The children of the Primary Division were invited to present a finger play (If I light a Candle) and played three songs in concert. The people of St. Francis Baptist Church received them warmly and expressed feelings of being blessed by their performance. After their performance, they were rewarded with a treat.

—Julia Williams  
Communications Secretary

### DORCAS DAY AT ST. LOUIS BEREAN CHURCH

The first annual Dorcas Day program was exceptional with sister churches of

# The Editor's Desk

## MT. VERNON PROVIDES A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

The newly renovated Community Services room at the Mt. Vernon, N.Y. S.D.A. Church was dedicated during a service conducted by Pastor Desmond Francis.

The room was reconstructed at the expense of Mr. Woodrow Berry, one of the members of the church, and his son, Andrew.

Shelves were installed so food supplies and clothing could be properly organized for easy distribution to needy people from the community.

The Community Services Department, headed by Mrs. Nina Thomas, is operated on Sundays jointly with a soup kitchen.

People from the community who come to the soup kitchen for meals are also given clothing and non-

perishable food items from the Community Services room, according to their needs.

The department also provides Thanksgiving food baskets for senior church members as well as the community.

According to Mrs. Thomas, the department has provided assistance to the disabled people in Westchester County, the Cradle Children's Home in Jamaica and the Salvation Army. It has also responded to calls for disaster relief outside of the United States.

Mrs. Thomas is assisted by Mr. Berry, Mrs. Joyce Jarrett, Mrs. Sally Hamilton, Ms. Ludie Hayes, Mrs. Sudie Cook, Mrs. Winnifred Campbell, Mrs. Ida Bonner and Ms. Eartha Robinson.

—Winsome Dyer  
Communications Secretary

St. Louis, Mo. present to enjoy the special music from Bessie Foreman and Myron Jenkins. The speaker for the morning service was Berean's own Assistant Dorcas leader, Ms. Minnie Simmons, whose text came from Deuteronomy 15:7-15. In her message, the congregation was made to realize that the poor shall never cease from among us, therefore, all are to open their hands to persons in need and give liberally of that which the Lord has blessed. Mrs. Ernest White was presented a plaque for outstanding dedicated service to Dorcas work.

Following the divine worship services, dinner was served by the Adventist men dressed in burgundy waiter jackets. The tables were beautifully draped in burgundy table cloths.

The Sabbath afternoon services included spiritual music and reports from churches on their missionary outreach programs. Lucille Mitchell, Community Services Director, stated, We are to minister to the needs of people, serve the community at every level possible, and make appropriate use of an opportunity that will point the way to Christ.

Pastor G. H. Taylor gave a very thought-provoking vesper after which individuals who were in need of food and/or clothing were helped.

The over \$700.00 in donations and sales collected will be used to continue to purchase food and other needed items to

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Dec. 28	Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18
Boston, Mass.	4:19	4:25	4:32	4:40
New York City	4:32	4:37	4:43	4:51
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:48	4:54	5:01	5:09
Atlanta, GA.	5:37	5:43	5:48	5:55
Miami, Fla.	5:39	5:43	5:48	5:54
Charlotte, N.C.	5:19	5:25	5:31	5:38
Birmingham, Ala.	4:47	4:52	4:58	5:05
Jackson, Miss.	5:04	5:09	5:15	5:21
Memphis, Tenn.	4:56	5:01	5:08	5:14
Louisville, Ky.	5:30	5:36	5:43	5:50
Detroit, Mich.	5:09	5:15	5:22	5:30
Chicago, Ill.	4:27	4:33	4:40	4:48
South Bend, In.	5:22	5:28	5:35	5:43
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:39	4:45	4:53	5:01
St. Louis, Mo.	4:47	4:53	4:59	5:07
Kansas City, Mo.	5:03	5:09	5:16	5:23
Denver, Co.	4:43	4:49	4:55	5:03
Little Rock, Ark.	5:06	5:11	5:17	5:24
Dallas, Texas	5:29	5:34	5:40	5:47
New Orleans, La.	5:09	5:14	5:19	5:25
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:03	5:08	5:14	5:21
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:26	5:31	5:37	5:44

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

be given away each Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Berean Church.

This Dorcas Day will long be remembered as one filled with praise and true fellowship.

Laura Simon is the Dorcas Leader and Pearlle Whitten is the Dorcas Secretary.

—Marienne Gibson  
Communications Secretary

## NORTHEASTERN

### JAMAICA ROYAL CROWN PATHFINDER'S DAY

Go Tell Productions is a Christian ministry based in Ypsilanti, Michigan. They are meeting the challenge of dealing with the controversial issues confronting youth such as drug addiction, premarital sex and prejudice. Using the art of puppetry, their presentations are stimulating and convicting, bringing youth to an understanding of practical christian living. Theatrics and music supplement the program for emphasis and variety. While they have been to many churches, their goal is to get into the secular community to reach young people who have not yet had the opportunity to know Christ and His principles for living. Three teenagers are active participants as the puppeteers for the production, which reflect their commitment to focusing on the youth.

On Pathfinder's Day at the Jamaica S.D.A. Church of New York, a special message was given to be true representatives of the Kingdom of God. Using the Pathfinder pledge and laws, the script was written especially for the occasion, and everyone benefitted from the information given through this unique presentation.

For the AY program, puppet programs and theatrics emphasized the importance of avoiding situations tempting one to engage in premarital sex, and trusting in Jesus as Savior, not in drugs as a release. The presentation dramatizing the Eight Laws of Health, found in Counsels on Diets and Foods, clearly stressed the benefits of their observance. In talking with the Pathfinders, Pathfinder Director Doris Shorey discovered that a great impression had been made on the minds of many young people. Suzette McKenzie was still excited about the message when she greeted a friend the next day and



Director Doris Shorey looks on at the Pathfinder Day presentation



Puppet Pathfinders receive their instructions from the Director of the Pathfinder's Anonymous Club

shared the Sabbath experience with him. Other comments the young people made were: "Now, Mommy can see how important Pathfinding is...that we just don't go there to play." "It was better than a sermon 'cause you didn't have to listen to one man speak...you could listen to different people speak." "I didn't really understand the Pathfinder laws. They were brought out clearly in the puppet program." "It was so organized, it was just like real life." It was the observation of many that all of the young people were in the sanctuary during the services, and did not have to be encouraged to support the program.

This was a new and very different experience which was particularly well received by the young people. If young people will respond to this unique presentation and share the love of Christ in their own way, should not different avenues to teach them God's love and His sacrifice for them be used? When they are able to relate to what it means to be a christian youth today, they will be able to commit



Mrs. Myrtle Pickett

themselves to Christ and encourage others to do the same.

### PERSONAL MINISTRIES DAY CELEBRATION

It is said that a king has no honor in his own country, but when God uses people, he has no regard for gender or rank. And that is what occurred on Sabbath, August 12, 1990 at the Bronx Washington Avenue Church. Myrtle Pickett, Personal Ministries Leader for the church was the speaker for the divine hour. The title of her sermon was, "Ready or not, here He Comes." Some of the major focal points in her message called to the attention of those present six signs of Christ's imminent return—changes in the seasons; evil men waxing worse and worse; wars and rumors of wars; men's hearts failing them for fear; earthquakes in divers places, and the gospel to every nation.

In focusing on these six signs, Mrs. Pickett brought the church's attention to Christ's warning to his disciples that when you see these things come to pass, know that His return is even at the door.

Mrs. Pickett made a resounding appeal to the congregation to take the outstretched hand of Jesus and be led to the ark of safety. The Spirit of the Lord was surely in this place as seven persons answered the appeal to get ready for Christ's second coming. Of this number, three who had been in a previous revelation seminar requested baptism. Special music for the day was provided by Ms. Fernlyn Martin of the Englewood S.D.A. Church and Ms. Delores Ward and Evelyn Mungin. The day's activities were coordinated by Evelyn Mungin, President of the Bronx-Manhattan Laymen's Federation.



(L to R) Tamara Valentine interpreting the Mission Emphasis given Eugene Bobchakov

## NEWSTART

The Community Church of Utica, New York, was successful in implementing NEWSTART during the October 1990 Health Emphasis week. NEWSTART is an acronym created by one of Weimar's early guests. It represents the eight laws of health: nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, air, rest, trust in God.

Wednesday night prayer meeting was conducted by Sophia J. Townsend. A presentation entitled: "Reason For Reform," depicted the fall of man spiritually, physically and mentally, and the need for NEWSTART.

In Sabbath School, Tamara Valentine interpreted the mission story by Eugene Bobchakov who shared various aspects of the Adventist work in Russia. The majority of the people there are healthy and use the herbs of the fields. But there are no Adventist hospitals or health institutions. Bobchakov wishes to thank the American family for helping to start a seminary and library in Russia.

The church was blessed to have Elder Leroy Hampton, conference treasurer present the morning's message from Genesis 2: 16-17.

The Adventist Youth Hour was informative and educational. The eight laws of health were presented by eight members presented as doctors. Each doctor represented a different health law: Dr. Nutrition, Dr. Exercise, Dr. Water, Dr. Sunlight, Dr. Temperance, Dr. Air, Dr. Rest and Dr. Trust in God. Questions were addressed to the doctors after each synopsis. All the doctors prepared nutritious breakfast food samples that were tasted after the program. Samples included: whole wheat raisin bread, crunchy granola, apricot marmalade and other items. Indeed, NEWSTART was implanted in the minds

of all this week. However, there can be no health reform or NEWSTART unless there is a HEART reform.

## HISTORY OF THE SPANISH CHURCH IN ROCHESTER

It was 1966. The pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church was Samuel Stovall. He permitted the group of Hispanics in the church to meet and celebrate Sabbath School in Spanish and attend divine worship with the English-speaking brethren.

The pioneers were Dr. Logan Bowen from Jamaica; Philip Robinson from Panama; Francisco Fuentes and wife; Ina Franco and her family; Lamberty and family; Torres family and the Ortiz family. Others were added, such as Jovino Rivera and his family; Consuelo Cerda, mother of Dr. Altman; Caridad Dotres; Gilberto Perez and family; Lucy Santos and her children.

In 1968, the group was organized as a mission. George Earle was the president of the Northeastern Conference at that time. The Hispanics, especially Francisco Fuentes, insisted on having a Hispanic pastor. Consequently, Pastor Earle went to Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and contacted Ciro Sepulveda, a student of Theology. Pastor Sepulveda came to Rochester in June of 1969 and became the first pastor of the Hispanic Church.

From the Jefferson Avenue Church, the members remodeled a bar converting it into the first Adventist Church for Hispanics. Pastor Sepulveda left and Pastor Eleazar Carmona came. The church purchased property on Oakman Street. Pastor Carmona then left and Alberto Salas served from 1976 to 1979. During Pastor Salas' administration, the present location at 18 Oakman Street was purchased.

After Pastor Salas left, Pastor Ireneo Martinez served from 1980-1984. Under Pastor Ireneo Martinez, the present Conference Hispanic Coordinator, the first steps were taken for the construction of a temple.

Pastor Evaristo Gomez succeeded Pastor Martinez and the services of Architect Robert Monahan of Monahan and Healy were retained to draw up the plans for the church. Pastor Matias Solis, the current pastor, arrived in Rochester on August 1, 1987. Construction by James

White began in February 1989 and has been brought to its successful completion.

The church would like to thank God and His faithful co-laborers: Pastor Brooks, President of the Northeastern Conference; the church members; friends and all who contributed to making this dream a reality.

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY IN MT. VERNON

The Family Life Department is new in the Mt. Vernon, New York Church, but its function is clearly a much needed one. At the beginning of 1990, Ms. Yvonne Thomas, Church Family Life Coordinator, introduced the department to the church and outlined its goal for the year.

She explained that the goal was to "strengthen our church families from cradle roll to our oldest senior citizen, to enrich the quality of life for everyone, and to foster a growing structural relationship among members of both families—blood relations and the church."

To achieve these goals, the year's activities included a talent and costume show social, tribute to mothers, singles brunch and a week of Family Emphasis.

The Family Emphasis Week was conducted by Dr. Rupert Young, Family Life Coordinator for the Northeastern Conference. Topics covered during the week included: "Married and Single Parenting;" "How to Get Your Husband/Wife to Respond to Your Needs"; "Breaking Matrimonial Ties Forever", and "Passing on the Religious Heritage." On the first Sabbath afternoon, Dr. Young and Dr. June Smith of the Greater New York Conference conducted a seminar on "What Men/Women Want Each Other to Know About Communication and Sex in Marriage."



(L to R) Dr. Rupert Young & Mrs. Yvonne Thomas

Church members who attended the meetings said they appreciated the information they received because they now have a better understanding of who they are, and acceptance of other people as they are, especially those in a family relationship.

In the program which paid tribute to mothers, (on Mother's Day weekend), Dr. Robert Kennedy of the Greater New York Conference, challenged the modernization of motherhood with a background of the traditional biblical role. He put into perspective the mother's unalienable commitment to the family with which God had provided her. Then Ms. Jacqueline Berkel, a school teacher, spoke on the Woman's Role in Child Education. Mrs. Dian Spence, the last presenter, brought good common sense and humor to the practical aspects of motherhood.

On Mother's Day, a group of singles both male and female, met in the church hall for a good time. The misconception of "looking for a mate" was quickly dispelled when each individual took an occasion to present themselves to each other. The overwhelming objective was one of renewed social contact. Some had found themselves alone in a crowded church, but instantly became a recognized somebody at the brunch.

The talent show which was held early this year featured costumes and dramatization from various countries of the world including Japan, Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, Nigeria, India, Jamaica and the United States. The occasion was long overdue. It was a pleasure seeing young and old having a great time together. Even the Pathfinders got a chance to earn some money by offering refreshments for sale.

Clearly, the Family Life Department has reached the goal it set for itself at the beginning of the year, and is looking forward to reaching even higher goals in 1991.

## MT. ZION S.D.A. CHURCH CELEBRATES FAMILY TOGETHERNESS WEEK

Family Togetherness Week was held recently at the Mt. Zion S.D.A. Church in Hamden, Connecticut. A special Sabbath School was conducted by the Wallace and Harrison families who shared information on good communication within their families.



*Dr. William E. Coopwood presents his message to Mt. Zion congregation*

Two families were honored by the church: (a) The Blackmon family from the church community and (b) The Huckaby family from the New Haven community. Pastor Parham and Dr. Jessie Bradley, the Family Life Director, made the presentations. Eugene and Anne Huckaby are members of the Immanuel Baptist Church and have been married for 54 years. These families were commended for their outstanding contributions in the community.

Shirley Gordon, Communications Secretary, read a Proclamation sent by the Mayor of New Haven instituting September 22-29, 1990 as Family Togetherness Week in New Haven. The Mayor praised Mt. Zion for taking the step of recognizing the achievements of two local Black families and for their efforts on behalf of all families of all races and backgrounds. The Mayor further stated that he urged and encouraged their celebration as a noteworthy and significant contribution to the City of New Haven and to its future.

Special guest speaker for the divine worship service was Dr. William E. Coopwood from Nashville, Tennessee. The topic of his sermon was "Failure in a Famous Family." He emphasized that God can turn failure into success. He further stated that the steps in reconciliation and restoration in a broken relationship are (1) willingness and eagerness to reconcile; (2) full and unconditional acceptance and (3) softening of previous hardening attitudes and animosity.

Dr. Coopwood conducted a seminar at the AYS hour on "What's Happening With You." A film entitled, "Building a Shalom Family" and a special Friday evening ves-

per with Elder Alexander and family were some of the events for the week.

Family Togetherness Week at Mt. Zion was a memorable one, which brought strength to Mt. Zion's families and friends.

Jessie Bradley and the Family Life Committee are to be commended for a very well planned program.

## JAMAICA'S ELDERLY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Sabbath School Department of the Jamaica S.D.A. Church, Jamaica, NY, led by Superintendent Levern Thomas, has initiated an outreach program designed to provide elderly persons in the community with christian fellowship, ascertain their needs, and respond to those needs.

Two successful Sunday afternoon programs have been held thus far, June 24 and October 28, 1990. At the invitation of Sabbath School members, their elderly neighbors and relatives, as well as sick and shut-in members of the church, attended these programs. Transportation was provided by members of the Deacon/Deaconess Board.

The programs featured musical items, testimonies, sermonettes by Elders S. E. Stovall and J. P. Willis, respectively, and a luncheon for which each Sabbath School class provided a variety of scrumptious dishes. During the testimony period, many attendees expressed their appreciation for the fellowship they enjoyed.

The Sabbath School Department plans to continue this missionary endeavor by having a program at least once per quarter.



*Senior citizens enjoy program planned especially for them*

## FIRST S.D.A. CHURCH OF WHITE PLAINS OPEN SOUP KITCHEN

In order to expand its community outreach efforts and to service the increasing numbers of homeless and under-nourished residents of the Greenburgh area, the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of White Plains, N.Y. opened a soup kitchen on September 9.

Each Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. free hot lunches are prepared and served to the local disadvantaged. Only nutritious vegetarian meals are served. The first week approximately 10 persons were served. The members were not discouraged and redoubled their efforts to recruit clients from seven hotels in the area housing homeless individuals. They passed out flyers, talked to the managers and various clients. Transportation was promised via the church bus and vans owned by church members. The results were amazing. Elder Viola Hodgson, who coordinates the soup kitchen was very pleased and stated, "Since we began operation five weeks ago, our weekly attendance has increased to nearly 100. To date, we have served 427 meals, given away 374 pieces of clothing and 207 Bibles and religious tracts. We are striving to fill a void in the White Plains/Greenburgh community."

For further information, contact the First S.D.A. Church of White Plains, 180 Juniper Hill Road, White Plains, New York, 914/684-9417. Farrell Jones serves as Pastor.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### ALCY STUDENTS BECOME TV STARS

Students from the Alcy S.D.A. Junior Academy in Memphis, Tennessee, were featured on the Halfway House program that airs over Cable Channel 21 in the Memphis area. Four excerpts that were taken from an African-American history program that were presented by the Alcy students included: "Harriett Tubman," "Sister Lou," "Fare, Jim Crow," and "I'm Determined to be Somebody, Someday."

Dr. Isaac Fordjour, an Alcy parent, is the host of the weekly telecast. During the program, a brief interview with Charles



Alcy students who were featured on the Halfway House program

Battles, the school's Principal, viewers were able to learn more about the school and the Seventh-day Adventist educational system.

Each year the Alcy students present a different and unique African-History program that is coordinated by Queen Robinson, teacher for Grades 5 and 6.

### "BEYOND 2000"

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalms 32:8...These are the words of promise that Elder Washington Johnson, Jr. of the South Central Conference found encouraging as Flight 429 touched down in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Just a few days prior to his arrival, 26 people had been killed on the train in Johannesburg and over 700 killed during the month of September, but this did not discourage Elder Johnson in the least. The Lord had assured him, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20.

Elder Johnson was a participant of a program that was implemented by Dr. Charles Dudley, President of the South Central Conference, channeled through the office of Elder Matthew Bediako, Vice-president of the General Conference. According to Dr. Dudley, the program was designed to give ministers in North America an opportunity to experience ministry in foreign fields. Elder Johnson, 29 years old, is the youngest to have participated in this program.

Upon arrival in Kimberly, S.A., Elder Johnson found a very strenuous itinerary had been planned for him by Elder Van Ster, President of Good Hope Conference, and Elder J. J. Julius, Youth



(L to R) Elder James Bradfield, president, South African Union; Elder Johnson; and Elder B. H. Parkerson, secretary, South African Union

Director. Elder Johnson ministered in the cities of Kimberly (home of the first Adventist church in South Africa); George (home of former South African president, P. W. Botha), Capetown, and finished his evangelism in Port Elizabeth.

In addition to the nightly meetings, Elder Johnson, while in Capetown also held devotional and chapel services at church schools, the Good Hope Academy, Good Hope Conference office, Southern Publishing Association, and the University of Western Cape (where he also was interviewed by their university radio station concerning Adventists' doctrines.)

While serving in Port Elizabeth, Elder Johnson had the honor of speaking to the House of Representatives for Health and Education, ministering at the Dover College chapel services, and being interviewed by the *Evening Post* on his views of youth in the 1990's.

The highlight of Elder Johnson's evangelism came in the small town of

Uitenhage where the congregation stood and the American National Anthem was played in his honor. He had the privilege of speaking at the South African Union office in Bloembontein and meeting the Union President, James Bradfield and Union Secretary, B. H. Parkerson.

The overall theme of his evangelistic thrust was, "Beyond 2000." Elder Johnson emphasized: (1) Imago-Dei—All persons are created in the image of God, (2) The seriousness of contemplating eternity, and (3) The need for making a difference in communities.

Elder Johnson made note of the enthusiasm and dedication with which South African youth worship God. Many walked, borrowed cars, or even hitchhiked to worship service. Over 120 persons sealed their commitment to walk with Jesus.

When saying goodbye, Elder Johnson was comforted by the fact that, if not before, "Beyond 2000" he and his new found friends would meet again.

## MOMENTS OF HISTORY IN THE S.D.A. CHURCH

Early in the 19th century, interest in the second coming of Christ erupted. In nearly every Christian body throughout the world, study focused on the long-neglected Bible prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation and the possibility that the advent of Christ to was near.

Clergymen of the churches of England and Scotland proclaimed the Second Advent. Joseph Wolff carried the news to the Near East and even to India. Among those aroused in South America, Lacunza, a Roman Catholic priest, wrote a treatise supporting the doctrine.

**WILLIAM MILLER AND 1844**—In America, the Advent Movement reached a climax in 1844 under the preaching of ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist and Episcopal churches, with William Miller a vigorous exponent. Unfounded reports of the donning of ascension robes were widely circulated. These have since been proven false. Adventists (not Seventh-day Adventists) in New England numbered more than 50,000.

It should be pointed out that before William Miller began giving his messages of the 'advent', a mulatto preacher by name of WILLIAM FOYE had been given visions of the coming of the Lord and began to tell the story in 1842. Ellen Harmon and her mother attended some of his meetings at

Beerhoven Hall in Portland, Maine. In 1911, just four years before her death, D. E. Robinson, her secretary, interviewed Mrs. White concerning William Foye. To the questions asked, she answered:

"Then another time there was Foye who had had visions." As to the similarity, she continues: "...and he had all these before I had them."

As to their publication, she stated:

"They were written out and published, and it is queer I can't find them in any of my books. But we have moved so many times." The book was, *The Christian Experiences of William E. Foye together with Two Visions he Received in the Month of January and February, 1842*. It was published in 1845, in Portland, Maine, by J. & C.H. Pearson.

**DISAPPOINTMENT**—When October 22, 1844 passed—the day on which the Millerites expected the second coming of Christ based on a study of the prophecy of the 2300 days in Daniel 8:14—and Christ did not come, there was great disappointment. Many people gave up all interest in prophecy. Some set future dates and experienced repeated disappointment.

**RIGHT DATE; WRONG EVENT**—A small nucleus of Adventist believers, convinced that their calculation of Daniel's time prophecy was correct, continued to study their Bibles and prayed for further understanding. They became convinced that the prophecy's reference to the "cleansing of the sanctuary" (Daniel 8:14) referred not to the earth but to the priestly ministry of Christ in heaven and to the investigative phase of the judgment there prior to His coming.

**PIONEERS OF ADVENTIST CHURCH**—In this group of earnest Christians were the pioneers of what was to become the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Young James and Ellen White and a retired sea captain, Joseph Bates, stood out as leaders. They visited little groups of Adventists in the New England States, and as they studied the Bible and prayed together, a unified platform of doctrine emerged on which many of the scattered believers united.

A few Blacks continued to join the movement, for Adventists showed themselves genuine in their abolitionist feelings which were abroad in the land at that time. Many of the early leaders were active abolitionists. Elder John Byington, the first president of the General Conference, maintained an underground railroad station on his farm as had the father of John Harvey Kellogg. When the Advent move-

ment embraced the Sabbath truth among the great granite hills of New Hampshire and commemorated this union by a church on a small mountain road, O. O. Farnsworth says that Negroes were among the first believers. Unbeknownst to these first members, they had placed their names on the roll of the first of countless churches that now belt the earth.

**FORMAL ORGANIZATION**—Adherents increased in number but the lack of a formal church organization became a serious handicap. Consequently, the loosely knit congregations set up a legal organization in 1863 with headquarters in Battle Creek, Michigan with a membership of 3,500. Sojourner Truth, a former slave of renown, was a member of this church. The name, Seventh-day Adventist, was chosen to reflect the distinctive beliefs of the group. By the year 1900, 50 Blacks had become members of the organization. Ellen White states in Volume nine of the Testimonies that these 50 paid a total of \$50 in tithe to the church.

**PUBLISHING, MEDICINE, EDUCATION**—Seventh-day Adventist launched their first publishing venture in 1852 in Rochester, New York, with a single hand press; their first medical institution in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1866, the Western Health Reform Institute, forerunner of the famed Battle Creek Sanitarium. Because of the health knowledge that the Lord had given to this people, the leadership of the nation, royalty from around the world and many of renown came to this place to be served. This was when the institution was under the direction of John Harvey Kellogg. W. W. Kellogg, his brother, became the great breakfast-cereal king. In 1896, the organization took the name, International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and all nations of people were invited to come to be trained in the health field. Many Blacks from around the world came, among whom were Miss Anna Knight from Soso, Mississippi, and James Price Pearson from Birmingham, Alabama—he had been born a slave in America and she was the granddaughter of a slave. The institute was closed in 1906 and Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists was established shortly thereafter. The first college was opened by the church at Battle Creek in 1874. Scattered and somewhat irregular elementary schools were opened as early as 1853. Many organizations established schools to train the colored children following the Civil War throughout the Southland. In 1896, the church established a school in

which the colored could be trained in Huntsville, Alabama, although James Edson White, the son of James and Ellen White, along with volunteers and students from Battle Creek College had used his "Morning Star Boat" project to establish some forty training schools throughout the state of Mississippi.

FIRST MISSIONARY—Expecting their Lord's imminent return, the young church, small in size and resources, at first confined its work to the United States and Canada. Repeated requests from Europe, however, awakened in church leaders a sense of world mission, and in 1874, John Nevins Andrews, the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary, went to Switzerland. In the next few years the church sent its representatives to Australia and South Africa, beginning its first work among primitive peoples in 1894 in Southern Rhodesia. It was after Ellen White saw in vision a number of 'intelligent colored people of the South' asking for someone to come and tell them the story of God's love that the church began to give some attention to sharing the truths with this people.

By 1900, church membership had passed 75,000 and in 1955, less than a century after the Church was organized, it had passed the million mark. Its program is now worldwide. The membership explosion and growth began, however, when Earle E. Cleveland, a natural-born evangelist, was sent by the General Conference beginning in the 1950's to all parts of the world to train the peoples of the different nationalities and tongues to preach the message among their own people. The world-wide membership of the Church today stands at over six million believers around the world.

The impelling force behind this rapid transformation has been from its inception the Saviour's assurance: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:14) The "end", of course, will mark the beginning of the new and perfect world promised in the Scriptures. "Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward, for He that shall come, will come and will not tarry."

## IMPORTANT DATES

1844—All denominations preached the imminent return of Jesus to earth for His church, but were bitterly disappointed.

Daniel 8:14; 9:24-27; Revelation 10:10,11.

1846—First publication by those who later were known as the pioneers of the denomination, *The Opening Heavens*, a pamphlet by Joseph Bates.

1849—First Periodical published, *The Present Truth*, a semimonthly.

1850—*Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* began publication, later becoming the official Church paper.

1852—First piece of printing equipment was purchased by Seventh-day Adventists, a hand press that was first operated in rented quarters in Rochester, New York.

1861—The Seventh-day Adventist Churches first formally organized in Michigan.

1861—Civil War began between the North and South over slavery issue.

1861—The first publishing house was established, *The Review and Herald*.

1863—Denominational organization was established in Battle Creek, Michigan.

1863—Emancipation issued by President Abraham Lincoln in September of 1862 became effective on January 1, 1863.

1866—First Adventist medical institution established - Western Health Reform Institute in Battle Creek and was later called the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

1874—Battle Creek College, the first Adventist college was established in Battle Creek, Michigan.

1874—First overseas missionary sent—John Nevins Andrews to Switzerland.

1883—First school of nursing opened in Battle Creek, Michigan.

1894—First work for primitive peoples in Matabeland, Southern Rhodesia, Africa, among the Solusi tribe.

1895—Edson White takes the Morning Star boat to Mississippi to begin schools for coloreds.

1896—Huntsville Training School for coloreds established in Huntsville with 16 students.

1900—S.D.A. church membership worldwide numbers 75,000 of which 50 members in America were Black.

1903—Denomination's headquarters moved to Washington, D.C. August 10.

1904—Ellen White visits Huntsville School and instructs the students to work for their own people.

1905—Denomination's medical center established at Loma Linda, California, now known as Loma Linda University.

1909—Black membership in America numbers 3,000. G.C. organizes Negro Department.

1919—W. H. Green appointed to head up the Black work in the U.S.A. Black membership now 9,000.

1927—Riverside Sanitarium established for service to Blacks.

1933—J. L. Moran, a Black, is given the leadership at Oakwood Jr. College.

1944—One hundred years after the 'great disappointment', Black conferences are organized in the NAD. with G. E. Peters, director of the Colored Department at the G.C.

1951—School of Dentistry added to Loma Linda Medical Center.

1954—E. E. Cleveland joins the G.C. staff and begins 'evangelism explosion' for the church world-wide.

1962—First Black, F. L. Peterson, elected to serve as a vice-president for the General Conference.

1967—E. W. Moore, Personal Ministries director for the South Central Conference introduces a van ministries pilot program which began Inner Cities Ministries by the Seventh-day Adventist.

1968—Regional Proposal presented to the church body in NAD to build and strengthen the work among the largest minority group in the American sector of the church. N.C. Wilson counters with 16 point plan to make Blacks a more integral part of the S.D.A. Church structure.

1978—Regional Union debate arises again but denied by the church fathers.

1979—NAD Black caucus is born; North American Regional Voice established.

1979—Charles E. Bradford, the grandson of a former African slave in Mississippi becomes the first Black to serve as the president of the North American Division of the General Conference.

1980—G. Ralph Thompson becomes the secretary of the General Conference for the world field.

1985—C. E. Bradford, Bekel Heye, George Brown, J. J. Norrey, all Blacks, become the vice-presidents for four divisions of the World Church.

1990—Eighty-eight percent of the World Church is made up of people of color and 26 percent of the membership in the North American Division is found in the Regional Conferences and churches—189,000 Black members of the church in the United States where the Adventist Church had its beginnings in 1844.

1991—"Onward to the prize before us - Soon His beauty we'll behold - Soon the

pearly gates will open and we shall tread the streets of gold." HISTORY'S COMING CLIMAX — "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!"

## SOUTHEASTERN

### IN TRANSITION

Mr. Johnnie Davis is the new homeroom teacher for the 7th and 8th grade classes for the 1990-1991 school year at Mt. Calvary Junior Academy in Tampa, Florida.

Besides being homeroom teacher, Dr. Davis will teach Mathematics, including Algebra I (for grades 5-10); Typing I (for grades 5-10) and Physical Education.

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

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.

### TAMPA'S COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

Moses Brown, Dorothy Harmon and the management of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. Tampa, Florida, received Community Services awards for their educational, health and welfare contributions to the community on Community Guest Day.

Moses Brown, graduate of Oakwood College and church member was cited for his "Power Hour" ministry to the children of Ponce De Leon projects. Once a week for one hour, over 300 young people have been inspired to set high goals and achieve them. Mr. Brown's motto: "You Are Somebody and You Can Do It" is his way of restoring self-confidence in young people.

Dorothy Harmon, a 41-year old veteran of the Hillsborough County School system has dedicated her life to helping juveniles and encouraging and helping family self-help projects.

As founder and Executive Director of the Hillsborough Halfway House and Project W.H.I.T.T.S. (World of Help in Time to Save), Mrs. Harmon has fed and clothed a

number of the less fortunate. Over 13,000 toys to young children are distributed annually. She was recognized by Hillsborough County for her efforts in preserving the Tampa Branch Library.

The management of Winn-Dixie stores, Inc. has permitted solicitation of funds for lngathering from their patrons, and they too were cited on this special day.

—Rose Moore  
Communications Secretary

### MT. CALVARY CELEBRATES 84TH ANNIVERSARY

Mt. Calvary S.D.A. Church, Tampa, Florida, recently celebrated its church's 84th anniversary and school's 71st homecoming.

It was a week long celebration with former pastors as guest speakers throughout the week.

The opening of the week's celebration featured Elder Walter Starks, retired Director of Stewardship for the General Conference. The featured nightly speakers in order, Sunday through Friday were: Elder Joseph Follette, Pastor, South Atlantic Conference; Elder Oster H. Paul, Education Superintendent, South East Conference; Elder Milton Sterling, pastor Tabernacle Church, Miami; Elder Herman Davis, pastor, Bethany Church, Miami; Elder Ward D. Sumpter, Secretary, Southern Union Conference; and the weekend speaker was Elder W. S. Lee, retired Union Secretary for the Mid-America Union.

The souvenir booklet was dedicated to Mrs. M. Catherine Murray Monford who spent more than 36 years in the Mt. Calvary School system. Mrs. Monford continues to serve as a member of the School Board.

The theme appropriately chosen, "Even so, Come Lord Jesus," expressed the hope which is yet alive after almost a century of laboring in the Tampa Bay area.

The celebration was an expression of appreciation to God for the rich heritage and the many accomplishments since its inception.

For social entertainment, an international food fair and auction was sponsored by Mt. Calvary Junior Academy and Preschool on the first Saturday night in the Archie Hamlin Center.

A formal banquet was held at the Holiday Inn to crown the festivities at the close of the week's celebration.



Dorothy Harmon, recipient of Community Service award at Mt. Calvary, Tampa, Florida



Anniversary dedication honoree: Mrs. Catherine Murray Monford receiving first Souvenir Booklet from Pastor Theus Young



Moses Brown, recipient of Community Service award at Mt. Calvary, Tampa

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

### EMMA NEELY SCHOLARSHIP

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Mrs. Emma Neely, a deceased Black Bible worker and former constituent member of the Southeastern California Conference for worthy "students majoring in Bible work, ministry or Bible teaching." Interest from the fund will provide initially a \$500 merit scholarship to two first-year students in ministerial theology, religion or religious education renewable every year through the senior year. In time the scholarship will be funding a total of eight students simultaneously (two freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors, and two seniors.) This year's recipients during the May 8, 1990 Honors Convocation were ministerial theology majors: Sednak Yankson from Nigeria, West Africa, and Mark Stoddart of England.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the largest scholarship fund established at Oakwood College and certainly sets a stalwart example for all of us to include Christian education in our wills and legacies. Special appreciation goes to the Emma Neely Estate and all who helped facilitate the scholarship process, including Elders Earl Canson and Major White of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

—Mervyn A. Warren  
*Chairman of Religion and Theology  
 Oakwood College*

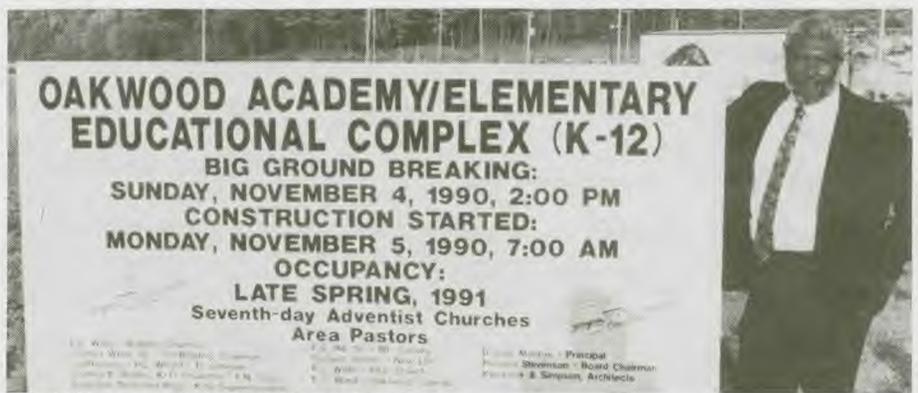
## PROFESSOR WINS 1000 POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

Rosa Hadley, Ed.D., professor of education and music at Oakwood College, has recently received special recognition from Major Steve Hettinger of Huntsville for home beautification. Dr. Hadley annually surrounds her home at 4903 Alburta Road with beautiful flower and vegetable gardens.

At first she received a letter from the president of the City Council which stated: "Congratulations on your nomination by the Huntsville Beautification Board for the Thousand Points of Light Award. You are one of the select few to be nominated from our District Five."

Later Dr. Hadley received from the mayor a beautiful certificate which reads:

"It is with great pleasure that the City of Huntsville and the Huntsville Beautification Board extend personal recognition to you for helping to keep our city beautiful. You have been selected as one of the 1,000 POINTS OF LIGHT in a program to honor Huntsville individuals who are striving to illuminate our community. We want



Donald Monroe, principal of Oakwood Academy

you to know we appreciate your efforts in maintaining Huntsville's beauty and for making it a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family."

Dr. Hadley received the B.S. degree from Fort Valley State University in 1951; the M.A. from Columbia University, 1959; and the Ed.D. in 1972 from Wayne State University. She joined the Oakwood College faculty in 1973 and has distinguished herself as an outstanding professor of education and music. Her classroom and adjacent walls are decorated with her creative bulletin board artwork and displays. She spends thousands of dollars in video production of her teaching techniques and material.

Dr. Hadley is also a well-known piano teacher who has graduated numerous young talents from her school of music. We look forward to the annual presentation of her students in recital at the Von Braun Civic Center.

Above all, Dr. Hadley is a devout Christian who has given generously of her time and talents to her church and community in various musical presentations. We applaud her accomplishments, and hail her "1000 Point of Light Recognition."

—Roy E. Malcolm

## ACADEMY BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW MILLION-DOLLAR EDUCATION COMPLEX

It was a gorgeous day! It was hard to believe that a fourth of November could yield a temperature so mild, sunshine so brilliant as to require modification by a gentle breeze. The setting was Oakwood Road, and the variegated colors of autumn provided by our college forest reserve formed a magnificent backdrop for the ground-breaking site.

All three television network affiliates covered the ceremony. Scores of parents, students, friends and community guests gathered at 2:00 p.m. to hear an invocation by T. Marshall Kelly.

Principal Donald Monroe was master of ceremonies. He called on several former principals of the school for brief remarks, including the veteran J. T. Stafford and the immediate past headmaster, Fred Pullins, whose profound presentation was simply: "Praise the Lord!"

Background information for the ceremony was presented by Mrs. Sandra Butler, teacher, and student Calvert Matthews.

Acknowledgement of special guests was done by Elder E. C. Ward who has been a prime enthusiast in the promotion of the building program and Christian education generally.

The audience heard from several other speakers including conference officials: the president of Oakwood College, Dr. Benjamin Reaves; Board chairman, Mr. Richard Stevenson; past chairpersons Norton Webb and Trevor Fraser; area pastors R. S. Willis, Sargent Sims and Franklin Hill, Sr. Also present were Don Weatherall of the Southern Union and Nathaniel Higgs, conference education superintendent and former principal.

Dr. Nell Anthony gave tribute to Anna Knight and J. T. Stafford.

Participating in the ground breaking were Principal Monroe, Charles White, Sr., of the building committee, and Board chairman, Richard Stevenson.

Music was provided by the elementary school choir directed by Mrs. Brenda Harrigan, and Mr. George Upshaw of Alabama A & M University Music Department.

The completed project is expected to exceed \$1,000,000. This event marks the beginning of Phase I.

—Roy E. Malcolm

## IN THE NEWS

### MARRIAGE REAFFIRMATION SEMINAR

Approximately 245 married, engaged and single individuals from all corners of Northeastern Conference and abroad, made their way to the Pines Resort Hotel located in the Catskill area of New York State for the conference's first annual Marriage Reaffirmation Seminar.

The weekend was coordinated by the Family Life Department with Dr. Rupert Young, director, and Mrs. Veelet Lettsome, secretary. Seminar facilitators were Nancy and Harry Van Pelt of Fresno, California—founders and directors of Better Living Programs, Inc. a non-profit Christian organization dedicated to improving family stability. Nancy Van Pelt has authored several books which include: *From This Day Forward*; *Blueprint for Family Happiness*; *The Compleat Courtship*; *The Compleat Parent*; and several others.

"The Bible view of marriage is the total commitment of the total person for the total life." Marriage is "...a school from which you will never be graduated." Such were the definitions given by the Van Pelts. They also explained marriage failures as dating and courtship failures.

The seminar was based on Mrs. Van Pelt's book, *The Compleat Marriage*, and

deal with all aspects of the marital relationship. Using a step-by-step approach, they began the Friday evening session discussing the basic needs of men and women. Love was described as a woman's basic need, it being the key to her sense of self worth. Her needs are for affection and emotional security, whereas work was explained as the key to a man's

self worth. His needs are to be appreciated, admired and respected.

Throughout the sessions, various topics such as acceptance, communication, finances and sexual fulfillment were explained within the realm of marriage. During one particularly interesting segment on "Understanding Your Mate," differences between men and women were characterized as being more than merely



Nancy & Harry Van Pelt



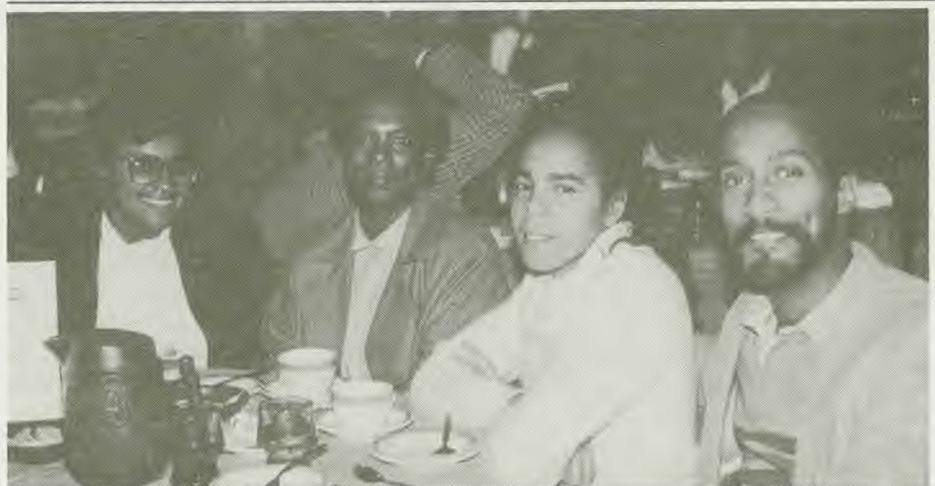
(L to R) Conference Family Life Director, Dr. Rupert Young; conference president, Elder Stennett Brooks



Mrs. Nancy Van Pelt autographs copies of her books for seminar participants



Family Life secretary, Mrs. Veelet Lettsome, participating in seminar with husband



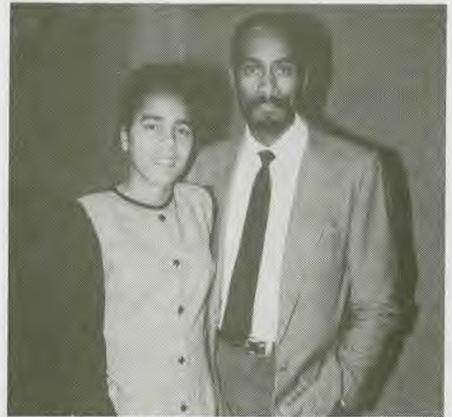
Delegates enjoy evening meal



Elder & Mrs. Stennett Brooks



Couple discuss one of the many questions given during standing break



Pastor & Mrs. Richard Bryant



"One thing I admire about you is . . ."



Couples participate in one-minute standing break



Newlyweds from the Bronx Church enjoy festivities



The Johnsons of Bethesda Church in Amityville, New York

physical. According to a study done by Janet T. Spence of the University of Texas, there is such a thing as genetically based aggressiveness found stronger in males. "In no human culture ever studied has the female been found more aggressive than the male," stated Mrs. Van Pelt. It was also explained that women possess verbal superiority. There are records of

girl babies born with their mouths moving. Men are said to possess spatial superiority. They are better logical thinkers. These are not hard and fast rules; there are exceptions among each sex.

Interspersed between each session were one-minute standing breaks where couples were asked to discuss questions given by the facilitators such as, "Tell your

partner one thing you admire about him/her," and "My greatest fear is..." Pillow talk or private conversation relating to the topics discussed was also encouraged.

In addition to the seminar, there was a lot of other activity. A special Sabbath School program, hosted by Mrs. Deborah Richardson of Connecticut, took the form of a radio broadcast entitled, "WLUVU—

What Color is Love?" During the program, various couples explained the colors as being forgiving, blessed and healthy. Elder Leroy Hampton, conference treasurer, presented the lesson study.

Following the Sabbath evening session, for the seminar participants enjoyment, the hotel provided refreshments. A mock New York's party was held during the dinner hour and a social held afterward. Attendees were also able to take advantage of the resort's facilities which included a swimming pool, exercise facility, game room, skating rink, miniature golf and several others.

The Northeastern Conference Family Life Department is to be commended for planning an informative and enjoyable retreat.

—Deborah Wilson

## JAMAICA CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The week of September 22-29 was one of celebration and reflection as Pastor David Glover and the members of the Jamaica S.D.A. Church, Jamaica, NY, praised God for His goodness and for the many milestones the church has reached since its founding 25 years ago. The theme of the week was "Progressing with Christ."

Former ministers were the guest speakers throughout the week, beginning with Elder R. R. Brown at the 11:00 a.m. service on September 22, and continuing nightly with Elders Arthur Morgan, R. Clifford Jones, Norman Snipes, Robert Lister, Edwin Humphrey and O. E. Gordon, respectively.

Special music was provided by the Cantata Choir of the Ephesus S.D.A. Church in New York City on September 22, and by the Ebenezer Choir of Philadelphia, PA. on September 29.

There were more than 50 charter members of the church in attendance throughout the week, many of whom participated in the various services held. In addition, a host of former members and guests attended the Sabbath services. Among the guests were local government officials which included Congressman Floyd Flake of the Southern Queens District, a representative from Assemblywoman Cynthia Jenkins' office, and an officer from the New York City Police Department.

Twenty-five years ago, Evangelist E. E. Cleveland, then Associate Director of the Ministerial Department of the General

Conference of S.D.A., conducted a series of meetings held July 4 to September 12, 1965, under twin tents in Jamaica, NY. At the conclusion of these meetings, 456 persons were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One month later, in October 1965, this group of believers was organized to form the Jamaica S.D.A. Church, becoming the 36th church in the Northeastern Conference of S.D.A.

Twenty-five years later, on September 29, 1990, Dr. E. E. Cleveland addressed the Jamaica Church family at the final day of its silver anniversary celebration. His sermon was reminiscent of the Christian's walk with Christ during the past 25 years, and he emphasized the need for all Christians today to continue that walk until Christ returns.

Over 400 members and friends attended a black/white banquet at the culmination of this week of prayer and praise. This festivity was held at LaGuardia Airport's Marriott Hotel.

—Merle E. Thompson-Adams  
Communications Secretary

## OBITUARIES

### JESSIE MARIE GULLY

On June 7, 1912, a child who would grow to love God and become a mighty servant for Him, was born to Jesse and Victoria Snell in San Antonio, Texas. She was named Jessie Marie.

Jessie grew in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and was educated in the schools of her native San Antonio.

She was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist message at a very early age by Maude Esther Masters. Young Jessie embraced the message and determined to dedicate her life to God's service.

While visiting Shiloh S.D.A. church in Chicago, a young deacon caught her eye. In response to the question, "Who is that young man?" Ms. Kibble, her friend replied, "Wilbur Gully." The spark of love ignited at that first meeting grew into a full flame which led Wilbur and Jessie to unite in marriage on May 11, 1943. The Gullys were blessed with a loving daughter, LeeKay.

Mrs. Gully served her church as a literature evangelist and a dedicated Bible Worker. Her career as a Bible Worker began in the Texas Conference with

Elders J. G. Dason, and R. T. Hudson. She also served with Jonathan Allison and R. W. Nelson in South Bend, Indiana, as well as Elder B. R. Spears and William Penick in Topeka, Kansas.

In 1946 a call was extended by R. W. Nelson to come to California to labor and win souls for Christ in this vineyard. Jessie continued to serve as a Bible Worker in this area with Elders R. W. Nelson, B. R. Spears, Moses Mayne, Owen Troy Jr., G. N. Banks, Dennis T. Black, L. E. Baker and E. E. Cleveland in a major evangelistic campaign.

God has blessed with hundreds of souls baptized into this faith through Mrs. Gully's ministry. Her anointed behavior and dedicated example has led several young men and women to answer with conviction the call to God's service. Included in this number are Elders Bob Dent, Craig Dossman, John E. Collins, Perry Jennings, Frank Hightower, Harold Anthony (Oakwood Academy), Mildred Dossman, Armand Soares and Margaret Holman.

The churches she helped to found along with Elder B. R. Spears are: Vallejo, Stockton, Pittsburg and Sacramento in the Northern California Conference. Gully served as Bible Worker in the "Mother Church" Market Street and Beacon Light in Richmond.

Jessie Gully further served through membership in Kings Daughters Club #1 and the Loyal Mothers Club.

On November 5, 1990, the Gullys journeyed to Atwater, California and while there, on November 6 at 4:50 a.m., our beloved sister, Jessie Gully, fell asleep in Jesus. She rests from her considerable labors. And along with her immediate family, husband Wilbur Gully, daughter LeeKay, granddaughter Nicki and grandson Kory, her many friends miss her and mourn her passing.

### ELSIE MAE COX

Elsie Mae Cox was one of nine children, born in Baltimore, Maryland, to George and Nellie Jupiter Wilson on November 23, 1915. She became committed to Christ and the Seventh-day Adventist Church at an early age when she attended church schools in the Baltimore, Maryland area.

Elsie married the late Irvin E. Cox, and together they lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with her in-laws, the late Elder and Mrs. Jeter Cox, Sr. and she faithfully

attended the Ebenezer S.D.A. Church. To their union were born two children, Joanne and Bernita.

In the 1950's, the family moved to New York city where Elsie joined the Ephesus S.D.A. Church and was a loyal member of the Ephesus church choir.

Throughout her life, she worked extremely hard in various capacities caring for and raising her children.

In the early 1960's Elsie and family returned to Philadelphia. There she was a devoted member of the North Philadelphia S.D.A. Church and held responsibilities as Sabbath School Superintendent and church choir member.

She began her denominational work on July 1, 1966, when she became the Food Service Director at the Pine Forge Academy; this position she held for 12 years. She was a diligent and consistent worker, many times working beyond the call of duty and creating miracles in the kitchen. Always devoted to her family, Elsie raised her grandchildren as her very own. She possessed uncommon wisdom and virtue, and an extremely large capacity for love. She "adopted" many students from the academy and genuinely cared for them.

After leaving Pine Forge Academy, Elsie relocated to the Washington, DC, Maryland area and continued to work despite her official retirement. As a faithful member of the First S.D.A. Church, she served in the capacities of Sabbath School Superintendent, member of the church choir and the King's Daughters.

After a protracted illness, she fell asleep peacefully on Sabbath, October 27, 1990.

She leaves to mourn, her sister, Louise Wilson Charles; children, Joann C. Tribble and husband Wilbert, and Bernita E. Cox; grandchildren, Master Sergeant Nicholas O. Darby; India M. Medley and minister husband Anthony; Dayna J. Mulrairie and husband Loren; and Donna L. Tribble; great-granddaughter Mylon Parisse Medley and a host of loving and devoted adopted "children", nieces, nephews and friends.

## UNA MAY HARRISON

Una May Harrison was born on December 20, 1924 in Brooklyn, New York, the first daughter of Walter and Iris (Newman) Darby. She attended the public schools of Brooklyn through high school. Una attended Atlantic Union College in

Lancaster, Mass. and graduated from White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, California, as a registered nurse. She served well in the field of nursing but felt that she could be of more service in the field of education. Una received a Master of Science degree in Special Education from Hunter College in New York City and began a career in teaching home-bound children. She continued in this field until her early retirement.

Una joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church by baptism at age 12. She later became a member of the College Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where she held membership until her death on April 20, 1990.

To her family, Una May was the one to whom each looked for encouragement, information and support in the joys and sorrows of life. She was also a great asset to the college community. Many students found rest and encouragement in her home. She carried her benevolent spirit to the college campus in such acts as bringing refreshments during exam week. She will be missed greatly by both family and friends.

Una May is survived by her two children, Arlene Joseph of Brooklyn, New York and Frederick Harrison of Clinton, Massachusetts; a son-in-law, Marc Joseph and a daughter-in-law, Victoria Harrison; three grandchildren, Alan Joseph, Saritta and Daniel Harrison; two brothers, Samuel Darby of Pine Forge, Pennsylvania and James Darby of Berrien Springs, Michigan; two sisters, Dorothy Seard of Carson, California and Linda Ingram of Port Jervis, New York; three sisters-in-law: Jayne Darby, Florence Darby and Wilma Darby; a brother-in-law, William Ingram; nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

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*A little kindness shown each day  
To help make glad some heart;  
A little patience at mistakes  
Where anger's apt to start;  
A little smile for those who plod,  
'Neath loads, up life's steep hill—  
If these won't win a little pass  
To Heaven, nothing will.*

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—Bide Dudley

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