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Resolutions to Hasten Christ's Return

Beginning a new year is an exciting time. It offers new opportunities to reach beyond that which has been accomplished in the past. It provides time to extend ourselves beyond our present state. As believers in Jesus Christ and in His mission, we are challenged to live to inspire and bless others. Our God-given talents are to be used, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to bring glory and honor to His name.

The parable of the talents in Luke 19:11-26 tells of a king who gave each of his servants money to invest while he was away. Two of these servants used their ingenuity and expertise to do something productive with what had been given them. When the king returned he rewarded the servants whose foresight or "vision" had led them to invest their money in worthy and productive causes.

God has given each of us gifts or talents, and He provides opportunities for us to use these talents—to develop a "vision" of what can be done for Him. None of us is forced beyond our will. We choose how we will invest our time, our talents and our money. Often we make new year's resolutions, but many do not keep them very well.

The beginning of each new year provides us with a perfect opportunity to formulate a new "vision" of what God wants us to do. He is looking for people who will go beyond the stage of simply making resolutions. He is needing people who will grasp the vision of a finished work on our planet. He is needing people who will venture to take risks and extend themselves beyond what they have done before.

In a time when events foretold centuries ago are unfolding right before our eyes, God is nudging us to seek His help, to develop and deploy a powerful vision for a finished work. He is waiting for our petitions for heavenly wisdom for a much-needed vision for this new year. Yes, Jesus wants to come, but He cannot until we, as His people, are ready and have helped others get ready for the great and glorious return.

Where there is no vision the people perish.

Proverbs 28:18

"Unless God's people have a clear understanding of where they are headed, the probability of a successful journey is severely limited.

Unless you attend to His call upon your life and ministry, your are likely to experience confusion, weariness, dissipation and impotence . . . In evaluating churches that are growing and healthy as compared to those that are stagnant or in decline, one of the key distinctions that emerges is the existence of true vision for ministry."¹

COVER: Students at Southwestern Adventist College express thoughts on various aspects of their church. From top left: Sarah St. Clair, Chris Morris, below: Tobe Watts and Tricia Schnell. See page 10.

WHAT IS VISION? It's a clear mental image of a preferable future . . . The ability to perceive something not actually visible.

With a consuming compassion and vision to reach the South Pole, Robert Falcon Scott took his team of men and dogs over crevasses, through blinding snow storms and severe arctic cold, to reach their goal. Hardships and deprivation did not stop them.

Sir Edmond Hillary, with his vision of conquering Mount Everest, thrilled the world as he and his Sherpa guide, Tensing, reached the summit—victorious.

George Washington's soldiers endured extreme privations the winter they spent in Valley Forge, with inadequate clothing, little food, no heat and severe

Vision for ministry is a reflection of what God wants to accomplish through you to build His Kingdom.²

cold. They suffered with their leader because of a vision—the vision to set this land free from British rule.

Athletes in competition are goaded on by a vision—the vision of winning. They are willing to forgo pleasure and free time and replace it with hard work and practice.

God has a vision for what He wants accomplished on this planet. His vision is to see the gospel preached in all the world. One who was consumed by this

passion, filling his nights and days implementing this vision, was the apostle Paul. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Paul pursued his mission with little regard for his safety or his comfort. “. . . In journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily; my deep concern for all the churches.” 2 Corinthians 11:26-28.

When recounting his past in court to King Agrippa, so consumed was he by recounting his life's experience that Festus, the governor, exclaimed, “Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!”

But Paul's reply, “I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason,” convicted King Agrippa to the point that he exclaimed, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

Pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church had a vision of spreading the news of Jesus' second coming. With limited resources, men and women like William Miller, Joseph Bates, Ellen and James White pursued their objectives, depriving themselves of many earthly comforts to fulfill that vision.

But that's all past history now. Conditions are different today. We're living in a new age with new thoughts, new methods, and new ideas. This is a fast-paced, competitive society where time and money are essential for survival. There's not much time to be involved in prayer, Bible study and church work, or is there? With all our rushing and getting, our grabbing and growing, one thing is still the most important—it's that ultimate goal, that vision we have of one day being part of the heavenly host. Don't let that vision fade, for if we gain the whole world but lose our own souls, what then?

—Jean Thomas

Vision – it's dreaming the most possible dream

One church leader has described vision as "seeing the invisible and making it visible." Another leader suggests that "vision is an informed bridge from the present to the future," and still another uses the expression "sanctified dreams"—dreaming the most possible dream.

God gave me a vision for my life

There are those with sight who cannot see other than what the human eye reveals to them. There are those without sight who cannot see anything other than what they sense. Then there are those who, with eyes opened or closed, see not only what is before them, but can sense and feel that which is not visual. More often than not these are individuals who have walked many different roads in life, and often these roads have been hard, ugly and ones we pray none of us will ever travel.

This story is about one such man. Not only does he have sight, but, more importantly, he has vision. It is because of the ugly roads he has traveled, combined with his unquestionable love of God, that he has, for the past nine years, dedicated his life to turning that vision into a mission.

From when he was small, this man's life was warped by hard, yes, brutal experiences. His young life was marred with parental abuse, abuse that has left physical and mental scars deep in the flesh and his mind. Neglect and abandonment by his family and abuse by a neighbor with perverted satisfaction left a body with deep mental wounds that seemed to engulf him.

Although exposed to church as a young child, he was not nurtured in faith or understanding; consequently, like many others, he was unable to grasp God's message of love. He abandoned his faith when he was not delivered from the harm, hatred and ugliness he was enduring. He gave up on God! But, fortunately, God did not give up on him!

As with the prodigal son in Luke 15:11, the young man took his meager possessions and departed from his father. Without guidance, he quickly fell deeper into his self-made hell on earth. The roads he travelled became increasingly uglier and more brutal. He finally sought sanctuary in the false gods of drugs. Although drugs provided an illusory escape from the hurt and ugliness, they actually were more destructive than the world he was fleeing from. Not only did these false gods rob him of his health and freedom, they took away the life of a sister to whom he had introduced drugs.

So, after a childhood of abandonment, abuse, and neglect; after years of running from himself, from life, and from God; after years of destructive drug abuse, self-flagellation, and bitterness at the world and all within it, this young man found himself lying on the floor of a prison cell, lucky to be there, for he could easily have been lying dead in a grave beside his sister. Maybe that would have been better, for he would have been freed from all that troubled him.

But finding himself on a prison floor was the work of God—the true loving God, the God who had heard the prayers of a little



boy and had watched over him through the destructive years. It was the merciful God who once again heard the young man's prayers as he lay on a cold prison floor expecting death but wanting salvation.

Like the son in Luke 15, he prayed to his Father, asking forgiveness and acceptance. He promised to be not only a loving son, but a life-long servant. The Lord had been protecting him and preparing him for a purpose, waiting for the right moment to open this young man's eyes to give him a vision of what he could do for Him.

Today Tim Culver is known as Chaplain Tim by those he ministers to. Daily He reaches out to those who need comfort, guid-

ance and understanding. Inspired with a vision of bringing hope to prison inmates, with the Lord's strength and blessings, he is carrying out that mission.

Today, as director of the Adventist Prison Commission, Chaplain Tim has become involved in many areas of prison ministry to include tens of thousands of men and women incarcerated, as well as their families. Meeting their spiritual needs and providing them some of the necessities of life are an all-consuming passion.

Anyone who has had any contact with a prisoner or who has been affiliated with a prison knows the need for spiritual helpers. Chaplain Tim receives numerous letters from inmates in Texas seeking more information about the Bible, about Christ's love and about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With Texas

having the biggest prison population in the world, the need for volunteers is great. By 1995 the Texas Department of Corrections will have a population of between 154,000

and 200,000. Volunteers are needed to help with the many innovative programs that need to be put in place to help inmates and their families. We need you! The inmates and their families need you! Chaplain Tim Culver can tell you what you can do. Call him at the Bridgeport Pre-release Facility, 817-683-3010 or at the Adventist Prison Commission, 903-863-5560.

Written by an inmate who calls himself a faithful friend and brother in Christ.

The visionary leader is one who is a change agent . . . remaining stationary is tantamount to losing ground. Without risk, no progress can be made.³

The new Tim Culver was released from prison in June of 1985. The ways and means by which he was to carry out the mission God had given him were a mystery to him. But, in his heart he never doubted that God would provide. So he put his future in God's hands.

After his release from prison, he spent four years studying to become a Seventh-day Adventist



This year's Ingathering time came and went much faster with the help of Blanca Alicia Guerra. She collected \$524 which made her the champion Ingatherer at the McAllen

North Spanish Church. At the victory luncheon she was given a new "Principios de vida" Bible. Blanca is a very special person, deaf and mute, a new member baptized in May, 1994, she is not afraid to approach people with her Ingathering can and indicate that she is asking for a donation.

God gave a vision for starting a new church

After my graduation from Southwestern Adventist College last year, I was informed by the Southwest Region Conference president, Robert Lister, that there were no openings at any of the existing churches in the conference.

"However," Elder Lister continued, "God has given me a dream of starting a church in Midwest City, Oklahoma. I'm looking for someone who will go and knock on doors and create an interest through Bible studies."

My instructions were to knock on doors and find people we did not know but who wanted Bible

studies. It was cold, my family had only one car, and my wife, Bernadette, and I have three children, so it was hard for us to carry on this program. However, my wife and I began knocking on doors and sharing God's message.

Two weeks later an experienced Bible instructor, Shirley Smith, came to join us. Right away opportunities came to view. Using the Amazing Facts tracts, we soon had 90 people involved in Bible studies. This set the stage for the Back to the Bible Revival campaign which would be held by our conference president.

About this time my wife enrolled at Rose State College to earn her accounting degree, which left just the Bible worker and me to carry on the program which had now grown to over 100 studies. We prepared for the meetings with the Spirit of the Lord leading us in finding a location for the meetings. Twenty-nine people were baptized at the conclusion of the series and a few well-established members transferred from other churches to help support the work.

Since the three-week revival, a prophecy seminar has been held by Norman Stiggers from Amarillo, and I am currently holding a seminar. We now have 52 baptized members and a total of 70 in this new church. A further baptism is pending.

We have seen the hand of God working here in Midwest City. A Pathfinder club has been started by my wife, and we have a functioning community service center which is involved in outreach.

*Willie Johnson
Christian Fellowship
Seventh-day Adventist Church*



Twenty-nine individuals who were baptized at the conclusion of the Midwest City evangelistic meetings.

How to grasp God's vision for your ministry

- ◆ Know yourself.
- ◆ Know the environment in which you reside.
- ◆ Know God intimately. God is willing to impart to you the big picture of your ministry if you are serious about perceiving, embracing and pursuing your life's purpose.
- ◆ Be willing to receive the discerning counsel of others

God has broadened our vision far beyond what we had anticipated

A little over a year ago, Bill Dudgeon, then pastor of the Albuquerque Central Church, challenged an elder of the church, Eric Redic, to begin a television ministry on the local community access station. Redic accepted the challenge and began a program called "To Know Jesus."

The program started as a thirty-minute segment every other week. But in His miraculous fashion, the Lord opened doors after the first nine months for the program to run for 60-minute segments. Soon thereafter the program began to air once a week in one hour segments. The Central church and its members have helped in part to support the program financially and with prayer.

Last spring the Central Church sponsored a Countdown 2000 Prophecy Seminar featuring Steve Bohr, Texico Conference evangelist. Redic and Bohr decided to put the Countdown 2000 Seminar on "To Know Jesus" in the fall. This was to be a challenge since the television station typically does not allow 90-minute time slots, the length of time required to present the series.

The day that Redic was to meet with the television station manager, several people were praying. Once again God opened the

door, and the television station granted the request for 90-minute time slots for the first three months. It began October 1, 1994 and will continue for 26 weeks.

The length of the entire series is a full six months. This means we will need to request extra time for the second half of the series. Our prayer is that God will continue to watch over and guide in this program.

*Wendy Redic
Albuquerque Central Church*

We had the vision of setting the church on a sound financial base

As first elder I've always wanted to do more for the Lord and my church than I've done in the past. Our elders met together for study and prayer for several weeks, and the Lord showed us what to do. We came up with a plan to pay off our existing mortgage of \$133,000 within one year and a guarantee of financial assistance to every child wanting a Christian education.

The plan was simple: cut spending and each family to give 10% of their wages for tithe and another 10% for offerings, and then in addition, give one week's wages each six months. When the plan



was explained to the pastor, J. R. Ellis, he said, "Flesh and blood didn't reveal this to you!" In a church business meeting, October 9, 1994, the plan received a unanimous vote. Please pray for us as we follow through with this plan for the new year.

*Alfred Hudson, Sr.
Alexandria, Louisiana*

Making a difference in the community was our vision

A response to the felt needs of the community and a vision on the part of the membership was all that was needed for the Ketchum congregation to develop a new concept in community services.

First, they recognized that more people today are seeking temporary financial assistance

rather than clothing. Secondly, they admitted that they had more clothing than funds. Thirdly, they recognized that most individuals feel better when they can pay something for what they get. And finally, they articulated again the underlying reason for having a community service program—that of introducing people to Jesus Christ.

From these assessments came the vision of having a thrift store. Proceeds for the sale of goods would be used to give temporary assistance to needy individuals in the community.

After days of sorting, shelving and pricing, the thrift store was opened. The response that first day was overwhelming, with more than \$200 being received from the sale of goods.

Community support is strong and residents bring in more items to replenish the stock. Local businesses have provided much-needed hangers. Church members are actively involved with



Volunteers helping at the thrift store operated by the Ketchum church.



A LETTER FROM THE NEW PASTOR: Dear Members of our Tulsa Church Family:

My wife, Betty, and I have heard many good things about you during the past month. Our principal, Jerry McHenry, told us of your support for our young people as demonstrated by your interest in our school. Your concern for the salvation of our community is evidenced by your willingness to try non-conventional evangelistic methods—"whatever it takes."

The percentage of families in our church who recognize and honor their responsibility to support our church budget is very good. Our church and school building make a good initial impression as one drives up. The fact that over 100 members come out to Family Night on Wednesday evenings speaks well of the important role the church plays in your lives . . .

We look forward to meeting you on December 3.—Sherman McCormick

the operation of the store and with providing literature and Bibles to those who pass through the center. Even the pastor of another denomination has accepted literature. He was very complimentary in his remarks.

*Rodney Grove
Oklahoma Conference
president*

Our vision didn't fade just because the pastor moved away

When church pastor Moyer left Tulsa for a new appointment in Pennsylvania, the church members did not sit back to wait for a new pastor to arrive. Head elder, Bill McClendon, and the church officers kept busy. Several new members were baptized as a result of a Revelation Seminar. Church members have been sharing their faith in the market place. An atmosphere of enthusiasm pre-

vails. Prayer meeting night has between 80 and 100 in attendance.

What sparked this enthusiasm? "Well, to begin with," comments the 32-year-old head elder, "we got together last year to focus on our needs. We decided we should first eliminate the church debt of \$100,000. This seemed to be strangling us and preventing us from doing anything constructive in the community. Members became excited about eliminating our debt. This helped to unite the congregation as we worked together to reach a common goal. Our vision of involving ourselves in something other than continually paying off the debt really galvanized us.

"In addition, we had 'youth' on our side. I became head elder at 28 with about 10 other elders under the age of 50. We were not afraid of tackling something big! And we appreciate the fact that the older generation gave us the opportunity to do this. We praise the Lord that this debt was eliminated in one year.

"We're all so proud of our church that we're excited about inviting our friends and other interested people to worship with us. With God's help, we have great plans for the future."

Ours was a vision for providing extra school finances

The Philanthropic Services for Institutions, headquartered at the North American Division office, Silver Spring, Maryland, challenges academies each year to target their alumni for financial support. Chisholm Trail Academy was challenged to raise \$12,000 from 240 alumni and another \$1,000 from its board members. If all three goals were met, PSI would give \$6,000 to the fund.

It took the combined efforts of our entire team to reach these goals but reach them we did. The alumni officers spent many hours coordinating the fund raising efforts. The CTA student association conducted a phone-a-thon of alumni, and the CTA board was generous in helping reach their part of the goal.

This is the second year in a row that the CTA alumni association has reached its goal. During this time \$36,355 has been raised from the alumni and board, with PSI adding their amount for the challenge grant.

CTA has used part of the money to purchase a choir acoustic shell, a public address system, a computer-automated system for the library, new curtains for the stage in the gym, and landscaping. CTA is thankful for the blessings received from the Lord through the work of the alumni association.

*John Page
CTA Treasurer*



Taking the practical nursing course has been one of the hardest things I have ever done, and without God's help I would not

have succeeded. It has meant total commitment to studying. This has involved cooperation from my husband and children. It has meant that I would often have to say, "I can't. I have to study."

I have learned that with faithful studying and God's help I can pass a test. I have learned that it is meaningful when others pray for me. At one point I had to repeat a test and knew that if I failed I would not be able to continue with the course. My husband came home from the 11-7 shift, and during the hour I was taking the test he claimed promises in the Bible and prayed for my success. As I was writing I could feel God's presence with me. I missed only one question.

I have learned that when I make up my mind to do something, with God's help it can be done!

*Clara Fontenot
Lake Charles, Louisiana*

ACS has a vision of bringing relief to disaster victims

Even before the extent of the Houston flood was known, members of the Adventist Community Service disaster team were at work, some at the ACS depot in



John Stelzried working in the Resource Staging Area (RSA) warehouse.



Volunteers Cleo Lyle and Ron Gabeli (with back to camera) unloading a truckload of donated goods at the RSA.

Keene, and others out looking for the location of a relief center in Houston. Because she was well-known in the community, it did not take Arlene Nelson long to get the use of the old library building in the Woodlands shopping center. This is a very representative building located where people could come for help.

"I've been so impressed at the willingness of many in this community to volunteer at our center. Methodists, Presbyterians, and others have given of their spare time. Companies and organizations have donated supplies. Our water and electricity have been free. Forty different restaurants have taken turns bringing all our volunteers food every day since

we've been here—and that's over a month now," comments Arlene.

Volunteers have come from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, and further afield, spending considerable time away from home to help the program run smoothly. Special thanks go to these dedicated workers. Thanks also go to the American Red Cross, the Boy Scout Troop 312, Pioneer 4-H Club, Oklahoma Junior Academy, St. Matthews Episcopal Youth Group, Ozark Adventist Academy, Medical Cadet Corps from Joshua, Austin and Houston, and the Eagle Lake First Baptist Church. The government agencies have relied quite extensively on ACS to help with the relief efforts.

More than 20,000 individuals have received some type of assistance from the three centers that have been operating, one at Woodlands, another at Gulf Gate and a third in Cleveland. Total staff and volunteer hours come



Judy Oxley in operation at the RSA.

I wanted better training, and God helped me reach that vision

All of us know how frightening a new experience can be. Well going back to school at 45 might be one of those frightening experiences, and that is what happened to me.



Clients receiving assistance at the Woodlands Center.

to over 3,000. Shipments of supplies sent out from the receiving center come to over \$100,000, valued at flea market prices.

Sharing the gospel was the vision I had

With a burning desire to see souls ready for Christ's soon coming, ministerial student Bill Payne of Southwestern Adventist College came to a conviction after much prayer that God wanted him to hold a summer evangelistic campaign.

After consulting with his district pastor, C. E. Cunningham, the decision was made to hold an effort in Temple, Texas. The Southwest Region Conference agreed to provide \$1,500, but the remaining amount, \$3,800, was to be solicited by Payne himself.

The preliminary campaign

work lasted five weeks during which time Payne was able to initiate 110 Bible studies using the door-to-door method promoted by the Southwest Region Conference, known as "Knock on that Door in '94."

Opening night proved that the pre-campaign work was worth while when 50 interested individuals came to the meetings. Payne admits that he was kept very busy during the three weeks of preaching at night and giving Bible studies during the day. God blessed his efforts with the baptism of 12 people.

An unoccupied church building was located where this newly-established company of about 20 individuals held their first worship service on Sabbath, September 17.

By God's power and the vision of a ministerial student, plans are now under way to establish our first regional church in Temple.

*C. E. Cunningham,
district pastor
Cleburne, Hillsboro, Waco
and Temple*

A Vision of Community Participation Has Had Positive Results

"People already know us. The majority know who we are and the work we do, and they are glad to contribute to a good cause. What's more, at this time of the year many are waiting for us, and they even invite us to come into their homes and pray for them," comments Gladys Smith, a registered nurse in a local nursing home who dedicates three hours each night to Ingathering.

Once the Thanksgiving holidays are over, the Elgin church, one of the oldest churches in the Texas Conference, with a current membership of 106, organizes into small groups to do their Ingathering. They go out into the streets and neighborhoods carol-

ing and visiting in the homes. This is done every night of the week except Friday. When their territory has been covered, they move to the neighboring towns of Taylor, Lexington and Manor.

"This is one of the warmest and friendliest churches I have pastored in the last few years," remarks the pastor, Robert Costa, "and they have a justifiable pride in that they often double or triple their Ingathering goal. On more than one occasion they have had the highest per capita Ingathering record in the North American Division.

"You don't have to worry about Ingathering, pastor," were some of the first words the head elder, Harold Smith, said when he first greeted me. Each year he, along with Chester and Vernon Jensen, surpass the church's Ingathering goal by contacting local businesses."

Even the children get involved. Cassie, age 9; Candie, age 7; Amanda, age 6; and Pamela, Smith, age 4, dress in traditional costumes and go caroling with



Ministerial student Bill Payne baptizing new convert in Temple. (Inset) Bill Payne



Mrs. O. L. Payne being visited by Amanda, Pamela, Cassie, and Candie Smith with their grandmother, Gladys Smith. Photo: R. Costa

their parents. Together they solicited \$913 in 1993. And Jonathan Smith, a seven-year-old, solicited \$409 from door to door!

The church also participates in the Christmas Parade of Lights in the towns of Taylor and Elgin. In 1993 their float, depicting "Christ Is Coming," won first place in the religious category in both cities.

Robert Costa
Elgin Pastor



Elgin church float that received first place in the religious category. Photo: R. Costa

Sharing God's word through TV has been my dream come true

On February 21, 1993, at 12:30 p.m., the dream of seeing the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the television screens of homes in Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras, Mexico, became a reality. The broadcast covers a radius of 70 miles with a population of 400,000. Having the Lord's message reaching anywhere between 8,000 to 20,000 people every Sunday has been, to say the least, thrilling.

Topics ranging from creation to the Ten Commandments, to the Sabbath and Christ's second coming, are reaching the homes of the poor and wealthy, patients in the local hospital, restaurants, and even the city and county jails.

I believe the Lord made it possible for us to start this program. When I first visited the manager of KVAW, Telemundo 16, I was told all the empty slots were taken. Two weeks later the station's

secretary called to ask if I was still interested in buying time and if so I could choose any time I wanted on Saturdays and Sundays. I chose noon on Sunday, reasoning this was when most people were back from church or at least awake and eating lunch.

Of course, this turned out to be prime time when the largest audience is available, thus making it the most expensive. It was just too expensive for us. After praying about it, I left the matter in God's hands but did write a letter to the manager offering to pay only half of what he was asking.

You can imagine my excitement when the reply came saying we could have this air time at half the rate! God's message went on the air that same week!

Sometime later when the manager seemed extremely frustrated and irate, I assured him that whatever the problem, God could help if he asked Him to. It had to do with someone who owed him a large sum of money. Soon after praying, the phone rang, and the manager joked that maybe it was

someone calling to pay a bill. Imagine his surprise when it actually was someone calling to make a \$2,500 payment. The manager was astonished. Now he calls me often to ask for prayer when problems arise.

When the Seventh-day Adventist Church's name was linked with the Branch Davidians

in February, 1993, I was able to dispel the story on television. During the summer's major sports events, the station manager asked if our program could be moved to 6:00 p.m. I agreed. This gave us even more coverage since the announcement of the time change appeared at every commercial break.

Many have heard God's word over the past two years, including one man who had a drinking problem. After gaining the victory and joining the Adventist church, he went to ask for Sabbaths off but feared he might lose his job. After earnest prayer he approached the manager, who instead of firing him gave him an extra day off.

Juan Chavez, speaker
Ministerio Global de
Television Adventista



Carol Porter receiving congratulations from President Clinton for her innovative feeding program for the inner-city children of Houston.

The vision of taking care of needy children is spreading to other countries

"My dream of inspiring others to follow the pattern we have set in Houston for caring for needy children is coming to pass," was Carol Porter's remark on the telephone. "We've just had a letter from Ghana, Africa, asking for more details about how we operate. Here's part of the letter:

If you're beginning to wonder why I'm writing, I just want you to know that the article about you came my way just at the

right time to encourage me to launch out on a personal vision to help clothe the rural children in my country . . .

Just like you didn't have it easy all the time, I know it's not going to be easy, but the Lord always makes a way for the progress of His work. As you pray for your ministry, please remember to pray for what the Lord is starting off with me too. I'm trusting He will provide the funds and the necessary logistics, and the vision (which I have named Operation Care Ghana) will become a nation-wide program to support the needy children of our country.

I'm a student at the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi where I am studying pharmacy. I'm in my final year on campus and I've been a Christian for some time now. I love the Lord and I want to show it by



Juan Chavez broadcasting from KVAW, Telemundo 16.

serving my community while carrying on with my profession.—Sylvester Segbaya.

Carol and Hurt Porter have been feeding the hungry children of Houston, Texas, for the past six years. Many obstacles have been placed in their way, but by God's grace they keep their program running, preparing 300 hot meals and 300 snack meals every morning. In a conversation with Carol this week, she told of how a group had come that very morning with a donation of \$25,000 to help with her program.

"The Lord always comes through just at the right time," was Carol's remark. "Ours is an operation of faith. Just when our funds are running low, someone comes with the needed funds. God keeps our vision operating."

Jean Thomas

What I'd like to see happen in 1995

◆ **Sarah St. Clair**, SAC student, History major, class of 1997

It excites me to see that the Seventh-day Adventist church is leaning away from being legalistic. Many in my generation are concentrating more and more on a personal relationship with Christ which is the basis of our faith. The do's and don'ts are still important but they're not as difficult to understand and follow when they result from a close, personal relationship with the Lord.

◆ **Chris Morris**, SAC student, Mathematics major, class of 1997

I've been impressed with the recent emphasis the Seventh-day Adventist Church has put on teaching Christ's love and not just the doctrines of the church. It is so important that everyone know they can come to Christ as they are without having to "qualify" so to speak. I just hope and pray the church continues to bring this true gospel to all the world.

◆ **Tobe Watts**, SAC student, class of 97

I would like to see the church make more impact on the youth . . . I'd like to see churches involve the youth in more service projects that are the cutting edge, ones that expand beyond mission trips to Mexico.

◆ **Tricia Schnell**, SAC student, Journalism major, Class of '97

To most of us young people, our local church represents the whole denomination. As we establish relationships in other places and see people as individuals, the church becomes more than statistics and numbers. Then later, as we fill leadership positions our concepts of the church grow to include the importance of providing good Christian role models.

◆ **Bernice Lee**, parent of two children and grandparent of two; Sabbath school teacher in Bristow, Oklahoma

I would like to see more emphasis on the youth. They aren't the church of tomorrow, they are the church of today.

◆ **J. W. Hottal**, religious liberty leader; Bristow

I would like to see our church become more serious about concentrating on a personal relationship with Christ.

◆ **Delmer Cook**, retired pastor; DeQueen, Arkansas

I would like to see a real revival and reformation among all God's people. When this happens we will see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This will bring people to see what is happening, and many will embrace the message for this time. This is my long-looked-for hope and goal.

◆ **Dorothy Jones**, Emmanuel SDA Church, Hammond, LA

My desire is to see our church come together in love for one another and for God so we can be used to share that love in the community.

Our Vision for Our Work in 1995

Church Ministries Department

Walter L. Wright, Director

We, of the church ministries department in the Southwestern Union, look forward to the challenges of 1995 and beyond. We have laid plans that we will be an



"Heaven wants sincerity, not beautiful, polite words. Heaven wants depth of soul, not lukewarm mouthings. After hearing many of our family prayers or even pulpit prayers, God's angels, who see our souls through and through, must feel like uttering Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes 1:2 (NIV): "Meaningless! Meaningless! . . . Utterly meaningless! We have said the same words so often that we can almost say them without thinking. There is nothing new because nothing is really desired."⁴

1. Barna, George, *The Power of Vision*, page 11

2. Ibid., page 29

3. Ibid., page 50

4. Duewel, Wesley L. *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*, page 67

uplift and spiritual blessing everywhere in this field. A brief review of the plans will hopefully inspire you to join with us in the vision we have for the joyous work of the gospel.

Family Life

Steps are being taken to upgrade Family Ministries in all the churches. Four major family retreats are being planned for 1995 with the first taking place in Albuquerque, April 21-23. Several smaller family seminars will be held in local churches across the union.

We are hoping to conduct Couples in Ministry seminars for the workers of each conference. We await invitations from each conference administration.

The major retreats will feature marriage, parenting, singles, divorce recovery, women's and men's ministries. The smaller meetings will concentrate more on couples ministry. Watch the Record for dates and locations.

Adventist Community Services

A union-wide disaster coordinating committee has been formed. It is comprised of each conference's disaster coordinator with the union director as chairman. A strong coordinating committee is to be established in each conference to be made up of the union ACS director, the union communication director, conference disaster coordinator, at least one conference administrator, communication director, every conference area coordinator, ACS

federation presidents, the Youth Emergency Services (YES) representative and the Medical Cadet Corps (MCC) representative.

The recent flood disaster in the Houston area has pointed up the urgent need for such organizing. With excellent trained personnel and facilities in this union, it is imperative we have good organization.

Youth

An action has been taken to support the United Youth Congress (North American Division) scheduled for April 19, 1997. Tentative locations being considered are Philadelphia, St. Louis, and San Antonio. A Southwestern Union Pathfinder Camporee is slated for October 1996. The location will be announced when plans are further developed after a meeting of youth & Pathfinder personnel and the union director on Sunday, February 19, 1995 at the union office.

It is encouraging to see the number of Adventurers and Pathfinders being invested in this union. More of the same is needed, and while each conference has strong individual youth programs, more cooperative federations and rallies need to be held between conferences.

Sabbath School

The Lord blessed so abundantly in the 1994 Sabbath school leadership convention that a request has been made to hold another one in 1995. Accordingly, plans are already afoot for mid-September, 1995 in the Dallas

metroplex. Your prayers are being solicited as we seek the Spirit's guidance in our planning. Local conventions will be held in those conferences requesting them.

Combined Ministries

A combined ministries leadership convention is being planned for mid-September, 1996. This will be a union replica of the NAD convention to be held in St. Louis during January 18-27, 1995. Church ministries directors and associates in each conference will join the union director in forming the planning task force.

Each church is being encouraged to continue the reclaiming ministry as an ongoing event. The suggestion is for a reclaiming event to coincide with Community Guest Days each quarter and to have an annual home-coming event for the Thanksgiving season. It is important that a concerted effort be in place to reclaim those who once walked with us.

These are some ambitious plans, but all are doables if we band together and call on our God for guidance. Your prayers and a spirit of individual cooperation and commitment are requested and coveted as we look to the future and a finished work. This work will not close in quiet surrender, but rather in a blaze of glory as the Lord calls His children home.

Evangelism Objectives for 1995

James W. Gilley, Director



A goal of 5,500 baptisms was set for 1995 by the officers of the conferences of the Southwestern Union in a meeting held in Corpus Christi October 30-November 1.

"This is the most exciting evangelism challenge I have ever seen our leaders undertake," said Cyril Miller, union president and chairman of the administrators council who heard the report. "These leaders made their plans prayerfully, and then we prayed over the goals and asked for the Spirit of God to fill us," continued Miller. "We are calling for simple plans that are spirit-filled. I believe we

are living in the generation that will see God's work finished."

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference plans for 160 campaigns with 400 baptisms. Oklahoma Conference plans for 50 campaigns with a baptismal goal of 200. Southwest Region Conference plans for 131 campaigns and 1,500 baptisms. Sixteen of these campaigns will be part of the Ebony Evangelism Project in cooperation with the North American Division. Texico Conference plans for 200 campaigns with 400 baptisms, and Texas Conference plans for 400 campaigns, projecting 3,000 baptisms.

Many tools for developing interests were discussed. The "Urgent" card has been successfully used in Texico, according to Ralph Orduno. Steve Gifford, Texas Conference president, reported that the mail-outs for the Kenneth Cox video series have been so successful that it is difficult to follow up the requests. More lay involvement is needed for this project.

Other goals and objectives include:

- ◆ A union-wide evangelism training conference to be held in 1996. Planning will begin immediately.
- ◆ Each church to set a goal for conducting a baptism every month.
- ◆ Every church pastor to have a strategy and plan of evangelism for their church and district approved by the local church board and the conference.
- ◆ Each administrator and all departmental personnel to be encouraged to hold at least one evangelistic crusade each year.
- ◆ Sabbath morning series to be held in each church.
- ◆ Bob Thrower, speaker for the Hour of Prophecy, emphasized the need for continuing evangelistic training for pastors to give them the tools necessary to be effective.

To God be the glory. Great things He hath done, and great things He will do.

Literature Evangelism



Denton James, Director

1994 was a fantastic year for the Southwestern Union publishing ministry. Every conference showed a tremendous gain in baptisms. The Texas Conference publishing department reported a baptism every other day for first five months of 1994. They more than doubled their baptisms over 1993 with a total of 160 baptisms. The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference publishing department also doubled the baptisms over 1993 with a total of 40 baptisms in 1994. The Southwest Region Conference publishing department also had a nice gain of 16 baptisms. Texico Conference publishing department more than doubled their baptisms in 1994

over 1993 with a total of 24 baptisms.

Total baptisms in the Southwestern Union attributed to the publishing department came to 240 for the year. This makes for a 54% gain over 1993.

Goals for 1995:

Sales	\$2,407,000
LE Students	55
LE Rallies	23
New LE Recruits	50
Baptisms	255

There is a work that should be done. The end is near. Already much time has been lost when the books should have been in circulation. The work is to continue without the forbidding of anyone. Souls are perishing. Let them be warned of His soon coming in the clouds of Heaven. *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 25.

What God can do today

The 7th and 8th grade students in the Keene Sabbath school spent time one Sabbath morning discovering that the Lord's Prayer is as current today as the day Jesus taught it to the disciples. This is how they interpreted it in today's context:

**DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,
I praise Your name.
I can't wait for your coming.
I accept what You think is best for my life.
Please provide for my needs.
When I don't feel like it, help me to
forgive as You have forgiven me.
Help me not to fall for temptation,
and keep me from doing wrong.
I feel secure knowing You are in
control, now and always.**

Amen.

Arkansas-Louisiana

PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT



Elder and Mrs. Jim Gilley

New Ark-La President Introduced

At a specially called meeting of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference held December 4, the delegates asked James Gilley to reconsider their invitation for him to serve as conference president. Elder Gilley, who has been serving as the evangelism director for the Southwestern Union Conference, has accepted this invitation. Congratulations and God's blessing go to Jim and his wife, Camille, as they take up their new responsibilities.

Eighteen Decide to Keep the Sabbath

A number of Spanish-speaking people from Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico moved to the Glenwood, Arkansas area. The members of the Bonnerdale SDA Church felt the need to reach these people with Bible truth. Revelation Seminars were arranged for 10 successive nights in mid-October. They were held in the Adventist Community Service Center.

Lynn and Claudia Rains from Bonnerdale contacted Spanish-speaking pastor Milton Quijano of Springdale, Arkansas, who himself is an El Salvadorian, to conduct the seminar.

Laymen became involved in the meetings. Jorge Oregon, a layman from Harrison, Arkansas, driving approximately 180 miles one way, teamed up with Quijano for the crusade. Judy Graybeal of Hot Springs organized children's meetings each night with games and Bible stories.

Others furnished special music, including the Mears brothers violin trio, Dr. Sedir Pandit with his musical saw, and pastor Quijano with Jorge and Tina Oregon singing with their guitars. Ysis Espana, guest singer, also shared her talent. Local Adventist



Teacher Terry Ransone with the primary and kindergarten classes at the Rogers church who had a part in the thirteenth Sabbath program, September 24. The entire program was given by the children's classes from cradle roll through juniors.



Part of the group attending Sabbath services in Glenwood as a result of a Revelation seminar. Jorge Oregon (r) is fostering the follow-up program.

doctors gave nightly health nuggets translated by Claudia Rains.

As a result, 18 people have made

the decision to keep the seventh day Sabbath holy. Many follow-up activities are planned to help integrate these families into fellowship with the Adventist "family." Reggie Phillips, pastor of the of Bonnerdale church, welcomed the new believers to a fellowship luncheon on the final Sabbath of the crusade. This was followed by an invitation to a fun and family night each Saturday night at the Bonnerdale church and school gymnasium. An area-wide singspiration conducted periodically by Edna Mae Larson also has a holding influence.

The new believers meet every Wednesday night for Bible classes conducted in Spanish by Lynn and Claudia Rains. The Oregons continue the early attentions by conducting Sabbath services for the group every other week.

LaVerne Lybarger
Communication Secretary



Twenty-four Pathfinders from Houma, Baton Rouge and New Orleans had an exciting time as they joined forces to travel to the Dare to Care Camporee in Colorado. Learning to share and work together were part of the valuable experience.



Slidel pastor Jerry Oster with two newly baptized members, Gene Hyar, left and Jerome Boudreaux, right.

Fair Exhibit Creates Interest in Healthful Lifestyle

More than 16,000 persons attended the Batesville, Arkansas fair held late last summer. The

inspired to use this as the theme for their booth.

The table with decorated with fresh "veggies" and placards lauding the virtues of carrots, spinach, bananas and other fruits were placed on the table. A *Newsweek* reprint, "Stop Worry-

Adventist church was represented with an eye-catching exhibit featuring a vegetarian theme. Thanks to a recent article in *Message* magazine, "Foods that Heal and Protect," the church was in-



Healthful living booth in Batesville reinforces current medical findings.

ing and Eat Your Salad", along with other appropriate literature, was handed to those who stopped to visit the exhibit.

Estell Rucker, Batesville Communication Secretary

Oklahoma

JACK FRANCISCO, CORRESPONDENT

Ardmore Assesses Results from Fair Booth

Many efforts had been made in recent years to put literature in each home in Carter County, but with little result. The committee for evangelism met to pray and to explore new avenues for outreach.

About six weeks before the annual county fair, the concept

of a booth was proposed, but it seemed the time was too short. However, the idea was pursued, and doors seemed to open. Prayer for the people who might pass by the booth was our foremost tool. We knew God would bring the right people to us.

Erma Jean Phillips, evangelism committee chair, contacted the officials who gave us a well-positioned spot for \$50. Les Hammach made an appropriate backdrop using the question "Who Is Jesus

to You?" to encourage Bible study. Literature was ordered and paid for by church members. Plans also included showing video tapes of the life of Christ and nature scenes set to music that would create an atmosphere of invitation and friendliness.

Cards were printed to hand to people to sign up for programs such as stop smoking, weight control, prayer teams, grief recovery classes, stress classes, personal or group Bible studies, and a Bible video tape loan library. One person from those who signed a card was chosen each day to receive a gift of a leather-bound, thumb-indexed King James version of the Bible.

The literature from which visitors could choose included the *Desire of Ages*, presented as a non-fictional spiritual biography of Christ, the new edition of *Steps to Christ*, entitled *Power Above the Storm*, *Power to Cope* from the New York Van Ministry and some Amazing Facts Bible Studies.

Adult and youth volunteers from the church manned the booth from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone who stopped at the booth was greeted cordially and given literature. Many returned to the booth several times just to visit.

Results from the 412 cards requesting services can only be

guessed at right now, but our members are excited as they begin offering the seminars that have been requested.

Our pastor, Trevor Thompson, is now offering a Sabbath morning and afternoon series on following Christ's methods in outreach leadership and training for our members. Enthusiasm is growing as our members go out to visit people who have signed up for the various programs.

Anna Mae Vaughn and E.J. Phillips

Tulsa Church Remembers 1884

The Tulsa Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated a "Festival of Faith" to commemorate a day, 150 years ago, which is still vivid in the minds of present-day Adventists. Services were held in a great tent, erected especially for the service, and worshipers were encouraged to wear dress reminiscent of our pioneer days.

The meeting was well attended, and worshipers heard testimony from William Miller and Joseph Bates, a children's story by Rachel Oakes Preston, pastoral prayer by Ellen G. White, sermon by James White, and songs by Annie Smith. The special number by the choir, one of James White's



No one really knows what the results will be from the literature handed out at this booth display at the Ardmore county fair, but the seed has been sown and God will bless.



Those participating in the commemoration service are from left: Leisa Buller as Rachel Oakes Preston, Jack Wall as William Miller, Peggy Dohman as Ellen G. White, Bill McClendon as James White, Sue Peugh as Annie Smith and Dwight Aitken as Joseph Bates.

favorites, "You Will See Your Lord A'Coming," was directed by choir director Shirlene McClendon. Program planners were Bruce and Judy Carrico.

Jack Wall, Reporting.

Norman Church Holds Open House

On November 5, 1994 Norman church members celebrated completion of the first phase of their new building with an open house/consecration service. Conference president, Rodney Grove, was guest speaker.

For more than 50 years the Seventh-day Adventists have had an organized church in Norman. However, Adventists have been living in Norman since the turn of the century, and the first known Sabbath school was held in a private home in March of 1943 with 5 people in attendance. In September of 1945 the Norman Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized with 15 charter members and was voted into the sisterhood of churches at camp meeting in 1946.

After meeting in a number of places, members' homes, various churches and the American Legion hut, it was decided to build a church. The members sacrificed and worked to raise money for their own building. A piece of property was purchased in October of 1951, but the building work did not begin until April of 1953. However, it was completed in less than one year, built entirely with donated labor. The church was dedicated debt-free on July 17, 1954.

With a continued membership growth and no room for expansion, the church became too small. It was agreed to sell the building and build a new church on a different site.

Unfortunately, about this time and for economic reasons, some members moved to other areas due to job requirements, and the membership began to drop dramatically.

Even with the lower membership, construction of the first phase of the new building complex began in August 1993, under the direction of the pastor,



"The teachers must be preparing something interesting in our room," comment the children who have come to the Norman church for Sabbath school.

Clarence Southard. Again, most of the work was done by the members of the church.

Even before the interior was complete, God performed a miracle. City officials granted a temporary occupancy permit to enable the congregation to meet before all building requirements had been completed. This was something that had never been done before.

Meetings began in this new structure the first of September 1994. Plans to begin the second phase, the construction of a sanctuary to seat 200-250 people, are now in progress.

We know that God will continue to work for us in the future as He has worked in the past. We praise Him for His goodness.

*Elwanda L. Harsley
Communication Secretary*

Ingathering Still Works in Oklahoma

For many years Ira Burton faithfully made his rounds of business contacts during the Ingathering season. With his death in November 1973, his Ingathering work ceased—or did it?



Ira Burton

Now, 20 years later, one of Ira's contacts, Dr. Len Roberts, has stated that since he is retiring, he would like to go to one of the foreign countries where his volunteer services would make a difference. Dr. Roberts remembers the visits that Ira made and the

conversations they had of the needs in the mission fields. Now, after 20 years, the Ingathering seed that was sown is bearing fruit.

Last year at Ingathering time, Tim Ponder, Guymon church pastor, called at the McMurtry Clinic in Guymon to see Dr. Nick Bentley. He was much too busy to see him but had his business manager write out a check for Ingathering.

This year Pastor Ponder phoned ahead and was able to make an appointment to see the doctor. The "moment" turned into a 30-minute visit enabling him to explain the church's mission outreach and other projects in which the church is involved.

As Dr. Bentley ended the visit, he wrote out a check and commented that he felt the church was doing a fine job. He also expressed his desire to go on a short-term mission trip sometime with an Adventist group.



Oklahoma Central City church welcomes their new pastoral team, John and Brigitta Neff, who have moved from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Neffs have two children, John Eric, a radiologist in Fletcher, North Carolina, and a daughter, Norma Christine Collson, a church school teacher in Elgin, Texas.



With the first phase of the new church complex complete, Norman church members begin plans on phase 2 which will be the sanctuary.



Being part of the Oklahoma City community, employees at Seagate, a computer company, have funds deducted from their paychecks each month to be placed in a fund controlled by the employee elected officers. This year funds were collected to benefit 77 different organizations. Oklahoma Conference received \$750 to use for Friendship Camp. One of the promoters for the camp, Vera Wolfe, second from left, stands here with three other recipients flanked on either side by Seagate employees.



When you think of a slumber party you usually think of a group of teenage girls! But wait. How about a group of women from the church having a slumber party? Thirty-five women from the Tulsa church came to a slumber party held in the "Carlile Castle" on November 5. Gayle Tucker, the guest speaker, reminded the women of their value to God. She led out in a prayer service.

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Southwest Region



The Golden-Agers at Texarkana Bethel Church.

Golden-Agers Continue to be Active

The Golden-Agers, senior citizens of Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church, Texarkana, ran the entire Sabbath program on October 8, beginning with the Family Hour, then Sabbath school, the divine service and the Children's Chapel. To end the day they had the Adventist Youth program as well.

In his morning sermon entitled "We Need More Calebs," R.E. Brown, Sr., a retired Southwest Region Conference evangelist, encouraged the seniors to remain active in their service for God.

The following weekend, October 14-18, the Golden-Agers visited Atlanta, Georgia. They spent time touring points of interest in the city. On Sabbath they attended the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church where N. Hollis is pastor. Every aspect of the trip was pleasant and without incident. Gilbert Williams, the Golden-Agers pastor, accompanied them.

Bethel Members Invited to Become Community Minded

Members of the Texarkana Bethel church who attended the Sabbath service on November 5 had their thoughts directed to the importance of becoming involved in community affairs, especially in these last days. "Get involved and stay involved," was Durandel Ford's message.

Using Esther 8:6 as his text, "How can I bear to see disaster

fall on my people? How can I bear to see the destruction of my family?" Ford, who is the Southwest Region community service director, invited his hearers to validate their Christian experience by helping those who are in need.

In his afternoon seminar he enlarged on several aspects he had touched on during the morn-

ing service. He also answered questions and handed out printed materials.

Joyce Jacobs, local community service president, and her assistant, Lorine Wright, planned the day's program which included a meal served between the morning worship and afternoon seminar.

Vera D. McAlister

Communication Secretary



Participants in the singles day program are from left: Cheryl Jones, Vicky Collier and Lorraine Stiggers.

Mount of Blessing Church Keeps Active

Guest speaker for the first singles day program ever held at the Mount of Blessings Church was Cheryl Jones of Minden, Louisiana. In her sermon entitled, "Fatal Attraction," she stressed how many people are lured into compromise by Satan's attractive ways, but how these often bring sorrow and tragedy. She stressed

holding high the Biblical principles and standards as taught by the church.

A Pathfinder Day program and year-end banquet, organized by Norma Jean Pruitt, included 30 Pathfinder and other members from the newly established church in Midwest City, Oklahoma who helped with the Sabbath school program. A Pathfinder drill was part of the program at the evening banquet held at the Black Heritage Culture Center. Each Pathfinder was given a certificate and colorful bookmark in recognition of their work.

At a senior citizens Sabbath, all seniors in the congregation were recognized and honored. This is a very active group who meet every third Sunday for fellowship and work. They also help other senior citizens in the community. Lucinda Phillips is the coordinator.

Norman Stiggers, Pastor



Mount of Blessings and Midwest City Pathfinders at the Pathfinder awards banquet. Adventurers are also in the photo.

New Appointments

Dr. John E. Anderson was named to the position of vice president of East Texas State University in Texarkana by Dr. Stephen Hensely, president. Dr. Anderson earned a bachelor's degree in business from ETSU-T in 1975. He received his business administration doctorate from the University for Arkansas in 1979 where he taught for one year. He has also taught at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Texas.

Dr. Anderson is married to the former Karen Warren of Huntsville, Alabama, and she graduated from Andrews University. They have two children, Matthew and Joy. The family attends Jefferson City Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Dr. Anderson is the youngest son of Spencer and Claudie Anderson of Texarkana, where he grew up. He has two brothers and three sisters.

Dr. William E. Coopwood, M.D., was recently named director of



Dr. Anderson



Dr. Coopwood

medical professionals at the Charter Behavioral Health System in Texarkana. Dr. Coopwood graduated from Andrews University,

Berrien Springs, Michigan in 1952. He received the degree of doctor of Medicine from Loma Linda University.

He did postgraduate work at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee and is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Dr. and Mrs. Coopwood are the parents of five children. They are members of the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Texarkana. *Vera D. McAlister*
Communication Secretary

Texas

FRANK TOCHTERMAN, CORRESPONDENT

Retired Workers Retreat

About 50 retirees gathered at Nameless Valley Ranch for the annual Texas retired workers retreat, October 13-16, 1994.

The program, directed by Dr. Hampton E. Walker, conference coordinator of retirees affairs, featured the following guest speakers: Larry Moore, Texas Conference secretary; Ben Hassenpflug; Jim Hayward; Roland Hill of the Southwestern Adventist College religion department; Derek Mustow of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency; Barbara Harsany, SAC health education department; James E. Chase, North American Division coordinator of retirees affairs; A.C. McClure, president, North American Division; George Schram, Texas Conference director of community services; Harvey Byram, South-

western Union Conference trust services director; and Elvin Adams, M.D.

In addition to the devotional and worship services, topics presented included family finances, health maintenance, and reports on the recent Annual Council meeting and on the Texas Conference program.

The Sabbath school was conducted by Marcus Payne and McKay Christiansen. An offering was taken as a gift from the retirees to be used for a landscaping project for the conference office in Alvarado.

Charles R. Beeler

Students and Teachers Relive Events of 1844

Students and teachers from Maranatha Adventist School and Scenic Hills Christian School

combined their talents to put on a Heritage Day program commemorating October 22, 1844.

Scenic Hills teachers Brenda Bennett and Margaret Goode portrayed Martha Byington and Annie Smith. Maranatha's teacher, Peggy Norris, was Dr. Lottie Blake, the first black female Adventist doctor. Pam Sauls, Maranatha school board chair, was Ellen White.

Scenic Hills pastor, Dan Neergaard and his wife, Lynn, were Captain Joseph and Prudence Bates. Maranatha parents Bob Fiala and Bud Williams paraded as J. N. Andrews and John Loughborough. Scenic Hills parent, Bryan Jennings, was William Miller.

The program included early Advent hymns, Ellen White's first vision in choral reading, two plays and a final reading at Ascension Rock in the Scenic Hills school yard.

Heritage arts and crafts were on display in the church lobby. These included booklets about Ellen White, cornhusk dolls, pictures with homemade frames, posters of the first tent meeting and the first vision.

Following the program and the close of this Sabbath of remembrance, which had been a reminder of the disappointment and hope of the pioneers, food and fresh-squeezed lemonade was sold to add to school funds.

Pam Sauls

Maranatha Adventist School
Board Chair

Waxahachie Homecoming

Guest speaker for the 85 who had gathered for the Waxahachie church homecoming was Valeri Chunkovski, director of the Adventist Radio in the Ukraine.



Retirees attending the retreat at Nameless Valley Ranch. The front row from left: Larry Moore, Jim Hayward, Jane Hayward, Ruby Walker, Hampton Walker, Alfred C. McClure, Ben Hassenpflug, Lucille Hassenpflug, Violet Chase, and James E. Chase.



The Chunkovski family from left: Galena, Angelique, Igor, and Valeri.

His wife, Galena and their son Igor, accompanied him.

Chunkovski's subject, "Three Important Questions in Your Life," dealt with the assurance of salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus at the cross. For evening vespers he told of evangelism in the Ukraine where the Holy Spirit is working in a mighty way. He recounted how at one of these evangelistic series, 4,000 individuals had come forward to accept Christ. He described how many wept with joy upon receiving a Bible of their very own. "Keep the Bibles coming," Chunkovski encouraged, "and please continue the much-needed support of evangelism in the Ukraine." He ex-

pressed appreciation for the ministers and laymen who have provided evangelistic outreach in Ukraine.

An afternoon sing-along featured a number of performers including the Castillo family and Mary and Delbert Taylor. A hay ride and weiner-marshmallow roast was held at Maxine and Billy Morgan's HiView Ranch near Waxahachie.

Grace L. Smith

New Hope Church Participates in the Fun Fall Festival

For the first time, New Hope Church in Marietta took part in the Texas Fun Fall Festival. Allan Jamison, the pastor; Willie Wall, the disaster coordinator; Ron Powell, church elder, and his wife Betty, R.N. and community service director, led out in manning the health screening van from the Southwestern Union. Others who helped were Peggy Bellamy, R.N., Margie Welsh, R.N., Linda Boborn, Joanna Strudwick, R. N. and lab



Newly organized Pathfinders standing in front of the health van are, from left: Katie Quarles, LeAnn Berks, Jacob Quarles and friend. Back row: John Capps and Pathfinder Club leader, Robin Powell. Grandparents of these young people were charter and early members of the New Hope church.

technician from Sulphur Springs.

Robin Powell, with her newly organized Pathfinder club from the New Hope Church, did a magnificent job of referring people to the van. Approximately 70 people were served during the time the van was there. Almost everyone who came received a packet of health-related brochures, and a healthful living study. Happiness Digest was given to a number, and three people said they would like to attend the New Hope church.

Dorothy Morgan

Communication Secretary

A School Ball Field Becomes a Reality

Nathan Kay, a ninth grader at San Antonio Junior Academy, asked principal Truman Parrish what the most needed project was at the school that he, as a Eagle Scout, could be involved in. It was a ball field, according to his principal.

With his Eagle Scout master's permission, Nathan contacted a neighbor with a tractor. He had the field marked and with his father's guidance, he initiated

fund raisers.

He started with a car wash, then he set up a hot dog stand at a local Builder's Square. Later he sent a letter to the school board soliciting donations.

Of the \$580 it cost to build the field, Nathan raised \$160 himself. He gives credit to the 16 volunteers who helped on the project with labor and materials which totaled 82 hours. But it was Nathan's nearly 10 hours of planning and 40 hours of implementation that made the vision a reality. As a result, students at SAJA have a new ball field to enjoy this school year. I'd say Nathan and his team hit a home run!

Gina Kosini

Communication Secretary
Laurel Heights

Heritage Day at Fort Worth Handley Church

With great anticipation, we at Handley waited for Heritage Day weekend to arrive. Finally, at 7:30 Friday evening, the events began to unfold. The church decor had been restored to what it might have looked like back in 1844. In the "Fireplace Room" a table was set with coal oil lamps that provided our light for the evening. A centerpiece that stretched from one end of the table to the other was made up of fall leaves, flowers and gourds. Another room was prepared for foot washing. It was as though you were walking into one of the homes of our forefathers, with several antique rocking chairs draped with old quilts, tables with books from the

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San Antonio Junior Academy's new ball field

past and a pair of old eye glasses belonging to a member's great grandmother.

We enjoyed singing several old hymns while two members played their guitars. The documentary "The Great Expectation" was shown depicting the story of William Miller. After an agape supper of home-baked bread, served with honey butter, fruits, nuts and grape juice, those who chose to participated in foot washing.

The Sabbath morning service was held by Ray Hubbart, Southwestern Union Conference stewardship secretary, who was accompanied by his wife, Gail. Hubbart appealed for a recommitment as the entire church gathered around the altar.

Sabbath evening ended with a live satellite broadcast from "Ascension Rock" in New York state featuring the General Conference president, Robert S. Folkenberg, as speaker.

Heritage Day for the Handley family was an uplifting time that turned hearts to focus on the promise that God has given, "I will come again."

Ginger McCurry
Communication Director

Medical Clinic in McAllen Helps Spread the Gospel

Members of the McAllen South Spanish Church have helped operate a medical clinic for the indigent people living in the area. The clinic has been providing limited outpatient services and health education classes to its clients.

Dr. Manuel J. Sanchez has spearheaded this effort and has



Standing outside the medical clinic in McAllen are from left: Juana Maria Guerrero, Dr. Manuel Sanchez, Monica Reigacci and Beba Moya.

provided generously of his equipment, medications and time. He has been in practice for 17 years in the McAllen area, and has always shown a genuine concern for the poor and medically indigent. Individuals needing additional care are often followed up at a reduced fee, or sometimes totally free.

The clinic has had a successful operation, and with the assistance of nursing personnel and other volunteers from the church, it has had a definite impact for the Gospel in the community.

Monica Rigolli

New Pastor for Killeen

Jonathan Leach has recently accepted the appointment as pastor of the Killeen Seventh-day Adventist church. A native Texan, Jonathan has served as pastor in the Nashville, Tennessee area for the past five years.

In addition to his training in religion, the 1981 graduate of Southwestern Adventist College also holds a degree in education with teaching certification on the secondary level. He completed his masters degree at Andrews

University as a Phi Kappa Phi Honors graduate in religious education with an emphasis on youth ministries.

Jonathan and his wife Judy Lindsay (a 1984 SAC communication graduate), have a team ministry serving the needs of the congregation. Judy is the community education coordinator at Metroplex Hospital, an Adventist Health Systems-managed hospital in Killeen.

"One of the positive factors that influenced our acceptance of the invitation to serve the Killeen congregation was the warm and caring congregation," comments Leach. "One of my goals is to continue the fellowship of love, forgiveness and acceptance for the people of our community."



A home Sabbath school begun in Kilgore in 1931 grew into an organized church with 54 members by June 24, 1939 with Cree Sandefur as the first pastor. In 1950 the church moved to Longview where they purchased a Baptist church. In 1987 property was purchased and the construction of a new church began. The mortgage was burned to mark the dedication of this church in a service held on October 22, 1994 with Steve Gifford, Texas Conference president, as guest speaker.



Jonathan and Judy Lindsay Leach



Parents and students participating in the Burton Academy's Fall Fair held October 9. The Home and School-sponsored event raised \$3,460.88.

(Photo on right) Steve Gifford, Texas Conference president (right), at the Jefferson Central church dedicating Edward Collier III, son of Eddie and Melba Collier, and Ginger Mae Collier, daughter of Faye and Irvin Collier, with Larry Spiva (middle), pastor, assisting. Both participating families are the president's nephews.



(Left) In recognition of her 50 years of service as pianist and organist at the Pharr Seventh-day Adventist church, Lois R. Crowder was honored with a bouquet of flowers. Lois is still active with her music. In addition, she plays for the People's Covenant Church in San Juan as well as teaching 35 music students.

Texico

Listen Magazines Given to Schools

Recently Darlene Lauterbach of Portales called her daughter Judy McGee, manager of the Arizona Adventist Book Center, to order some back issues of *Listen* magazine to use in their jail ministry. Judy said, "Mom, I'll donate all I have."

A few days later Darlene received 350 back issues of the *Listen* magazine. Darlene said, "Lord, what do I do with 350 issues of *Listen*?" She could use only a limited number in the jail. Then she remembered that in times past the magazine had been given to schools in Portales, one copy per student.

Darlene went to the school administration and was referred to Dr. Overby, head of the drug prevention program for Portales schools and surrounding area

schools. Overby was pleased to accept the magazines. The magazines were distributed to students that week which marked the beginning of Red Ribbon Drug Free Week. *Darlene Lauterbach*
Portales Church

Music Group Brings Cheer to Nursing Home Residents

Dennis and Pat Harper, Phillip and Karen May, and Ray Lauterbach bring cheer to the nursing home residents in Portales the last Sabbath of each month. Dennis plays the saxophone and steel guitar and leads the singing. Phillip plays the piano, and Ray operates the overhead projector to place the words to the hymns on the screen. Pat and Karen bring the residents from their rooms to the program.

Mrs. Taylor, a 90 years-old blind lady, joins in with her strong alto voice. Between 30-35 residents enjoy the music and the singing. The residents express their ap-

preciation each time this group comes, and they look forward to the next sing-a-long.

Darlene Lauterbach
Portales Church

Amarillo Adventist Academy Centennial

All alumni from Amarillo Adventist Academy, students and teachers, are invited to attend a special centennial homecoming weekend at Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Amarillo, Texas, May 27-28.

A book with pictures has been compiled dealing with the history of the Amarillo church school. To purchase one contact Ruth Weis, 1932 Cedar, Amarillo, TX 79106 or call 806/352/3147.

A current mailing address is being solicited from all alumni students and teachers. If you are an alumnus or know of an alumnus of the Amarillo church school, please share this information with Ruth Weis.

Come and join your friends and family for a wonderful weekend in Amarillo, Texas.

Ruth Weis

Southwestern Adventist College

JENELL RUSK, CORRESPONDENT

SAC Hosts Acrofest 1994

Acrosports teams from 11 academies and 6 colleges improved their performance and expanded their repertoire during Acrofest 1994, November 10-12. The annual three-day clinic was hosted this year by Southwestern Adventist College. During the grand finale performance Saturday night, gymnasts displayed the results of their hard work by dazzling a crowd of almost 1000 with gravity-defying human pyramids and aerial gymnastics.

Teams and coaches began arriving in Keene Wednesday, as bus after bus rolled into the gymnasium parking lot. Nearly 400 academy and college students participated in this year's

Acrofest, making it the largest campus-hosted event at SAC this year. Cooperation between the SAC acrosports team, team representative Jennifer Galland and the SAC enrollment office staff helped make the weekend a success.

One highlight of the event was instruction by 16 world-class clinicians, gymnasts who specialize in teaching and coaching. Acrofest students had the opportunity to learn from the best, such as Jon Beck, two-time world champion power tumbler and Linda Rains, voted American Tumbling and Trampoline Association coach of the year by her peers. Dan and Cheryl Hoff also instructed during the acrofest clinic. Their gym in California provides training for professional circus acrobats, and they worked with



The Southwestern Adventist College class of 1995 has elected their senior class officers. These students represent four countries and three continents. (Front row left to right): Sponsor, associate professor of English Marcus Sheffield; president, Ewanah Johnson, Little Fort, British Columbia, Canada; vice president, Wesley Tolhurst, Sydney, Australia; (back row left to right) pastor, Ion Groza, Colibashi, Moldova; social vice president, Periza Zaninovic, Keene, Texas; treasurer, Steve Heinrich, Keene, Texas. Not pictured are secretary, Geneva McBrown, Keene, Texas; and sponsor, assistant professor of religion Bill Kilgore. Photo: Tobe Watts



SACrobats team coach, Doug Peterson, supports a tower of gymnasts during the Acrofest 1994 Saturday night performance. This year's Acrofest was hosted by Southwestern Adventist College and included acrosport teams from 13 states and one Canadian province. Photo: Tobe Watts

acrofest participants on small and large group routines.

"We had incredibly qualified, world-class instructors," said Doug Peterson, coach of the SAC acrosports team, the SACrobats. "These clinicians and their attention to detail were directly responsible for the safety record we enjoyed. We only had one stretched muscle throughout the entire weekend's activities, and that's an amazing accomplishment."

Acrofest participants had the opportunity to develop a variety of skills, as they worked in three area locations, the SAC and Chisholm Trail Academy gymnasiums and Peterson's Gym on Highway 67. Each location had different equipment, allowing students to practice on mats, spring floors and trampolines.

Academies and colleges participating in Acrofest 1994 came from 13 states and one Canadian province: Andrews University, Michigan; Bass Academy, Mississippi; Broadview Academy, Illinois; Burton Adventist Academy, Texas;

Chisholm Trail Academy, Texas; Enterprise Academy, Kansas; Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Georgia; Great Lakes Academy, Michigan; Kingsway College, Ontario, Canada; Mile High Acad-

emy, Colorado; Oakwood College, Alabama; Ozark Adventist Academy, Arkansas; Sandia View Academy, New Mexico; San Marcos Junior Academy, Texas; Southern College, Tennessee; Southwestern Adventist College, Texas; and Union College, Nebraska.

Local world-champion gymnasts from Tumble Town USA in Waxahachie also joined this year's clinic and Saturday night performance. They are coached by Reins, an acrofest clinicianer.

"Everything about the weekend was incredibly positive," said Peterson. "We had excellent equipment and instruction. The teams arrived with a great attitudes, ready to give it their best. Because of these qualities, the levels of safety and performance were remarkable and everyone had a chance to really improve their skills."

SAC Hosts College Days

Academy seniors from across the Southwestern Union filled the Southwestern Adventist College dorms and learned about collegiate life during college days, October 23-25. More than 190 students participated in this year's event.

Busses and cars began arriv-



Over 500 people packed Evans Hall as the Keene Camerata string orchestra presented their annual fall concert, Saturday evening, November 5. They were joined during the second half of the program by the Southwestern Adventist College Mizpah Choraliers. The program featured a variety of music, with most pieces arranged for the Camerata by conductor Mugur Doroftei. Photo: Ty Reidenbaugh

ing in Keene on Sunday afternoon. From Sunday until Tuesday morning, students kept busy with a variety of activities: Food Fair, career planning sessions, campus tours, sports and recreation, social events, and the SAC Showcase. This year's Food Fair, with food booths benefitting campus clubs and community organizations, was well attended by both students and the Keene community. Monday night's SAC Showcase gave prospective students a sample of on-campus tal-

ent, with performances by the SAC Concert Band, the Mizpah Choraliers, the Keene Camerata, men's and women's a capella groups, comedy troupes, and a multimedia slide/video show.

"The Showcase was really good," said Chisholm Trail Academy senior, Kindel Frakes. "It gave a good impression of the groups and of the college. I also appreciated the chance to meet the professors and go inside the buildings. Even though I live here, I'd never done that before."

Nine schools attended college days this year: Burton Adventist Academy, Chisholm Trail Academy, Jefferson Adventist Academy, Ozark Adventist Academy, Parkview Adventist Academy, Sandia View Academy, Tulsa Adventist Academy, Valley Grande Academy, and Enterprise Academy in Kansas. In addition, some students who plan to attend SAC next year came from other schools. The weekend was organized by Victor Brown, Flavia Illingworth and the SAC enrollment office.

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Southwestern Adventist College does not discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, race or religion. Dr. Marvin Anderson, president of the college, is responsible for compliance.

General News

S.O.S For Braille Bibles

Christian Record Services has such a backlog of requests for braille Bibles that it is not financially possible to supply them at this time. To produce one braille Bible costs \$468. The current orders for Bibles come to more than \$16,000.

"We have been purchasing our braille King James Bibles from Bibles for the Blind and Visually Handicapped in Terre Haute, Indiana," says Will Kowarsch, CRS representative, "but Keith Reedy, the founder and director, called to say that his braille embosser has broken down and can no longer be repaired. He has struggled with it for seven years,

but it has finally quit altogether. Until he is able to replace it, he will no longer be able to produce braille Bibles.

"Please pray with us," continues Kowarsch, "that the Lord will provide the means that will enable us to resume this service. Pray, also, that He will open the way for Bibles for the Blind and Visually Handicapped to replace their braille embosser."

For seven years since Pastor Reedy, a Baptist minister, established his ministry, he has worked as our partner in supplying braille Bibles to those who need them. He began his ministry because when he was on our waiting list for a braille Bible (for several years, I believe), he realized that we could not meet the demand, so he did something about it.

Christian Record Services and National Camps for Blind Children are two non-profit organizations that have been operated

by the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1899 to bring the gospel to the blind and visually impaired of North America and



Students from the Keene area who worked with Christian Record representatives this summer visiting blind people and soliciting from local businesses are from left, back row: Klaus Kowarsch; Donna, a blind girl from Fort Worth; Elizabeth Barcelona and Dian and Will Kowarsch, Christian Record Services local representatives. Front row: Ryan Tucker and James Moller.



The braille Bible is made up of 16 volumes as seen stacked up in the picture. The total cost of one braille Bible is \$468.

That's the exciting message of the Voice of Prophecy's special broadcast on Super Bowl Sunday, January 29, when VOP host Lonnie Melashenko interviews Dupard and fellow player Kenneth Price.

Dupard, former running back for the New England Patriots and the Washington Redskins, and his wife, LaChanda, are now Seventh-day Adventists in Dallas. Price's football career included the Dallas Cowboys and New England Patriots. He is now a lay pastor for the Southwest Region Conference.

In 1991, Bible studies with Price brought the Dupards into membership in the Adventist Church. Reggie says, "I was

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convicted that I shouldn't play in the Saturday playoff game, but I didn't want to let my team down." He played the game and hated it, resigning shortly afterward.

A cassette tape of the "Super Bowl Sunday Interview" is available by writing: Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Super Bowl Sunday Interview

God used a Sabbath playoff game to bring spiritual victory to NFL player Reggie Dupard.

A Unique Black Adventist Radio Ministry

In 1991, Mrs. Minneola L. Dixon, Oakwood College archivist, became the first in Black Adventist



Voice of Prophecy host Lonnie Melashenko presents a special Super Bowl Sunday interview on January 29 with former NFL stars Reggie Dupard (left) and Kenneth Price. Listeners will hear the incredible story of how God used a Sabbath playoff game between the Washington Redskins and the San Francisco 49ers to bring Dupard to spiritual victory.

radio ministry to host a radio show, which highlights a new historical period of Black Seventh-day Adventist history each day.

This program, entitled Oakwood Heritage Moments, uniquely takes the listener back to the beginning of the Seventh-day Adventist movement among Black people and gives a detailed description of the history of Oakwood College.

Aired twice each day on WOCC-FM, the program's format includes a musical introduction which announces the oncoming of the

"Oakwood Heritage Moments" series, followed by a verbal introduction by the program director. With a well documented and prepared script, Mrs. Dixon addresses the radio audience, providing historical information and progress reports on her church.

The community's response has been overwhelming, and regular listeners include teachers, lawyers, doctors, engineers, scientists, space technicians, students and many other people.

Vickie Miller
WOCC-FM Radio Manager

Obituaries

AUSTERFIELD, Laura Burdick, was born Mar. 14, 1901 in Hardy, AR and died Sept. 1, 1994 in Jefferson, TX. Survivors: son, George Austerfield, Shreveport, LA and 3 grandchildren.

ELLIOTT, Wanda, was born Sept. 18, 1907 in Johnson Co., TX and died Oct. 30, 1994 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: daughters, Betty Randle, El Paso, TX and Patricia Hess, San Diego, CA. Richard Peterson

HEDGECOCK, Willis G., was born May 18, 1913 in Hemingford, NE and died Oct. 4, 1994 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: wife, Glenna, Keene, TX; daughter, Phyllis Hobbs, Keene; son, George Hedgecock, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; brother, Russell Hedgecock, Fort Myers, FL; sister, Lucille Brown, Milton-Freewater, OR; and 4 grandchildren.

LAYTON, Alma, was born Dec. 9, 1922 in Kentucky and died Sept. 30, 1994 in Keene, TX. Survivors: sons, Dale Layton, Detroit, MI and Roger Layton, Corsicana, TX; daughter, Sally Thorpe, Denver, CO; brothers, Aaron and Paul Walker; sister, Pat Ritter; 6 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

PETCHKUROW, Alex, was born Nov. 5, 1927 in Pittsburgh, PA and died Aug. 12, 1994 in Dallas, TX. His wife, Jean, predeceased him on July 1, 1994. Survivors: sons, John, Rowlett, TX and Douglas, Atlanta, GA; sisters, Helen Francuik, Pittsburgh, and Mary Fischer, Youngstown, OH; and 2 grandchildren.

PETCHKUROW, Delores (Jean), was born Aug. 26, 1925 in Belleville, IL and died July 1, 1994 in Dallas, TX. Survivors: sons, John, Rowlett, TX and Douglas, Atlanta, GA; brothers, Warren Weaver, Cahokia, IL and David Weaver, Belleville; and 2 grandchildren.

SALAZAR, Juanita, was born Nov. 6, 1935 in Albuquerque, NM and died Oct. 17, 1994 in Albuquerque. Survivors: daughters, Rose Narro and Lorie Montoya; sons, Ernie Montoya, Michael Montoya, David Salazar, Jerry Ben Salazar, Tony Salazar, and John Salazar. Peter Weber

SOPER, Maggie M., was born Jan. 31, 1896 in Hennessey, OK and died Oct. 19, 1994 in Luray, VA. She taught church school in the Oklahoma, Texas, and Texico Conferences, as well as in the North Pacific and Southern Unions. Survivors: son, Francis Soper, Stanley, VA; 2 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. R. E. Barrett

WEAVER, Mary M., was born May 5, 1908 in Magnolia Springs, TX and died Nov. 3, 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis, on May 7, 1994. Survivors: daughter, Gloria Lee Orr, Jacksonville, OR; son, Charles Otis Weaver, Jacksonville Beach, FL; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

WEAVER, Otis Horton, was born Aug. 9, 1906 and died May 7, 1994. Survivors: daughter, Gloria Lee Orr, Jacksonville, OR; son, Charles Otis Weaver, Jacksonville Beach, FL; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

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Attention VGA alumni from 1969 to 1971: A reunion is planned for June, 1995 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Send your name and address to Weldon Ponder, P.O. Box 160711, Austin, TX 78716.

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Call for Adventist Woman of the Year Nominations

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If you have previously nominated someone and they have not been selected, you can reactivate that nomination by writing to the Adventist Women of the Year coordinator. Send your application request to: Coordinator, Adventist Women of the Year, Association of Adventist Women, Box 7414, Langley Park, MD 20787.



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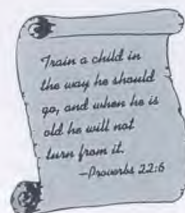
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	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17
Abilene, Texas	5:54	6:01	6:07	6:14	6:21	6:27
Amarillo, Texas	5:56	6:03	6:11	6:18	6:25	6:32
Brownsville, Texas	5:59	6:04	6:09	6:15	6:20	6:24
Dallas, Texas	5:41	5:48	5:54	6:01	6:08	6:14
El Paso, Texas	5:23	5:29	5:35	5:42	5:48	5:54
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	5:43	5:50	5:56	6:03	6:10	6:16
Galveston/Houston, Texas	5:41	5:47	5:53	5:59	6:05	6:10
Gentry, Arkansas	5:25	5:32	5:40	5:47	5:54	6:01
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:20	5:27	5:34	5:40	5:47	5:54
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:29	5:36	5:44	5:51	5:58	6:05
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:21	5:27	5:33	5:39	5:45	5:50
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:38	5:45	5:53	6:00	6:07	6:14
San Antonio, Texas	5:56	6:02	6:08	6:14	6:20	6:25
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:11	5:18	5:25	5:33	5:40	5:47
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:30	5:37	5:43	5:50	5:56	6:02
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