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*We wish you a*  
***Merry Christmas***  
*and God's Blessing*  
***in the New Year***  
*from Your Friends*  
*at the*  
*Southwestern Union Conference Office*

FANNY J. CROSBY

**A year of precious blessings,  
And glorious victories won,  
Of earnest work progressing,  
Its onward course has run;  
To thee, O God, our Refuge,  
Whose goodness crowns our days,  
Within Thy earthly temple  
We lift our hearts in praise.**

Fanny J. Crosby

## **The Blessing of Knowing God Loves Us!**

"I woke up feeling terrible," Lynn Touponce said as she recounted her spiritual journey. "In addition to the awful hangover I had from the drinking party the night before, I had lost my job and my marriage was about to end. In my mental anguish and desperation, I looked up to the ceiling and cried out loud to God—if anyone had heard me they'd have thought I'd gone nuts. 'O.K. God,' I cried, 'Maybe I haven't done things right. I don't know how to do things right or how to let go. You are the only one who can help!' Almost immediately things changed," Lynn continued. "I didn't feel sick anymore. A peace and happiness come over

me that I can only explain as the Holy Spirit."

"Yes," interjected Lynn's father, Noel Clingings. "When Lynn called and said, 'Dad, I'm so happy,' I said to myself, 'What's she got up her sleeve now?' Lynn said, 'Dad, I've finally made a right decision, and I'm so happy.' And again I said to myself, 'This kid's up to something.'"

"I told my mother I'd be going back to church," Lynn continued with her story, "but not the Adventist church. It'd be a Sunday-keeping church. I got down on my knees to ask God to show

me where to go. Then I remembered that three months earlier my friend Ginger had invited me to visit the Handley Seventh-day Adventist Church. I hesitated but then decided that since I had made a commitment I'd better go there first.

"The people at Handley were so warm and friendly. They welcomed us with open arms, and when we left, my daughter, Heather, who is 15, said 'I don't want to go to any other church. This is where we need to be.' And so we've been coming here ever since.

"When I told my mom about this she said, 'Well, you can go back to church, but I don't need to go.' My reply to her was, 'O.K., Mom, you don't have to come if

you don't feel like it. I don't want to push you.' But I continued to pray that one day she would return."

"But," interjected Lynn's mother, Betty, "it was Heather, my granddaughter, who really worked on me. Every Friday when I was at their house, Heather would say to me, 'Grandma, are you coming to church with us tomorrow?' and I'd say, 'No, not now.' Then she'd say, 'But, Grandma, when?' and I'd say, 'Well, soon.'

"This kept on until it got to the point where I couldn't face her any more, and I'd leave my daughter's house before Heather came in from school, but one day she caught me. I was just leaving. Again she said, 'Grandma, are you going to church with me tomorrow?' and my reply was, 'No, Honey, I don't have any clothes to wear to church.'

**You left the church because you felt that man had failed you. Can you share whether you felt that God had failed you as well?**

Although we left the church, we still believed in God, and we'd pray to Him whenever we needed something. One day when our finances were looking bad I suggested we start paying tithe like we used to, but my husband felt our finances were in such poor shape that we couldn't even pay our bills. But then he said, "You handle our finances anyway, so do whatever you want and I'll go along with you." We claimed the promise in Malachi 3:10. I told God that He would have to prove to my husband that He really meant what He said. And do you know what? He came through with blessings! We've counted up our bills, which are now all paid, and find that the money Noel has earned is less than the bills we have paid. How is this possible? We don't know, but that's a fact!

"Well," she said. "You can come in your pants. No one will mind. They'll just be happy to see you."

"My husband, who had overheard this conversation, turned to me and said, 'You go and buy yourself a dress and go with Heather tomorrow. You go to church and don't disappoint this child any more.' So Heather went with me to buy a dress, and I went to church the next day!

"Everyone was so loving and kind, and Paul Rippe got up and said, 'Betty Clingings is back, and we hope she is here to stay.'" (We're taught not to say this when inactive members return, but Betty said it was okay for her, because she knows the people meant it.)

"It was nice to feel loved. I'd been away for 16 years. We took our eyes off Christ and looked at man instead, and we fell. When my brother came to visit us two years ago he urged me to go back to church, for we'd all been raised as Adventists. He talked to me all that summer and got me thinking.

"You can go back to church, but don't push it off on me," my husband said, so I didn't. We just prayed for him.

"One Sabbath morning I got up and I said to my husband, 'Heather and Justin are to be baptized today. Are you coming to see your grandchildren baptized?' My husband's reply was, 'Don't push me,' but he went anyway. After that he began attending off and on, but now he's always at church. Our daughter in San Antonio was baptized before Easter, and two weeks ago her son was baptized."

If you go to the Handley church on Friday nights, you'll find the Clinging family involved in a prayer group. "We have one purpose," says Noel, "and that's to spread the gospel. Our focus is on reaching the inactive members of this church. What a blessing it is to be actively involved in working for others."

*Written by Jean Thomas  
as told by Lynn Touponce  
and her parents,  
Betty and Noel Clingings*

**Lynn, you've described all the changes that have taken place in your life. Can you share how your husband, David, has reacted to these changes?**

Before I came back to God we had a very poor relationship. It became difficult for him to handle the changes taking place in my life, for He had no concept of God. I filed for divorce, and he left. A month and a half later he came back and said, "Let's talk about God." I said okay and I prayed hard for God to give me the right words to say. I explained as simply as possible about the great controversy between Christ and Satan, and for the first time in his life he began to understand the difference between good and evil. Now we're remarried, and although he's not yet baptized, he's changed so much that he will join the church when he is ready. Every night we have family worship. Once when we got to bed very late, we forgot to have worship. Suddenly he remembered. "We haven't had worship," he said as he switched on the light. "Call the kids and let's have worship here in bed." So that's what we did. David has come a long way!

## The Blessing of Hope

Usually when we talk of blessings, we think of someone who has all the trappings of a "successful" career with an expensive car, clothes, a home, the latest electronic gadgets, or one who is popular or well-known. But if to be "blessed" means to be "happy," we may be basing our judgment on faulty criteria.

Jesus turned the thinking of His listeners all topsy-turvy when He proclaimed that it is not the rich, but rather the poor in spirit—not those who are applauded, but those who are reviled—who are the truly happy ones. Some of life's sweetest blessings seem to be a paradox.

**Happy are those whose hearts are aching.** The soul-wrenching grief over the illness or death of a dear one, the inexpressible yearning for the salvation of a wayward child, the tragic desperation of spurned love—blessings?

Yet how else can we understand even to the slightest degree the ache in our Father's heart, His merciful sympathy, His deep-seated longings on our behalf?

We can be consoled, and we can be happy, for surely He has walked in our shoes! Heartaches can be a blessing.

**Happy are those who give of themselves.** In the light of a Sarajevo or Rwanda experience, just how does our petty self-denial stack up? An example of genuine sacrifice might be that of a child who resists spending an allowance on some long-awaited treat in order to buy an otherwise insignificant gift of love for a parent. That kind of giving, when we truly deny self, is a blessing, and it brings happiness to both giver and recipient.

**Happy are those who are content to be less than the best.** You mean we shouldn't always be striving to be smarter, to accomplish more, to look better than

those around us? How long has it been since you or I bragged about being the least in our father's house (Gideon) or the chief among sinners (Paul)? It is not the person whose picture appears on the front page or whose name is on everyone's lips, not the one who finds fame among fellow sinners, but rather the one who quietly serves without recognition, whom God honors. It has often been said that there is no limit to the good we can do when we do not care who gets the credit. Blessed are those who remain anonymous!

**Happy are those who lie down to peaceful sleep.** Have you ever spent a restless night longing for the dawn, checking the hours as they crawl wearily by? Contrast that with a night of tranquil, unbroken sleep after a day's hard physical labor. How merciful of our Father to provide just such rest for those who have worked hard in His vineyard! As they wait for the trumpet to sound, what could be sweeter than to sleep the quiet sleep of death? Blessed are those who die in the Lord; death is a blessing.

**Happy are those who hope.** It is impossible to suppress the hope that springs up in the hearts of those who have tasted the promise of something better than their present experience. Some of us feel it a privilege to walk this earth even in its present sorry state, but few of us will deny that out of this darkness is born the hope of a better life, an unfathomable life of unending joy.

The contrast is vivid: the darkness of midnight and the brightness of noonday, the icy blasts of winter and summer's gentle breezes, the joys of sight by one who has been blind. Oh, the blessed hope of eternity with our Lord! Count your blessings.

When your heart aches, when you suffer the effects of true sacrifice, when your efforts go unrecognized, when your companion lies beneath the sod—count your blessings! And look up, for perhaps the greatest blessing of all is the hope that is nearing its fruition. Happy hope, indeed!

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

*Eunice Fisher  
Olsen Park SDA Church*

## The Blessing of Influence

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same" (poem and author unknown). This quote hangs on my bedroom wall, an eloquent reminder of how a dear friend touched my heart. I remember the first time I saw her. She was sitting at the end of the table that evening, her tiny shoulders hunched, her beautiful dark hair concealing a porcelain face. She did not speak; she did not move. A girl at our table asked her what her name was, and she replied, "Mary Ann from Minnesota." As the word "Minnesota" came off her thin lips she began to sob. She cried quietly, but it was obvious she was deeply anguished. The room was silent except for her uneven breathing. None of us knew what to say.

My heart immediately went out to Mary Ann, for she seemed terribly alone and scared. My heart was heavy with concern when I went to bed that night. She was so frail, and her eyes reflected a deep sadness.

The next morning I walked to breakfast with Mary Ann. We had to stop several times, for she could only walk a little way without becoming tired. At breakfast we

said little, since there seemed no need for constant chatter. Occasionally she would ask me a question, and we learned a little more about each other that morning.

She said she was 19 and studying cosmetology. She showed me pictures of her apartment in St. Paul and spoke of how she missed it. I felt like I was getting an inner look at Mary Ann's life, and I was grateful for the chance.

We spent more time together over the next few weeks. We watched television together at night, and when we had free time during the day we often went shopping. Mary Ann loved going to thrift shops and secondhand stores, rummaging through the racks for old Levi's, floppy hats, and chunky shoes. We laughed at each other in bell-bottoms and tiny, round sunglasses. Her enthusiasm was always high, even when her strength was obviously low. I loved spending time with Mary Ann, but it pained me to see her growing weak and pale. One evening we went to our favorite bookstore together. We sat on a couch near the back of the store in front of a crackling fire, each of us writing in our journals. Mary Ann shared my passion for writing. When I looked up I saw big tears streaming down her thin face. I hadn't seen her cry since our first encounter a month earlier.

Gently I put my hand on her trembling hand and asked what was wrong. At first she seemed unable to reply, and I searched her dark eyes for a clue. After a

moment of silence she managed to whisper, "I'm scared, Sara, I'm scared."

I had only known Mary Ann for five weeks when the time came for us to part. I was going home, and I didn't know whether I would ever see her again. When I embraced her on that last day I thought about how unusual our friendship had been, but also about how much I had learned from the experience. I knew I would miss her terribly. Mary Ann interrupted my thoughts by saying in her calm manner, "Thanks for caring about me, Sara. Don't forget to be yourself."

And with that I turned toward home, but thoughts of Mary Ann were never far from my mind. I wondered how she was doing. I worried about her health. I knew she rarely told others how she really was, and I feared that since I was no longer there no one would be able to pick up the subtle cues that helped explain the mystery that was Mary Ann.

A few weeks later, I was back at the clinic for a doctor's appointment and was thrilled to see Mary Ann coming down the hallway. She looked healthy and full of energy. Her cheeks were pink, and she was smiling, not just with her mouth but with her eyes as well. I went home feeling encouraged that my friend was feeling better.

Three and a half weeks later I was getting ready for bed when the phone rang. I answered hesitantly, wondering who would be calling so late. It was my friend, Allison, with a breathless and blunt message, "Mary Ann is dead."

Mary Ann had died of heart failure. Her heart was just too weak to keep pumping life through her body. She was a tragic victim of anorexia nervosa. I believe she held on as long as she could—probably longer than most people—because I witnessed her strength, her determination, and her will, not just to survive, but to really live.

My friendship with Mary Ann has changed me. It is only now—now that I have thought things through while writing this story—that I realize how I have changed. Mary Ann taught me to look for the beauty in the world and to listen for the laughter.

Sara Jensen

## The Blessing of Serving

From the time she was eight years old, Ruth King demonstrated character traits that would make her a strong support to her husband during the difficult times of their entry into business during the depression years.



For many years Ruth stubbornly supported her husband when things were not going well for him. She spent many sleepless nights wondering where money would come from to feed her children. Hiring a dependable housekeeper and babysitter, she went to work with her husband, first as a business manager, later as purchasing agent, secretary and treasurer. She checked salesmen in and out, hired personnel, kept an eye on production, and showed remarkable ability to estimate raw materials needed for daily production. Through diplomatic tight-fisted money management, all financial obligations were met, including repayment of their early loans.

Together the McKees turned a depression-days cookie business into the McKee Foods Corporation, the largest producer of snack cakes in North America. After 61 years of marriage their years together came to an end. Ruth died in 1989 at 83 years of age. Her funeral was held in the Southern College Adventist church.

Sometime before her death, Ruth had shared with family members the only thing she missed in her life, and that was teaching young people. Her formal education prepared her to teach school, but instead she had supported her husband in establishing the business. It is very fitting that she is to be remembered in her death for providing for the critical needs of the Holbrook Indian School, where a new dormitory will be built as a gift from the McKee family.

The Ruth McKee Hall will become home for 80 Indian girls, ages 6 through 20. It will have 20 rooms for grades 7-12, two to a

In his growing up years Melvin attended a Baptist church occasionally. However, when he married Marilyn, he did not feel comfortable going with her to the Seventh-day Adventist church. As his two children, Stephanie and Jeffrey, began to grow up they would beg him to go to church with them.



Once the children became involved with Pathfinders, Melvin would come to an occasional program. But that wasn't enough for the children. They pleaded with him every Sabbath morning.

Then it happened. The Bristow pastor, Ertis Johnson, held a Revelation seminar to which Melvin came each night.

In December, 1992 he was baptized as his family watched through tears of joy. Now they count it a great blessing to have their family united in hope and love.



A few of the girls from Holbrook Indian School waiting to move into the new girls dormitory. Seated from the left: Tamara, Jacquetta, Marlene, and standing from left: Colandra and Seysh.

room, 10 rooms for the lower grades with four to a room, modest apartments for the dean and her assistant, a small computer/study room, a kitchenette and a recreation room. This dormitory will replace the boys dorm and the boys will move to the current girls dorm. The old boys dorm will be used for a hall for Holbrook's music program and a much needed student assembly hall.

Ground breaking for the Ruth McKee Hall will take place on April 3, 1995. A request has been made to Maranatha Volunteers International to build the dormitory.

Holbrook Indian School is a faith ministry receiving over 75% of its operating support from personal sacrificial gifts.

Rachel Twing  
Development Director

## The Blessing of Caring

Little Rosanna was playing in the living room when I entered house five at the Las Palmas Orphanage in the Dominican Republic. She and her brother were the latest additions to the nearly 120 children at the orphanage.

Too young to understand at a year and a half old, she seemed oblivious to the fact that her mother had abandoned her and her brother, Erculi, six months earlier.

Her father, suffering from heart failure and a nervous disorder, tried to care for the children but couldn't. They lived in a very impoverished area near the Haitian border. The father's health had deteriorated to the point where he could no longer care for the children. In desperation he brought them to the Las Palmas Orphanage. So this is how Rosanna and her older brother came to

live in house five with their new brothers and sisters and their new mom and dad.

Our motto at International Children's Care is, "ICC, helping orphans as though they were you." All across America, Seventh-day Adventists are helping ICC rescue abandoned and orphaned children in countries like Guatemala, Dominican Republic,

El Salvador, Columbia, Romania, Thailand, and Mexico through our orphan care program.

As a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we are proud to tell you that our church is doing something for orphan children. Many individuals in North America are sponsoring children, making a difference in the lives of those who might have become a statistic in the United Nations report on world-wide child deaths due to disease and poverty. Thanks to people like you, things are different for these children who are receiving loving care through International Children's Care.

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## The Blessings of God's Leading

After months of hard work trying to obtain a construction permit for a low power television (LPTV) station in northwest Arkansas, we were told the permit was being awarded to a competing applicant. Was God trying to tell our group of lay people who had the vision of sharing the three

angels messages that this was an impossible dream? We learned that when God closes a door, it might be because He has something better in store.

We redoubled our efforts, appealed to our church members for financial support and solicited their prayers. Our consulting engineering firm learned of a full-power station that was becoming available. Quickly we initiated the appropriate proceedings.

Once the request was in, we were left to wait and pray. Finally a notice came informing us that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) had approved the application for a full-power frequency station in Springdale (the first for this city), but that the FCC was allowing a 30-day period known as the A-cut-off period. Anyone wishing to contest this permit would be allowed to do so during that time. Again we prayed and waited, waited and prayed. We knew there was the possibility that a large local organization could contest, but we prayed for God to intervene. As the deadline approached, we learned that the same person who had been granted the low-powered TV station was contesting this permit. He was wanting to become a local affiliate for FOX Network television, a multi-million dollar company that produces



Ground breaking on April 10, 1994. John Brown III of the John Brown University (center left) shakes hands with Carlos Pardeiro. Others present included the mayors of both Springdale and Tontitown. A point of interest is that Paul Harvey is an alumnus of John Brown University.



*Pouring the footings of the building to become KSBN TV 57.*



*Carlos Pardeiro checking to make sure everything is being done just right!*

some of the most violent and permissive TV programming in the country. It was like the great controversy was being played out right before our eyes.

The FCC gave both parties 30 days, known as the B-cut-off date, to agree on who would withdraw their application. If neither was willing, both parties would have to appear at a court hearing in Washington D.C., the initial expense of which would be \$10,000 but could reach up to hundreds of thousands.

A few days later we received a call from our competitor inviting us to a meeting to work out an agreement. During this meeting the competitor, who already owned other television stations, explained in no uncertain terms that he had to have this full-power station and that FOX Network was behind him. He was ready and able to fight. It was like the case of David and Goliath. Our

meeting ended with no agreement, but as we parted I said, "I'm going to pray that God will impress you to withdraw your application," to which he laughed.

Those were days of earnest prayer and total reliance on the Lord. Unexpectedly, a few days later, we received another call from our competitor telling us that if we withdrew our application, in exchange, he would cover the expenses we had incurred. We declined but felt impressed to reciprocate the same offer if he would withdraw. He gave an adamant no! During that conversation I did remind him that our Father owned "the silver, the gold and the cattle on a thousand hills," and that we represented 13 towns

and cities in the area who were supporting us.

A few days later while sharing this story with our union president, Cyril Miller, he said, "I have a feeling that something miraculous is about to happen," and a couple of hours later when talking by phone with Mark Finley of "It Is Written" he said, "For the next few days I will pray for this situation."

Within a few hours of those phone calls, I received a call from our attorney who said, "Your God must be hearing your prayers. Wait until you hear this! Your competitor just called and asked, 'If I would ever consider a withdrawal, how would you reimburse me for my expenses, cash or check?'"

After consulting with our board, we told our attorney to let

our competitor know that we would work with him but that he had only until Friday (the closing date for the FCC deadline) to give us a final decision. To our amazement, he did call back Friday morning to say that he would accept a withdrawal under one condition, that should we sell the station for any reason, that he be given the option to buy it. However, we were not willing to accept any conditions. Furthermore, if there was no final response by 3:00 p.m. there could be no agreement. By 2:30 p.m. a fax arrived giving an unconditional withdrawal. Praise the Lord!

Since then, we have had one miracle after another. The FCC did award the station to us. Complications regarding the antenna turned out to be a blessing, since we were able to acquire 14 1/2 acres around a 400-foot tower that would cost less than if we had leased the tower space for five years. Now we have the free use of the tower for 20 years, and the tower owner is "renting" space from us!

When we recognize God's miracle-working power in our lives, we gain courage from the fact that He is in charge. And if you have been blessed by this miracle in the making and the sense that God may want you to be a part of it, we would be glad to hear from you. This is an exciting mission of faith!

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*KSBN TV 57 as it looks today.*

# Knowing About the Future Is a Blessing

An interview between Bunny Brandies and John Neff, pastor of Albuquerque Heights church.

**Pastor:** "Bunny, could you share why you called for an Adventist preacher to come and start Bible studies with you?"

**Bunny:** "Yes. I was sitting in my bedroom one morning saying to myself, 'What is going on with the people of this world—there's so much evil around.' I was very disappointed and distressed about the world situation. Then I seemed to hear a voice saying, 'God is coming. You need to make things right with the Lord,' and since then I haven't been the same. I started preparing right away. I realized I'd never been baptized, so that's why I called for a Seventh-day Adventist pastor."

**Pastor:** "Well, let me ask you, Bunny, what relationship did you have with Seventh-day Adventists when you were growing up?"

**Bunny:** "I belonged to the Adventist church as a child and pretty much grew up in church, but then strayed away as I grew older."

**Pastor:** "And now you're asking to be baptized, but you have an unusual problem. Would you care to share with me how you became a quadriplegic?"

**Bunny:** "Yes. Twelve years ago I was involved in an automobile accident, so now I'm not able to walk at all. I'm a level 6 - C5-6 which means I am quadriplegic with a spinal cord injury, so it's going to be difficult to get me down the steps into the water for baptism. I don't weigh very much, so maybe we can work something out."

**Pastor:** "Do you have any idea about when you'd like to be baptized?"

**Bunny:** "Yes, as soon as possible."

**Pastor:** "By the way, I heard you were interested in music. Is that so?"

**Bunny:** "Yes, I started to music college at the age of five and played the piano and guitar. We also used to sing together as a family, and I sang in church talent shows."

**Pastor:** "It must make you feel sad now you're not able to play. However, soon those fingers will be playing a harp, because the Bible says when Jesus comes we're all going to be given harps!"

**Bunny:** "And I'll be able to sing my favorite choruses! I'm really looking forward to that day... and I'll no longer be in a wheel chair either!"



Claremore Pathfinder club at the Dare to Care Camporee.

## It's a Blessing to Meet Other Adventist Youth

Sometimes Pathfinder, as well as other youth leaders, wonder whether they are really helping the youth. The following story should encourage all youth leaders.

Last year the Dare to Care Camporee was a dreamland away, but today, it's another page in my memory scrapbook. Our little group of 13 kids from Claremore drove the 14 hours to Bandimere Speedway. I definitely think it was worth it!

Dare to Care—there were hundreds of activities available: dirt biking, skiing, putt-putt, go-carts, and a whole bunch of neat activities, right? Now add awesome kids with an awesome spirit.

It was fun to see able-bodied people trying to compete with

the physically challenged in wheel chair races and everybody cheering each other on. Everything was about teamwork and helping each other.

Think of it—a house with the sky for its roof and 10,000 brothers and sisters in it.

Our campground was the speedway parking lot and everywhere we turned were more friends.

At the end of the day when the sun blushed red and the mountain shadows stretched, we were bussed to Red Rocks. The amphitheater was the perfect setting to sit and stare at God's handiwork while talented artists such as Steve Darmody, Ritchie Carbajal and Patricia White helped us praise Him. There were also some very touching and some humorous drama pieces that made us think about what we're actually doing here and what we should really be doing. Each night Pastor LeClaire Litchfield gave a short straight talk that challenged us—that was what happened at Dare To Care Camporee. It was all about family, friends, our earth, and our God.

I was so glad I went and if we didn't see you at the rocks, you missed a great blessing, and a whole lot of fun!

Stephanie Korgan, 10th grade  
Tulsa Adventist Academy

The last time I was here doing a Bible study with Bunny, one of her assistants came to work. We were having a good study together when I realized things were getting very quiet in the kitchen. When we finished I said, 'Bunny, it's time for our closing prayer,' and at that time we heard a little voice say, 'Could I please join you in prayer? Will you pray for me, too?' So Lauri came in and sat down on the couch. She began to tell how she had been a Seventh-day Adventist at one time and that Bunny had been sharing her videos with her. About three weeks ago the Lord spoke to her heart, impressing her that she needed to prepare for Jesus' coming. Bunny shares her faith wherever she is and we both have Lauri on our prayer list. We're very excited about the future. God is at work!

—John Neff

## God Is Ready and He's Calling Us to Prayer

### If My people who are called by My Name

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9 NIV

*"The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He placed upon them."* Desire of Ages, p. 668

### Will humble themselves and pray

"This is one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word." Isaiah 66:2 NIV

*"A great many people do not pray because they do not feel any sense of need. The sign that the Holy Spirit is in us is that we realize, not that we are full, but that we are empty."*—Oswald Chambers

### And seek My face,

"If you are pleased with me," Moses said to God, "teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you..." The Lord replied, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:13,14 NIV

### And turn from their wicked ways,

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them." Ezekiel 36:26,27 NIV

### Then I will hear from heaven,

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord." Jeremiah 29:12-14 NIV

*"He [God] is well pleased when they [His children] make the very highest demands upon Him, that they may glorify His name. They may expect large things if they have faith in His promises."* Desire of Ages, p. 668

### And will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

"Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father." Isaiah 58:13,14 NIV

### Our land needs healing, Our churches need healing and Our homes need healing.

### As we begin this new year

### Let's start it with prayer—

### Prayer that God will be in control!

*"If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Our hearts will often burn within us as One draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength. Power for obedience, for service, will be imparted to them, as Christ has promised."* Desire of Ages, p. 668

**LET US** Ask God to reveal Himself to us; to show us what we are really like. Ask Him to change us into His image and give us the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**LET US** Pray more concertedly for each member of our family. Ask God to shield us from Satan's fiery darts that seem to penetrate the inner walls of our homes.

**LET US** Pray for our church. Why not use the membership lists and pray for each member? Uphold our pastors and their families.

**LET US** Pray for our youth, our schools, our teachers and our church leaders.

**LET US** Pray for our cities and the United States government.

**LET US** Pray for reformation, revival, and renewal for us individually as well as for our churches.



Elder and Mrs. Cyril Miller

## Union President's Nuptials Announced

We are grateful to God for the recovery of our union conference president, Cyril Miller, from a near-fatal automobile accident last summer.

We are also happy to announce his marriage on October 14, 1994, to Joyce Brodersen, whom he met 47 years ago while they were students at Southwestern Adventist College (then Southwestern Junior College).

The new Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. Harvey Brodersen and was born in Peking, China, while they were missionaries there. Elder Brodersen also pastored several churches in the Texas and Oklahoma conferences.

The Southwestern Union Conference is pleased to welcome Joyce as a part of the union staff family.

## Texas

FRANK TOCHTERMAN, CORRESPONDENT

### Children's Prayer Meeting in Denison-Sherman

Wednesday evening is a special time for the children of the Denison-Sherman church. While the adults attend regular prayer meeting, the children gather for their own meeting under the guidance of Tammy Shoemaker. In addition to the eight who come regularly, a few non-Adventist children often attend.

At these meetings the children have fun interacting with church friends, and they learn more about God and how to apply His teachings to their everyday lives. They also learn to develop a concern for those who are ill or missing from the church family and pray for those who have special requests.

The children treasure this time of learning while having fun. They create personalized greeting cards, they learn songs and scripture text for the church service, they do role playing and learn how to pray meaningfully to Jesus. Our goal is to help make religion a practical part of daily living.

Geraldine E. Brooks



The children who come to prayer meeting are from left: Evan McCormack, James Shoemaker, Brandi Mitzelfelt, Joshua Mitzelfelt holding Michael Shoemaker, Adam Montgomery hidden behind John Shoemaker, Matthew Mitzelfelt, Lori Wooldridge and Heather McCormack. Here they are pictured giving a musical program on visitors day.

### Burton Academy Holds Open House

Parking spaces were hard to come by on Sabbath evening, September 10, at Burton's annual open house. Inside the Floyd Harrell Gym the crowd enjoyed a

program which began with a devotional given by Norman Yeager, pastor of the Grand Prairie church. Principals John Hopps and Randy Gilliam introduced the secondary and elementary school teachers. Annette Graves spoke about Home and School and listed the names of this year's committee.

After refreshments, parents and friends were invited to visit the classrooms where they were able to meet the teachers and look at their children's work.

## Endless Praise Singing Group Shares Their Talents

Through the six years this group of six women of the Burleson church have been together, they have traveled throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and into Arkansas and Louisiana, singing Christian music. Although they had sung together for a while, it was not until later that they came up with a name that seemed to fit their mission—to praise the Lord endlessly, hence Endless Praise.

The members of the group include Kathy Peno, Sharon Aalborg, Teri Seiler, Nancy Schneider, Terri Culver and Janet Sellers. Several are teachers, one is a medical transcriptionist, another a dietitian, and all are involved in church activities such as Sabbath school, Pathfinders, the deaf ministry and women's ministry.

Endless Praise wishes to reach people of every faith with the message that Jesus loves everyone and that He is coming soon to take His family home. They share God's love with churches that meet on Sabbath as well as those that meet on Sunday, for God has followers everywhere.

## Conrado Finds a Mission at Age 85

Conrado Jalandoni arrived at Dallas-Fort Worth airport last June to visit his family here in Texas. His wife and six children were at the airport to greet him at the end of this 12,000 mile journey from the island of Negros in the Philippines.

One of Conrado's relatives is Gilbert Sapien of the Sanger church who was prompted by the Holy Spirit to start sharing his faith with Conrado. Week by week "Brother Bert" worked slowly but carefully, instilling in his relative the different aspects of salvation.

Conrado heard again the things his wife and daughters had tried to share with him for many years. Finally he began to feel his need of Jesus and accept His offer of salvation. As Bert and Conrado prayed together, Conrado surrendered his life to Christ.

On Sabbath, September 17,



In a recent "Outreach" class, Chisholm Trail Academy students were challenged to do something for their community. They elected to pick up trash around Lake Pat in Cleburne. Eight students collected about 15 bags of trash along the lake shore and surrounding park. Pictured from left: Yvette Dominguez, Danette Dreer, Sonia Hill, Eran Scherencel, Jeppi Carnegie, Erica Clark, Kristi Rowan and Jeremy Simpson. Photo: Daina Adams

1994, family and friends gathered at the home of his daughter where 85-year-old Conrado was baptized in the swimming pool by an 85 year-old pastor. Two days later Conrado and his wife, Catalina, boarded a plane and flew back to Negros. Conrado could hardly wait to get home and tell his neighbors.

Allen G. Kirtley  
Communication Secretary

## East Texas ASM Forms New Chapter

The evening of September 17 singles gathered in the fellowship hall of the Jefferson Academy church to organize the East Texas chapter of Adventist Singles Ministry. The pastor, Allen Jamison, and his wife, Judy, were present and participated in the evening's activities. Pastor Jamison made a unique presentation on the life of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary in regard to their singleness and yet close relationship with Jesus.

Christy Herring, Arkansas ASM chapter president and Southwest

ern Union ASM secretary, spoke on the nature and purpose of ASM. A film was shown which discussed many aspects of this organization.

An invitation is being extended to all singles in East Texas to join ASM at the next meeting on December 10 in New Hope. For more

information call Betty Capps at 903/656-2734 or Ruby Kirkland at 903/796-2427. Singles from Atlanta, Marshall, Longview, Carthage, Jefferson, Linden, and all surrounding areas are invited to attend the next meeting.

Christy Herring



Excavations taking place for the new entrance to Valley Grande Academy.

# December Is Square-Up Month

# Arkansas-Louisiana

PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT

## Pathfinders Enjoy Memorial Weekend Campout

The Bobcats Pathfinder club of Slidell, Louisiana, visited historic Vicksburg National Military Park in northwest Mississippi. Since this was Memorial Day weekend it was fitting for the Pathfinders to have their church service on the grounds of the battlefield cemetery where Larry Burton, Slidell church school teacher, shared with them the vision Ellen White had of the Battle of Bull Run and how God guided throughout the Civil War.

The 15-mile battlefield tour offered ample hiking for the Pathfinders and a meditative atmosphere for Sabbath afternoon. The day ended with the Pathfinders singing favorite gospel songs and participating by teams in a Bible sword drill.

*Susan Swenson*

## Veggie Fair Booth Attracts Attention

The Bentonville church has operated a booth at the Benton County Fair for the past two years, where members have demonstrated how to make vegetarian foods and sold veggie products. A sign is put out on Friday afternoon saying the booth is closed until sundown Saturday night.

"We've made a slight profit both years," says Sharon Boothe, community service leader, "but that's not our primary purpose. Rather,



*The Bobcats talking about God's guidance in the past and how He continues to guide today.*

we want people to know who we are and what we stand for. We've had people come by this year who ate with us last year, and they told us they were glad we were there again. They had told others about the booth as well."

Pamphlets on a variety of health subjects were made available as well as cook books. We hope our ministry will continue and grow. *Sharon Boothe  
Communication Secretary*

## Students Collect Crayons for Russia

Ozark Elementary School students recently completed a project to help Russian students. Glenn Hill, Gentry church associate pastor, suggested to the students during chapel that they help provide crayons for the Russian children. This would be a special gift since they had never owned paints or colors.

OES students and their parents responded generously, providing over 450 boxes of crayons. These were to be given to the children who came to the evangelistic meetings Hill was planning to hold next time he went to Russia.



*Cassie Berger filling the box with crayons for the Russian children.*

since then he has spent his time in his singing ministry.

Darmody's high visibility, enthusiastic personality and demonstrated organizational and fundraising abilities were primary considerations when the invitation was extended to him. He will continue his music ministry, only now he will be an ambassador of goodwill for Ozark Adventist Academy as well.

Darmody's primary goal for Ozark's development is to complete a \$1.8 million capital campaign for the new boys dormitory and to continue to build the alumni annual fund.

## Development Director Hired for OAA

Steve Darmody, well-known to North American Adventists for his national concert music ministry, has been recruited as development director at Ozark Adventist Academy. Darmody has been a resident of Siloam Springs for the past six years where his wife, Joni (an OAA alumna) teaches English at Ozark Academy. His last pastoral appointment was as youth pastor for the Gentry Adventist Church, but

## Ozark Academy Experiences Spiritual Renewal

During the past summer Charles and Stacey Creacy traveled to area churches with a group of students who worked with them in depicting Christ's sacrifice on the cross to give us salvation. During the presentation the students each added their part to a painting of the cross and then quoted a Bible verse relating to Christ's gift of eternal life. In closing, the congregation was challenged to go and do what God



*Bentonville church fair booth.*



**Taryan Bowers, a third grader at Ozark Elementary School, helping to renovate the school playground.**

was urging them to do.

The influence of this program has had its effect upon the student body at Ozark Academy. Often at Friday night vespers students have testified of their need to be ready for Christ's second coming.

At a recent student association spiritual retreat, Bill Kilgore, Bible teacher from Southwestern Adventist College, challenged the students at an outdoor meeting on Sabbath to become MAD—to Make A Difference for Jesus. They responded enthusiastically by burning obstacles in their lives that would prevent them from

making a difference.

Since then the students have requested a mid-week pray service in addition to the dormitory worships and chapel services. Faculty members have opened their homes for student groups to meet as a family to help develop close-family spiritual relationships.

## Harrison Church Serves the Community

Our church in Harrison has grown since we have become involved in community affairs. We appreciate our new members, and God has blessed our efforts.

Forty-five volunteers helped at our Boone County Fair this year where we welcomed our community to participate in public health screening and computer analysis. Using a computer program called "Your Health Age," it was possible to screen over 1000 people. Several requested Bible studies, and follow-up seminars began November 11.

The Northwest Area Agency on Aging has invited us to be part of their annual Arkansas Power and Light Senior Day. Over 500 senior adults from Boone, Baxter, Carroll, Marion and Searcy counties attended. The same program was offered at the Berryville fair where 300 people came for the program.



**(Above) Volunteers who worked at the fair with Good Health in One Package are, from left: Frances Ismail, Sandi Wood, Joana Heimel, Dr. Blunt, Frances Johnson, Judy Collier, Arthur Hallock, and Virginia Hallock.**



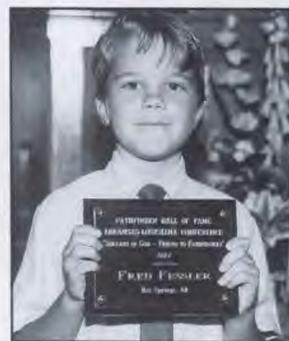
**(Right) Arthur Hallock with a sample of what is sent to a family who are victims of disaster.**

Adventist Community Services recently shipped 65 boxes of clothing to the West Coast warehouse. "In addition," comments Arthur Hallock, ACS area president, "we supply needed items to

burn-out families including clothing, appliances and furniture. We have also given away over 1200 pieces of clothing to needy people in the area." *Carlene Calvert Communication Secretary*



**Shreveport Whirlwind Adventurer Club planted flowers at their academy last spring. Each club member brought their own tools and dressed as miniature farmers wearing straw hats and bandanas. Before the Sunday afternoon was over, a large bed by the flagpole was filled with tiny flower plants. Now, having endured the glaring summer sun, the flowers have grown tall and full, and were crowded with blossoms when the students returned for school.**



**Fred Fessler (deceased) was the seventh inductee into the Arkansas-Louisiana Pathfinder Hall of Fame. He started and led out in Pathfinders in Hot Springs during the 50s, 60s and 70s. At a special Pathfinder Sabbath service on October 8, Joe Watts, former conference youth director, presented the Hall of Fame plaque to Fred's son, Brian, and family of Houston, Texas. Fred's grandson is seen holding the plaque.**

# Oklahoma

JACK FRANCISCO, CORRESPONDENT

## Bible Conference Reinforces Belief in Christ

October 6-9 found about 60 students and staff at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center for the yearly Junior Academy Bible Conference sponsored by the youth and education departments of the Oklahoma Conference. This year's format centered around the Bible curriculum, focusing specifically on how the Bible can strengthen one's personal life and enhance study habits.

Jerry McHenry, Lonnie Hetterle, and James Buckmaster assisted Jerry Beem and Jack Francisco in presenting the discussion topics and weekend activities. The students were kept active in breakout groups and impromptu skits which helped hold interest and reinforce concepts.

The Saturday night "End of



Oklahoma Pathfinder director, Jerry Beem, talking with Melvin Harrington, 27-year Pathfinder veteran.

The Bristow Stars brought several new members to the Pathfinder camporee. They weathered the cold and rain like seasoned members. Melvin Harrington, now in his 27th year working with the Bristow Stars, says, "Some of the kids don't belong to the church, but they come to our Pathfinder club. Here they learn a lot of basic skills doing the things Pathfinders do. And they learn quite a bit about God. If a church has any children at all," Melvin continues, "it would be worth having a club, because a Pathfinder club will put some enthusiasm into the church members."

Time" game gave students and staff a taste of what it might be like during that time. All seemed to agree that this weekend had helped them draw closer to Christ.

## The Rainy Pathfinder Camporee

Neither rain nor cold nor wind could daunt the Ketchum, Oklahoma City Central, Enid, and Bristow Pathfinders from enjoying their fall camporee held in the RV section of the Wewoka Woods Center. The clubs showed ingenuity and a pioneering spirit in braving the elements of that rain-swept weekend.

Friday evening found Pathfinders marching from their warm, dry tents down through the marshes and across the foot bridge into the settlers camp known as Grimy Gulch. After a rousing song service around the camp fire, James Buckmaster led out in an impromptu skit involving several Pathfinders. Jerry Beem challenged everyone with his story. The flashlight brigade escorted the group back to the camp for a good night's rest.

Although Sabbath morning dawned cloudy and wet, the Pathfinders emerged from rain-soaked tents and wet sleeping bags with smiling faces. Sabbath activities in the auditorium included spirit-



Drill instructor Apple Park getting everyone into line.

filled skits and other activities. Bill Kilgore from Southwestern Adventist College inspired the Pathfinders with a message suited to their age group. Sabbath vespers was held at the far side of Wewoka Woods where the wagons circle the camp fire at Cowboy Camp.

Sunday promised to be another wet day, but the rains held off long enough to complete the morning's activities. These included breakfast with Pathfinder clubs racing to see how long it would take to mix the pancake batter, fry and eat a pancake. Instructor Apple Park had the clubs practice drill exercises; then the clubs competed in a bicycle

race and the 12-legged race. The final event was a timed obstacle race.

Drill instructor Park did such an outstanding job of teaching the clubs how to stand at attention under all conditions that when the clouds opened up during the closing ceremonies the clubs continued to stand at attention!

## Tulsa Fair Booth

The 1994 fair booth was a great success once again! A total of 2,535 people came for health analysis, some of them having visited the booth in previous years.

The people who needed the most help were those who were looking for spiritual encouragement—like the person who had contemplated suicide the night before coming to the fair. After special prayer and some counseling, that person was provided with a Bible study guide.

Then there was a homeless person who used the horse barn for shelter at night who came, looked at our literature and then requested a Bible. This was gladly given with some encouragement to study it faithfully.

One lady shared that she was alive today because of the care she had received from the medical staff at Glendale Adventist Hospital in California.

A Tulsa health department inspector came by to see our booth



Racing while straddling a 2"x4" beam is a piece of cake!



Tulsa fair booth

for the first time ever. After checking the program he told us we had passed and thanked us for promoting good health habits.

The success of the booth was due to the volunteers, those who prayed for its success, and those who gave monetary support from the following churches: Tulsa, Tulsa New Life, Bethel, Bartlesville, Bristow, Claremore, Jay, Owasso, Sapulpa, and Tahlequah, as well as some non-members.

## VOAD Members Meet in Guthrie

The Oklahoma State Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters (VOAD) met in Guthrie with 40 members present. Representatives from the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Radio Ham Operators League, REACT, Church of the Brethren, World Church Service, Baptist Convention, Latter-day Saints and the Seventh-day Adventists attended the meeting. Each organization reported on their activities during the past year and verbalized their goals for the coming year.

Officers for 1995 were elected, and Stan Buckmaster, Wewoka Woods Adventist Center camp ranger, was elected VOAD president. Having been active with the Adventist disaster response team for a number of years, Stan has attended VOAD meetings in the past to represent the Adventist church. We are proud that the other volunteer organizations recognize Buckmaster's leadership abilities, and we look forward to his leadership during the coming term of office. VOAD exists to coordinate disaster re-

sponse between the volunteer organizations in each state.

Each organization brought their response units to the meeting so that everyone could become acquainted with what they offered. John Hope from the Southwestern Union was present with the disaster van.

A disaster training seminar will be held at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center March 10-12, 1995.

## Northeast Oklahoma Youth Get Encouragement for Daily Living

Northeast Oklahoma is getting the youth involved in church activities. September 17 saw approximately 40 youth and 20 sponsors from Tulsa, Claremore, Ketchum, Bristow, Owasso, Broken Arrow and New Life churches at the Tulsa church for a youth rally led by Gary Ferguson of the Tulsa Church.

Sign-in time was 10:00 a.m. when each one was issued a back stage pass and randomly assigned to a group of 5-8 individuals. This was done to divide them into teams that would work together throughout the day and have them become acquainted with young people they might not know.

The object of the rally was to present ideas on how to deal with issues facing Christian youth of today. These related to their interaction with each other and



Students participating in one of the sessions at the Northeast Oklahoma youth rally.

their devotional life. These were interactive workshops with the sponsors leading out. One such workshop was having each group paint a mural of what certain words meant to them. Another session was a game based on the Family Feud game.

Each group was given opportunity to guess what some of the problems were that other groups found most difficult to handle. Peer pressure seemed to be on every list. Another activity was a skit depicting a hostage situation with two sides negotiating the release. Yet another session involved reading the Bible with each group being assigned a Bible text which they were to use in relating to today's situation.

Races, Christian music videos, singing and of course lunch and dinner provided a break between sessions. After sundown there was either volleyball or a video to watch until around the rally ended at 10:00 p.m.

*Heather Korgan  
Claremore Communication  
Secretary*

## Adult Daycare Celebrates Third Anniversary

In recognition of the many years of selfless service Ernest Wolfe has given the Vocational Center in Oklahoma City, the administration and school board have honored him by naming the adult daycare facility after him. It is situated on the eastern side of the Vocational Center campus of Oklahoma City and has been in operation for three years.

This center, caring for 30 senior citizens, has a waiting list of others wanting to enroll. It provides a secure location and active program for its clients, thus relieving family members of anxiety during the day while they are at work.

Ernest Wolfe, a strong and active member of the Choctaw Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been involved through the years with many civic and church organizations and is a well-known figure in his community.



Ernest Wolfe Adult Daycare Center.

# December Is Square-Up Month

# Texico

## Belen Church Is Dedicated

Once the final payment was made on the church loan, the Belen Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, New Mexico, held a dedication service in recognition of God's love and guidance.

Since this was an event worth celebrating, invitations were mailed to a list of honored guests. Part of the program included guest artists Opus Dei, Nancy Montgomery, Art Cardona, Carolyn and Crystal Garcia, the Valencia Choir, and Belen's own Gary and Debbie Wheeler and Ron Tenorio.

Activity became intense prior to dedication day. Cleaning, painting and refurbishing were accomplished with the help of many members who, out of love for their Lord, gave of their time. On dedication day the church was filled to capacity. Ralph Orduno and Timothy Shedd, Texico Conference president and treasurer, along with local leaders, Moises Ponce and Paul Lutz, were present for this special occasion.

*Lisa Baca  
Belen Church Clerk*

## El Paso English Church Gets New Pastor

The El Paso English district welcomes a new pastoral family, Bill and Helen Davis and their children Jonathan, age 5, and Dolly, age 8. Having served in the South American and Euro-African Divisions in the past, the Davises are fluent in Spanish.

Elder Davis has a B.A. from River Plate University in Argentina and a masters degree from the University of San Francisco. He is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Davis has a masters degree in nursing from the University of Nuevo Leon in Monterey, Mexico. Dolly is in the second grade, and Jonny is a kindergartner. Both will attend El Paso Junior Academy.

Elder Davis has a great interest in educating the laity for ministry. "We are here to work with the

church family, using ministerial education to empower them to do great things for the Lord," says Davis. His philosophy is that God has equipped all Christians for some special service or ministry in the church. "Each of us has the honor and responsibility to enhance those gifts given by God," Davis continues, "so that the work of spreading the Three Angels' Messages can go forward with the power God intends."

## SVA Students Attend Leadership Camp

Sandia View Academy students traveled 1,800 miles with Doug and Glenda Hayes across four states to attend the leadership camp sponsored by the Southwestern Union and Southwestern Adventist College at Camp Yorktown Bay near Hot Springs, Arkansas.

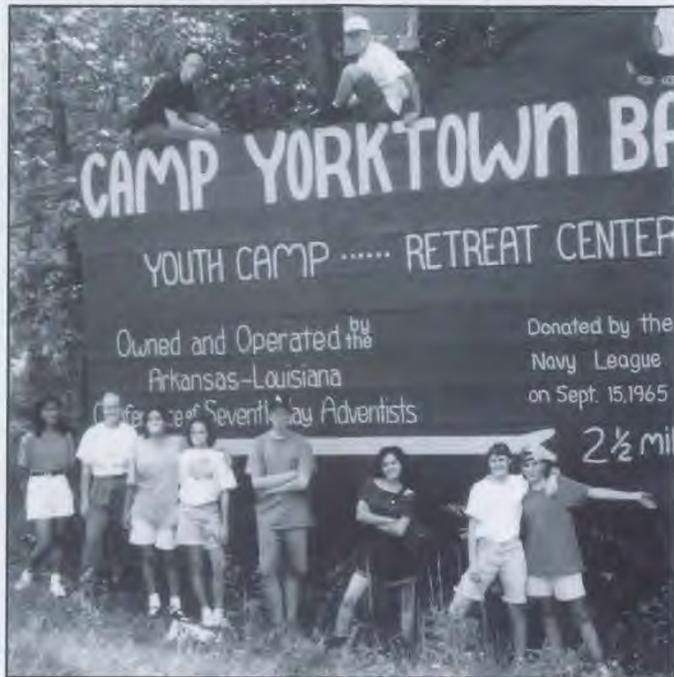
This leadership camp is an annual event which brings the student leaders together from the senior academies in the Southwestern Union.

Although SVA students have the farthest to travel, they always arrive first. The ten students who made the trip were: Bradley Chapman, SA president; Jenni Baily, SA spiritual vice-president; Irish Rivera, SA social vice-president; Liza Villegas, senior class president; Alexis Graf, junior class president; Ruth Alvidrez, sophomore class president; Justin Clifford, freshman class vice-president; Jennifer Kahn, newspaper editor; Nancy Sandavol, yearbook editor; and Estee Lopez, girls club president.

Seminars were planned for each office the students represented. Games which required team effort were played to help build team cooperation and to show how each must work together to accomplish goals.

## Olsen Park Honors Its Youth

At a special youth Sabbath held recently to honor the Olsen Park church youth, four-month-old John Michael, son of Cecil and Becky Garvin, and Amy and Joshua, children of Bill and Jackie



*Sandia View Academy students who attended leadership camp.*

Powell, were dedicated by the pastor, Harold Bohr. This service challenged both parents and the church family to accept the responsibility of raising these children to love the Lord.

Immediately following the dedication, Ashleigh Cohen and Caleb and Jacob Fitch were baptized by Pastor David Sittler. Other youth to be honored and who will be baptized at a later date by their relatives were Megan Melashenko and Gladdy and Diadem Robles. Four young ladies, Ashleigh Cohen, Megan Melashenko and Gladdy and Diadem Robles, sang a special musical number.

*Anna Swingle  
Communication Secretary*



*Ashleigh Cohen in the baptismal font with Pastor David Sittler, while Ashleigh's parents, Larry and June Cohen, show their support on the side.*

## Farewell to Conference Treasurer

In October, Texico Conference members and office staff said farewell to Timothy Shedd, treasurer for the past three years. Shedd and his family joined the Texico Conference staff in 1991 after having served in the Iowa-Missouri and Arkansas-Louisiana Conferences. His expertise in administration and accounting and his friendly ways have proved a great blessing to the Texico Conference.

For the past year, Tim's wife Tamera has served as the Texico Conference assistant auditor. Both Tim and Tamera's professional skills have been appreciated and their dedication to family values has been an inspiration. Tim, Tamera and their children, Sheila, Samuel, and Jarrett, will be missed.

*Charlene Chapman  
Assistant Treasurer*



The Ruidoso Sierra Pathfinders have an ongoing ministry at the Ruidoso Care Center where they spend an hour every Sabbath afternoon singing, visiting and giving Bible studies to the residents. Pictured above are Pathfinder Thomas Redding and Ruidoso Care Center resident, Frances Supina. Photo: James Smith, Jr.

"In the Heart of Jesus" was the theme for the two-day convocation. Virginia Richards Cason, keynote speaker, led us to the foot of the cross when she spoke of how Christ has a special place in His heart for each individual—a place that can be filled by no one else!

Workshops by Hazel Curtis, Tami McGrew, Retta Michaelis, Renata Jackson Taylor, Anna May Vaughan, and Rosalie Flores occupied a large portion of the time. Rheeta M. Stecker, M.D., spoke during two general sessions on the "Healthy Heart." Nola Horne, Southwestern Union women's ministries director, led out in the morning devotionals.

Barbara Mitzelfelt, Co-Director Women's Ministries Texico Conference



Texico Conference women's ministries co-directors, Dorane Jefferies and Barbara Mitzelfelt.

## Texico Conference and Southwestern Union Women's Retreat

The 250 women who came from 11 different states, representing nine conferences and 48 churches, assembled at the Glorieta Baptist Convention Center in the southern Rockies 19 miles east of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for a weekend of spiritual growth and inspiration.



Lucille Harmitt, Bill and Bev Meleney were part of the team working at the New Mexico state fair booth.

## Witnessing at the New Mexico State Fair

Over 1.6 million visitors passed through the turnstiles during the 17-day run of the 1994 New Mexico State Fair. Many of those people visited the literature booth equipped and staffed by the eight Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Albuquerque area (Bethesda, Bi-lingual, Central, Corrales/SVA, Heights, Los Lunas, North Val-

ley, and Rio Grande).

Thousands of pieces of literature covering the physical, spiritual, and social advantages of following God's instructions for living a healthful and rewarding lifestyle were given away.

And 965 people signed interest cards offering Bible study guides, prophecy seminars, vegetarian cooking and "How to Stop Smoking" classes. In addition, our literature evangelists' display garnered many more interests.

Jep Choate  
Albuquerque Heights

# Southwestern Adventist College

JENELL RUSK, CORRESPONDENT

## SAC Enrollment Soars

For the sixth consecutive year, Southwestern Adventist College has experienced a record fall enrollment. According to assistant academic vice president and registrar, Tom Bunch, 978 students are enrolled, an increase of 65 students over last fall's record of 913.

"This is a great way to begin our second century," said college president Marvin Anderson.

Although SAC has set enrollment records for the past six years, this year's increase is dramatically larger than previous years. Enrollment gains in the past three years have remained at around 20 students. This year's increase shattered the assumption that increases would follow this pattern.

"This year's enrollment is a real tribute to our program, to our faculty and staff, and to Victor Brown and his staff in the

enrollment office," said Anderson. "I believe students receive personal attention from the enrollment office before they come to our college, and they are pleasantly surprised to receive individual attention from the faculty and staff while they're attending our college. It's a pleasure to welcome each student this year and let them know we're glad they chose SAC."

## Channel 60 Begins Local Newscast

Tension and anticipation built steadily Monday afternoon as the crew of local television channel K60FG prepared for their first live newscast. John Williams, station manager and an associate professor of communication at Southwestern Adventist College, worked alongside college students editing tape, connecting equipment, and adjusting cam-

era angles. Just slightly after 5:00 p.m. on September 5, Labor Day, they wrote a new chapter in Keene history. Local television news became reality. For Williams and his team of seven students, it was exhausting and exhilarating.

In spite of small glitches and Murphy's Law, the newscast went relatively smoothly. A new teleprompter, scheduled to arrive in time, didn't arrive. So news anchor, Melva Bunag, read the news from printer paper. There were a few blank spots while switching from live to taped portions, but overall, according to Williams, the newscast went pretty well.

"The students did a great job, considering no one had ever done anything like this before," said Williams. "We made some mistakes, and that includes me, but we'll get better each time."

As a college TV station, Chan-



John Williams, television Channel 60's general manager, cues up a tape for broadcast during the station's first live television newscast. Photo: Branton Byers

nel 60 is all about learning — information for the audience and experience for college students. "My goal," said Williams, "is to eventually be an advisor and let the students have all the fun."

Although Williams was heavily involved in the production of Monday's newscast, students car-



**News anchor Melva Bunag, class of 1996, reads over the script for the first Channel 60 live newscast.**

ried a major portion of the work load. The production team included: Melva Bunag, news anchor; Roberto Garcia, production assistant; Paul Gnadt, director; Jeff Mendenhall, camera; Jerry Richard, audio; Alice Ward, camera; and Julissa Williams, camera. Two of the students, Ward and Williams, took part in the historic newscast as part of their classwork for Advanced Cable Television Production.

Like campus radio station, KJCR FM, Channel 60 will continue to operate as a student-run station, with the general manager on the faculty of the communication department.

Unlike many stations, Channel 60 broadcasts will include good news. Monday's newscast featured a story of neighbors helping each other at a barn-raising in Ohio. Williams plans to feature two main types of positive stories: people showing kindness to one another, and stories of Christian faith. "Our slogan is 'All News and the Good News Too,'" said Williams, "and we will have an uplifting item in each newscast."

Channel 60 is a low-power television station located on the SAC campus and licensed through the Family Heritage Educational Foundation. It can be seen by antenna for three to five miles to the north, east, and south, and for seven to ten miles to the west. Homes built high on the landscape, with a tall antenna, receive the best signal. The station broadcasts news and information 24 hours each day, Sunday through Thursday, with religious programming on Friday nights and Saturdays. Future scheduling will include a broader range of religious and educational programs.

## SAC College Professor Excavates Ruins in Jordan

July in Tell el-Umeiri, Jordan. While many college professors found themselves enclosed within a classroom, Southwestern

Adventist College professor of religion, Dr. Lloyd Willis, carefully brushed dirt away from an artifact. As part of the Madeba Plains Project archaeological team, Willis meticulously worked to decipher history from buried remains.

Tell el-Umeiri may look like any small hill found in the Middle East; yet this buried city south of Amman reveals a fascinating tale of prosperity, war, and desolation in its broken pieces of rock and shattered pottery. Settled in approximately 2200 B.C., the city expanded at a considerable rate, possibly due to its agricultural worth. One estate, identified by a large bath-house discovered on the hill, has lead excavators to draw the conclusion that numerous people were involved in local agriculture. Buried in the outskirts of the city are carbonized olive pits, barley seeds, and evidence of the existence of vineyards. The farming served as a generator for the local economy. The center of the city, fortified with massive defensive walls, served as a shelter in times of war. The city thrived for some time, then entered a slump beginning at the end of the Middle Bronze period, about 1550 B.C. The slump lasted until approximately 1250 B.C., roughly 100 years before the Jewish exodus out of Egypt when the city again became an explosive and prominent cultural center. Large city walls were built around the city of this period. The last sign of any existing widespread settlement on the city faded out in approximately 400 B.C., at about the same time Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, was written.

The word "Tell" in Arabic means "hill of habitation," and eventually, aided by sandstorms, the forsaken city of el-Umeiri turned into a hill, the modern-day Tell el-Umeiri. Extending above the walls, a hill of sand and other soil entombed the once prosperous center of trade. Later, the Tell became a simple agricultural field. The historical name of the city is not known, although biblical archaeologists speculate the identity may be that of the biblical city, Abel Keramim, mentioned in the Old Testament book of Judges 11:33.

This archaeological site has produced unexpected historic documentation as well as the expected artifacts of broken vessels and worn grinding stones. In 1984, Willis made a discovery which catapulted both him and

Tell el-Umeiri into the ranks of respected archeological discussion. Willis uncovered a tiny seal, belonging to an authority figure. The inscription later revealed that it belonged to an official of Baalis, king of the Ammonite people, mentioned in the Old Testament book of Jeremiah 40:14. Up to that point in time, the biblical reference was the only mention made of this obscure king; yet the existence of the seal, dating to approximately 600 B.C., clearly proves the king's reign. The artifact, held at Andrews University for one year, was returned to Jordan's Department of Antiquities. A photograph of the seal was displayed at SAC in 1993.

Spanning from June 13 to July 28, this year's excavation, commonly known as a "dig," centered on a cluster of fields in Tell el-Umeiri. During the dig Willis was placed in charge of a new field which adjoined fields already being excavated on top of the Tell. This area became known as "Field H." At first, both speculation and a thorough search by Ground Penetrating Radar suggested that the field's squares contained no significant architectural remains.

During this year's excavation, many artifacts were unearthed, including portions of a huge storage vessel originally measuring roughly 5 feet by 2 feet, other pieces of pottery dating back to various periods, smooth grinding stones, and chipped flint pounding stones. Willis also uncovered a life-sized terra cotta nose, belonging to a proportional statue, which has not yet been discovered. A few of the less valuable items are currently used by Willis as illustrations in class lectures and speaking engagements.

In a humorous twist, the team also unearthed a coin bearing the inscribed date of 1984 A.D. The coin was apparently dropped by the archaeological party ten years ago.

This was Willis' fourth archeological expedition to the Middle Eastern country. He became involved with the Madeba Plains project in 1984 while serving as professor of religion at Spicer Memorial College in Pune, India. Willis is part of a team of archaeologists from a consortium of Adventist colleges, lead by Andrews University. Dr. Larry Geraty of La Sierra University acts as the overall director of the project. Funds for the expedition came from fund raisers, personal donations and a government-sub-



**Dr. Lloyd Willis with some of the artifacts found during this year's dig. Photo: Tobe Watts.**

sized archeological grant.

Apart from Adventist institutions, the work of the consortium, known generally as the Madeba Plains Project, has received recognition from outside sources. Dr. William G. Dever, a well-known archaeologist at Arizona State University expressed his praise of the project in an Archaeological Journal article entitled "Syro-Palestinian Archaeology 'Comes of Age.'"

"Judged by the soundest criteria of the 'new archaeology,' tested over three decades now, the Hesban-Madeba Plains Project measures up to the very highest standards," stated Dever. The "new archaeology" refers to an effort by the Madeba Plains team at breaking beyond the borders of narrow "biblical archaeology," which attempts only to prove the authenticity of the Bible. The team simply sets out to discover the mystery of an ancient city and in the process, they are confirming the validity of many biblical passages as well as greatly enriching knowledge of biblical context.

"This, in my view," Dever commented, "is probably the greatest 'success story' in modern American Palestinian archaeology."

The team of archaeologists plan to continue excavation of the area in 1996.

*Costin Jordache/Jenell Rusk*



**Earline Westphal Miller, assistant professor of nursing, successfully defended her dissertation and received her doctorate in nursing on May 21, 1994. Photo: Branton Byers**

# COMMUNICATION

## "Generation X" style

They are known as Baby Busters, Generation X, twentysomethings, and probably some other names I'm unaware of, but for those people in the age group of 18 to 35 the labels don't do them justice. The majority of this generation, whatever you call them, are very ambitious, industrious people wanting more out of life than their parents had.

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Vicente Rojas. "The development of *Adventist View* is more than just a magazine for young people," said Rojas. "It's a door-opener to young adult ministry. We aim not just to bring young people together through *Adventist View*, but we also aim to motivate Adventist young people."

Created in the spring of 1991, *Adventist View* began as a two-color, eight page, tabloid-size publication. Two years and five issues later, it is now 16 pages with a circulation around 25,000.

"Most people can't believe the church has allowed young people to produce such a bold piece," Ryan said, "but they thank us for making a difference in their lives."

"This publication makes sense," said Myron Widmer, *Adventist Review* associate editor and *Adventist View* co-founder. "*Insight* speaks to the younger crowd, while the older crowd has the *Review*. Now this generation has a publication just for them."

Another co-founder, Ted Wick, former NAD youth director now at Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, agreed. "Adventist young adults need to dialogue with their church about the issues affecting their lives."

"I was glad the NAD was willing to involve young adults directly with their own publication," says Gary Swanson, *Collegiate Quarterly* and *Cornerstone Connections* editor and *Adventist View* co-founder.

"Many people made the first issue appear, but it will be up to the readers and supporters to keep it reappearing," said Ryan. "I'd love to have each and every young person involved one day."

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Tamara Michalenko is an assistant director of communication for the Columbia Union.

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TAMARA MICHALENKO



# Family Matters

## Premarital Sex Destroys the Meaning of Marriage

by Dr. Kay Kuzma



**QUESTION:** *I found a condom in my son's drawer. I asked him, "Have you used it?" He replied, "Ya, Mom, aren't you proud of me for having safe sex?" I nearly died. I don't believe in sex outside of marriage and I certainly don't approve of a 16 year old kid having sex. I know "everyone's doing it," but I'm old fashioned enough to believe that if you really want to have safe sex then you ought to wear a wedding ring. I was too shocked at his answer to reply at*

*the moment. Should I just ignore the fact that he's having sex, or should I say something?*

**ANSWER:** There are as many answers to this question as there are individual value systems. But if you have a Christian background and your value system says that the place for sex is within a marriage relationship, then let me give you an explanation that makes sense. It may not change his behavior, but it will give him something to think about. Without embarrassment I'd say something like this:

"God knew it wasn't good for man to be alone, so He invented marriage. And to encourage such a close relationship that they would feel like one, He invented sex. Sexual intercourse is the only thing that symbolizes a one-flesh lifetime commitment. It is the only thing that makes marriage differ-

ent from any other relationship. Because of the importance of this symbol, God wanted a husband and wife to look forward to the experience. That's why He put a charge into it. It's only through the stimulation of your genitals that orgasm is possible. And in a love relationship, it never gets old.

"But if you were the devil and wanted to destroy marriages and families, what would you do? Try to get rid of the one-flesh lifetime commitment symbol, or change it so it no longer had the same value. And that's exactly what's happened in our society. If you have sexual intercourse without making a lifetime commitment to that person, you have weakened what sex stands for. If you spread it around and have it with many partners, it loses its meaning. Oh, sure, you can still experience momentary closeness and your

body will respond in an orgasm, but there will be no corresponding sense of commitment. Or you can masturbate and experience the fireworks by yourself. Then instead of orgasm drawing you closer to another, it isolates you.

"Whether you have sex before marriage is up to you. I can no longer control everything you do. But if someday you'd like to a marriage partner who will love you and stay committed to you 'until death,' then 'safe' sex means a lot more than wearing a condom. It means not misusing God's symbol of a one-flesh, lifetime commitment."

(Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the FAMILY TIMES newspaper. For a FREE year's subscription contact, FAMILY MATTERS, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320 or call 615-339-1144.)

# Stewardship

## The Last Generation Gives All

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's 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 com-

mended 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 not only giving of our abundance but also giving of our want. We should be divesting ourselves of our assets and placing the proceeds into the cause of God so that very few of our possessions 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 trumpet, 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 who 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?

*Ed Reid, Stewardship Director  
North American Division*

## Announcements

### North American Division Ministries Convention

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**HERBER, Marie Atrell**, was born June 26, 1917 in Gage, OK and died Sept. 13, 1994 in Canyon, TX. Survivors: daughter, Diana Skelton, Canyon; son, Johnny Herber, Argonia, KS; sisters, Katherine Malloy, Gage, OK and Juanita Stiles, Wichita, KS; brother Raymond Ferchau, Fresno, CA; and 6 grandchildren.

Virginia Burton

**HOVER, Elva Inez Ross**, was born Mar. 23, 1916 in Kansas City, MO and died Sept. 15, 1994 in Oden, AR. Survivors: son, Wesley Hover, Sacramento, CA; daughter, Pat Young, Oden, AR; 2 brothers; 2 sisters; 9 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

**KELLEY, Elaine Marie**, was born Dec. 22, 1952 in Kent County, MD and died July 24, 1994 in Goshen, AR. Survivors: husband, Danny, Goshen; sons, Billy Calder and Daniel Calder, both of Fayetteville, AR.

**McMANUS, Annie Hadnot**, was born August 21, 1917 in Tioga, LA and died Sept. 14, 1994 in Alexandria, LA. Survivors: sons, Kenneth McManus, Sulphur, LA, and Ralph McManus, Houston, TX; daughters, Verlon Lowe, Colfax, LA, and Thelma Ramsey, Ball, LA; 12 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

**PRESNELL, Pearl Eliza**, was born April 26, 1895 in Riceville, TN and died Oct. 10, 1994 in Thomas, OK. Survivors: sons, Frans H. Hammons, Oklahoma City, Charles J. Roy Hammons, Thomas, OK, and Lowell Gene Hammons, Covington, LA; daughter, Cleo Caldwell, Thomas; brother, Ebert Simpson, Thomas; and sister, Mattie Duggan, Etowah, TN.

Dan Jensen

**SHUMAKE, Allen Dale Sr.**, was born Sept. 8, 1958 in Winnfield, LA and died Sept. 19, 1994 in El Dorado, AR. Survivors: wife, Pam, Dardanelle, AR; sons, Michael and Allen Dale, both of Dardanelle; father, Harvey Shumake, Atlanta, LA; mother, Betty Jo Goodeaux, Sikes, LA; brothers, Steve Shumake, Natchitoches, LA, and Michael Truelove, Joneboro, LA; sisters, Tracy Shumake, Natchitoches, and Suzanne Hatcher, Winnfield.

**SULLIVAN, Terry Wayne**, was born Dec. 10, 1953 in El Dorado, AR and died Sept. 4, 1994 in El Dorado. Survivors: mother, Faye Jean Gardner, El Dorado; sisters, Sharon Mitchell and Judy Sewell, El Dorado; and brother, Reece Sullivan, El Dorado.

**WEBB, Dorothy Martin**, was born Sept. 26, 1895 in Pueblo, CO and died Sept. 6, 1994 in Harrah, OK. Survivor: son, Paul Martin, Houston, TX. She was employed in Adventist hospitals in California, Virginia, Texas and Oklahoma.

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Abilene, Texas	5:34	5:36	5:39	5:43	5:49	5:54
Amarillo, Texas	5:35	5:36	5:39	5:45	5:50	5:56
Brownsville, Texas	5:39	5:41	5:44	5:49	5:54	5:59
Dallas, Texas	5:21	5:23	5:26	5:30	5:36	5:41
El Paso, Texas	5:02	5:04	5:07	5:11	5:17	5:23
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	5:23	5:25	5:28	5:32	5:38	5:43
Galveston/Houston, Texas	5:21	5:23	5:27	5:31	5:36	5:41
Gentry, Arkansas	5:04	5:05	5:08	5:13	5:19	5:25
Little Rock, Arkansas	4:58	5:00	5:05	5:08	5:13	5:20
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:08	5:09	5:12	5:17	5:23	5:29
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:00	5:02	5:06	5:10	5:15	5:21
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:17	5:18	5:21	5:26	5:32	5:38
San Antonio, Texas	5:36	5:38	5:40	5:45	5:50	5:56
Santa Fe, New Mexico	4:50	4:51	4:54	4:59	5:05	5:11
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:10	5:11	5:14	5:19	5:24	5:30
Tulsa, Oklahoma	5:10	5:11	5:14	5:19	5:25	5:31

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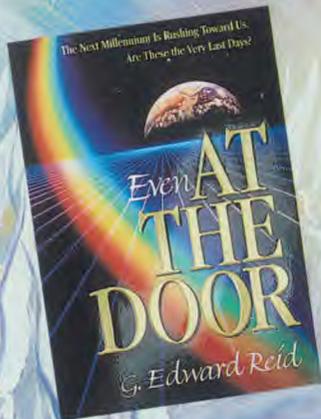
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