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**Because God
Loves Us, We
Love Him Too**



BECAUSE GOD LOVES, HE GIVES

He Continually Surprises Us with His Blessings

COVER PHOTO: Cameron Miller (left), and Jay Williams of the Shreveport South Church, Louisiana, know that their money will be going to help their sister-church in the Ukraine.

Photo: Jeremy Martin

Ever since the beginning of time God has been giving to human-kind. He created a beautiful garden and gave it to Adam and Eve as a wedding gift. "... He surrounded them with everything that could minister to their happiness, and He bade them acknowledge Him as the possessor of all things." *Councils on Stewardship* p. 65. He told them to care for the garden and to eat its fruit, except for the one tree that was not theirs to touch.

When Adam and Eve disappointed God by disregarding His instructions, instead of blotting them from the face of the earth, God gave again! The price of this gift was high! "For God so loved the world that He gave

His only begotten son, that whosoever would believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16. We all know this verse and often recite it without stopping to think about what it meant for God to

give His son. It was not easy, but God did it because of His love for His created beings.

God continues to give even now, six millennia later. He showers His blessings on good people as well as those who do not honor Him. His world is still a beautiful place even though it is scarred and polluted. He continues to surprise us with blessings. His promises are still sure even though we don't always claim them as we should.

Living as we do in today's world where many of us have developed the "Me-first" attitude, we sometimes have difficulty remembering that God is still supreme and that He is to get the honor and praise He is due. In our hurry to do and get, we tend to neglect what is most important and we forget that we are merely stewards of God's bounties.

It has been heartening to meet people who still recognize God as supreme and who honor Him in their words and actions. Please meet some of God's faithful stewards:

"No man can lay up treasure in heaven without finding his life on earth thereby enriched and ennobled.

Christian Stewardship p. 346

BECAUSE GOD LOVED, *He Made the Earth Beautiful for Us to Live On*

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1. We do not own this earth, God does. Genesis 1:26-28 teaches us that in the very beginning God charged humankind to be responsible for the care and nurture

of the earth and its resources.

Seventh-day Adventists believe in a holistic way of life, and we understand God's plan for us to be stewards of this planet. Christians need to do more than just believe in our stewardship responsibility. Let's not be partners with the

masses of people who are selfishly destroying our planet, but let's join in a partnership with the Creator of all things in caring for the environment all around us.

Richard W. Mitzelfelt
*District Environmental Manager
New Mexico Environment Department*

BECAUSE GOD LOVED *He Brought Meaning to Our Lives*

I am thankful to have been given the unequivocal evidence and certainty that I have been created by the all-loving, all-powerful and all-knowable God, Creator of the universe, and Savior of mankind. I praise the Lord for His love and care for me and for my wife, Nancy. For you see, we were not privileged with an Adventist upbringing. I was born into a home where I did not know Jesus as our soon coming Savior, nor all the other truths we now hold so dear.

My father was a celebrity, an Oscar-winning movie star. Even though I was reared by the traditions of my Italian mother, in Catholic schools, I followed in my father's footsteps. For years I wandered in a world of glamour and popularity—TV shows, recording sessions, mega concert tours, etc. (I was lead singer of a well-known rock band in South America). Sports had taken hold of my life, again following in my father's footsteps, who had been a basketball super-star in his younger days. My interest in sports, however, was track-and-field and surfing. After winning several gold and silver medals in national championships, I grew tired of it and gave it up and moved to Hawaii. I thought I would find peace of mind and the truth about the existence of this universe and about myself—where I

came from, why I was here, and where I was going. It didn't take long for "paradise on earth" to grow old, too.

Yet, in His providence, God had a plan. It was there I met Nancy, my wife, who at the time was attending the University of Hawaii. Later, as our relationship developed, I learned she was Nebraska's Centennial Queen, a title she holds for 100 years! We shared what were similar experiences in a world of glamour, fame and popularity. We even had music as a common ground. But what was so special was our shared desire to know more about God. After searching for truth in diverse Eastern religions, we turned to the Bible. But it was not until we went back to my country, Uruguay, to be married that we began to study seriously with Adventists. Nancy had previously studied about last day events with a good friend of hers who was an Adventist. Now she suggested that we visit an Adventist church while in Uruguay. I assured her there was no "American religion" of this type in my country. (Little did I know that the South American Division headquarters was about three miles from my home at that time!)

To my amazement we found several Adventist churches listed in the phone

book. After calling to find out what time they held "mass," I was cordially invited to come to Sabbath school and church. I was shocked to find that they attended church for 2 1/2 hours. Due to shortness of space here I can't go into detail of how wonderfully we were received and how our subsequent encounters with Adventists in my country influenced our lives, but we were impressed with their sincerity and love for God.

To make a long story short, after studying for two years on our own, and later with our pastor and friend, Reggie Mattison and his wife, we were baptized in beautiful Silver Lake in the mountains near Riverside, California. Ever since that time we have dedicated our lives to spreading the Good News about our wonderful God and Savior.

Through our present ministry, Creation Enterprises International (member of ASI), we now publish extensive resources for the church. I still use the musical talents God has given me to bring hope and encouragement to others. What a privilege! We know we have a mission to fill, and we are on our way to heaven. "The Lord's blessing is our greatest wealth." Proverbs 10:22.

Juan Carlos Pardeiro
Gentry, Arkansas

Carlos and Nancy Pardeiro



BECAUSE GOD LOVES *He Helped Me in My Time of Distress*

God was with me when I needed help in 1990. I had just become an Adventist and the devil was trying all he could to make my life a mess. I am a shift worker at a utility company, which means I would have to work on Sabbath.

I went to my supervisor to explain that I would no longer be able to work on my Sabbath but that I had a co-worker who would be willing to swap shifts with me so that I could attend church on Sabbath and he could go on Sunday. This worked fine for about two

months, then my co-worker decided he had had enough. I found out that he was no longer attending church on Sunday but was using his time to make extra money.

I was scheduled to work the next Sabbath, so I told my supervisor my problem. He found someone to work my shift, but explained I would not be paid for that time. This went on for two weeks, and then I was called into my supervisor's office to be told I had to go home because I did not work the day before (Sabbath).

Things were not looking good and I began to lose hope. We prayed for an answer to my problem. I went to the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) to ask for help. They found that in my case the company was not obliged to give me my religious rights, because there were not enough people doing my job to make it feasible. I found myself praying more frequently, because I was losing money and had a family that depended on me.

My wife and I had become Adventists at the same time, and she supported me wholeheartedly. We would also pray as a family that God would guide.

Suddenly people from other departments came to offer support and help. It was as if God had spoken to them. Even people who hardly knew me, but believed in the principle of religious freedom came to trade shifts with me. It's as if God sent these persons to help affirm that He loved me.

God has not only helped me, but now more of my co-workers study the Bible at work during breaks and at lunch. Before I joined the Adventist church I rarely heard anyone at work speak of God. Now God is spoken about freely and Bible discussions are frequent.

Tom Gilbert
Houston, Texas

Tom Gilbert



BECAUSE GOD LOVES PEOPLE

I Want to Love People, Too

Some of us who grew up in Seventh-day Adventist homes were involved early on in church activities, utilizing our God given talents in helping the poor, the sick, the hungry and other needy people. Although this may be true, how many of us have utilized these talents to minister to the imprisoned. If you were asked today to enter a maximum security prison to minister to convicts, how comfortable would you feel about responding to this call?

The ministry of taking the gospel to criminals in the penal institutions is one few of us are willing to envision, and yet in Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus showed us that we should seriously consider the concerns of the oppressed.

I recently interviewed Mr. Lon Smyth, an Adventist layman in Santa Fe, New Mexico, regarding his prison ministry work. I asked him what he had learned over the last three years while conducting prison ministry groups at the Penitentiary of New Mexico, North Facility. He started by saying, "Any one of us could have been one. I really feel sorry for these people," he continued. "Some know the Bible better than we do; they're good people. We do not try to convert all the inmates, as I feel the Holy Spirit will take care of that."

I also interviewed another layman, Joe Gallegos, of Marcy Park Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church who also ministers to prisoners in Santa Fe. He has learned that "they come from different faiths, but they are really sincere about seeking God. They even wear crosses on their prison clothes to profess their belief. Gallegos has received a request to begin corresponding with a prisoner who is in total lockdown (administrative segregation) who came from an Adventist home. He has already sent him a copy of *Steps to Christ*.

I, myself, have been a psychologist in the New Mexico Corrections Department for over eight years. I continually attempt to reach these prisoners in a loving, yet professional manner. I am extremely pleased to see the results of my brethren who work with these unfortunate people, and I praise the Lord that He has given them the courage to carry out His work.

There is a need for laymen to assist with prison ministry work, as there are thousands of prisoners around the country in the many prisons who await

a loving response. They are suffering and need to learn about God's love and compassion. When God has blessed us so much, should we not try to share our blessings and our love for Him with those who need compassion and understanding so much?

Michael G. Maestas
New Mexico Corrections Department

BECAUSE GOD LOVES

He Has a Plan for Our Lives

◆ My great-great-great-great-great-grandfather, Lewis Masquierer, was a French Huguenot who came to America for religious freedom.



I count it a great blessing to have been born in a land where we are free to choose how we worship, for having ancestors from a wide variety of foreign countries, I could have been born

where it is much more difficult to worship God.

More than that, I am a miracle child. Not knowing she was pregnant, my mother was scheduled for surgery one day. The evening before, her former doctor came to visit a patient who was in the same hospital room as she was. He advised my mother not to have the surgery, and so against her father's wishes and those of the hospital, she went home. Six months later I was born.

Today I am a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and am thankful for the many blessings God has given that show His love for me. I await Christ's return with anticipation, knowing I will meet the God who loves me.

Mickey Hooper Hagan
Fort Gibson, Oklahoma

◆ When Ira Gilliam was nominated as communication secretary for the Muskogee Adventist church in 1960, he did not dream that 30 years later he would still hold that office. He remembers how the first two or three stories he took to the *Muskogee Daily Phoenix* were not used, but since then

the editors have welcomed his material.

Now almost every week Ira has a story about his beloved church, and it thrills him to see his church mentioned in the news media. Even when he is away from home he sends something by mail or writes for the local newspaper.

Ira has served in every office of the church except as church clerk. As far as he can recall he has missed Sabbath school only five times in all these years.

"I want to let everyone know how wonderful it is to serve a God who cares for us and who provides for our needs," says Ira, "and I thank Him for permitting me to represent Him through the news media."

Ira Gilliam
Muskogee, Oklahoma

BECAUSE GOD LOVES He Gives Us Guidance and Wisdom

We are especially thankful that God has led us to the Adventist church. We believe we've been spared from a lot of pain and heartache because of the spiritual message and the health message. God's church has been an anchor for us when life's seas are rough and His promises have been very meaningful. Raising four boys in today's world has not been easy. There are so



Stephen and Marilyn Harris

many temptations and so many ways kids can get into trouble.

Not only have we found the wisdom of God's word a guide, but also we have found the faith to believe that God will never stop working for us. We claim all His promises and know He will be with us to bless and guide.

Stephen and Marilyn Harris
Sallislaw, Oklahoma

BECAUSE GOD LOVES He Saves Sinners Like Me

"I had been so beaten down in life, there was no where else to go," said Ella Mackey, a recovering alcoholic and drug addict who joined Dallas Faith Temple church by baptism on March 17. "I was coming down from being drunk and high one day, when I finally realized my need of God. I called on Him for help."

Having attended some Alcoholics Anonymous sessions, Ella recognized she was powerless and that she needed a power greater than herself to restore her life to some sort of order. "I asked God to show me the way, and it was in January that He sent Verdina Tucker to hold Bible studies at Welcome House. I listened carefully to what she said and found her studies in harmony with the Bible."

For several weeks Ella said she asked Verdina about attending church with her. After some time she was invited to a Saturday service which was different from what she had known in the Baptist church. Ella did not find it difficult to accept the Sabbath truth and other biblical teachings of the church. "I love being a Seventh-day Adventist," she says. "I feel I've come home."

No longer is Ella on an addictive path that leads to a slow suicide. She now rejoices in the text in Matthew that talks about the Lord taking care of the lilies of the field. "If God does that, He will surely take care of me and bless me as well," says Ella.

Donald R. Moy
Faith Temple SDA Church

BECAUSE GOD LOVES He Provides for Our Needs

♦ "Mary Lou Rayburn, treasurer of Mandeville, Louisiana, church says, "I live on a VA widow's pension. It's not much, but I always pay my tithe. I have found that whenever a bill comes, I can always pay it. And that's how a lot of us are in our church. We're just a small congregation," Mary continues, "and none of us has much money, but we feel blessed. Because we love the Lord we give our tithes and offerings faithfully, and He takes care of us. I'd feel very uncomfortable if I did not give God my tithe."

♦ "Several years ago," says Jerry Proshe of the Alexandria Smyrna Church, "we signed a 10/10 commitment card to give 10 percent tithe and 10 percent offerings. And now, even though the pastor who introduced that

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov 3:9, 10.

concept has left, we still do this. I have learned personally that God takes care of us. He always comes through to meet our needs. For instance," Jerry continues, "we had to find a different place to live, and we didn't know how we would pay the rent. Then my brother came to town and bought a house in preparation for moving here. But he can't come for another two years, so he's letting us live there and asks that we pay part of the monthly house payment."

God's promises are sure. He honors those who honor Him!

BECAUSE GOD LOVES

He Answers Just at the Right Time

It was October 2, 1992, and the air had the Fall chill. The trees were beginning to color, and we had NO protection under our modular home to keep pipes and lines from freezing.

After paying the September bills and tithe and offerings each week, and my husband being laid off from work again on September 20, there was no money left to do the work under the house. I had been trying to budget \$300 for this fall repair job all summer.

Roger and I stepped forward again in our faith in the Lord and went out Tuesday, October 6, to purchase the

needed wood and insulation on credit. We turned our problem over to the Lord.

On Thursday, October 8, an unexpected check came that will just cover our charges on these house supplies!

We must remember to keep the Lord's commandments (tithe and offerings included), for He always takes care of His children ON TIME—His time. Thank you again, Lord Jesus, for honoring your promises!

Roger and Jane Pyle
Zion, Arkansas

Later we decided to go onto the 10/10 plan of paying a second tithe. Our three children who are now grown and married and have families of their own are all faithful in giving their tithes and offerings. They learned about giving at home and have continued the practice in their families. We never made a fuss about giving tithe and offering—they just knew that we loved the Lord and that we expressed that love by giving.

Robert and Lenna Lee Davidson
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

BECAUSE GOD LOVES

He's Shown Us How to Love Each Other

Robert and Carrin Spencer Jr. were married January 28, 1952. They have reared seven children, four boys and three girls. One son is working in Australia, another has 17 years in the military and the other two sons are employed locally. One daughter is an attorney in Alaska, another is a nurse in Maryland and the youngest is a dye expert with Burlington Rug Mills in Monticello.

Years ago Robert was a heavy smoker and sometimes drank heavily. Since accepting Jesus Christ and becoming a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church more than 11 years ago, he has not touched alcohol or smoked. According to Carrin, he became a new man when he accepted Jesus Christ.

Three of their sons served in Desert Storm. Robert and Carrin believe their prayers and faithfulness to the Lord brought their sons home safely.

Robert has had no problems in his refusal to work on Sabbath, but Carrin resigned one job because she was required to work on Sabbath. Her old employer has since become a very good friend and has assisted her in finding other employment. This same person assisted them in purchasing a house at a bargain price.

Robert is serving as an elder in the Monticello church, and Carrin is assistant Sabbath school superintendent and Community Service leader.

Since becoming members they have truly been faithful in giving of their talents, time and money. Our congrega-

tion loves them and feels blessed to have them as members of our church. They are examples of what God's people should be.

Aubrey C. Trimble
Monticello, Arkansas

BECAUSE GOD LOVES

We Can Show Our Children How to Love Him Too

For years we gave 6 percent of our money for offerings as well as the 10 percent for tithe, and we never felt the lack of anything. It seemed that whenever something came along, we would have the money for it. Some of our friends marvelled at how we would find items on sale just at the time we needed them.

Robert and Lenna Lee Davidson



BECAUSE GOD LOVES

He Always Comes Through with His Promises

◆ Since we became Christians we have always returned tithes and offerings. We've claimed Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ." many times, and the Lord has never failed us.

My husband is a full-time graduate student working toward his Ph.D. and needless to say, doesn't have a very big income. When our daughter was born two years ago, we made a decision that I should stay home to take care of her. We knew it would not be easy, but we claimed the promise in Philippians 4:19 which says "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Along with being a full-time student, my husband has a fellowship at the university and works part time doing yard work and delivering pizza. The Lord has always given him more work than he can possibly do. His tuition and books have always been provided for through grants and scholarships. We have never been in need of food. Somehow, some way God has not only provided enough for our family but also for the many guests who come to our home every Sabbath.

Our bills have always been paid on time, and we continually have our clothing needs met by different means. We have all been blessed with good health and the Lord has provided us with a spacious country home and many, many more blessings.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me." Psalms 116:12.

Danny and Vi Vis
Norman Church, Oklahoma



David and Stacey Layne

◆ Tithing is one of the things that sets our church apart from most other religions. When others ask how we can afford to tithe, I tell them I can't afford not to!

There have been many times we have wondered how we could tithe and still pay the bills, but somehow the money is always there.

On several occasions when balancing our check book I have found that we've had more money in the bank than I thought. I've tried and tried to find where I had made a mistake, but couldn't find one. The numbers just did not work to suit logic. This always happens at a time when we most desperately need it.

There are other blessings God has given us that could be taken for granted. We always have plenty of food on the table. We always have a place to live with heating and cooling.

Another blessing is that we have a good pastor. If we did not give our tithes, and others did not either, there would not be funds to pay our pastors. Our tithes and offerings help bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who still don't know the gospel. The greatest joy will be in heaven to have someone tell me they are there because the money I gave helped reach them with the gospel. David and Stacy Layne

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

◆ When we began giving tithe and offerings, it was not because we expected any reward for our faithful-

Tithing is a very important commitment to God. The blessings received are ones that I



would not want to live without. I would rather do without some things than neglect to give God what is His due. Little blessings we often overlook may come to mind days or weeks later, and we can see how God has had a hand in our affairs. This is something too precious to lose. I can smile and say, "Thank you, Lord."

Sharon Shannon
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

ness—we did it out of love for God. However, since becoming faithful in our financial support of the church we have been blessed in many ways.

Our children were born healthy and continue to be healthy. Our health has also remained good. We have had only minor medical problems over the years.

Other expenses, such as car maintenance, seem to be at a minimum. In five years of car-pooling children to and from school we had no major car problems and only one flat tire. The Lord has protected us and keeps us from danger. Paul and Alice Graham

Odessa English church, Texico

BECAUSE GOD LOVES

He Has Taken Care of Our Property

In 1975 we purchased some rental property which included a number of houses. Every spring and sometimes in the fall we called a plumber to root out sewer lines between the houses and the main line. These lines were installed about 1950 and ran between maple trees which were planted at the time the houses were built.

We decided to step out in faith, believing that the One on whom we are depending to raise us from the grave is also able to prevent roots from growing into old sewer lines.

Putting \$90 into the investment fund

each spring and fall we have found no need to call a plumber for the past eight years even though the lines are now older and the trees even larger!

Even after the properties were paid for, we followed this plan with insurance payments. Each year we give the \$1200 we would normally pay for preventive insurance and carry only liability with regular companies.

In all these years we've had no losses or damage. This has been an inspiration to others in our small church of 16 members where five are housebound. Elmer and Esther Riley

Tulsa, Oklahoma

BECAUSE GOD LOVES

He Honors Those Who Keep His Sabbath

I met my late husband about the time he began attending the Adventist church. He operated a seasonal business which was closed in the winter and open seven days a week in summer.

Not long after he started attending church he began paying tithe. When the next season arrived he closed the business on Sabbath. Friends and relatives told him he wouldn't make a living if the business was closed on Saturday, for that was the most profitable day of

the week.

The first Sunday of that season the profits were greater than they had ever been, and that season was the most profitable of any season up to that time. He joined the Adventist church early that season, and we were married about two months later.

We always found that as soon as the tithe was paid each month our blessings increased. It is true that God keeps His promise to bless! Olga Speer

Madill, Oklahoma

I've Tried to Outgive God, But Because God Loves, He Always Does One Better

For many years I have tried to "beat God in giving." That is, I have tried to give my all and give until it hurts. Yet, I find that the more I give, the more He blesses me.

Over 25 years ago when I first met my husband, he made the comment, "You would have more if you didn't put that much money into the church." I made it clear that nothing would come between me and my tithes and offerings. From a child, my mother

taught me to return my tithes and offerings. However, I did not give very liberally until my husband, who was not a tithe payer, decided to accept the challenge to "prove God."

While he was a member of the Ephesus church in New Orleans in 1970, he displayed such boldness as the offering plates were passed that he stated, "Lord, I'm giving this money to you and I am looking for my blessing." I am happy to say that now he testifies



often that God does what he has promised. The Lord has blessed him to become the regional director for the Food Stamp program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He

also serves as first elder of the Faith Temple church in Dallas, Texas.

Over the years my family and I have enjoyed numerous blessings from being faithful in returning tithes and giving liberal offerings. I am happy to share some of the ways God has blessed me financially, spiritually and professionally. Over the past seven years I have seen my offerings increase. Currently I return a tithe plus 20 percent. My salary has increased 65 percent over the same period. I can truly say that God has bestowed great financial blessings on me.

I have also enjoyed blessings from serving in God's vineyard. Presently I am the church ministries director of the

Faith Temple church in Dallas, Texas. I am aware that being a good steward includes not only your money but also your time and talent. Believe it or not, I enjoy blessings from God in everything I do, whether on the job, in the home or in the church.

Often I share testimonies of how God has blessed me professionally in my career. I have held many positions and enjoyed promotions and salary increases. Specifically, I had a position with the department of justice which I disliked a great deal. I asked the Lord for another job as I literally cried in prayer at my desk, "Lord, let this cup pass from me!" He heard my cry and blessed me with my present position as Foreign Visitor Specialist at the Superconducting Super Collider Laboratory. I had applied for an assistant's position; however, God intervened and gave me a higher level position.

I challenge the readers of this story to accept God's promise of blessing—you can't outgive Him. I know!

Katie Arnette, Faith Temple, Dallas



Steve White and Lisa Watson-White

income had been unstable for the year before that. There were many times when my partner and I skipped every other paycheck in order to meet expenses.

I had joined the new company in 1980, investing the rights to my system software programs. Though I remained a full partner in the firm, I concentrated my efforts on developing software and not running the company. As various partners sold their shares to the company, I began to take more interest in the whole operation. When the last remaining partner sold his shares in 1989, I became president and sole owner of a struggling business. Times were not the best, and my experience in management was just beginning.

During these long, stressful months, my wife and I came to the realization that something was missing in our lives. I had left the Adventist church in the mid-70's for various reasons. Since our marriage in 1982 we had attended a friendly and outgoing church, but over the years I came to see that they did not preach the Bible as I had learned it as a boy. So we stopped attending that church, too. The Holy Spirit was calling on us to seek Him. My wife was a little skeptical about visiting a church on Saturday, but in short order we were studying the Bible again and participating in worship services each week. We felt compelled to tithe our income, as unsteady as it was, even before our studies reached that point.

Several months after returning to
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The Assurance of God's Love Will See Us Through When the Future Looks Uncertain

When Eric Mann, a hairdresser well-known among the socialites and high profile personalities of Hollywood, moved to Houston, Texas, he set up his business at a prestigious location at the Houstonian Hotel. (When President Bush comes to Houston he calls on Eric.)

Soon after his arrival in 1984, Eric visited some of his relatives who live in town. One of his aunts, Mary Ferguson, invited him to attend a meeting to which she was going. He thought it was some kind of MLM (multi-level marketing) seminar, only to find out he was with a group of deeply committed Bible-studying Christians. He was very much impressed with their lifestyle and their interpretation of scripture, which was different from what he knew from the religion of his childhood. He had many questions about religion to which there seemed no legitimate answer, but here he found them in scripture.

When he was ready to open his business in Houston he invited the local priest to come and bless this new venture. That Sunday when he approached the priest, he was told that he was too busy to do something like that. This hurt Eric and led him to delve even deeper into scripture. Once he felt he had his answers he decided to join the Seventh-day Adventist church, for they believed the 10 commandments the way he thought they should be interpreted.

In the last two years God has blessed Eric with a beautiful wife, Debbie, and handsome son, Victor. God has also helped him market his Eric Mann tan and beauty products. These are now going international.

Eric's desire is 1) to see his wife, Debbie, baptized in the near future and 2) to get enough return on his business to help with the building of the new West Houston Temple.

Walter Leinberger
West Houston SDA Church
Communication Secretary

We Stand Back Amazed at God's Love - Look What He's Done for Us!

Today, Sunbelt Computer Systems, Inc. is supplying a computer language called Databus to programmers all over the world. The Lord has enabled the company to prosper beyond my expectations, and we are continuing to grow with the ever changing computer industry.

I did not know I would be able to say that four years ago. At the time I had bought out my last partner, and our

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10



Cyril Miller

President's Bulletin Board

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST OFFICIAL POSITION ON TITHE!

Our Church Doctrine

*"The tithe is holy unto the Lord, and is God's provision for the support of His ministry. Freewill offerings are also part of God's plan for the support of His work throughout the world."*¹

Our Baptismal Vow

*"Do you believe in church organization, and is it your purpose to support the church by your tithes and offerings, your personal effort, and influence?"*²

Our Responsibility to the Tithe

"In recognition of the Bible plan and the solemn obligation that rests upon church members as children of God and members of His body, the church, all are encouraged to return a faithful tithe (one tenth of their increase of personal income) into the denomination's treasury.

The tithe is not used or disbursed by the local church but is remitted to the conference treasurer. Thus the tithe from all the churches flows into the local conference treasury, which in turn remits one-tenth of its total tithe income to the union. The union in turn forwards to the General Conference, or its divisions, one tenth of its total tithe income. Thus the local conference, the union, and the General Conference are provided with funds with which to support the workers employed and to meet the expense of conducting the work of God in their respective spheres of responsibility and activity.

In addition to remitting to the union 10 percent of their tithe income, local conferences/missions also remit through the union to the General Conference, or its divisions, an additional percentage of their tithe as determined by the General Conference Committee or division committee for the financing of the Church's program.

These policies have been developed for the gathering and disbursing of funds in all the world and for the conducting of the business affairs of the cause. The financial and business aspect of the work are of great importance. They cannot be separated from the proclamation of the message of salvation; they are indeed an integral part of it.

Systematic Benevolence and Unity — The financial plan of the denomination serves a larger purpose than appears in its financial and statistical reports. The arrangement is more than a means of gathering and distributing funds. It is, under God, one of the great unifying factors of the Advent Movement. God's people are a united people. The church's system of dividing the tithe between the conference and the union and between the union and the General Conference and of sharing the funds with the world fields has served a wonderful purpose in unifying the work throughout the world.

How the Tithe Is to Be Used — The tithe is to be held sacred for the work of the ministry, for Bible teaching, and for the support of conference administration in the care of the churches and of field missionary endeavors. The tithe is not to be spent on other work, on paying church or institutional debts, or on building programs.

"A very plain, definite message has been given me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that

the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge for these things." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 248.

How the Tithe Is Handled — The tithe is the Lord's and is to be brought, as an act of worship, to the conference/mission treasury through the church in which the person's membership is held. Where unusual circumstances exist, church members should consult with the officers of their conference/mission.

Conference Workers and Church Officers to Set Example in Returning Tithe — Conference workers and church elders and other officers and institutional leaders are to recognize that as a principle of leadership in God's work, a good example is to be set in the matter of returning tithe. No one shall be continued as either a church officer or conference worker who does not conform to this standard of leadership.

Tithing - a Scriptural Obligation — Although the returning of tithe is not held as a test of fellowship, it is recognized as a scriptural obligation that every believer owes to God and as one of the spiritual exercises in which he should have part in claiming by faith the fullness of blessing in Christian life and experience."³

Our Tithes and Offerings Not a Personal Trust Fund

"Tithes and offerings paid to the church do not create a trust fund for the future benefit of the givers. These funds shall be used for the current purposes for which they are given."⁴

The gospel plan for the support of the work of God is preaching the everlasting gospel among men is by the tithes and offerings of His people. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has followed this plan from its earliest days.

The Biblical basis for the paying of tithes and offerings will be found in the following references: Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 23:23; I Cor. 9:9-14; 2 Cor. 9:6-15. Observe also the following from the Spirit of Prophecy:

"The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 249.

"That which has been set apart according to the Scriptures as belonging to the Lord constitutes the revenue of the gospel and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury in order to serve himself or to serve others in their secular business." *Ibid*, pp. 246, 247.

"Every church member should be taught to be faithful in paying an honest tithe." *Ibid*, p. 251.

"This is not a request of man; it is one of God's ordinances, whereby His work may be sustained and carried on in the world. . . . No one can excuse himself from paying his tithes and offerings to the Lord." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 307.

"God has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and the gifts of His people. Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the Lord's work. Of the means entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion — the tenth. He leaves all free to say whether or not they will give more than this." *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 74⁵.

All quotations from *The Church Manual*.
¹p. 191, ²p. 44, ³p. 134, 135, ⁴p. 139, ⁵p. 133

Southwestern Union

Denominational Auditors Validate Our Gifts

"Not many church organizations have an accounting system as careful or as accurate as ours," says Bo Just, certified public accountant, who supervises the team of General Conference auditors stationed here in the Southwestern Union. "I have talked with several financial officers of other denomina-



tions, and have been surprised at the loose accounting system some of them have. Our church can verify that funds given for specific purposes are used for what they have been given."

To ensure that the monies given to the church in gifts, tithe and offerings are allocated for their specified purposes, the Seventh-day Adventist denomination set up the General Conference Auditing Service in 1977. The service is made up of certified public accountants who write the state board of public accountancy examinations. As CPAs they are duty bound to abide by the professional code of ethics and rules to maintain their certification. This code requires them to be fiscally accurate and to treat their clientele confidentially.

Members of the General Conference Auditing Service in the Southwestern Union spend their time checking the financial records of the union, conferences, academies, college, and nursing homes to ensure that the financial accounting is accurate and that the denominational policies for financing have been adhered to.

"Auditors have a two-prong approach to their work," Bo Just continues. "We do a financial audit to ensure the records reflect an accurate accounting of funds, and then we check to see that the organization is handling its finances according to the policies set up by the denomination. An example of this," Just continues, "is to see that tithe funds are allocated and used as tithe and that evangelism funds go for evangelism."

"When an organization hires an independent auditor (one not paid by the denomination), that auditor can be fired any time his reports do not reflect the

thinking of the organization," Just explains. "However, with us, it is different. We work out of the union office, but are paid by the General Conference. This means that if we find something in our auditing that may reflect negatively on the client management, we cannot be fired for being totally objective. Our work is more credible because we are not employed by the organization being audited."

Jean Thomas

Darrell Keyes Selected to Ride Rose Parade Float

James Black, director of Adventist Youth Ministries in the Southwest Region Conference, explains how Darrell Keyes was selected from the regional conference to represent the Southwestern Union Conference as a rider on the Adventist float in the Pasadena Rose Parade on January 1, 1993.

"Each Pathfinder club in our conference was given a set of criteria to be met," explains Black. "The name of the member from each club best meeting the requirements was submitted along with the other names for a final selection at a meeting of the Pathfinder area coordinators."

Besides meeting all the criteria, each candidate was to submit letters of recommendation from their school teacher or principal, Pathfinder director, pastor, as well as write an essay of 150 words.

"Of all the names submitted," continues Black, "Darrell's was the best. Our area coordinators had no problem choosing his name. We are very pleased with his accomplishments and are proud that he can represent our union on the float on January 1."

Darrell's essay appears below:

Because I have been a Pathfinder all of my life and have attended and participated in activities at camp meetings, union camporees, federations, winter camps and youth retreats, I can rightly represent Southwest Region Conference Pathfinder clubs.

As a black young man, I believe the odds are against me (in the eyes of the world) to stay off drugs, out of jail, and in school with all the negative opinions, but I thank God as a black young man that I have found Him, and I know that if I stay close to Him through prayer, studying, church, the Pathfinder club, and other youth activ-



Darrell Keyes from the Southwest Region Conference was elected as Rose Parade float rider for 1993. He is standing between Norm Middag, North American Division Pathfinder coordinator, and James Black, Southwest Region Pathfinder director. Photo: Gene Clapp

ities, I can and will beat these odds with God's help.

Because of the training and discipline at home, and during the years that I have been a Pathfinder, I thank God for the opportunity to rightly represent Him and the conference's Pathfinders before the nation.

The Southwestern Union Conference is proud to have such a fine representative at the Rose Parade! Let's support Darrell with our funds and let's invite our friends and neighbors to watch the parade on January 1, 1993.

"When thou makest presents, let them be of such things as will last long; to the end they may be in some sort immortal, and may frequently refresh the memory of the receiver."

— Fuller

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A Powerful Partnership!

Potatoes, Cattle, Money and Such!

While pastoring in Aroostook County, Maine, I saw two illustrations on the wall of a potato barn belonging to one of our church elders.

The first illustration showed a man holding a tray of nine perfectly shaped potatoes in one hand, and one potato in the other. The caption read, "One potato out of ten. Not much to give my Lord who gave His life to save me."

The second illustration showed the man holding an empty tray in one hand and the same potato in the other. The caption read, "The Lord doesn't expect me to give Him my last potato."

Both captions are correct!

The Golden Rule is Still the Best Rule.

Jesus said "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..."

Matthew 7:12 NIV.

Surely, this applies to our relationship with God as well as our fellowmen.

God First! Jesus was talking about birds and foxes, nests and houses, sowing and harvesting, clothes and food; and I believe potatoes, cattle, money, land and such things.

He said "... seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 NIV.

The Potato Barn Illustrations Were Both Correct!

First, when we give one potato back to God, it isn't too much because He helped us get all ten. We "return" one potato to show Him we recognize His ownership of all.

We could "give" a second potato as an offering which says, "our love, like Your love, finds a way to say 'thank you!'"

Second, God never asks us for our last potato or the last of anything else. God asks for the first!

The illustration below shows that all we receive comes from God, yet our basket is fuller than His basket.



"... remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth..." Deuteronomy 8:18 NIV.

Paul Smith,
Stewardship & Development

Pathfinders "Discover A New World" at Southwestern Union Camporee

Over 1,650 Pathfinders from New Orleans to Socorro, New Mexico, from Bentonville, Arkansas, to Brownsville, Texas, and from Ardmore, Oklahoma to Zapata, Texas came to Nameless Valley Ranch October 15-17, for a camporee.

God gave the group excellent weather, cool and sunny, with just a few sprinkles Thursday afternoon as clubs arrived, many after traveling 12 to 15 hours, and set up camp in NVR's Pecan Grove.

The camporee theme was "Discovering a New World," and Pastor Van Hurst, dressed as Elijah, preached his opening message from the deck of a replica of one of Columbus' ships. After his message, Pathfinders acted out the story of Columbus' journey 500 years ago. A fantastic fireworks display closed the evening.

Clubs spent all day Friday participating in events which ranged from traditional Pathfinder events, such as fire building, first-aid, and drilling and marching to fun events such as the "human log roll," paper airplane flying and the "old clothes relay."



It's a tough job to light a fire without matches!
Photo: Gene Clapp

Friday night's program featured Christian illusionist Steve Varo, music by the Evensons, a presentation on the SDA Rose Parade float, and another message by Van Hurst. He concluded with an appeal for Pathfinders to rededicate their lives to Jesus.

Sabbath morning, clubs assembled all over the Pecan Grove to listen to two or three of the 30 Bible characters from the "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews 11. Rahab, Barak, Samson, Noah, and many others shared their testimony. For church, Ascension, a group from Tennessee, sang special music, followed by another message from Van Hurst. "We must love and reach out to people while avoiding worldliness. If it looks like a fish (the world), smells like a fish, tastes like a fish—it's a fish (it's worldly)!"

All too soon it was Saturday night and closing ceremonies. Ascension and

Conference Development!

Members and churches working together for Conference-wide progress



- ◆ The world-wide objective is 1-2% of member income.
- ◆ Let's make it our immediate objective to bring each conference up to an average of 1% of member income.
- ◆ Watch this space for monthly progress!
- ◆ Each of our conferences has a Development Program.

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Oklahoma	— Onward Oklahoma!
Southwest Region	— SWR Dev. and Camp Meeting Evangelism!
Texas	— Texas Partners, Avenues of Advance, Etc.
Texico	— Texico Expansion!

- ◆ Please give a special year-end gift to your CD Program.

REMEMBER: All CD funds you give stay in your conference. Not one penny goes outside your conference. Count on it to help strengthen programs for youth, families, churches, schools, and your conference.

Development includes all funds raised conference-wide and used for constituency benefit.



"Stand at ease!" and all 1,650 Pathfinders and their leaders obey instantly.

Photo: Gene Clapp

the Evensons sang again. Steve Varo taught several more object lessons—the hand is indeed quicker than the eye.

But what rang in many ears was Van Hurst's challenge, "Pathfinders are not too young to spread the gospel. Go back to your churches and get involved. Reach out to your friends. The coming year is the Year of Youth Evangelism for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pathfinders, what will you do to share God's message with others?"

Jeff Brown
Texas Pathfinder Director



Pathfinder girls agree on which foot to put forward first.

Photo: Gene Clapp

Southwestern Adventist College

JENELL RUSK, CORRESPONDENT

SAC Awards Doctorate to Tandy CEO at Autumn Convocation

John Roach, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board for Tandy Corporation in Fort Worth, encouraged students to "Just do it!" when he spoke for Autumn Convocation, September 23 at Southwestern Adventist College. Roach received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the convocation.

In his speech, Roach challenged SAC students to accept responsibility and to do what needs to be done. Believing that, "Opportunities come up more frequently than you'd expect," Roach advised students to become well acquainted with technology and how to use computers. He said technology would challenge students more and more, and a good education with technical knowledge would empower students to think, to lead, and to achieve



Ray Nichols (right), president and CEO, of Keene Bancorp, Inc., congratulates John Roach, CEO of Tandy Corporation. Roach received an honorary doctorate of laws degree during Autumn Convocation at Southwestern Adventist College.

Photo: Eli Vangordan

goals. Roach emphasized that today's employment opportunities demand advanced technical skills.

Citing himself as an example of those who make use of opportunities, Roach traced his life to a humble beginning working in his father's small grocery store. Later as a junior engineer with the phone company, Roach worked his way through college with the goal of a five day work week and a \$12,000 salary. He commented that he now earns much more than \$12,000 a year, and yet ironically still doesn't have the five day work week.

Roach recommended mental toughness and outside interests to students. He cited hard work and determination as being extremely important for success, but he also mentioned the importance of enjoying what you do.

Roach closed his speech by telling students, "No one bats 100% and most don't bat 50 percent. But if you never get up to bat, you'll never have a hit." Therefore, Roach added, "Just do it!"

Following Roach's speech and the presentation of the degree, Dr. Marvin Anderson awarded two presidential citations for outstanding service to SAC. Leroy Leiske, development director from 1968 until 1970 and college president from 1971 until 1974, was cited for his continuing service to SAC. Victor Brown, enrollment vice president and chaplain since 1985, also received a citation for excellence in service.

A reception co-hosted by Marvin and Dee Anderson and Trammell and Margaret Crow followed the convocation. Guests were treated to a light dinner and the music of the Keene Camerata. Guests of honor were John and Jean Roach. Other special guests included Neil and Amy Calloway, daughter and son-in-law of Roach; George and Jo Marti of Marti Electronics; and Bill and Jean Tucker, Chancellor of Texas Christian University.

Autumn Convocation is the ceremonial academic beginning of the school year and an opportunity for students to see SAC faculty, officers and administration, the board of trustees, the Alumni Association board of directors, the Committee of 100 board of directors, the President's Advisory Council of Johnson County, and the Entrepreneurship Task Force in full academic regalia.

Kari Parrott
SAC Advancement



David Anavartarte, director of SAC Choraliers, leads the group in a rehearsal of John Rutter's "Gloria."
Photo: Eli Vangordon

Sacred Christmas Concert

Southwestern Adventist College's Southwestern Choraliers, directed by David R. Anavartarte, Brass Ensemble, directed by Robert Anderson; and the Keene Camerata, directed by Muger Doroftei, will perform the traditional Friday night Christmas spectacular together on December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This year the main work featured will be John Rutter's "Gloria," a 20-minute piece written for choir, brass, timpani and organ. In addition, the choir will perform three selections from Handel's "Messiah," as well as other traditional sacred Christmas pieces.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the SAC music department at (817) 645-3921, ext 243 or 717.

Holly Clark
SAC Advancement

Annual Phone-a-thon Raises Funds for Student Aid

Southwestern Adventist College conducts the Alumni Annual Fund Phone-a-thon October 18-29 this year. The phone-a-thon raises money for unrestricted aid for current students at the college.

"The first goal is to build a relationship with the alumni of SAC. We want to show them that we care about them," explains Scott Jones, senior business major and director of this year's phone-a-thon. "The second goal is to raise funds for worthy and needy students through that relationship."

During the two-week fund raising drive, an all-student staff of callers will contact alumni of the college all over the country. "The alumni like to hear from the students. Even if they don't pledge any funds, they still like to find out what's going on at the college," says Jones.

The goal for this year's phone-a-thon is \$68,000, over \$6000 more than last year's total pledges. The money is put into a general fund which is distributed by the college to help worthy students who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend SAC. "Last year the fund helped over 100 students. We hope we can help many more after this year's effort," says Jones.

Jack Williams
SAC Advancement

LLUMC Receives Grant for Technology Development

The United States Government has awarded Loma Linda Medical Center a \$5 million grant for the establishment of the National Medical Technology Testbed (NMTT), according to U.S. Congressman Jerry Lewis.

Once established, the NMTT will be comprised of a consortium of defense and aerospace industries located in Southern California. This group will work closely with LLUMC to develop prototype health-care products.

"The testbed has two principal objectives," says A. Douglas Will, MD, dean of the University's School of Medicine and primary researcher for the project. "The first is to reduce the cost of health-care delivery."

"In a technique similar to that wielded by Department of Defense strategists, the NMTT program will generate advanced technology intended to 'force-multiply' health care personnel and facilities."

"The second objective is to improve the efficacy of health-care delivery. Technology transfer from the aerospace and defense industries will be specifically targeted toward eventual production and utilization of advanced medical technologies by health-care providers throughout the nation."

"The program will transfer defense technologies such as optical electronics, fuel cells, microchip integration, and robotics, to medical applications."

The program will develop models for use by other companies in converting from defense industries to medical industries.

"We will use high technologies to fight a different enemy and help Americans with disabilities become more independent," says Will. "We will use sophisticated information systems borrowed from command, control, communications and intelligence to improve the quality of health care while decreasing its cost, creating the infrastructure to make it available to all Americans."

Lola Hankins Receives Award

Lola Hankins, CST, received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Public Service Relations from the Association of Surgical Technologists, Inc., a non-profit association, at its annual conference held recently in Washington, D.C.

A long-time Fort Worth resident, Hankins is employed as a certified surgical technologist at Huguley Memorial Medical Center.

Hankins has been extremely successful in promoting AST and the profession of surgical technology. "Her energy and enthusiasm have helped increase the public awareness of the important role that surgical techs play in the operating room," says Judy Cohn, director of surgical services at Huguley.

Surgical technologists are allied health professionals who are educated specifically to work in the operating room. They anticipate the instrument needs of the operating surgeon and are the surgical team's expert in aseptic technique, having primary responsibility for maintaining a sterile field. To become certified in surgical technology, techs must pass a rigorous examination of their theoretical and practical knowledge.

Mary Whitehead
Office of Public Relations

CTMC Aids San Marcos High School in Occupations Program

As part of the Technology Department at San Marcos High School, a new program called Health Occupations is now available to high school students with a desire to pursue a medical-related career. SMHS and Central Texas Medical Center are working together to provide students the opportunity to find out what a career in the health professions really entails.

The medical intern program gives students a chance to see and work around areas such as medical/surgical nursing units, physical therapy, cardiopulmonary services, dietary, medical imaging, hospice care, and eventually ICU, surgery, and the emergency room. This opportunity is usually associated with students performing internships at the university level.

"Health Occupations allows students to experience a broad overview of the medical professions before they choose their specific field of study," said Susan Ross, RN, health occupations coordinator and nurse educator. "This program offers the student an opportunity to get first-hand experience in the hospital by rotating through the various departments and observing the health professionals at work."

In the classroom, students learn how to take blood pressures and temperatures, perform CPR, charting, and learn medical terminology, abbreviations and ethics. The medical intern program is a two-hour, two-semester course which meets during SMHS's fifth and sixth, and seventh and eighth periods, at CTMC. The students are bused daily to CTMC, spending Tuesdays and Thursdays in a classroom setting and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays rotating through clinical areas.

Requirements for joining the program are that a student be a junior or senior, completed biology, in good attendance standing, and a recommendation from a teacher or counselor.

Christine Garza, senior and one of the 20 health occupation students, was rotating through the Maternity Department when she took her "hands-on" experience to another level by coaching an expectant mother throughout the birthing of her first child.

"The woman was crying, and she hadn't taken a Lamaze course, so I just talked with her and helped her breathe easier like Lamaze teaches you," said Garza. "Helping the mom and seeing the baby born like that is something I will always remember."

These students, wearing distinctive purple scrubs, are now part of normal activity at CTMC. After completing this program, students will have a better understanding of various health professions, have an idea if this is the career of choice and obtain basic skills to work at an entry-level job in a hospital as a unit clerk or nurse aid.

"This partnership between the medical center and the high school is a valuable education tool and an excellent opportunity to cultivate medical interest right here in our own community," said Joel Hass, president/CEO of CTMC.

Arkansas-Louisiana

PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT

Pathfinders Adopt a Highway

The Little Rock Rangers Pathfinder Club is doing its part for the environment by participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

The Pathfinders adopted a one-mile stretch of highway along Interstate 430. On June 1 the club put on the fluorescent vests for the first time and picked up litter on both sides of the highway.

They were amazed at the amount of debris scattered along their route. They filled 47 trash bags in the three hours they worked.



From left: Janie Arthur, Matthew Orian, Mimi Boykin, and Carl Syvertson, all of the Little Rock Rangers, helped to clean up their adopted stretch of highway.

As part of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference-wide Freedom '92 program, the Falcons launched a save-your-pennies program which spread to the entire church. They brought in over \$100 for the project.



Over 100 pastors and elders met at Camp Yorktown Bay for the annual church leadership retreat on September 26. Steve Gifford, (right photo) one of the guest speakers, covered topics of concern for church leaders. During one session, the attendees were divided into small groups and given discussion topics that related to church plans and programs.

Photos: Pete Kostenko

Pathfinders Spend Summer Hard at Work

The Lincoln Falcons, of Lincoln, Arkansas, took part in community outreach during this summer.

In July, the Pathfinders conducted a Vacation Bible School for five nights. Over 22 children, 17 of whom were non-Adventists, were enrolled in the school.

During August the club worked with their community service director in distributing school supplies to families in need. The club placed ads in local newspapers and also spread the news by word of mouth. The program provided school supplies for 31 children, and four adults requested Bible studies.

The Falcons' on-going prison ministry distributes colored envelopes and writing paper to prisoners.



Lessie Rice of Baton Rouge standing next to the tree that could have fallen on her home the day Hurricane Andrew hit the Louisiana coastline. But God was in control and the tree fell the opposite way!

Photo: Kathryn Carlson

The Slidell Bobcats Pathfinder Club: Back row (from left) Beth Palmer, D.J. Estey, Alayune Fenasci, Michael Earhart, Annie Palmer, Ronnie Marshall, Bethany Swenson, Front row (from left) Chelsie Millet, Shane Fenasci, Arienne Millet, Steven Teal, Megan Estey, Rebecca Marshall, Adam Teal. The Bobcats, after touring their local Humane Society, decided to help out. They collected food, towels, rugs, dishes, and other needed items for the shelter. Two club members also adopted pets, learning the importance of being responsible pet owners.



Oklahoma

JERRY BEEM, CORRESPONDENT

In Time of Need

Hurricane Andrew is how history, but the effects will be felt for years. Even though Oklahoma did not feel the destructive power of the storm, there were people who were willing and anxious to help those in need.

Three communities responded by sending individuals to help with the massive effort needed in the clean-up and emergency work. Older students from Beavers Memorial Junior Academy in Ardmore worked side by side with other students from Bass Memorial Academy, Highland Academy, and Ozark Academy in the unloading, sorting, and distribution of food, clothing

and personal hygiene items down the bayous along the gulf.

Debbie Simmons from Ketchum and Cleo and Alyce Lile from Jay served at the Adventist Disaster Center near Houma, Louisiana. Sorting and packing clothing and distributing food, water, bedding and cleaning supplies along the bayous took most of the week they were there.

It was rewarding work for every individual who participated, especially when some of the local people expressed amazement at the organization and efficiency of the Adventist Church. All of the volunteers commented about their willingness to help again whenever help is needed.



Debbie Simmons (left) and other volunteers in Houma during the emergency.

Miami Church Dedication

The members of the Miami, Oklahoma, church celebrated the dedication of their church home on September 26, 1992. Cyril Miller, Southwestern Union president, spoke in the service, which honored the 50-year-old church.

The "Little Members" of the Miami Church. These children collected an offering for the building fund in the small church to the right of the children.



The original organization of the Miami Church followed an evangelistic meeting held in Miami in October, 1941. Thirty new members, along with nine from other churches, formed the charter membership of the church on February 21, 1942. The first pastor was Harold Bresee.

A remodeled house was dedicated as the first church home for the congregation in 1951. In April, 1972, the building was sold and the group purchased a five-acre tract east of Miami. A temporary building was built for a meeting place, but the sanctuary wing was not begun until 1991, when the church revitalized the project and encouraged giving and volunteer work on the new building.

The new sanctuary, now completely finished, features an original baptistry mural by Alma Knapp, as well as new pews and carpeting.



Ardmore students as they unload supplies near Houma, Louisiana.

Junior Academy Bible Conference

More than 80 students, sponsors and staff gathered at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center over the weekend of October 1-4 for the annual Bible conference.

"God Loves Me—So What" was the theme for this year's conference. Leading out in the music was James Rainwater, Elk City district pastor, who kept the young people in a singing mood the whole time.

Lee Gugliotto, pastor from Ardmore, gave several talks dealing with the theme. Videos, worksheets, small groups, indoor and outdoor activities kept the pace from slowing down.

Several Adventist students who attend public school came for the weekend, as well as those from the church schools. Everyone is already looking forward to the next Bible conference.

One of several small learning groups during the Oklahoma Junior Academy Bible Conference held October 1-4 at the Wewoka Woods Adventist Center. The theme of the Conference, which also included video worksheets, as well as other indoor and outdoor activities, was "God Loves Me—So What?"



Southwest Region Conference

ROBERT LISTER, CORRESPONDENT

Jefferson City Church Holds Community Program

A series of programs were held by the Jefferson City Adventist church in Jefferson, Texas, which targeted all age groups in the community. Running from July 13 through August 13, these programs kept members of the church busy and provided a learning experience for those who attended.

The 10-day vacation Bible school began each evening at 5:30, directed by Karen Anderson, with a Revelation Seminar following at 7:00 p.m. conducted by the church pastor, H.M. Crider. When the VBS program ended, a two-week story hour, coordinated by Paula Houston and Karen Anderson, continued in its place while the teenagers, parents and older folk kept on with the Revelation seminar.

A sewing class was the final program for the summer. Ruth Warren

from Hunstville, Alabama, and Alice James of Texarkana, Texas, were the instructors. This was held for primary and junior-teen age children who learned to make pants and tops.

We, the members of our small congregation, prayed daily for strength to do this work, and we praise our Heavenly King who is more than able to supply what we needed to accomplish the task.

H. M. Crider, *Pastor,*
Jefferson City SDA Church

Texico

GEORGE LLOYD, CORRESPONDENT

Clovis Holds NEWSTART Nutrition Seminar

A NEWSTART Homestyle Nutrition seminar and cooking class was held at the Clovis Adventist church every Monday night for four weeks beginning September 14. This is the first time the NEWSTART program, created by physicians at Weimar Institute of Weimar, California, had been held in Clovis.

The 23 participants, mostly non-members, learned about the eight natural remedies of Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air (pure), Rest, and Trust in God. Recipes included no cholesterol, no fat, no refined sugar, and no refined grains—only whole grains, fruits, nuts and vegetables.

The instructors, Paul Williams and

his wife, Mihaela, and two assistants, Leandra Williams and Carol Gunnels, were guided in their presentations by the statement found in *Councils on Diet and Foods* where it says, "Good service can be done by teaching the people how to prepare healthful food. This line of work is as essential as any that can be taken up." p. 254-255.

Hands-on cooking demonstrations augmented by physicians' lectures on video and a loose-leaf binder of instruction and recipes were all part of the program. Child care was provided by Karen May, with her daughter, Elena and son, Jeff, helping out.

The NEWSTART seminar ended with a banquet to which each participant brought a favorite recipe they had learned at the seminar. Church members provided a short gospel concert.

Paul and Mihaela Williams

Abilene District Welcomes Pastor

Demetrio Robles, a native of the Philippines and formerly president of the South-Central Luzon Mission, is the new pastor of the Abilene district, Texas.

He graduated from Philippine Union College and earned his master's degree in religion from the Seventh-day Adventist seminary near Manila.

The Texico Conference and members of the Abilene and Big Spring churches are pleased to welcome this new pastoral family.



NEWSTART seminar participants test food samples.



Demetrio and Dinah Robles with their three children: Gladly Mae, Mervyn Jon and Diadem Faith.

Mesquite Holds Breathe-Free Program

On the third day of the Breathe-Free Clinic sponsored by the Mesquite, Texas, Adventist Church, and the American Cancer Society, participants put their cigarettes and lighters into a mini-casket that had been made by one of the church members.

Randy Wales, a member of the Mesquite Adventist church was the organizer. Material for the clinic was furnished by the American Cancer Society and the church. The church also provided punch and meeting space.

Shirley Cline
Communication Secretary



Participants of the Breathe Free program who put their cigarettes in the mini-casket.

VGA's ESL Institute Proves Its Worth

Valley Grande Academy's expanded ESL (English as a Second Language) Institute produced some significant gains in test scores over the first quarter.

Scores from a standardized test showed an overall increase of 13 percent in just one quarter of study, com-

pared to the same test given at registration.

New to VGA is a full-time ESL teacher. Victoria Nave, head of the institute, brings five years of ESL teaching experience to the program. A full schedule of ESL classes gives the students increased opportunity to learn. Students take classes in ESL grammar and writing, ESL listening, and small group language synthesis, ESL reading and oral communication, TOEFL review, cultural relations and ESL language synthesis lab.

Students agree that their English language skills have improved. "I know that my English is much better," comments Freida Barrera from Mexico City. And Jiro Saito from Tokyo, Japan, says, "I like the ESL program because I understand the classes. If I don't understand, I ask Mrs. Nave, so no problem."

Corrie Whitney
VGA Marketing Director

San Benito Celebrates "Friend Day"

In cooperation with the "Friend Day" program promoted by RIAL (Religion In American Life), the San Benito Adventist church hosted about 30 visitors on September 19.

Invitations were sent to everyone in the San Benito area who had responded to the advertisement for Bible Reading Guides. Each visitor was invited to the fellowship dinner following the service and was given a small gift of love.

The San Benito church is currently involved with 29 Prophecy Seminar Bible students.

Jean Goins
Communication Secretary

Cleburne Pathfinders Visit Nursing Home

The Comanche Pathfinders and Comancheroes of Cleburne First SDA church brought the church service to the residents of the Cleburne Nursing Home on September 26.

Prior to the event the children made cards to give to the elderly. Anticipation of the visit made the card-making exciting, since each child designed something that would appeal to an elderly person.

The afternoon's program was begun by thirteen-year-old James Moller, who



Hannah Swayze of the Cleburne Pathfinders giving the greeting card she made to one of the residents.
Photo: Michael Kubash

led everyone in a song service. Special songs were given by individuals and groups from the club. The Pathfinder director, Ronald Moller, gave a short talk, and then the Pathfinders handed out their cards as they visited with the residents.

The Pathfinders have been invited to come again.
Michael Kubash
Cleburne First Church

"Something Wonderful" Mailing Brings Results

In response to a mass-mailing to residents of Fredericksburg and Kerrville, Texas, there are about 100 requests for the Bible study plan. Members of both churches are visiting those who mailed in the requests, and many are finding a good response.

Some responders thought they would receive a book; some expected to receive their lessons by mail; some are reluctant at first to commit themselves to a weekly schedule of study; but many have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the requested material. One man followed the visiting member out to his car and said, "I'm glad the Lord sent you!"

The plan is to personally deliver the first eight lessons to the home, and then to invite those who are interested to continue the last 16 lessons in a group at the church three nights a week.

Members of both Kerrville and Fredericksburg are praying that this program will help alert the community to the nearness of the end time events.

William P. Meleney
Communication Secretary

New Associate Pastor Arrives in Richardson

Bill Lundeen and his wife, Liz, have recently arrived at the Richardson, Texas, church where Bill is the associate pastor. Pastor Lundeen's emphasis will be on the youth and young adults. Bill's desire is to see young people discover their gifts and fulfil their own potential as members in the body of





Bill and Liz Lundeen with their children, Rainbo and Jed.

Christ. "Youth and young adults must come to understand that their input is of equal importance with that of the older, more vocal membership," says Lundeen. "The church is made up of all of us, and all of us must contribute to its upbuilding."

Both Bill and Liz attended Southwestern Adventist College where Bill received a BA degree in Theology. They have recently returned from the SDA seminary at Andrews University where Bill worked on a Master of Divinity degree.

Sue N. Mathieu
Richardson Communication Secretary

Richardson School and Boy Scouts Assist Needy Families

Through cooperative efforts of the Richardson, Texas, Adventist church, the Renner Middle School of Plano, the Cooper Aerobic Center of Dallas, and the Boy Scout Troop #299 of Plano, food, blankets, sheets, toilet articles, baby diapers and medical supplies were sent to help the hurricane victims in Louisiana.

Susan White, a teacher at Renner Middle School, with the help of her husband, Bob, were instrumental in organizing a community service drive where the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at Renner Middle School collected over 8,000 items for the hurricane victims and donated them to the Richardson Church Community Service Center for distribution to the hurricane victims.

The Cooper Aerobic Center and the Boy Scout Troop #299 also contributed a substantial amount of food, clothing and miscellaneous items.

Bill Lundeen, associate pastor, and Sue Mathieu, Community Service director, personally thanked the middle school students, teachers and principal for their efforts to help those in need.

Richardson Church Community Service Center currently assists an average of 20 families per month in the local area.

Sue N. Mathieu
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church, and after several years of skipping nearly half of my paychecks from Sunbelt, I made a faith commitment with God. If He would enable me to receive a regular salary (two paychecks a month), then I would pay a double tithe from the second paycheck, as well as the regular tithe on the first one. Since that simple commitment was made over three years ago, I have never missed a paycheck. The Lord is faithful! In His honor, I pay a double tithe on all my income.

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The Lord has blessed us in the ability to provide employment for others and funds for His work. We really enjoy sharing His bountiful blessings. "We have nothing to fear, except as we forget how He has led us in the past."

Steve White and Lisa Watson-White
in their Tyler, Texas offices.

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never gives, soon ceases
to receive."***

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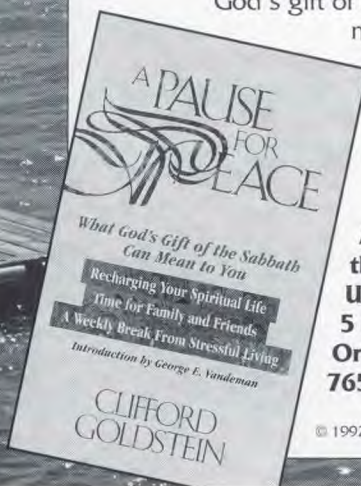
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Announcements

Upcoming programs and events that may be of interest to *Record* readers are announced here in brief. Additional information is available as indicated in each item.

Amazing Facts Aired on Nationwide TV

Amazing Facts announces that the program is now being aired nationwide on the Black Entertainment Television cable network. Viewing time is every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. Check your local cable guide for stations airing the program in your area.

SAC Announces Alumni Homecoming

Southwestern Adventist College's annual alumni homecoming will be held April 7-11, 1993. This year's honor classes are 1913, 1918, 1928, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978 and 1983. Everyone is invited! For more information call 817/556-4731.

SAC Spring Registration

Spring registration at Southwestern Adventist College will be held Monday, Jan. 4, 1993, in Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium. Registration will be open from 9:00 a.m. until noon and will reopen at 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Interested students should contact the business office for more information, 800/477-2543.

Singles New Year Celebration

Singles are invited to celebrate the New Year with hundreds of other singles while cruising the

moonlit waters of San Diego harbor. Adventist Singles Ministries New Year's retreat features a New Year's gala on the yacht Enterprise as a part of the 4-day New Year's Single Adult Retreat at Grosvenor Inn in San Diego, CA. For a time filled with fun, fellowship and spiritual renewal, join guests Jose Rojas, Margo Pitrone, Herman and Sonnie Harp, Ritchie Carbajal, and Sonja Walker, as well as singles from across North America. For details on cruise or retreat contact: Adventist Singles Ministries, 4467 King Springs Road, Smyrna, GA 30082; phone 404/434-5111.

Arkansas Singles Christmas Party

The annual Arkansas Adventist Singles Ministries Christmas party will be a special weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and recreation in Texarkana, Dec. 11-13, 1992. Blake Hall is the featured speaker. Children are welcome. For information and lodging contact Christy Herring, 903/832-8069.

Addresses Needed

The Irving, Texas, church is trying to locate the following persons: June Meadows, Shari and David Nancarrow, and Patricia Reynolds. If you know their whereabouts, please contact Louise Harrison, 1719 Franklin St., Irving, TX 75060.

Obituaries

JAMESON, J. S., was born Nov. 15, 1902, in Dalton, GA, and died Sept. 27, 1992, in Paradise, CA. He was a minister for over 45 years, serving in Arkansas, Louisiana, and several conferences outside the Southwestern Union. Survivors: daughter, Louise Rozell, Paradise, CA; son, Kenneth, Shreveport, LA; 6 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; and 2 sisters.

Kenneth Jameson

METTS, Euil Ivy, was born Mar. 1, 1902, in Milam County, TX, and died Sept. 23, 1992, in Truth or Consequences, NM. Survivors: daughters, Lenda Wilcox, Phoenix, AZ, Glenda Franks and Thelma Tillman, both of Apache Junction, AZ, and Jamie Luce, Tucson, AZ; sisters, Mary Lou Pepper, Truth or Consequences, Lillie Goad, Las Cruces, NM, and Marsella Smith, Wilcox, AZ; 9 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

NEWHART, Hartsel, was born May 8, 1916, and died Oct. 16, 1992, in Danville, AR. He was a member of the Plainview, AR, church.

R. Allison

ROGERS, Emmett A., was born June 2, 1928, in Glenco, AL, and died Oct. 9, 1992, in Ore City, TX. Survivors: wife, Elsie, Ore City; sons, Dale of White Oak, TX, Joe of Virginia, and Jeffery of Daingerfield, TX; and a daughter, Dora Beth Bell, Cypress, TX.

Herman Griffin

SIERK, Villa Gillis, was born Dec. 25, 1904, in Tyrone, OK, and died Aug. 13, 1992, in Cleburne, TX. She was a member of the Keene church. Survivors: sister, Arvenia Harper, Keene; and brother, Harold Kreiter, Alvarado, TX.

WORLEY, Helga Jane Block, was born Nov. 25, 1903, and died Sept. 16, 1992. She was a member of the San Antonio Highland Hills church. Survivors: sons, Roy of Floresville, TX, and Richard of LaVernia, TX; daughters, Elaine Bizzell, Kitty Rawlings, and Jane Malone, all of San Antonio, and Ann Boicourt of Pecos, TX.

Pam Sauls

YOUNG, William R., was born Mar. 27, 1900, and died Oct. 10, 1992, in Covington, TX. He was a member of the Fort Worth First Church. Survivors: son, James, Houston; brother, Monroe, Teague, TX; 1 grandson; and 1 great grandson.

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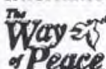
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Amarillo, Texas.....	5:35	5:37	5:41	5:46	5:52	5:58
Brownsville, Texas.....	5:40	5:42	5:46	5:50	5:55	6:00
Dallas, Texas.....	5:21	5:23	5:27	5:32	5:37	5:43
El Paso, Texas.....	5:03	5:04	5:08	5:13	5:18	5:24
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas.....	5:23	5:25	5:29	5:34	5:39	5:45
Galveston/Houston, Texas.....	5:22	5:24	5:28	5:32	5:37	5:43
Gentry, Arkansas.....	5:04	5:06	5:10	5:15	5:21	5:27
Little Rock, Arkansas.....	4:59	5:01	5:04	5:09	5:15	5:22
Muskogee, Oklahoma.....	5:08	5:09	5:14	5:19	5:25	5:31
New Orleans, Louisiana.....	5:01	5:03	5:07	5:11	5:17	5:22
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	5:17	5:19	5:23	5:28	5:34	5:40
San Antonio, Texas.....	5:36	5:38	5:42	5:47	5:52	5:57
Santa Fe, New Mexico.....	4:50	4:52	4:56	5:01	5:06	5:13
Shreveport, Louisiana.....	5:10	5:12	5:15	5:20	5:26	5:32
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