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NEW BIRTH BRINGS NEW GROWTH

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Experiences New Birth

William L. Woodruff, *President*

A new birth, whether human or animal, brings a smile to the face and a warm feeling to the heart. The cover picture shows a new colt born at Camp Yorktown Bay this spring.



Many in Arkansas-Louisiana are finding the most important new birth experience by accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior. Along with the strong reaping program by our pastors which are a result of their small group ministries and Revelation Seminars, eight major evangelistic series will be held in 1994, two of which will be in the Ukraine in the fall. More than 100 have experienced the new birth through baptism already this year.

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference is also experiencing new birth with two new churches under construction, one in Baton Rouge and the other in Hammond, Louisiana. We should also mention three newly dedicated churches in Yellville, Mountain Home, and New Iberia. Another new birth has been the organization of a new Spanish church in the Springdale area of northwest Arkansas.

With the desire for a continued new birth experience to grow in our prayer life, plans are now being laid for a prayer and spiritual retreat to be held October 18-22. Registration for this special week will be open to all in the Southwestern Union. Further information will be published in the *Record* in the coming months.

Join us in praying daily for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that together we can be used by God to see His work finished so Jesus can come to take us home. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

New Approaches To Evangelism Reaching the community through ACTS

For some time Al Lester and his wife Mary had wanted to do something that would make a difference in their community. With both of them retired, they had time to spend helping others. Al had been thinking a lot about bringing comfort to people whose homes had been destroyed by fire. In fact, he had been praying that the Lord would lead him in this direction if it was His will.

One day when he heard the fire sirens sounding, a voice from the Lord said, "Do it!" so he hastily gathered some items in a bag and drove to the scene.

"Here," he said upon locating one of the burn-out victims, "these items may be of help to you." And that's how ACTS (Adventists Caring Through Sharing) began.

Al heard the Lord say, "Do it," and he's been doing it ever since

with the help of Mary, his brother and his wife. At first there was no place to store their goods, but the Conference made a warehouse available for the processing and storing of donated goods. Al and Mary were invited to tell their story to members of the Alexandria church. Al's words, "Just do it," so inspired the pastor, Raymond Ruckle, that he, too, has gone ahead with a project he was considering.

Interacting on a Christian radio talk show

I didn't pay much attention to a phone solicitor who, over a year ago, was selling broadcasting slots for a local talk show radio station. Yet occasionally, while driving in my car, Chuck Harder's "For the People" or Leo Lytle's political comments caught my attention. "I wish we could have an Adventist talk show sometime," I mused. The thought grew until the idea of visiting the radio station to explore the possibility of a religious talk show seemed the right thing to do.

Ministry anywhere has difficult moments. Sometimes one feels

that all attempts at evangelism are fruitless. I was at a point where I knew if we didn't move forward in a new way, I could easily become discouraged. Following a time of earnest prayer, I made an appointment with the owner of KTLD, the secular news-talk radio station I had been listening to.

While intending to ask for a modest weekly half-hour talk show, I found myself, instead, asking for an hour a day. The original cost was prohibitive, but negotiations brought it to an attractive one-third of the going rate. The Lord seemed to be leading. Praying that the hour for the broadcast would be reasonable, I consulted with the station manager who suggested that 4:00 p.m. each day (except Tuesday) was available. I left feeling that a miracle had just occurred.

To come between two popular talk shows, to be given a good time and rate—not to mention the prospect of reaching most of Louisiana (when the FCC approves a power increase)—was more than I had hoped for. Having sensed the Lord's guidance thus far, I knew that I could depend on His grace to surround my inadequacies for the accomplishment of His purpose. We sealed the contract with a deposit in December, with plans to be on the air in February.

During the following weeks, the program format began to gel. Thinking that four hours a week of distinctive Adventist doctrine would not wear well with most of our listeners, we explored a variety of options. A plan evolved to schedule doctrinal studies on Mondays and Thursdays. Wednesday's show came to be called "Sinners Anonymous," a "how-to" class for those who want to experience God's grace in overcoming sin. The 12-step program used by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and other



Al and Mary Lester (left) find real help and support from Al's brother and sister-in-law, Marie and Ramon Lester.

COVER: Galen Alexander (far right) and his brother Aaron, feed Flash, a colt born this spring at Camp Yorktown Bay. (Photo: Tobe Watts)



Raymond and Shirley Ruckle answering questions on health on their Friday radio talk show.

self-help groups is combined with counsel from the Bible and books like *Steps to Christ*. On Fridays my wife, Shirley, joins me for discussions on health and family issues.

Since we are learning about Adventist talk shows as we go, we are experimenting with different approaches. On Monday, for example, we got input from a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi, as well as Lutheran, Baptist, and Church of Christ ministers regarding the importance of the ten commandments.

In a series on worship days, we arranged for a Muslim physician to call from Los Angeles to explain why Islam worships on the sixth day of the week. We also heard from church representatives why Methodists, Catholics, Latter-day Saints, and Pentecostals set aside the first day of the week for worship. In subsequent broadcasts, we followed these pre-arranged telephone surveys with a discussion on the reasons for observing the seventh day as Sabbath.

On our "Sinners Anonymous" program we have been interviewing persons who have overcome addictions such as sex, drugs, alcohol, and smoking. On Friday, the health emphasis has received excellent feed-back from listeners.

The program is too new to measure our effectiveness; however, we would like to allow a one-year trial for this approach to evangelism. Much will depend upon future listener response, advertising, funding and the perceived impact on the public image of our church.

Our purpose for the talk show is to have a radio pulpit for Loui-

siana and a way to discuss doctrinal, spiritual and health issues. We want to mingle verbally with the people as ones desiring their good, showing sympathy, ministering to their needs and winning their confidence, and then we'll invite them to follow Jesus (adapted from *Ministry of Healing* p. 143).

Will God use radio talk shows as one of the ways to diffuse the light of God's truth? We hope to find out. Please pray for us.

Raymond and Shirley Ruckle
Pastoral team
Alexandria and Marthaville
Churches

Explaining God's love in a prison block

The room filled with prisoners. Seven members of the Lake Charles church, each trained in prison ministry, were there for support. We had just completed 32 lessons on Daniel and Revelation with eight inmates, four having become church members.

The desire to increase our attendance led to this one-night evangelistic meeting. It was our 18-month anniversary, celebrat-

ing our church's involvement in prison ministry at the Allen Correctional Center in Kinder, Louisiana. (I dearly wish we could have pictures, but prison regulations prohibit the use of cameras by outside volunteer staff.) The topic I had chosen for the evening was the great controversy between Christ and Satan as depicted in scripture, focusing on the conflict in heaven and the issues of God's true character as He relates to a fallen world, culminating at the cross. Questions raised before the universe by the adversary were answered perfectly by Christ's sacrifice and highlighted the beauty of God's loving, accepting character. This provided excellent opportunity to invite inmates to our Friday night meetings to learn more.

After the meeting one man came to speak with me. He handed me a letter describing tragedies he had experienced when attempting to become a Christian. At one time, while trying to understand God, the Bible and His will, and spending much time in prayer, three members of his family were killed in a terrible automobile accident. According to the letter, 10 years later he met a man who persuaded him, once again, to become a Christian. That very weekend the remaining members of his family were killed in another accident in Lake Charles. Horrified, Eric Tillman decided to give up on God. He just couldn't understand why God would treat him that way.

Miraculously, giving God one last try, he decided to attend our meeting. He looked at me and said, "It's all okay now. I realize God is my best Friend and I understand what happened. I see I can trust Him to work everything out for me. Thank you for coming tonight."

I sat speechless, aware that I had said nothing pertaining to his specific problems, but marveling at how God works. I believe now, more than ever before, that the beauty of God's character and the power of His love are able to heal any wound we experience, and I am determined to share it with everyone I see.

By the way, the Lord doubled the attendance in our Bible study group with 11 new members. Praise His name!

Alan Williams, pastor



Joel and Cindi DeWild

Illustrating God's care in unique ways

Joel DeWild may not be a name you recognize, but that's okay. He's a talented young man who has dedicated his life to serving God. In preparation for answering the call to enter full-time ministry, he is moving to Southern College in Tennessee to complete his ministerial training.

Even though he does not have all the qualifications, Joel has already been ministering in his own way by using his sign language skills to interpret at the Gardens, a hearing church, and at other Adventist convocations.

Once when he wanted to illustrate how "man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart" and that all our righteousness is as filthy rags, Joel took off his good suit jacket to expose a torn, dirty shirt. He went so far as to tear it up to show how God deals with our confessed sins.

May God bless Joel as he continues preparing to do God's work.

New Members Join the Church

In Shreveport

A 24-hour prayer vigil beginning New Year's Eve in the Shreveport church began preparations for meetings scheduled for February with evangelist Lyle Albrecht and his wife, Peggy.



Terri and Alan Williams



From left: Lester Jones, pastor of Shreveport First church; Lyle Albrecht, evangelist; Harvey Gil, pastor of Shreveport South church.

Another all-night prayer season was held on February 25, the night before the Revelation lectures were to begin. Throughout the crusade the prayer partner ministry, a team of 16 members led by the pastor, met to pray for the crusade at crucial times and for specific people. It is our conviction that prayer was responsible for the success of the meetings.

Six weeks before the meetings Pam Stampley, 22, had her knee and arm seriously injured in an automobile accident. Each night of the meetings her husband, Jason, brought her to the meetings in a wheel chair. Five weeks later she had recovered enough to walk into the baptistry with Jason. With joy they exclaimed, "We've found our church!"

Mary Gerhards, a single parent whose family has been the object of special attention by the Shreveport South church, was baptized with three of her children, leaving behind strong ties to another denomination. Charlotte Webb also joined the South Church by baptism. Being hearing impaired, she was grateful to be able to read Elder Albrecht's lips. Her new church family has been providing signing for her

during services.

Ray and Jeanette Sesseg moved to Shreveport a year ago with their little girls Nicole and Amanda. Jeanette's father and brother are Adventists. Her brother is a minister and vice president of the Antillian Adventist College in Puerto Rico. Jeanette had called the church once and stopped by the Adventist Book Center, but had not attend any meetings until the pastor visited and invited her to the Revelation lectures. Their baptism has brought joy to the church family, some of whom work with Ray at AT&T.

Students from Shreveport Adventist Academy, accompanied by their teachers, attended the meetings each night. Eight were baptized: Jennifer Adams, Mike Conway, Derek Daniel, Wynne Deen, Kelly Fletcher, and Alicia, Bernie and Desiree Gerhards. In addition, there was Linderman Cardona from Columbia; his American host family, Samuel and Martha Mancilla, who joined by profession of faith; Charles Atkins who was rebaptized; Cheryl



Each Friday evening the Shreveport Tornadoes performed ushering duties at the crusade.

Campbell, who after years of being absent, joined along with her daughter, Adina; Rick Holder, who made his decision after having attended the church for three years; and Cheryl Hansen, whose parents joined the church five years ago, has followed their example. Shreveport rejoices with all these new members!

Lester Jones, pastor
Shreveport First church

Through selling books

The literature ministry is one of the most effective forms of touching people's lives with the gospel. How is this accomplished? Here are three ways:

From our books, papers, periodicals, and Bible courses, thou-

sands of people will learn the Bible truth and have a chance to be saved in God's kingdom. As



Jerry J. Fletcher, publishing director, baptizing his daughter, Kelly.



From left: Lester Jones with Pam Stampley, Lyle Albrecht and Pam's husband, Jason.



Shreveport baptism on April 2, 1994.

literature evangelists and church members, we see some people being baptized each year, but eternity will reveal the true success of this ministry.

Literature evangelists also have an opportunity to find interests for pastors and laymen, including LEs, who want to give Bible studies.

Through evangelistic group canvassing our literature evangelists find interests for Revelation Seminars and other meetings.

Our baptism goal for 1994 is 35. Already we have 17 baptized, and I believe, through faith, 18 more will join the church before the end of the year.

*Jerry J. Fletcher
Publishing Director*

In Metairie Spanish Church

A bilingual evangelistic series, the El Camino La Vida (Way of Life), resulted in 12 persons becoming a part of the church family. In addition, others are also planning to be baptized after further study. Ray Daniel, conference secretary, the speaker, and Carlos Chavez as translator, were assisted by two local pastors, Fidel Merchan and Milton Quijano, in making this series a success.

A portion of a Christian movie, special music, a report on evangelism in the Ukraine by Ray Daniel, and a prize drawing each night attracted people's attention and brought them to hear the evening message.

An English speaking woman,

neighbor to Pastor Fidel Merchan, came to the meetings as a result of her friendship with him. Over the past five years, they had studied the Bible together, doing the Revelation Seminar and other series, so she was eager to accept the messages that were presented. Since her baptism, she has transferred to the English church in New Orleans, but still keeps in contact with her neighbor pastor.

Another English-speaking youth who has been attending the church school began attending the Spanish Metairie church, "because," he said, "you are such a warm and loving congregation." He is now a baptized member.

Altogether, 23 new members have joined the church this year.

In Gentry

A spring evangelism series held by a Voice of Prophecy team in Gentry, Arkansas, resulted in 13 baptisms.

Dynamic full-message presentations by H. M. S. Richards, Jr., readily reminded members of the powerful message of the gospel. With his depth of experience and his ability to use stories to illustrate how the gospel has changed lives, he held the attention of all ages.

One individual, who had not attended an Adventist church for many years, now rejoices that he is back with those who believe in Jesus' second coming.

Several other individuals who had been studying for some time were able to make their decision



New member receiving congratulations from John Thurber, with Gentry pastor, Bruce Aalborg on left and H.M.S. Richards, Jr., on right.

to join the church as they listened to each of the 14 sessions affirming our faith.

Newly Dedicated Churches

New Iberia

Attendance was the highest ever at the dedication of the New Iberia, Louisiana, Adventist church, April 2, 1994. In just five years the little congregation has paid the \$60,000 on its remaining building cost and on this day rejoiced with dignitaries: New Iberia Mayor Aucoin, Arkansas-

Louisiana Conference president, William Woodruff, and treasurer, Art Nelson.

Guest speaker and pastor when the church was built in 1989, Tim Roosenberg, with his wife, Karen, and two little "Singing Daughters" returned for the high day all the way from his present pastoral post in Hagerstown, Maryland, where he has just finished pastoral supervision of another new church edifice.

Henry Roosenberg, Tim's retired builder father, came with wife Ruby from Huntsville, Arkansas. Henry's brother, the other principal builder, was ill and could not attend.

David Copsey, current pastor, and three charter members, Alma Crowson, Pearl Ferguson, and Stella Case, burned the mortgage.

"This is a dream coming true," comments Alma Crowson, who, together with four other members of her family, were baptized in the early years when their conference president held a tent effort in the area. "For many years we had no church," Alma continues. "We met in someone's home. Later we were able to purchase a small church from another denomination for about \$1,500. And now we have our very own church, and it's all paid for. We want this church to grow, but we need someone here to help us get things going. We're mostly old people, which makes it hard to get out to meet others."

Church officers, members, and visiting guests are being asked to



Baptismal candidates at New Orleans Metairie Spanish Church.



Charter members (from left) Alma Crawson, Pearl Ferguson and Stella Case, watch as their pastor, David Copsey, burns the church mortgage note.

pray for God's blessing and for the Holy Spirit to empower the little congregation to witness and fill the church pews in the near future.

David Copsey, pastor

Hammond

Because of a growing need for a new church building as well as a need to have the school adjacent to the church, members of the Hammond church stepped out in faith and sold their facility on Park Avenue. They put their plans in the Lord's hands. Soon miracles began to happen. First, a donation of more than 3 acres of land in memory of deceased charter members, Glen and Martha Thompson, was made by

one of their sons. Then several donations came in made by non-church members in memory of their friends and neighbors, the Thompsons. Land clearing and dozer work was done at a greatly



Mr. and Mrs. Sherri Thompson who donated the land for the church site.

reduced rate by a former member. Funds became available through a will drawn up by a family who are now deceased. In addition, someone donated a photocopy machine for church use.

Miracles continue to surprise us as the building project continues. We are also experiencing the generous nature of others in the congregation as God continues to bless His people.

Approximately 100 church members, friends and neighbors were present for the ground breaking services held on Sunday, April 17, 1994. Comments were made by the Tangipahoa Parish president, Gordon Burgess, and Councilman George Holton. (In Louisiana a parish is

the same as a county in other states). With excitement and anticipation, many shovels then cut into the ground to begin the work of building this new facility.

The 6,084 square-foot building will provide a comfortable and very representative place in which to worship and where children will attend church school.

Virginia McCormick

Communication secretary

Baton Rouge

The walls are going up on the new Baton Rouge Seventh-day Adventist Church. Tom Hicks, our building project manager, declares, "In spite of spring rains and city permit delays, we are still on schedule. We should be in



The new Baton Rouge church in the making.



Guests present for the new church in Hammond with Ray Daniel at the podium.

the new church by the first of October."

There is a sense of excitement as the Baton Rouge members come to Jones Creek Adventist Academy for prayer meeting and other meetings to see the progress. They walk around the parking lot and in the building envisioning where they will sit in the sanctuary or how the Sabbath School classrooms will look.

God has answered many a prayer in helping us keep the cost down, in holding the rain away for the pouring of the foundation, and in bringing various committees to a consensus regarding furnishings and decorating.

In addition, the new Jones Creek Adventist Academy foundations have been poured and construction has begun. Our joy will be full, and we will be praising the Lord when the new church and school complex is complete.

Don Fortner, pastor

New Faces in the Church

Darryl and Donna Lunsford are new church members in Hot Springs. Darryl was impressed that Sunday was not the correct day to worship. He said the Bible makes it so plain he couldn't see why anyone would worship on Sunday.

One Saturday in January he and his wife were driving by the Hot Springs Adventist Church and decided to drop in. They were so happy to find a church that worships on the true Sabbath.

Several others have returned to worship after extended absences, like the woman who married a non-believer. She started back to church, and her husband is accompanying her. Then there's another woman who was attend-

ing both a Sunday-keeping church and the Adventist church. She finally made the decision to join the Adventist church, because she believes it is teaching Bible truth.

A New Approach

Men's Appreciation Weekend

Wanting to show the men of the Westlakes Adventist church in Monroe, Louisiana, that they are valued and respected, the women's ministry group planned a special appreciation weekend. Upon arrival at the church that Sabbath morning each man received a boutonniere. The women gave them a rest that Sabbath by taking the Sabbath school and church services.

Nola Horne, Southwestern Union women's ministry director, presented a sermon entitled "A Turtle on a Fencepost" which highlighted the fact that God has taken men like Daniel, Joseph, Moses and others, and has put them in unusual places (on fence posts) to serve Him very effectively. And so today, God uses men in different circumstances to be a blessing.

A concert by a vocal group, "Higher Kingdom," began the Sunday evening festival, which was followed by a banquet. The evening concluded with each wife asking her husband to stand as she told what he meant to her and to the church. Then she pinned a ribbon of honor on him.

Renewing Old Vows

February 14 has always been a special day. But this year's Valentine weekend was extra special for the nine couples from the Hot Springs area who attended the

Marriage Enrichment Seminar at Camp Yorktown Bay. Even though the seminar lasted only three days, it was the kind of experience they won't soon forget. Bob and Betty Forbes's four-step prescription for enriching marriage incorporates prayer, affirmation, recreation and positive problem solving.

Besides being an intense training program, the seminar proves to be a time of spiritual refreshing for each couple. When asked how he felt this group had done in terms of group dynamics, Bob Forbes responded, "This has been one of best groups ever."

*Sharon Clark
Communication secretary*



Ray Purcell receives a ribbon of honor from Gail Hargett at the Westlakes banquet.

A New Look at Youth

◆ Each spring investiture services for Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs mark the culmination of their class work for the year. Each grade from kindergarten through 10th grade has their



Joe Watts

separate class work. The Master Guide (the highest class to be offered) may be earned only by those 16 and over. The young people work on the requirements throughout the year and then receive their awards, pins, patches, etc., at the investiture service, which is a special time for the church to come together to witness what each child has accomplished during the year.

At a recent Southern Louisiana camp meeting in New Orleans, the Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs from New Orleans, Slidell, Houma and Baton Rouge were given their awards on Sabbath afternoon with the Master Guides helping Joe Watts, the Arkansas-Louisiana Pathfinder director, who lead out in the service.

Sherry Watts

◆ Often Pathfinder groups have opportunity for learning experiences outside of their regular club activities. The Baton Rouge Red Sticks Pathfinder club went back in time on Sunday,



Pathfinders look so good when they're dressed up with all their insignias! (Photo: Sherry Watts)



Darryl and Donna Lunsford



The Baton Rouge Red Sticks Pathfinders

March 27, when they spent the day with their families at the Civil War Re-enactment at Port Hudson Commemorative Area just north of Baton Rouge. This Louisiana state park is on the site of the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River.

The day was dark and blustery, but it did not quell the spirits of the soldiers or our Pathfinders. All enjoyed the real live cavalry charge, artillery display and infantry attack. The campsites of the Union and Confederate

forces showed what life was like in the 1860s.

*Kathryn Carlson, deputy director
Baton Rouge Red Sticks*

◆ The DeQueen Pathfinder club members were all present for the dedication of their newly built amphitheater on the church grounds to show appreciation for the support from the church and community. The amphitheater will be used for spiritual meetings to reach out to the community as well as activities within the church.



DeQueen Pathfinders with Joe Watts, center, and Loretta Johnson, area director, on his left, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new amphitheater. (photo: Sherry Watts)



Young people from Hot Springs who were involved in raising money to go on a mission trip to Mexico.

◆ Students from Hot Springs worked hard to sponsor a fund raiser that smelled and even tasted like Mexico. La Hacienda, a local restaurant, graciously donated decorations and even their own special hot sauce (and was it ever hot!) for the occasion. Almost \$300 was raised. With that money, along with another \$300 they had raised at a sit down spaghetti dinner, baked goods and Tupperware sale, the five "missionaries" left on a trip to Mexico during spring break to help build a church. In spite of the tragedy that occurred on the way home with the death of Joe Watt's sister, Ronda Petersen, all five young people felt the trip had been a meaningful and successful experience.

Sharon Clark

◆ Early last fall teachers and students at Ozark Elementary School began planning projects in math, science, social studies, Bible, computer, arts and crafts that would be on display for family and the community to view at the Education Fair.

The OES gym was filled with 175 different projects on the day of the fair, and a team of judges awarded prize ribbons accordingly. In addition, three old fashioned spelling bees were held for students in grades one through



Ozark Elementary School spelling bee winners from left: Aaron Baker (grades 3 and 4), Julie Burton (grades 5 to 8) and Jessica Clegg (grades 1 and 2) wearing their gold medallions.



Grand prize winners at the Ozark Elementary School fair, from left: Jenny Stricker and Kristie Young, with their \$50 U.S. savings bonds.

eight. Nine students gave speeches, readings and poems, and two students who made speeches, received the most blue ribbons and built additional projects received \$50 US savings bond grand prizes.

The Magic Combination of Camp and Compassion

Camp Yorktown Bay Staffers Form a Family in the Wilderness

While students all over the country spend their summer vacation filling their days with everything they couldn't do while they were in the classroom, Camp Yorktown Bay staff have come to spend their summer working in the veritable wilderness of central Arkansas.

Camp Yorktown Bay would be the perfect place to spend a vacation, especially if you have a full summer's worth coming. The lazy roads that wind down into Camp Yorktown Bay proper are relaxing enough, but when you actually pull into the loose collection of cabins and buildings, it's easy to forget where you came from. The camp is the perfect place to take a long, slow hike along wooded trails or just relax on the lakeshore.

While the staff may appreciate the camp's wilderness resort atmosphere, they don't have much time to benefit from it. When the

first camp session swings into gear, they'll be working close to 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Counselors aren't away from their campers for a minute, so chalk up the last six hours of the day for them as well. They keep up this pace for two months, cycling through eight week-long camp sessions.

During that time, they'll pamper

young Cub Campers, foster Junior Campers, and manage Teen Campers.

In addition to caring for a cabin full of kids, staff members learn how to work with children with special medical problems. That knowledge becomes very important during Diabetic and Blind Camps.

The first time the camp staff meet together is during orientation week, the last few days of May. The agenda is learning the particulars of organizing a camp program, counseling children, managing the registration process, and dealing with emergencies. But that's just the agenda; there's a lot more going on. Some long-time staffers feel that staff



(From left) Timo Chacon, Tonda Peterson, and Jimbo Cheeks organize programming for upcoming campfire activities. Every member of the staff takes part in organizing and presenting evening programs. (Photo: Jeremy Martin)

week is the most important part of the summer.

"Staff week is when we really become a family," says Meredith Church, returning for her fourth year as a staff member. Meredith remembers last summer's staff week as a very spiritual time. "On Friday night we just sang for hours," she recalls. "Then we sat

around and talked about what we really appreciate about each other."

Meredith also speaks of her motivation to come to camp. During the years she's been at Yorktown Bay, Meredith has done just about every job there is to do. But her first love is counseling. "Even when I was a camper, I knew I wanted to be a counselor," she says. "I could tell counselors loved the kids so much, and I wanted to be a part of that. It feels great to be on the other side of that relationship now."

Staffers debate about the easiest job at camp, but the consensus for the hardest job is clear. Counseling requires the most of a staff member. In fact, it requires just about everything a person can give.

Monte Bridges compares the job to that of a parent. "When I was a camper, I looked at my counselors as being somewhat parental," he says. Now beginning his first year as a counselor, Monte says he hopes to do everything he can for his campers. "Just what doesn't a counselor do?" he asks. "It's up to us to extend ourselves and lay it all on the line to make these kids feel important and loved."

Laying it all on the line is all in a day's work. Timo Chacon, the camp nurse, knows he has to maintain the highest standards



Free time doesn't come often during staff week at Camp Yorktown Bay, so it's not taken lightly. Monte Bridges even finds time to read between innings of a staff softball game. (Photo: Jeremy Martin)

of bedside manner for each camper he sees. "I treat everything from broken arms to stomach aches," he says. "Sometimes it's just a case of homesickness, but I always deal with every kid with all my compassion and attention."

Timo doesn't think it's all that difficult to keep the pace through two months. "It's so satisfying to see the kids having a good time. It sustains you to know you're serving your purpose," he says. His purpose? Simply put in his own words, "Showing Christ to these kids."

"So many kids don't even know Christ when they come to camp," he says. "But they know him when they leave," he says, smiling. "And when they come back in future years, we see the impact Christ has made on them. It helps us realize how important our role is

to portray a Christian lifestyle."

The staff's dedication and level of commitment to the campers doesn't surprise Joe Watts, youth director for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference and Camp Yorktown Bay's director. He's dedicated his time to helping them foster that commitment. "I suppose this camp's leadership style is different than most," he admits. "CYB isn't built around one person. It's an accomplishment that everyone on staff can claim."

Joe also notes the intense pride the staff feel toward Camp Yorktown Bay. "These kids know they're an integral part of a fine program, and they're proud of that," he says. "I think that's what brings them back. Other camps are after them, but they come back here."

Jeremy Martin, assistant editor

Karrie Horner, a counselor and canoeing instructor, sweeps nine months' worth of silt away from CYB's waterfront area. While getting the camp's facilities back into order during staff week, counselors and staff also work on building the discipline that will carry them through two months of camp.
(Photo: Jeremy Martin)



New Camp Building Dedicated

The new Camp Yorktown Bay building includes kitchen and dining facilities, two offices, the camp store, and an infirmary. The paved surface in front of the building was constructed with funds raised by camp staff during a 1993 phone-athon campaign. The campaign raised \$8,500 from 352 donors. Camp staff pledged \$500 themselves.

(Photo: Sherry Watts)



When Camp Yorktown Bay staff gathered on May 15 with representatives from the Navy League, the American Camping Association, the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, and the Arkansas cities of Hot Springs and Mountain Pine, they weren't there just to celebrate the dedication of a building that marked the future of the camp. Just by being together, the group told a story of the camp's history, too.

Camp Yorktown Bay, named for the aircraft carrier Yorktown Bay, was originally owned by the Navy League. The original cafeteria building, destroyed in an accident last year, was one of few buildings on the site when it was donated to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference in the 1960's by the Navy League. Joe Watts, director of the camp, says the donation truly made CYB a miracle camp. In the years that followed, the camp grew in physical facilities and in its ministry to youth.

The cafeteria dedication service recounted the history of the camp and dedicated the future of the facility, according to Sherry Watts, camp secretary. "It was a great day of celebration to commemorate the completion of a very beautiful and useful building," she says.

Southwestern Union

Hubbartt Elected Stewardship and ASI Director

Ray Hubbartt, former Texas Conference secretary, by vote of the Southwestern Union Conference executive committee, is the new stewardship and Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) director.



Prior to his election as conference secretary, Hubbartt had served as pastor of the Houston Central and San Antonio Laurel Heights churches. He has also been ministerial secretary for the Texas Conference and been active in training pastors both at home and overseas on how to

conduct Revelation Seminars.

In his earlier years Hubbartt worked at Christian Record Services and began their National Camps for Blind Children program in 1971.

Hubbartt and his wife, Gail, have three married children, Martin, Rhonda and Jill.

Prayer Conference Brings Encouragement

As we stood singing "Sweet Low, Sweet Chariot," I reflected on the past five days I had spent at the Southwestern Union Prayer Conference. Laymen and pastors from all over the union had gathered at Southwestern Adventist College to pray and learn about small group prayers, and what a blessing we received!

We enjoyed stirring messages from Elders C. E. Bradford and Dwight Nelson. We attended workshops about prayer, small groups, building family traditions, and fostering a deeper prayer life. And, of course, we practiced what was preached. We prayed corporately in the church sanctuary, and we prayed in small groups, and we sang, cried, laughed and fellowshiped. Singing the sweet hymn at the close of the meetings, I realized I was refreshed and energized to return home to my duties.

Did you miss something if you were not at the prayer conference? Yes, you certainly did. You missed the sweetness of spending five days with other Christians in prayer and fellowship. You missed C. E. Bradford's wit and wisdom. You missed excellent teachings on small group

Another opportunity is being offered to individuals wanting to attend a prayer conference. Arkansas-Louisiana Conference will be holding a weekend **Prayer and Small Group Conference** the weekend of **October 22**. For further information please call their office at **318/631-6240**.

ministry by Don James and Craig Dossman. You missed Ruthie Jacobsen's workshop on intercessory prayer. And you missed Dwight Nelson's call to commitment.

I believe we must become a people of prayer in the South-

IN THE

HEART



OF JESUS

Southwestern Union/Texico Conference Women's Retreat

- October 7-9, 1994; Friday evening through Sunday noon.
- Located in the beautiful Glorieta Conference Center just north of Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- The purpose of this retreat is for women of the great Southwestern Union to come together for fellowship and spiritual renewal.
- Virginia Cason, daughter of H.M.S. Richards, Sr., will be the keynote speaker.
- Six breakaway sessions, including one session in Spanish, are scheduled with topics of special interest to women.
- There will be inspiring music throughout the conference, and a lovely banquet is planned for Saturday evening.
- Included in the \$75 registration fee are meals and lodging. Transportation costs are not included.
- For more information please contact Dorane Jeffries at:

1704 Robert Dale Drive
Albuquerque, NM 87112
Phone: (505) 292-6169

Registration forms will be available in the August and September issues of the *Record*.

western Union and in the world church if we are to experience the fruit of the Spirit. I am reminded of the early church in Acts chapters 1 and 2 when Luke indicates that the brethren "all joined together constantly in prayer" and "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." That's the kind of commitment and unity we need in our church.

*Randy Just, pastor
Sante Fe English Church*

Prayer Conference Was a Life-changing Experience

I personally experienced a life change and renewed devotional life from the prayer conference of May 8-12. It was packed full of dedicated speakers, inspirational

music and workshops to choose from.

My favorite time was our prayer time in small groups. To begin with, people seemed a little reluctant to pray, but then, one by one, we started opening our hearts to one another, asking each other to pray for our children and for families who are no longer in the church. Some confessed pains of loneliness from the loss of a loved one, and tears flowed for our churches that are hurting, sleeping or in controversy. Confessions were made by parents for failing in their responsibilities or not being caring church members. Truly, the opening of our hearts to each other began a healing process to bring about unity within our church.

We drew close together by singing and praising God through scripture, song and uplifting our

supplications together in congregational prayer. As the days went by I began to realize just how deeply we have fallen asleep as a church. Fellowship and prayer are two vital links that are missing in our churches that will bring renewed life and vigor to our church family. We all need to seek the Lord for our own understanding and personal relationship with Him in order to share and fellowship with others.

I want to say thank you, and I am sure I speak for all who shared in this life-changing experience, to the Southwestern Union Conference for providing this opportunity for people to know more about prayer. I am convinced God is calling His people to pray and to renew our relationship with one another and with Jesus.

Kathy Anavitarte

Medical Van Ministers to Native Americans

For a number of years it has been my privilege to make annual visits with the mobile medical clinic to the Kickapoo Nation. This tribe, more than most other Native Americans, has a deep fear and distrust of Christianity. That we are permitted to witness to them is due to the lifelong witness of Ernest and Vera Wolfe, who, living among them as good neighbors, have become loved and accepted.

In addition to the Kickapoo and other tribes in Oklahoma, the mobile medical clinic also ministers to Native American populations in New Mexico. Please pray that our witness may help many to know Jesus as their Savior.

*John Hope, driver
Mobile Medical Clinic*

Arkansas-Louisiana

PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT

Congressman Visits Ozark Academy

An Arkansas state representative spoke to the students of Ozark Adventist Academy during a tour of the campus on May 7.

Representative Tim Hutchison challenged the students to persevere in spite of obstacles and make society better by achieving their goals.

The representative spent the morning touring the McKee Baking Company plant with his assistant and Gentry mayor Bob Abrahamson. Abrahamson brought Hutchison to the academy's cafeteria for lunch for his introduction to the campus.

Richard A. Aldridge, Principal



OAA Principal Rick Aldridge (left) presents a gift to Arkansas State Representative Tim Hutchison. The congressman spoke to the academy's students on May 7.

LEGAL NOTICES

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-eighth regular session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Sunday, September 25, 1994, at the Shreveport South Seventh-day Adventist church, located at 3127 Colquitt Road, Shreveport, Louisiana. The first meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and departmental directors for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for each 25 members of major faction thereof.

*William L. Woodruff, President
Ray F. Daniel, Secretary*

Arkansas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the constituency meeting of the Arkansas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the Triennial Session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Shreveport, Louisiana, September 25, 1994. The first meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the ensuing triennial term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the



Pastors and spouses came together at Camp Yorktown Bay for a time of study and prayer in an atmosphere of fellowship on May 9-12.

This group chose to study on the shore of Lake Ouachita. (From left) Don Fortner, Ray Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Edith Priest, Larry Priest, and Ken Simpson. (Photo: Pete Kostenko)

Association. Delegates to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Session are also delegates to the Association constituency meeting.

*William L. Woodruff, President
Ray F. Daniel, Secretary*

Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the constituency meeting of the Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day

Adventists will be held in connection with the Triennial Session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Shreveport, Louisiana, September 25, 1994. The first meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the ensuing triennial term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Association. Delegates to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Session are also delegates to the Association constituency meeting.

*William L. Woodruff, President
Ray F. Daniel, Secretary*

Oklahoma

JERRY BEEM, CORRESPONDENT

Shattuck Member Graduates as Valedictorian

Shattuck church member, Danna Dersch, is an Academic All-State Award winner. The daughter of David and Marilyn Dersch, she graduated from Shattuck High School as class valedictorian.

Danna has held the offices of student council secretary/treasurer, basketball captain, band librarian, and chorus student council representative. She has

also participated in Tomorrow's Leaders Class of 1994, Pep Club, and is a Northwestern Oklahoma State University senior scholar.

Danna plans to major in premed in college and become a pediatrician.

Tulsa Makes Plans to Be Debt-Free

April marked the end of a year-long program that reduced Tulsa's Central church's debt by \$100,000 to just over \$45,000. April also marked the end of an agreement with the Oklahoma

Conference to match debt payments fifty cents for each dollar.

With a commitment from the conference to extend the matching funds for 60 more days, the church board voted to initiate a campaign to eliminate the debt by the end of June.

Named "Sixty Days of Self-denial," our program asks each family to contribute an amount equal to their tithe for 60 days. If everyone participates, the Tulsa church will be debt free in 90 days. Plans are being made for a great celebration at the end of this program.

Angel Rescuers?

It was mid-morning that Friday in late April when I was driving west on Highway 70 going from Ardmore to Healdton to finish some business. I was not rushing but felt good about finishing my work in time to return home to Ardmore in time to be ready for the approaching Sabbath hours.

As I crested a hill I signaled for a lane change to my right to turn north to Healdton. Just as I passed the crest of the hill a vehicle accelerated past me close to my left

OKLAHOMA OLD-FASHIONED CAMP MEETING

July 22 - 30

at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center



H.M.S. Richards, Jr.



John McLarty



Robert Dale



Steve Arrington

Guest speakers include: Robert Dale (July 22-23), Steve Arrington (July 23), H.M.S. Richards, Jr. (July 30), John McLarty, Joe Engelkemier, George Reid, Dr. Richard Hansen will be speaking each day.

Huguley Men Singers will also present a program on Sabbath, July 23.

WORKSHOPS

- Home Health Remedies
- Prayer and Study
- Give Away Ministry
- Estate Planning

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH!

Reservation Application 1994 Oklahoma Camp Meeting Wewoka Woods Adventist Center ♦ July 22-30

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

DEPOSIT: a deposit of \$20.00 (non-refundable unless notified by July 15) is required with each reservation. The balance is due upon arrival. Reservations will be cancelled after 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 22, unless notified of late arrival. Applications for the full week will be considered first.

RESERVATIONS: must be in our office by July 15. Make checks payable to the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and mail to P.O. Box 32098, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123. Plan to arrive early on Friday in order to be settled and ready for the Sabbath and the first meeting that evening.

Tent, with electricity	\$40.00/week	_____ \$6.00/night
Steel cot with mattress	5.00/week (ea.)	_____ 1.00/night (ea.)
Campsite for private tent or trailer	41.25/week (electricity only)	_____ 5.00/night
RV Hookup	82.50/week (electricity, water, sewer)	_____ 10.00/night
Cabin space	30.00/week (per person)	_____ 5.00/night (per person)

Indicate age: _____ handicapped _____ single _____ couple _____
(Age needed for cabins, only)

Cabins will be available for those 60 years and older or the handicapped. Two cabins will be for ladies only. The remaining cabins will be for married couples, but will be dormitory-style living, ladies on one end and men on the other, with two sets of restroom facilities. Limited cooking is permitted in the cabins. Mail with your deposit to:

**OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE OF SDA ♦ P. O. BOX 32098
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73123 ♦ Attn: Camp Meeting**

side, and I remember thinking how foolish someone would be to drive that fast in the heavy downpour we were having. Then, without a warning signal, the driver cut right into my lane. The move was so abrupt that I had to jump to put on my brakes to avoid a fender-bender. This caused me to skid in the heavy amount of water on the highway. I found myself facing backwards in the median between the east and west lanes after skidding around one and a half turns. I breathed a prayer of thanks to the Lord for stopping my slide.

I looked around to see what I should do next. The traffic was light now, so I decided to turn around and continue on to Healdton, but after several tries I realized I was stuck in the soft rain-soaked turf. I got out to see what I could do, but hurriedly got back into the truck because of the heavy rain.

As I sat there thinking and praying, I noticed a vehicle slowing in the east bound lane, and then it turned off the pavement. The vehicle, a General Motors pickup, turned around and came to a stop just a few feet from the east bound traffic lane. I jumped out to ask for help, but before I could get close enough to ask for help someone yelled to me, "We will push you out. Get back into your truck. As soon as we start

pushing, ease off on the clutch."

I jumped into my truck, wiping rainwater from my face and head as I turned the ignition on. I felt a forward motion as weight was applied to the rear end of my truck. I eased off the clutch and felt the vehicle move nicely onto the pavement.

I turned around to say thank you to these friends, but to my bewilderment there was no sign of either people or truck! I continued on my way to complete my business transaction. By the time I started home the rain had eased to a slow sprinkle. As I neared the place of my accident I soon spotted the disturbed grassy area where I'd been stuck. I stopped and walked across the median to see the spot where the other vehicle had turned around twice, but I could see not tire tracks at all.

As I headed home I began talking to myself. Could the rain have obliterated the other vehicle's tracks? Why did the vehicle, headed east, turn to the right and then turn around again, coming to stop just short of the pavement? Why did the two individuals both exit the vehicle, yet only one spoke when I approached them? And, as I turned again to say "thank you," how could they have disappeared in a matter of seconds?

"I'm sure I know!"

Herb Lovin, Sabbath school investment secretary

Youth in Action

The weekend of April 23 found a number of Oklahoma young people involved in several activities. More than 50 people were involved with the Oklahoma Central Adventurer Club when they held a family campout at Boiling Springs State Park near Woodward. One of the highlights was a visit to Alabaster Caverns State Park and a guided walk through the caverns.

On Sunday, April 24, the first Oklahoma Pathfinder Honors Festival was held at Wewoka Woods. The Pathfinders were able to select workshops of their choice to work through the requirements to earn an honor in either reptiles, Red Alert!, orienteering, basic rescue, microscopic life or nutrition. They worked hard and were able to complete all the necessary requirements.

After lunch all Pathfinders competed in the Presidential Physical Fitness Test. The five areas tested were pull-ups, curl-ups, shuttle run, V-stretch, and the mile run. Some found it very difficult to place in all five areas, but they are making plans, not only to participate next year, but to make a better showing.



Amy Benaglio from Choctaw doing her best to chin herself during the testing for the Presidential Fitness Awards.



Daniel Childress from Tulsa watching a micro world of organisms and activity through a microscope set up at the Honors Festival.

Southwest Region

BILLY WRIGHT, CORRESPONDENT



Robert L. Lister was reelected president of the Southwest Region Conference at the May 15 constituency meeting.



Southwest Region Conference constituents reelected conference secretary Billy Wright at their May 15 constituency meeting.



Southwest Region Conference constituents named Theodore Brown conference treasurer at their May 15 constituency meeting.



Esther Holmes (far right) explains the significance of Pathfinding to (from left) Pastor Sanders, Darrell Keyes, Geraldine Bernard, Eddie Saylor, Erica Joseph, Alisa Coxon, and Medan Daniels, Pathfinders at the New Orleans West Bank church.

Texico

SHERI DENNY, CORRESPONDENT

New Mexico Youth Federation Holds First Rally

The New Mexico Youth Federation held its first youth rally at Sandia View Academy on April 16. Youth from eight local churches and from as far away as El Paso and Amarillo attended.

The youth rally began at the Sabbath school service. The congregation was divided into 12 groups, divided by the month of their birthdays. This lesson study project allowed youth from all areas to come together and learn about people they might never have met.

The worship service featured Dan Serns, director of Texas Conference church ministries. He spoke on the importance of self-esteem.

The rally continued into the afternoon with faith and fellowship building exercises. A "Walk of Faith" forced new friends to rely on each other as paired off to walk to the river. One person from each pair made the trip blindfolded, while the other led them along the path.

A round-table vespers program brought a panel of pastors and elders together to answer questions from the youth. Questions ranged from specifics of fundamental beliefs to the importance of attending an Adventist college.

Rose Porter



New friends at the New Mexico Youth Federation Youth Rally participate in a "Walk of Faith." Blindfolded participants depended on a friend to lead them safely down the path, over bridges, and around obstacles to reach the river.

Southwestern Adventist College

JENELL RUSK, CORRESPONDENT

Centennial Class Graduates

Family and friends filled the Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium, Sunday, May 1, as the Southwestern Adventist College class of 1994 received their diplomas. During the commencement service, which marked the end of the centennial graduation weekend, the college conferred two honorary doctoral degrees and awarded diplomas to 157 graduates.

Graduation weekend events featured a commencement address by Herbert Blomstedt, music director of the San Francisco Symphony, and a baccalaureate address by Anthony Campolo, president and founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. Blomstedt was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree for his international reputation and commitment to excellence

in music. Campolo received an honorary doctor of divinity degree for his dedication to Christian service and his mission to inspire others through speaking and writing. "I am glad to be a part of this great school," Campolo said, as he accepted his degree, "because in addition to giving information that will enable students to see things as they are, this school inspires its students to have a vision: to see things as they ought to be, and in the name of Christ, to make what ought to be, a reality in history."

In their addresses to the class, both Campolo and Blomstedt challenged the graduates to re-evaluate their goals and personal measures of success. "The Bible requires the utmost," Blomstedt told the graduates, "... to develop the talents, to keep the ideals alive, to act in love, to run with the goal clearly in sight, and to let the whole personality be controlled by the Master."

The class of 1994 earned five master's, 110 bachelor's, and 40 associate's degrees. Twenty-four students were graduates through the Adult Degree Program, up from last year's 19 graduates. Jean Anderson, adjunct faculty at SAC and wife of assistant librarian Clinton Anderson, made college history by becoming the first SAC master's graduate with a previous master's degree in another field. The centennial class included two siblings, husbands and wives, mothers and children, and a teacher and former student. In his address, class president James Parrish officially presented a \$15,000 library book endowment as a gift to the college from the graduating class.

The graduation weekend began Friday evening, April 30, with senior consecration in the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church. The program featured members of the senior class, including speakers, Cheri Harvey, Sherry May, and Rob Smith III.

Saturday afternoon, April 30, the social work department held its first dedication service for social work graduates. The service emphasized the National Association of Social Work code of ethics and dedicated the students to the highest professional and ethical standards.

The pinning service for nursing graduates took place Saturday evening. During this service, both

associate's and bachelor's degree nurses received the pin of the SAC nursing department, signifying their professionalism and their progression from student to graduate nurses.

Seniors and their families were invited to President Anderson's home Saturday evening for a farewell party with the faculty. "This year's graduation weekend was inspiring," said Anderson. "It was another outstanding event in our centennial year, and it rekindled in many of us an excitement as we begin our second century. We have tremendous confidence in this year's graduates, and we wish the best for each of them."

Jenell Rusk, SAC Advancement



The Texas Nursing Association named Bonnie Gnadt, associate professor of nursing at SAC, one of Dallas-Fort Worth's "The Great

One Hundred Nurses of 1994" at a ceremony in Dallas on May 11. This is the fourth consecutive year that the association has named an SAC nurse to the list.



Dr. Lloyd Willis, religion department chairman, received SAC's 1994 Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching during SAC commencement exercises on May 1.



Members of the Killeen, Texas, church made SAC graduation a family affair. (Counterclockwise from left) Emmanuel Mitchell and mother Phyllis, Rosalyn Gohl and son Greg, and brothers Scott and Anthony Cross graduated together on May 1.

General News

New Elders Journal Distributed

The Ministerial Association of the General Conference distributed 62,000 copies of *Elder's Digest*, a new magazine designed to support church elders, says the journal's editor, James Zachary.

Zachary says the magazine fills an urgent need in the world church by supporting a very important part of the shepherding team. "Close to 85 percent of local congregations have a local church elder serving their pastoral needs each Sabbath," he says. "These men and women need support and training. This journal is designed to meet that need."

The initial distribution of the magazine sent 62,000 free copies around the world. The issue featured editorials by James Cress, secretary of the Ministerial Association, and Monte Sahlin, adult ministries coordinator of the North American Division. Other articles presented concepts of doctrine, preaching, spiritual growth, and administration that outline an elder's duties.

Future issues of *Elder's Digest* will include articles from local church elders sharing their experiences in the lay ministry.

Subscriptions are available through the Ministerial Supply Center at (817) 641-3643.

NET '95

What is Net '95? It's a continent-wide evangelistic series beginning in early 1995 featuring two television evangelists, Mark Finley of It Is Written and C. D. Brooks of Breath of Life.

Any congregation, school, Adventist organization or private home equipped for video projection can participate. And better yet, it helps to be equipped for satellite transmission reception.

Starting next February, Finley and Brooks will present a series of meetings in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and each night's meeting will be transmitted live by satellite so that everywhere in North America people can participate; it can be shown in homes, public

auditoriums and churches at the same time. And even if you don't have downlink equipment, it is possible that someone could tape it for playing the following evening in your facility. Evangelist Billy Graham used this method last year with great success throughout Europe.

Already more than 350 pastors across North America have subscribed to the Net '95 concept, but lay members can also be evangelists with the satellite/video technology.

Materials for advertising and promotion, how to organize the meetings and much more how-to-do-it information is available by calling 1-800-253-3000. Tell the operator you want to join the New '95 project. If you're ready to go and want a starter kit, call 1-800-982-3344.

In addition, a series of lay training events has been scheduled, each tailored to your specific needs.

One mass lay training program has been scheduled for Keene, Texas, August 5 to 9 in connection with the annual ASI Convention. The program focuses on how you can assist your pastor in presenting the Net '95 program.

Other regional lay evangelist training events have been scheduled throughout North America, all designed to help laymen conduct their own meetings using the video crusade series.

Food Pyramid Stands Tall Without Meat

When the United States Department of Agriculture tore down their old "four food groups" poster and introduced the new "food pyramid" they came close to endorsing the traditional Adventist diet. No longer are meat, eggs and poultry given equal billing with the three other food groups. Now, beef and chicken have been pushed to the narrow top of the new pyramid—labeled "eat moderately." The broad foundation of the pyramid tells us to "eat generously" of fruits and vegetables and to "eat liberally" of whole grains.

The pyramid illustrates that not

all foods are equal in promoting good health. Research shows that the saturated fat and cholesterol in meat increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and obesity; while legumes, whole grains, fruits and vegetables reduce the risk.

The USDA's new nutritional model that pushed meat into a less prominent position was a major step in the right direction, but the General Conference Nutrition Council believes they could build an even better pyramid if they left the meat out altogether. "In our vegetarian food pyramid, we replaced meat with legumes, nuts, seeds, and other meat alternatives," says Stoy Proctor, Jr., chairman of the council and associate director of the General Conference Health Temperance Department.

"Anyone who follows the chart will get plenty of protein and other nutrients," says Proctor. In fact, eating the number of servings suggested for each food will provide 100 to 200 percent of RDA (Recommended Dietary Allowances).

The council's meat-free version

of the food pyramid is titled "The Eating Right Pyramid." It has been printed as both a page-sized handout and a poster. On the back side, the recommended number of servings for each food group is associated with desired calorie intake—and the question, "How much is a serving?" is answered in detail.

The food pyramid is being used for cooking schools, nutrition counseling, weight-control and smoking-cessation programs and to encourage people interested in becoming vegetarians. Proctor also suggests the chart as a reference for institutional and family meal planning.

For more information about the vegetarian food pyramid, call the Health Connection at 1-800-548-8700.

Brooks' Sermons Prepared for Radio Broadcast

Christian Resources International, Inc. (CRI) is busy editing and repackaging Charles D. Brooks' sermons for radio broad-



cast. Elder Brooks' sermons originated on the Breath of Life Telecast and Breath of Life Crusades. CRI will produce these radio programs and make them available at nominal cost to Seventh-day Adventists for use as an initial evangelistic outreach tool.

"There are two reasons for this effort," explains Dr. Myron S. Ottley, executive director of CRI and Breath of Life Quartet baritone. "First, we want to spread the complete gospel to people outside the reach of the Breath of Life telecast, and radio has proved to be an efficient medium for this quest. Secondly, it's vital that we promote the Breath of Life telecast to the many millions worldwide who can view it. Our new radio broadcast can accomplish both goals at the same time."

CRI will be broadcasting the new 30-minute program in test markets this spring, but the major effort will be in its distribution to other organizational sponsors for world-wide broadcast. Contact Myron Ottley at 301/439-2952 for your copy of the pilot program.

Changing for the Challenge

Though the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, has changed to meet the needs of today's society, its mission remains the same.

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, is changing. These changes at the seminary consist of new courses as well as a new emphasis responding to the growing and changing needs of people in today's society.

Some things, however, have not changed: the integrity of our unique Adventist theology, the call to spiritual vitality and the emphasis on evangelism and mission. This article is an update on some of the permanent and some of the changing features of the seminary.

A Clearly Defined Mission

Our seminary was founded in the 1930s to prepare well-trained

and spirit-filled pastors, evangelists, religion teachers, scholars, administrators and others from around the world to go out and proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ in the setting of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14.

Today, this seminary is the leading center for advanced theological education in the SDA Church. It is the only institution designated by the North American Division to provide professional master's degrees for the preparation of ministers. To this end, the Master of Divinity program at the seminary seeks to provide substantial instruction in biblical, theological, historical, missiological, evangelistic, and pastoral knowledge and skills.

Distinctively Adventist

We live in an increasingly pluralistic world. Not surprisingly, it has become fashionable in today's theological institutions to question the authority of the Bible, the reality of miracles, the deity of Jesus Christ, and other Christian distinctives. But in the seminary at Andrews University, each member of the faculty (some 40 well-trained pastors and teachers from different parts of the world) shares a deep commitment to the SDA Church and seeks to fully integrate Adventist faith into their teaching and their lives. The same level of commitment is expected of students studying at the seminary.

Surprisingly Adaptable

In order to make graduates of the seminary as field-ready as possible, the seminary from time to time receives feedback from church members, pastors and administrators. One positive result from this feedback is that 10

newly-required courses have been added to the master's program. These new courses are: church finance and stewardship, church planting, conflict management, health ministry, human relations, marriage and family, motivation and equipping of laity, teaching ministry, urban ministry and youth ministry.

At the same time, the strengths of the other departments have been left intact, including the emphasis on SDA areas such as: writings of Ellen G. White, doctrine of the sanctuary, covenant-law-Sabbath, eschatology, issues in origins (science and religion), doctrine of revelation and inspiration, and development of SDA theology.

Another innovative change at the seminary is last year's relocation of the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) from Chicago to Berrien Springs. Its program of practical training has been integrated into the full nine quarters of the seminary curriculum, rather than being intensive during the last quarter.

The main purpose of NADEI is to provide field-related evangelistic training to seminarians by giving special emphasis to public evangelism, Bible studies, small groups, sequential evangelism, training laity, and church growth.

Unquestionably Affordable

In a world where the cost of quality education is rising, a generous subsidy from the Church has made the seminary the most affordable Adventist graduate school in North America.

For example, in the 1993-94 school year, the quarterly registration for the Master of Divinity program is \$592. If a student were to be required to pay tuition for the full load of 15 credits, it

would cost \$3,390 per quarter! This means that each quarter every student in the Master of Divinity program receives a grant of nearly \$2,800.

Another attractive offer in attending the seminary is that spouses of regular seminary students who are academically qualified may enroll in the seminary for up to nine credits per quarter for a minimal recording fee. Alternatively, spouses of seminary students who desire no credits may also choose to attend classes without charge, regardless of their academic qualifications; this is, however, subject to permission of the instructor and available space.

Accessible to Degree Holder

Admission to the Master of Divinity program is granted irrespective of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender or handicap. It is open to all who want to experience the joy of studying the Bible in Greek and Hebrew; who desire to dig deeper in their study of archaeology, church history and theology; who seek to improve upon their skills in preaching, Christian counseling, pastoral care and leadership; and who desire things of the Spirit and a lifelong service wherever in the world God's call may lead.

Two requirements for such individuals are: (1) the minimum of bachelor's degree in any field of training (students holding a bachelor's degree but having no undergraduate preparation in the area of religion or theology can take prerequisite courses at the seminary); and (2) a receipt of all application materials and documents by December 31, if the prospective student wants to be in the master's program beginning in June or September.



Andrews Seminary chapel

ber of the following year.

The gospel ministry may be the most profitable journey anyone could undertake. As expressed by Ellen White: "The highest of all work is ministry in its various lines, and it should be kept before the youth that there is no work more blessed of God than that of the gospel minister" (*Gospel Workers*, page 63).

For those who are seriously considering dedicating their lives and talents for God's service in full-time ministry, the seminary is a logical place to start. One response to God's prompting to explore a career of ministry may be by calling 800-253-2874, extension 3538, to request application materials for the Master of Divinity program.

Samuel Koranteng-Pipim

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ASI Plans International Convention

A three-day intensive for sharing Christ in the marketplace, a full-blown focus on youth, six seminars for professional and spiritual growth, expanded exhibit opportunities, and hours of share-time are planned for this year's convention for Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) August 10-13, 1994.

To be held at the Grand Kempinski Hotel in Dallas, Texas, the long weekend will again attract members from ASI groups being developed in divisions outside of North America, says Dwight Hilderbrandt, ASI's secretary-treasurer in the North American Division.

"The jam-packed program planned by Sharon Robberson and her committee has something for everyone—informative seminars, inspirational music, and

motivational testimonies to God's goodness," Hilderbrandt says. "And it's the first time we've scheduled a weekend before the convention itself just to focus on witnessing for Jesus."

Under ASI's sponsorship, Adventist Media Center broadcasters and other personnel will share insights on how to approach with understanding people of other faiths and what to tell them when you have their attention. Attendance at that seminar, August 5-8, 1994—not limited to ASIs—is limited to the first 500 enrollees.

Included with the youth meetings held in conjunction with the adult convention is opportunity to work with the City of Dallas in a volunteer ministry.

Anyone wishing to join ASI's enthusiastic group—"intent on being about our Father's business," says president Ray Hamblin—may write to Dwight Hilderbrandt, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Begun by a handful of self-supporting medical workers 47 years ago, ASI now lists more than 1,000 members from nearly every profession and service organization. Membership is open to men and women intent on developing a professional witness which complements the focus of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

*Shirley Burton
ASI News Reporter*

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July 6, 7:30 p.m.
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Sabbath Success in Egypt

For the first time the Ministry of Education of the Arab Republic of Egypt shortened the "second chance," six-day examinations for ninth graders, to five days. About one million Cairo students will take their "first chance" ninth grade exam this year, but only a few thousand are expected to get a second chance if they missed the first set of examinations. Adventist ninth graders will, therefore, be able to keep the Sabbath holy. This miracle is the culmination of years of persistent efforts by Dr. Hanna Malaka, principal of the Zeitoun School for exam purposes. In a related development, Cairo education authorities changed the time of a competition on Egyptian culture to after sunset on Sabbath, to accommodate the 50 Zeitoun students taking part in it. Zeitoun Adventist School, with an enrollment of 1,350 Moslem and Christian students, is rated among the top contenders for the first prize in Egypt.

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Stewardship

The Last Generation Gives All

by Ed Reid
Stewardship Director,
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Most of us give from our abundance. We give from the surplus of our means. We take seriously the promised blessing of Malachi 3:10 and from that which is poured out to us beyond our needs we share with others and with the cause of God. We know that the work of God at the time of the apostles and at the time of the pioneers of the Adventist movement began in sacrifice. We also understand that the work will be finished in an environment of sacrifice. But just what is sacrifice? Is it "giving until it hurts?" Or is it "giving until it feels good?" We all want to be involved at the end of time on the right side of things. So what are we to understand about sacrifice?

I believe that we can define sacrifice when we look at the three legitimate uses of money. We have been told, "Money has great value, because it can do great good. . . . But money is of no more value than sand, only as it is put to use in providing for the necessities of life, in blessing others, and advancing the cause of Christ." (*Christ Object Lessons*, p. 351.) God always blesses us first. And then it is from the surplus beyond our needs that He asks us to help others and to contribute to His cause. All things being equal, as we say, this would be a very appropriate way to be faithful in our stewardship. However, as we near the close of time, the generation that takes the gospel to all the world will be giving with a significantly different approach. Here is how I believe the change to sacrifice occurs.

If we use God's regular portion, the tithe and our systematic offerings, for the final thrust of the gospel, that is really not a sacrifice for us. In like manner, if we use the portion of our discretionary funds that we have been

using to help others to more directly advance the cause of God, that still is not a sacrifice to us personally. It appears to me that only when we are willing to allocate funds that we would normally have spent on ourselves and even do without some things that we are accustomed to having are we beginning to sacrifice.

God has not only told us that this is true, but he also demonstrated it. He says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." If we take up our cross daily, this type of self-denial is not just an occasional or one-time thing. It is a lifestyle! Jesus modeled this for us. He not only gave to us from His abundance, He *sacrificed* by giving His very life. And the life He lived on this earth was "lived to bless others."

One day Jesus was sitting in the temple, near the treasury. He noted that the rich were coming by and sharing of their abundance. Then a poor widow came along and threw in two mites. Jesus called the attention of His disciples to this experience and stated, "Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast

more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." (Mark 12:43,44.) This story is very fascinating to me because the only offering that Jesus ever commended was given by a poor widow to a church that was just about to crucify Him!

Why did He commend her? Not because of the size of her gift. No doubt it was the smallest amount that was given that day. He commended her offering because she gave from her want. She sacrificed to assist what she believed was the church of God.

I personally believe that we are very near the end of time, a time when each of us should be giving not only of our abundance but giving of our *want*. We should be divesting ourselves of our assets and placing the proceeds into the cause of God so that not much of our stuff will be burned up at the end.

The Bible gives a very descriptive account of the Second Coming. As the cloud upon which Jesus is riding nears the earth, Jesus stands up from the throne and asks Gabriel to blow his trum-

pet, and then He shouts, "Awake! Awake! Awake ye that sleep in the earth!" Then as the righteous dead are raised to life to join the righteous living that have finished the work and gone through the time of trouble, Jesus gives the command to the eagerly waiting angels, "Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." (Psalm 50:5.) I plan to be in that group, don't you?



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Brownsville, Texas	8:25	8:24	8:21	8:18	8:13	8:08
Dallas, Texas	8:38	8:36	8:33	8:28	8:23	8:16
El Paso, Texas	8:15	8:13	8:10	8:05	8:00	7:53
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	8:40	8:38	8:35	8:30	8:25	8:18
Galveston/Houston, Texas	8:22	8:20	8:18	8:14	8:08	8:02
Gentry, Arkansas	8:37	8:34	8:31	8:25	8:19	8:11
Little Rock, Arkansas	8:25	8:22	8:19	8:14	8:07	8:00
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Like many others who choose to join the Adventist Church, Daniel Nelson took Bible studies from the pastor before he was baptized. But there was something different about Dan's Bible studies. Instead of reading the lessons with his eyes, he read them with his fingers. You see, Daniel Nelson is blind. But that doesn't stop him from studying the Bible.

Thanks to a set of 34 braille Bible lessons provided by Christian Record Services (the Adventist outreach center for those with disabilities), Dan and Pastor Tillman were able to study together. The result is a new member in the Duluth, Minnesota, Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Braille Bible lessons are just one of the many free programs offered by Christian Record Services to those with disabilities. This summer, three camps in the Southwestern Union will be hosting National Camps for Blind Children programs. These programs will be held at Nameless Valley Ranch in Texas (July 17-24), Camp Yorktown Bay in Arkansas (July 17-24),

and Wewoka Woods in Oklahoma (June 26-July 3). During the 1993 camping season, nine persons who attended National Camps for Blind Children were baptized into Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Christian Record Services also sponsors free reading material to those with vision or hearing impairments. In Michigan, Bill Sponable was baptized after receiving *The Christian Record* magazine (in Braille) for over 60 years, as well as studying the Sabbath School lesson in the form of a magazine called *The Student*.

In the Southwestern Union Conference there are 7,265 persons being served by Christian Record Services. There are 5,929 persons receiving magazines, 964 in our Bible school and 310 campers.

On July 9, you will have the opportunity to sponsor these services by giving to Christian Record Services' Annual Offering. Help us reach people like Bill and Dan by supporting CRS on July 9, and the rest of the year as well!

—Rikki Stenbakken