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Christ, God's gift to mankind

CHRISTMAS CAROLS—we hear them for weeks before the day actually arrives. And then it's Christmas day—the day, supposedly, that Jesus was born—but of course no one really knows the real day He was born. What we do know is that Jesus came as the Messiah—the Christ, the Promised One, the Deliverer and Liberator.

When Andrew and John, the fishermen, first heard John the Baptist proclaim, "Behold the Lamb of God," they were moved by "an irresistible impulse to follow Jesus, anxious to speak with Him, yet awed and silent, lost in the overwhelming significance of the thought, 'Is this the Messiah?'" *Desire of Ages*, page 138.

"What do you want?" Jesus asked.

Then they said, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

"Come," Jesus replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying and spent that day with him.

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon

and tell him, "We have found the Messiah," John 1:37-41.

This is the real story of Christmas. It's not the dinner parties where tables are piled with food, nor is it the guests or gifts. It's not visiting and having fun, or indulging in the overabundance of things. The real Christmas story is about accepting Jesus as our personal Savior, allowing Him to do what He came for—to deliver us from the condemnation that hangs over all of us.

The glitter of Christmas passes too soon, and we're left to pick up after the party. However, the gift Christ brings lasts forever, and He's the one who cleans up the litter left from our past.

Christ's entrance into our hearts is like the stirring of the wind among the branches of the trees, and "little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ," *Desire of Ages*, page 172. The life is transformed. "Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness and the countenance reflects the light of heaven . . . that power which no human eye

It's the gift that gives meaning to life.

can see creates a new being in the image of God," *Desire of Ages*, page 173.

Those who accept the real Christmas story, the story of the One who came to give us eternal life, should be the happiest people on earth. Having accepted Christ as the liberator from that which condemns to death, there is nothing that should cause discouragement. However, the sad fact is that many do not take Christ's gift seriously. Often religion is taken for granted and it becomes part of a subculture which loses its true meaning.

"To talk of religion in a casual way, or pray without

soul hunger and living faith, avails nothing. A nominal faith in Christ, which accepts Him merely as the Savior of the world, can never bring healing to the soul. The faith that is unto salvation is not a mere intellectual assent to the truth . . . It is not enough to believe *about* Christ; we must believe *in* Him. The only faith that will benefit us is that which embraces Him as a personal Savior . . . Saving faith is a transaction by which those who receive Christ join themselves in covenant relation with God. Genuine faith is life. A living faith means an increase of vigor, a confiding trust, by which the soul becomes a conquering power." *Desire of Ages*, page 347.

The individual who accepts the true story of Christmas is the individual whose faith and trust cannot be destroyed by circumstances, but whose life will testify to the glory that comes from accepting the gift of eternal life. The experiences related in this feature illustrate what happens when individuals accept God's gift of His Son.

Jean Thomas



Christ is the Light of my life.

To while away the time while driving between Houston and Austin one day about nine years ago, I slipped a tape into the tape deck without looking at its title. Before I realized it, the speaker had caught my attention. As I'd been getting ready for this trip, I'd asked my wife to put a few tapes in the car that I could listen to, and this one turned out to be a sermon recorded six years earlier at the Oklahoma camp meeting in 1986. My mother had sent it to me, but I'd never listened to it until now. But what I heard during the short drive between Houston and Austin changed my life completely. I was so overwhelmed that I stopped, got out of the car, and in my business suit I knelt on the gravel at roadside and gave my heart to God.

The tape was a sermon by evangelist Ben Hassenpflug, who talked about Christ's love and His desire to come in the clouds to take His followers back to heaven with Him. This tape had been in a drawer with a bunch of other tapes during the six years we'd moved to different places. Now, in 1992, God saw that I was ready to hear this sermon.

To let you know how far I was from the Lord, I'll tell you that I'd been delving into Eastern religions, studying Hinduism, Buddhism and astrology quite extensively. Once at a garage sale I picked up four books on these subjects, each costing 25 cents. When I went to pay for them, the lady told me I could

get five books for \$1, so I went back and picked up another book. It was called *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan*. At that time I did not recognize the title or the author.

But now here I was at the roadside with my heart ripped out—understanding for the first time that God truly loved me and cared so much for me that He sent His son to die in order that I might have eternal life!

Today, as a Seventh-day Adventist, I thank God for giving His Son to save me and for giving Evangelist Hassenpflug the words that made this plan so clear to me.

Jim Dickinson



Christ has had me on His mind for some time.

This year I'm a student at Ozark Adventist Academy, and you need to know how I got here.

I grew up in New Orleans. My parents, along with some other folks, built a church called Fellowship Bible Church, but they stopped attending after a while. Then we visited a different church



Sam Galatas

every Sunday, but that also came to an end. A few years later, one of my friends, Jody, asked me to go with her to Bible school for a week. After that I was baptized as a member in that church.

I had another friend, however, named Tony Bova. Every Saturday when I

thought we should be outside doing something fun, he would say, "Sorry, this is my rest day."

"Your rest day?" I'd ask. "Why do you rest on Saturdays? It's the best day to come out and play."

After a series of events, I found out all about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Tony had a great influence on me. I started attending Jefferson Heights Junior Academy, and for the two years I was there I learned almost everything I knew about this "weird" religion from our principal, Roy Mortimer, who taught me and worked with me. I thank God for putting him in my path.

God also used my girlfriend. She helped me reach my innermost feelings, and we had a wonderful relationship which will continue through life, because that is how I really came to know the Lord.

I attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church on and off until this past summer when something big happened. A youth pastor, Brian Yeager, came to New Orleans to coordinate a summer witnessing program for the area churches. The teens of the church were to spend the summer as part of this group. I joined the drama group called INC, meaning Individuals Needing Christ. We went to different churches acting out a play, "The Present End," which depicted last day events. I was elected to play Satan. It was a challenge. But it was being in that play that changed my life. Those scenes became so real to me that I knew I should get ready for Christ's coming.

By the end of the summer I knew I must become a Seventh-day Adventist. At my baptism on August 5, 1995 in the New Orleans First Seventh-day Adventist Church, I asked to say a few words to those present.

"The church is a shelf of

books," I said, "and I am one of those books. We are all different sizes and colors, and we're written in different languages. Before I am put on the shelf with the rest of you, I leave my pages open for all to read. I challenge each of you to allow others to read your pages and let Jesus lead in your life."

Sam Galatas

A Student at

Ozark Adventist Academy



My life is filled with joy because of Christ.

I thank God for my new church family and my church. Being newly divorced and



Paula Harris

living alone has made me feel vulnerable. Even though I've been a Christian for almost 20 years, my recent

conversion to Adventism has truly given me a faith lift!

As I get ready for church this Sabbath day, thoughts run through my mind . . . how could I ever make it in this world without You, Lord? The world is such a crazy, mixed-up place. Man's inhumanity to man is overwhelming. People with education speak of destroying others as easily as turning the page of a book. People sharpen their tongues on the blade of cynicism in anticipation of a verbal assault meant to destroy others' objectivity and spirit.

Living from one day to the next in this world of adversity



On her 99th birthday, September 11, 1995, Myra Potter Harsha was baptized in Keene by her son George Harsha, pastor of visitation at the Keene church. "We'd been studying together for some months," says Harsha, "and when I explained to Mother how much Jesus cared for her and how He set an example we are to follow by being baptized in the River Jordan, she said, 'Will I have to go to some river to be baptized?' I explained how this was not possible at her age, but that we could do it in the bathtub. She agreed to that."

is terrifying, and yet, when I've just been assaulted in one way or another and the spirit of my whole being is deflated, stepped on and kicked, You let me know that You are there, dwelling inside me. Your warm, loving spirit lifts me from the ground, and with large, gentle loving hands You bring me to my feet.

For an instant I catch a reflection of myself—the likeness of a small child standing before our Father. I look up into Your loving eyes and watch as You tenderly brush off the dirt of the world and place spiritual band-aids on my cuts and bruises. You fill me with such a sense of security and assurance! Your strong, gentle words fall on a listening heart as You speak to me.

When I get to church I get down on my knees to thank our Heavenly Father for Jesus, His Son, His gift to humankind, the One who is my strength, my salvation, my hope. As I rise again I feel assured that I will make it through another day. Just by accepting His love I can claim

His promises of a better tomorrow. Just by giving each moment of my day to God I am protected from the filth and outrageousness of the world. I can stand straight and tall and stare adversity in the face, for I have a liberator and protector far more powerful than any here on earth. Words, now etched indelibly in my soul, come to mind: "When all worldly things pass away, I am still here. For when you have Me you have it all. I am your refuge and your place of peace. I love you, I care about you, and I will never let you go."

As the service begins I feel overpowering warmth and love. God's Holy Spirit is here for the asking. I sit in complete peace and feel Him near—very near. I sit in quiet solitude, drinking in the atmosphere around me. I feel strength flowing through me as I listen and pray during the sermon. I leave church with the assurance that my Savior and Friend will be with me throughout the week.

*Paula Harris
Elephant Butte, New Mexico*



Because of Christ's love, a drunk accepts salvation!

While the speaker, Franklin Hill, was talking to the students during the Cross-roads Crusade held on the grounds of Southwestern Adventist College, Shawn came sauntering in. By the way he walked they could see he was drunk. He sat down next to



When teacher Leisa Buller explained how people did not accept Jesus' love for them, but crucified him instead, the Tulsa Adventist Academy kindergarten class were visibly impressed. She went on to explain how Jesus loves every boy and girl and how He wants everyone to love Him. When we deliberately do wrong things, we can hurt Jesus just as the people did long ago who rejected Him.

Pastor Ron and started talking rather loudly. In a kindly manner Pastor Ron tried to get him to be quiet by helping him find the texts in his Bible.

Something the preacher said caught his attention, and Shawn got up and moved onto the front row. Right while the preacher was still speaking Shawn started a conversation with him.

"Son," the preacher replied. "You have come to this meeting tonight, drunk. I think you've come because you want to know more of Jesus' saving grace. Just stay around and we'll introduce you to Him!"

At the end of the service Shawn stood up and in a loud

voice said, "I'd like those who are willing, to come and pray for me." Students came from everywhere, surrounded Shawn and prayed for his release from alcohol. They prayed that Christ would come into his life.

The next night Shawn was back, sitting on the front row. And, as he had done the previous evening, at the close of the meeting he asked for people to come and pray for him.

By the end of the Cross-roads campaign, Shawn was a changed person. He was baptized along with 15 other young people who had accepted the gift God had sent



"Shawn, we want you to know that Jesus loves you and so do we," was what some of the seventh-graders at Keene Adventist Elementary School wrote in their letters that went to Shawn in prison.

them—Jesus Christ, their savior.

Because of previous convictions, Shawn is serving a prison term. When the 25 seventh grade students at Keene Adventist Elementary School heard about him, they decided to correspond with him. They wrote asking about why he was in prison, what he did there, and how long he'd have to be incarcerated. They also shared how much God loved him.

A reply came back several weeks later. Shawn expressed his appreciation to them. He said he'd really been down in the dumps when their letters arrived but how much they had meant to him. The students wrote again.

Shawn shared their letters with some of the other inmates. The students have collected enough money to buy several *Steps to Christ* and *Bible Answers* that they're going to send for Shawn to share with his friends in prison.



Guest speaker at the Breckenridge congregation, Ion Ispas, who told of the hardships endured during communist rule in Romania.

lives because of their belief in God. Sometimes they would just disappear and never come back.

Both Ion's parents were professors. They did not attend church publicly, since this would have caused their immediate employment termination. But Ion's grandmother could go to church, and at times she took Ion, although this upset his parents, for they feared it would cause them to lose their jobs.

Ion's father refused to join the communist party, because it would mean he would have to deny God, and that he could not do. But there could be no neutrality in communism. Either people did it the way of the party, or they did not do it at all. His father was arrested and taken away and tortured. He had a major stroke during this time and was never the same again. He died eight years later.

Those who attended church had another problem to face: church members couldn't always be trusted. Some were spies for the communist party. To avoid trouble, Ion was baptized in secret.

Today churches are growing fast and people can share Christ's love more freely, but there is little money to build new church buildings. In addition, the government, although not communistic, has taken steps to curtail the building of churches.

"We have faced troubles in the past," Ion told the congregation, "but with God's help and Christ's love in our hearts we will be able to face them again if they come in the future."

Wanda Hallmark



Sophie prayed for help and Jesus granted her request.

Deborah Tso and her two children are Navajos who live on the reservation in north-west New Mexico. On October 19, as they travelled one of the many unimproved roads, their pickup truck became mired in sand.

Deborah tried everything she knew to free the truck. She dug sand from in front of the wheel, but the wheel only spun in deeper. She placed flat rocks in front of the tire; it only drove them into the sand. For two hours she toiled to free her pickup, but to no avail.

"Momma," five-year-old

Sophie said, "We haven't prayed."

"I'm sorry, Sophie," returned Deborah, feeling embarrassed. "I guess we haven't."

"Jesus will help us out," continued Sophie, "so let's ask Him."

Momma and her two little children held each other's hands and Deborah prayed. Then Sophie added her own prayer. "Dear Jesus," she said, "please send one of your angels to push our truck out of the sand. It doesn't matter which angel you send. Any angel can do it. Amen."

Tears ran down Deborah's cheeks as she thought of her little girl's faith, but even before she'd opened her eyes Sophie was jumping up and down.

"Let's go Momma," she cried, tugging on Deborah's hand. "Let's go."

The trio climbed into the truck. Deborah started the engine, put the truck in gear, and drove right out of the sand.

"I knew Jesus could do it," said Sophie as they continued on their way.

Thurman Petty



Even during the communist era Christ's love was shared.

Ion Ispas, a native of Romania who now lives in Norman, Oklahoma, told the Breckenridge congregation how even during the communist era, the spreading of God's word was never stopped. But those were hard times in Romania. People lost their



Having learned how much Jesus cares for them, these eight new members of the Kerrville church were baptized on September 23 by their pastor, Marshall Gonzales.



Youth on fire for Christ are sharing His love through the Y.E.S. program

In an age when youth and young adults feel the church has little to offer them, they are responding enthusiastically to the new Youth Emergency Services program being piloted by the Texas Conference. This program is designed to help youth find joy and satisfaction by volunteering in times of distress and disaster. By becoming involved with others, they are learning that Jesus' way of service is what brings a sense of worth and belonging.

A group of 60 individuals, many of them from ages 15-25, attended an Adventist Community Services workshop at Nameless Valley Ranch, September 29-October 1.

George Schram, ACS director, and some of his associates taught them how to set up a "distribution" and "hard goods" reception center for times of disaster.

"This is the best educational experience we've had for being ready for disaster," remarked one youthful participant.

One of the Y.E.S. requirements is for each member to be involved in some form of volunteer work once a month. The Texas youth department has compiled a booklet listing the many organizations needing volunteer help. Y.E.S. chapters are being encouraged to offer to help in areas of their choice.

Other prerequisites include being a sincere follower of Jesus Christ, knowing how to counsel needy persons with Bible promises, not exalting themselves or their organization above any other organization, and serving all kinds of persons regardless of color, race or creed.

Valley Grande Academy is the first academy to form a Y.E.S. team with 27 students. Marvin Whitney, campus chaplain is to direct, while Jake Fortney, director of automotive technology will assist. One of the first requirements will be to qualify in first aid and CPR. Later more



Texas Conference youth spent a weekend at Nameless Valley Ranch learning how to set up a disaster distribution center. Above: Setting up a clothing rack, and below: Packing up clothing boxes.



specific disaster relief training will be offered.

For their first community service project, the team has chosen to work with Project Santa and collect toys for Christmas for children whose parents are in prison.

It is envisioned that every church and school will

eventually have a Y.E.S. chapter across the Texas Conference with a mission to perform works of humanitarian service, thus following in the footsteps of the One who set the example.

Van Hurst, Texas Conference Youth Director



As part of the community service program of the Keene Adventist Elementary School, students in grades five through eight collected 200 bags of used clothing for the disaster relief depot. The paper bags were donated by John Engel of Old Betsy Foods.

13th Sabbath Offering to Bring Health, Healing and Hope

HEALTH HEALING HOPE OFFERING 13TH SABBATH

Funds from the thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering will go to help establish an Adventist Health Network through van ministries in communities where health facilities are limited.



A cross section of people in the Southwestern Union, including community service workers, pastors, lay health and temperance people, doctors, nurses, conference workers and administrators, will meet together early in 1996 to create an overall plan to establish a health network in this union. Through a series of strategic planning sessions, this group will explore ideas for reaching the cities with the Adventist health message—the entering wedge for the proclamation of the gospel.

"We want our teachers, preachers, health professionals, and church members to form the Adventist Health Network," says DeWitt Williams, director of Health and Temperance for the North American Division, "that will bring health and healing to people in our communities across North America."

Plans are to use funds generated from the thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering to begin pilot projects in 10 cities, one in each union, which have been identified as having critical needs. These are cities with a high percentage of crime, homelessness, hunger, low income families, and very little Adventist presence.

In the Southwest, Dallas-Fort Worth has been selected as a pilot site to initiate the development of the Adventist Health Network. A booming metropolitan area, Dallas alone has grown by a third in the past 10 years. Only 3,700 Adventists belong to the 18 churches in the tri-county area.

Huguley Memorial Medical Center vans, which have been parked in easily accessible areas in the community, have been offering blood pressure check-ups and flu shots for the past few weeks. When funding becomes available, this type of service will be linked up with community service and lay health educators who will work together for the betterment of the community. This will also open up many opportunities for volunteer-coordinated services.

In addition to the health network, funds from the overflow offering will be used to assist 200 prison ministry programs, strengthen existing programs, train pastors and church members in prison ministry, provide Bible studies and literature for prisoners and minister to their families.

"We need to do more to help those who are incarcerated as well as their immediate families—especially the children," comments Dan McManus, president of the Adventist Prison Ministries Association.

Alfred McClure, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, is calling on Seventh-day Adventist members to give top consideration to these two projects, both of which open up many possibilities to share the Gospel with those who so desperately need it.

Opportunity to give toward these two needy projects right in our home division will be given on the last Sabbath of this year, December 30.

Patricia Humphrey, Freelance writer from Culpeper, Virginia



(Far left) Three of the women who are involved in corresponding with prison inmates through the Keene New Discovery Bible School are, from left: Mary Lou Grozier, Charlene McLeon, and Tabitha Taylor. The Keene Bible School is one of 19 correspondence Bible schools offering Bible studies which encourage prisoners to look to Jesus for the answers to their problems. Photo: Tobe Watts

(Left) The three officers of the New Discovery Bible School are, from left: Jan Abrams, Alice Davis and Kris Underhill.

Union Pilots Departmental Service Center for Two-year Period

Ever since economic stress began to affect the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America 10 to 15 years ago, it has been necessary to implement budgetary cutbacks. In order to accomplish this in many instances, the staffing in both conferences and the union has been consolidated or reduced.

The 1985 General Conference in New Orleans voted to consolidate the departments of personal ministries, Sabbath school, community services, stewardship and youth to form the church ministries department. This was done in an effort to coordinate services and eliminate a duplication of programs, as well as to conserve funds. However, for various reasons the plan has not worked. At the General Conference session in Utrecht the church ministries department was dissolved and the departments re-established as separate entities.

Recognizing that the local congregation is pivotal to the spiritual health and growth of the world church, the North American Division is, once again, looking at its organizational structure to see how best to configure departments to be of greatest assistance.

Since churches often request assistance in running an effective program, serious study has been given to developing a plan that will be the most effective. One such plan seems to have the answers to several problems facing local conferences and unions.

Union Departmental Service Center

Since many conferences have eliminated most of their departments, an alternative must be developed to respond to church needs and requests. It seems logical, then, that the union should supply a certain amount of training and expertise. To this end, the Southwestern Union Conference has proposed that training and services for the Sabbath school, personal ministries, community services, family ministries, evangelism, children's ministries and stewardship be centralized on the union level. The publishing department has, for the past year, functioned successfully under this centralized plan.

The proposal calls for local church needs in the above mentioned departments to be served through personnel at the union level with no departmental directors at local conferences. However, youth, education, communication, trust services and treasury functions will be retained at the local conferences with repre-

sentatives at the union level. Assuming the success of this pilot effort, the next two stages will address some of the above departments and functions.

Union-wide Geographical Programming/Training Areas

To accomplish the above plan, the Southwestern Union and five local conference offices have worked together to divide the union into approximately 22 programming/training locations. These areas are made up of 15 to 25 churches located in a geographical cluster. Each area will have a coordinating pastor and a lay committee to assist the union departmental directors in conducting their programming and training.

Programming/Training

Training events have recently been held in churches for specific groups such as elders, deacons, Sabbath school teachers, etc. These events have usually been offered on Friday evening through Saturday evening and sometimes through Sunday morning.

Over the past 12 months the Texas Conference has conducted four such programs that have resulted in excellent attendance and favorable comments. The most common evaluative comment has been, "This is the type of training that churches really need."

The Southwestern Union Conference Goal

The Southwestern Union goal is simple. It is to concentrate on the foundational element, the pastor and the local church, making them well-trained functional spiritual units. Well-trained pastors and laymen will bring about dynamic churches. Dynamic churches will communicate the Gospel in an appealing and positive manner.

The union will carefully monitor this approach during the next 24 months. Reasons for the program's working well or poorly will be identified, and adjustments will be made where necessary.

The officers of the Southwestern Union solicit your prayers and your cooperation as we endeavor to provide quality training and services to our lay workers and church personnel by utilizing new methods of training and programming.

Southwestern Union

Cyril Miller Accepts New Appointment

After being involved in church work in the Southwestern Union Conference for the past 27 years, and having lived in the same house for 20 of those years, Southwestern Union Conference president, Cyril Miller, has accepted an appointment at the church's headquarters office in Silver Spring, Maryland, as evangelism and global mission vice president for the North American Division.

"It was a very difficult decision to make," Miller explained. "The appointment was very unexpected. I had to pray and wrestle with it for some time. I really didn't want to leave the Southwest, but I felt that since God has spared my life on two occasions in the past two years, He had something special in mind for me and that I was to accept His will for my life."

Miller's new responsibilities will be to coordinate outreach entities in the North American Division into a more cohesive evangelistic focus. He will chair a Global Mission Council and encourage support for global mission activities in unentered areas, unreached people groups, urban evangelism, media evangelism volunteerism and reviving dwindling congregations. He will chair the Center for Volunteerism which coordinates student missionaries and other overseas volunteers. He will also chair the boards of the North American Division Evangelism Institute, Adventist Information Mission and Net '96. In addition, he will be an advisor to the North American Division ministerial association and publishing institutions and act as liaison with the Adventist Media Center for developing integrated strategy for NAD global mission outreach. He will be a resource person for ministers meetings,

camp meetings and other large gatherings, and will organize and produce NAD global mission rallies.

The Southwestern Union Conference salutes Elder Miller for the many years of service he has given and for the mark he has made in helping to develop innovative and productive programs such as *Revelation Seminars*, *Star Net* and *Amazing Facts* broadcast ministries. It is with God's blessing on his future assignment that the Southwest bids him farewell.



Cyril Miller

New Union President is Chosen by Executive Committee

The new Southwestern Union Conference president, Max A. Trevino, was selected by the union executive committee on November 8 in Corpus Christi. Since many of the committee members were in that location, having just concluded their annual departmental planning council for 1996, it was felt to be the most suitable place to hold the specially-called union committee.

To fulfill the Southwestern

Union Conference's Constitution and Bylaws stipulation for the election of a new union president, North American Division president A.C. McClure flew in from Silver Spring, Maryland, to chair the committee.

Trevino has been union treasurer for the past 15 years. He is well-known in the Southwestern Union, and has an excellent working knowledge of the area. With God's direction, he will provide positive leadership in the Southwest.



Max A. Trevino

Southwest Region

B. E. WRIGHT, CORRESPONDENT

Kelly Speaks to Golden-Agers at Bethel

T. Marshall Kelly, singing evangelist, pastor, and Christian educator, spoke to the Bethel church members, friends, and guests on Sabbath, September 30. Kelly chose as his sermon topic, "We should choose to belong to Christ forever."

He read from Proverbs 16:31, and Leviticus 19:32, and said that all golden-agers, if they have lived "in the way of righteousness," have the faith, experience, and spiritual maturity to provide sound counsel to the young. They have a unique value in God's world and should continue until their last breath to serve Him.

Kelly advised the golden-agers that they should continue to take care of their physical bodies by eating correctly and exercising, they should continue to develop their minds by reading and praying to God for His wisdom, they should remain strong spiritually, and they should continue to be involved socially in God's world by helping fellow human beings in every manner possible. "Recommit yourselves to Christ," was Elder Kelly's admonition.

Many of the guests stayed for an evening concert when Kelly

shared his God-given talent of singing.

Denise Stewart, Golden-agers coordinator, was responsible for the memorable Golden-Agers day.

Vera D. McAlister
Communication Secretary

Senior Citizens Federation Meets in Baton Rouge

People came from near and far to the Southwest Region's first ever senior citizens federation. The weekend began with an Agape feast on Friday night. The speaker was community services director Durandel Ford. He admitted that although he didn't qualify as a senior citizen, he felt a common bond because the seniors of his home church were largely responsible for his being in the church. He urged the seniors to reset their priorities. "Realize what God has done for you," he said, "and look forward to the day when we'll never get old."

Dr. E. E. Rogers of Oakwood College spoke for the Sabbath morning worship hour. His 52 years of ministry hadn't affected his sense of humor. "I feel qualified to speak to you today," he said. "The signs of a senior citizen are the five B's: baldness, bifocals, bridges, bulges, and

bunions. I have all five," he boasted, "as well as my three cards: Medicare, Social Security, and AARP."

On a more serious note he pointed out, "If you're going to rejoice in the Lord (the weekend's theme) you need to know something about the Lord, and the way to accomplish that is to read the Scriptures. Every page is a manifestation of Him."

The afternoon seminar presented by Baton Rouge's council on aging had several speakers, among them, Bertha Patin. Dorothy Humphrey presided over the federation's organizational meeting which elected several officers, including Leona Robinson of Ephesus as president.

Melvin V. Singleton, pastor of the Ephesus church, gave the evening message at a banquet. "When you know God as your personal Savior," he maintained, "it's not too late to take risks. If you want to play the piano, return to school, write a story, or give Bible studies, you can do it if you're willing to take a risk."

The evening ended with the hymn "Til We Meet Again" and everyone parted with the assurance that should our Lord delay His coming, they will meet again.

Evelyn M. Edwards
Communication Secretary

Arkansas-Louisiana

PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT

Russellville Fair Booth

Russellville's lay activities leader, Myra Turnipseed, felt impressed that the church should have a booth at the Pope County Fair. She presented the idea to the church board and they liked it. After many planning sessions the committee chose the theme "Lifestyle Changes" for the booth. Sam Woods of the Texas Conference provided the church with a computer program called "Health Age Appraisal." Then the church prayed that God would bless the booth to His glory.

With 522 people filling out the health appraisal questionnaire, the response was far greater than expected. The information was put into the computer, and a printout given to each participant.

Included in the questionnaire was a place where people could indicate their interest in other seminars. Ninety indicated an interest in a stress seminar, 93 for a nutrition seminar, 51 for stop smoking seminar, and 63 requested the Bible prophecy seminar.

Each person who filled out the appraisal form received five pieces of literature, including *A Brief Look At Seventh-day Adventists*.

Another attraction at the booth was a daily drawing for a family Bible. The Bibles were delivered to each of the winners individually by Alvin and Alice Wilson. One of the families showed an



Shreveport Adventurer Club enjoying the downtown park and waterfall.

interest in attending our church.

Many of the church members participated in staffing the fair booth, and the enthusiasm has been contagious. The church has already set tentative dates for seminars and they feel excited about this opportunity to meet the needs of the community.

Shreveport Adventurers Enjoy Campout

The Shreveport Whirlwinds Adventurer Club held its annual campout May 6 and 7 despite overcast, threatening weather. Before vespers the club and staff visited the downtown waterfall and garden park where they fed the ducks.

Back at the clubhouse, the Adventurers enjoyed singing "If you're happy and you know it

..." as part of the vesper program. Sabbath evening there was a hot dog roast over the campfire. Then it was time to get into sleeping bags for the night.

Sunday morning brought good weather, and after breakfast leaves were collected as part of a nature award. Later, the Adventurers' artistic abilities were put to the test when they went indoors to paint in three different mediums—water color, wet marker, and colored pencils.

The weekend came to an end by breaking up camp before noon, packing clothes and sleeping bags and picking up an assortment of lost items.

Marsha Salzman
Club Director

Women's Ministry Starts a Prayer Tree

The Houma church began its women's ministries program in January 1995. The group has been meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at one of the member's homes. During the summer they sponsored the vacation Bible school and a prayer brunch. They have also organized a prayer ministry called the Prayer Tree.

The tree is made up of 25 women, both members and non-members. It is organized so that each person calls the next person on their list, and that person calls the next name. In this way no one has to call more than one

person. Any time someone has a need or prayer request, they bring it before the Prayer Tree and can be assured that it will be handled in a meaningful way. Since the Prayer Tree began, many prayers have been answered. This also helps the women feel connected, especially during the week when the miles separate them from each other.

With 25 women making calls, there could be as many as 100 people praying simultaneously when someone has a need.

Sandra B. Hebert
Local Elder

Member's Involvement in Community Affairs Has Positive Effects

Often the importance of involvement in the community as an outreach effort is overlooked, but there are Seventh-day Adventists who do take time to avail themselves of such efforts. Whether it is our men joining local service clubs like the Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary or our ministers witnessing through the local ministerial alliance or our women expanding into local community services, they are making themselves available for service when needs arise.

Helen Perea is a prime example of what can be done by one who serves a community need. In addition to being head deacon-



Russellville church members assisting at their fair booth are from left: Sheryl Mathers, Myrna Turnipseed, Jessie Briscoe, Bill Mathers and Marilyn Sumter.



New officers of the Wadley Auxiliary are, from left: Betty Goza, corresponding secretary; Helen Perea, first vice president; Glen Williams, president elect; Mary Moores, president and Ed Wynnberg, treasurer.

ess at the local church, the Wadley Hospital Auxiliary recently elected her as a first vice-president. Before coming to Texarkana, she served as president of the Redlands Auxiliary at Redlands Community Hospital in Redlands, California.

On a typical day, the auxiliary staff the hospital gift shop, assist patients and family members with directions, deliver mail and flowers, and assist patients upon discharge. When asked what gives her the most pleasure in her job, Perea says, "Assisting families

and patients spiritually, easing their fears."

Thank you, Helen, and all you others who help your communities to be a better place to live.

Lorretta Johnson
Communication Secretary

Camp Yorktown Bay Receives CCI Membership

Camp Yorktown Bay is proud to announce its membership in Christian Camping International/USA (CCI/USA), an association of more than 750 camps, conference centers, and retreat centers located throughout the United States.

This new membership links its board and staff with more than 5,000 peer professionals in Christian camping and with the CCI/USA national office in Colorado Springs which provides trend analysis

and timely resources through more than 30 practical services.

CCI/USA also sponsors numerous training events that are designed to promote industry excellence and expand the horizons of Christian camping leaders. The result of this connection is that members stand better equipped in their task of shaping youthful lives.

It is also the largest of 13 autonomous associations around the world under the Christian Camping International umbrella. The newest are CCI/Romania and CCI/Russia.

It is estimated that camps and retreats at Camp Yorktown Bay will have provided Christian fellowship to approximately 3,330 people during the 1995 calendar year, according to Carol Crone, assistant camp manager.

Harrison Church Features Health at Fair

At the Harrison fair this past fall, the Harrison church featured "Changing Lifestyles" at its booth. The emphasis was on building a better immune system. The lifestyle change questionnaire takes about three minutes to complete and gives the counselor the opportunity to gain a rapport with a new contact. In this way the Harrison church has gained over 2000 outreach possibilities in the last two fair seasons.

A brochure is given to those who fill out the questionnaire inviting them to attend the next health seminar. The topic, time and place are included. Three two-hour health sessions have been held since the fair. Subjects covered included bread baking, vegetarian cooking, sugarless desserts, hydrotherapy, and how to stop smoking.

Sandi Wood
Health Secretary



"Let the children come to Me" is the poster these Bonnerdale vacation Bible school children are making to illustrate how they've given their lives to Jesus.



These children can hardly wait to get to Sabbath school each week to see what their division leaders have planned for the day. From left: Tara Spalitta, Samantha Spalitta, Daniel LaNata, Madison Hano, and Amanda LaNata, each wearing an "I knew my memory verse" banner. Photo: Virginia McCormick



New cafeteria and office building at Camp Yorktown Bay.

Texas

FRANK TOCHTERMAN, CORRESPONDENT

Preaching Conference Held in Austin

The Austin First Church hosted the second annual conference on Biblical Expository Preaching sponsored by the Hour of Prophecy (HOP) radio broadcast. Dozens of local church elders, lay pastors, and interested people attended the weekend event held September 15 and 16.

Bob Thrower, founder and speaker of HOP, coordinated the conference. Speakers included Cyril Miller, president of the Southwestern Union; Franklin S. Hill, pastor in Louisville, Kentucky; Norman Yeager and Frank Jenkins, pastors in the Texas Conference. Music for the weekend was by Steven Francisco and Joyce Yeager. Steve Snow served as host pastor.

Frank Tochterman

News from McAllen and San Juan

In their enthusiasm to end the year on a high note, members of the San Juan and North McAllen churches have already finished their Ingathering campaigns. They have also been busy working with Eddie Canales, Southwestern Union Conference associate publishing director, who began a series of meetings in the district on November 25. In preparation for these meetings, church members



Tasting time at one of the nutrition classes held in the McAllen/San Juan district.



Biblical expository preaching staff, beginning at left, front row: Steve Snow, Steven Francisco, Pam Francisco, Cecil May, Franklin Hill. Second row: Frank Jenkins, Joyce Yeager, Cyril Miller; and third row: Frank Tochterman, Norman Yeager, Bob Thrower.

were involved in several aspects of missionary outreach.

Both churches offered nutrition courses. In McAllen, Gladys Archbold was instructor, and in San Juan, Julieta Sosa, the pastor's wife, presented the program.

Other programs that influenced church members were the fall week of prayer in San Juan which was held by Jose Flores, a teacher from Montemorelos University, and a literature evangelist workshop held by Eddie Canales and his assistant, Carlos Estrada, every Thursday during September.

Daniel Sosa, Pastor

Programs in Austin South Involve Teens

Juniors, earliteens, and youth of the Austin South church hosted their first Sabbath breakfast. This monthly breakfast provides a special time for good food and fellowship for the church's youth. Once a quarter the pastor, Michael Tomlinson, will chair a discussion of topics that concern young Christians.

The plan originated with assistant Sabbath school director for youth, Jerry Ferguson, and his wife, Pam. They wanted to create interaction between the youth and the pastor.

Another program the youth are involved in is producing a local Adventist News Network (ANN) under Darla Defoe and Jerry Ludgate. Several times a year reporters for ANN (youth class members) will interview a subject and the interview will then be "aired" during Sabbath school preliminaries. The program also features a panel of "journalists" who share current denominational information

retrieved from Adventists On-Line service.

Every Wednesday morning the youth come together for a prayer meeting. They ask for God to direct them to someone to whom they can witness. God has opened the way for them to share Christ's love to many of their peers.

Teens are also involved in the Pathfinder Club. On Sabbath, August 19, Pathfinder Sabbath had the teens marching to the front of the church with their flags. Following prayer, the pledge of allegiance and the offering, the leaders gave a report of the activities the club has enjoyed during the past year—camp-



Literature evangelists who attended the training classes held by Eddie Canales, Southwestern Union associate publishing director, and his assistant, Carlos Estrada.



(Above)
Earliteens enjoy
their monthly
Sabbath morning
breakfast and
discussion group
at Austin South
church.

(Right) Paul
Nelson helping
Pathfinder
Tiffany Peckham
with a wood-
working honor.



ing, white water rafting, horse-
back riding, making cabinets, and
many other projects.

Rhonda Tomlinson
Communication Secretary

VGA Alumni Gather for Reunion

At least 250 Valley Grande Academy alumni from around the country gathered for a reunion in Arlington September 29-October 1. Their families swelled the gathering to about 500.

The reunion was organized by Marty Peters and Emil Cross, VGA alumni, and hosted by the Arlington SDA church.

Friday evening Phil Collins ('71) spoke. The Sabbath morning message featured Mike and Gayle Tucker, both of the class of '70 and faculty in the early 80s. Mike Tucker based his message on Psalm 103, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul . . . and forget not all His benefits."

Sabbath afternoon featured a VGA—Then and Now theme. Dr. Andrew Leonie, present principal, welcomed the alumni and told of the current goals of the school. One of the founders, Herbert Westphal, reminisced about the building of the school,

while Dave Watts, former district pastor, talked about the transition from a day to boarding school. Gordon DeLeon, former principal, played the piano while the audience sang, "Our Valley Home." Don Duncan, present vice-principal, showed slides of the many recent campus improvements and additions. Many expressed support for the types of programs the school now offers and for the plans for more voca-



When the 23 members left in the Everman church felt they could no longer meet the payments on their building, it was sold to a Spanish congregation, and they moved into a store front. Every two weeks these members distributed tracts and Bible enrollment cards in their neighborhood. Soon the group tripled in size, and they found it necessary to rent a larger facility. On September 30 Frank Tochtermann, Texas Conference ministerial secretary, was present for the dedication service. The new location is at 1809 Everman Parkway.



The Harlingen English junior/youth recently quoted 22 verses by memory. As a special treat they were given a pizza and swimming party followed by an airplane ride piloted by Richard Williams, their pastor.

tional programs and industry.

Vespers, a Mexican supper and sports at Burton Academy rounded out the day. Sunday morning offered a golf tourna-

ment, a Rangers game in the afternoon or a visit to Six Flags or the Texas State Fair.

Corrie Whitney
Vice-Principal, Marketing



Valley Grande Academy alumni gathered in the downstairs fellowship hall of the Arlington church.

VGA Elementary Raises Money for Ukraine

"Mama" Nadya from the Ukraine, who was visiting Dr. and Mrs. Javier Ayala of Mercedes, was invited to the Valley Grande Elementary School to meet the children.

During her visit, the students found out how hard it is for people of the Ukraine, particularly a fledgling church, to survive. They decided to help "Mama" Nadya with funds. The students were enthusiastic and were able to collect \$534 toward the purchase of a furnace for "Mama" Nadya's church. She was most appreciative of their kindness.



Dr. Ayala, Mama Nadya, and the school principal, Arsenio Hernandez, presenting a check to help with mission work.

Texico

Ruidoso Youth Honored at Luncheon

Stanley Redding, 18, was honored at a fellowship lunch August 19 at the Ruidoso church. This was the last time he would worship with the congregation before leaving for Southwestern Adventist College.

Redding served as church deacon, a Pathfinder counselor and religious liberty secretary. Until his departure to SAC, Redding had been homeschooling with a major in computer science. He was given a leadership award from Southwestern Adventist College for his involvement in his home church.

Debra Horn
Communication Secretary

Stained Glass Enhances Amarillo Church

Members of the Olsen Park church met on Friday evening, September 15, for an agape supper, drama presentation and communion service to mark the in-

stallation of a stained glass window given by anonymous members.

The window, which focuses on Jesus' final hours in the Garden of Gethsemane, also depicts the three angels of Revelation, a clock showing five minutes to midnight, the ten commandments and the date 1844.

It will replace the large east-facing window in the sanctuary which made it difficult for those on the rostrum to see the congregation. The stained glass eliminates this problem.

It will also memorialize two of the church's late members, Emadene Ockander and Margaret Heinbaugh. Ockander was an influential leader who directed the church choir and taught music and band at the church school for many years, and Heinbaugh had always wished for something to cover the window.

The agape supper was held in

the school gym. Tables were set up in the shape of a cross, with a chair at the head of the cross, reserved for one very special guest, Jesus Christ.

The group then moved to the church, where a chorus of children sang in the foyer before everyone separated for the ordinance of humility. A drama presentation of Christ's final hours in Gethsemane followed in the sanctuary. Ralph Harmon and Charlene Chapman narrated the story, while Mark Phillips, Craig Denny, Doug Denny and Bill Chapman portrayed Christ and His disciples. Between scenes the congregation sang hymns, listened to the recitation of a poem and enjoyed the vocal talent of Sheri Denny and the Olsen Park Seven Singers. Donna Songy-Wilson
Communication Secretary

(Inset above) The newly-installed stained glass window in Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Amarillo Church Participates in Tri-state Fair

Seventh-day Adventists were well represented by the Olsen Park church at a booth at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo's Better Living Center September 10-23, 1995.

Visitors to the booth were offered free copies of *Christ's Object Lessons*, *The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, *Signs* magazine and other literature. Cecil Garvin, who coordinated the effort along with his wife Becky, estimated that approximately 1,100 copies of books and literature were distributed during the week.

On display were copies of *My Bible Friends*, *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*, *Conflict of the Ages* series, *Bible Readings for the Home*, and the *Bible Adventure* video series. Visitors could obtain further information on the books or videos by filling out a card for a later visit in their home. One of two posters on display at the booth, "What Happened to Your Hands?" or "Unto us a Child



Mark Phillips, Bill Chapman, Craig Denny and Doug Denny portraying Christ's final hours in the Garden of Gethsemane.



Amy Powell, Dusty Tunnel, Jessica Garvin, David Shedd, Jessie Powell, and Wesley Shedd singing in the foyer of the church as the congregation dismisses for the footwashing service.



Visitors to the Olsen Park Church booth at the Tri-State fair look at the Bible Story books.

is Born," will be given to them at the first visit. Children were encouraged to enter a free video give-away of "Noah and the Ark/Samuel, the Prophet of God."

Visitors were also given the opportunity to sign up for stop smoking classes, classes on cooking without meat/dairy products, Bible study guides and marriage enrichment seminars.

In talking with the Garvins, it is easy to see that they have a burning desire to spread the "good news," and having a booth at the fair was a means for them to do this.

*Donna Songy-Wilson
Communication Secretary*

Olsen Park Members Reach Out to Community

In lieu of the annual prophecy seminars usually held in the Olsen Park church, the board voted for the pastor, David Sitler, to hold the seminar series entitled "Discover Jesus."

Saturday, September 23, 1995, marked the beginning of this series which continued on Sunday and Monday evenings and the same three evenings thereafter for two weeks.

Three families attended on a regular basis, including one family of inactive members. Pastor Sitler feels the series has helped meet the needs of those in attendance and says, "People's response has been encouraging."

While this seminar series was being held in the church it was not possible to hold the regular vesper program. And in order for it not become "history," Willyta Wamack, who with her husband Doug plans and coordinates vespers, began having pro-

grams at the nursing home. "I didn't want vespers to die," said Wamack. So each Sabbath afternoon for the three weeks the seminars were being held in the church, eight families, 26 people in all, went to the nursing home with their guitars to sing and visit the residents.

Originally, this was only to be a temporary arrangement until the seminars were over. However, when Nita Garcia, activity director at Georgia Manor Nursing Home, said the residents enjoyed the vesper programs, it was decided to continue the nursing home vespers every other week. Plans are being made to do so.

*Donna Songy-Wilson
Communication Secretary*



Youth and sponsors from the churches in Reserve, Deming and Silver City met at the Finch Memorial church in Truth or Consequences for vespers where several musical numbers were given. The evening was spent at the city swimming pool and Sunday at Elephant Butte Lake where they swam and went boating. Photo: Paula Harriss



Meagan Melashenko and Ashleigh Cohen visit with nursing home resident Marie Berry.



Fifty years after wearing her wedding dress, Dorothy Bohr wore it again on the day she and her husband Harold celebrated their 50th anniversary in the Olsen Park church. Sharing in this occasion were Dorothy's 98-year-old mother, all their children and grandchildren, as well as many friends.

Oklahoma

JACK FRANCISCO, CORRESPONDENT

Tulsa Youth Find Fulfillment Helping Others

The youth Sabbath school class, led by Dennis and Joyce Carlile and their assistants, chose seniors from their congregation to be secret adopted grandparents (AGs). Without revealing who they were, the youth would send their AGs cards and small gifts throughout the quarter. The AGs in turn would send cards and gifts to their secret grandchildren. This program helped bring the generations together and turned out to be a lot of fun.

This program was so successful that the youth repeated it for another quarter. At the end of each quarter they would hold a revealing ceremony when each secret grandchild would let their AG know who they were. Lots of hugs and kisses were shared all around.

"Having a secret grandparent was fun," said Rachel Childress. "I enjoyed giving elderly people gifts and notes. They seemed to enjoy getting cards that said, 'Happy Sabbath.' We made new friends. And even though the rest of my youth class have stopped, I am still going. Right now I have 5 different grandparents, and I'm enjoying getting to know each one of them."



Stephanie Carlile reveals to Bessie Dalton that she has been her secret granddaughter as she presents her with a flower and gift. Bessie will soon be 95 years old.

Wes Fjeldsted's comment was, "I really enjoyed the secret grandparent program. It was fun to send letters and gifts and to see the expressions on their faces. I really enjoyed the letters I received from the grandparents."

And Stephanie Carlile said, "It was such fun having secret grandparents. I had a great time surprising my secret grandmothers with cards, letters, and gifts. I adopted two wonderful grandmothers. They also gave me some really nice gifts. I got to know them a lot better. I felt really good from doing nice things for others."

Another project the youth are involved in is helping to feed the homeless. They have been to the Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa to help serve breakfast to homeless people. They have also been to the Day Center for the Homeless and have helped serve lunch to the children.

Jeremy Ferguson's reaction was, "Going to the Day Center for the Homeless was like reality slapping me in the face. We saw fear, hunger, and destitution, part of our world we know little about. It seems poverty should not exist in our 90s society, but it's all around us. Maybe we're not able to solve all the hunger and destitution, but the little we can do really helps."

Stephanie Carlile said it was "truly a learning experience. What really touched me was seeing children and teenagers who were homeless. My heart went out to them. I talked to them and I found they were really nice—they had just grown up in a different situation. It was a good feeling to help them. I really enjoyed it and want to do it again."

And Chad Ferguson's comment was, "When we went to the homeless shelter in Tulsa I was very surprised at how big it was and how many people there were who needed help. I was glad we were able to help make their lives easier and a little nicer. It made me feel really good inside."

Sara Earnhardt
Communication Secretary



The Tulsa Academy booth featured at the Private School Fair generated a number of queries about the program and several textbooks. The principal, Jerry McHenry, standing at the booth, is pleased for the exposure gained at the fair.

TAA Participates in School Fair

Tulsa Adventist Academy's (TAA) booth in Tulsa's "Private School Fair," held at Tulsa University on October 1, attracted a great deal of attention. This was the first year our school entered the fair, and educators from the 21 other private schools represented were eager to find out about TAA. Some of the families who came to the fair to "shop" for a school also stopped by our booth for information.

The booth featured a display board with professional quality photographs of TAA students and teachers, a sampling of textbooks produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and other materials with information about TAA. Jerry McHenry, principal, and Janice Davis passed out brochures and provided information.

"One teacher who is in charge of curriculum at her school was particularly impressed with the quality of our textbooks and curriculum," said Mrs. Davis. "We had a lot of positive feedback from other teachers as well."

Principal McHenry came away

from the fair with a feeling of success. "It was worthwhile to get acquainted with educators from the other schools. Lots of people didn't know anything about the SDA educational system. In fact, most of the other teachers didn't even know we existed—until the fair," he said. "I'm glad we participated."

Bristow Church Holds Homecoming

The Bristow Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated its fifth annual homecoming on September 9. This year the church recognized those who have served the community through the Dorcas Society. Former Bristow pastor Bill Norman (1988-1991), now at the Southern Hills Church in Oklahoma City, preached for the worship hour.

In the absence of Ann Hottal, current community service leader, her mother, Carolyn Stubblefield, now serving as secretary, presented Vera Wolfe, Oklahoma Conference community service leader, with a plaque of appreciation for the many



Three pastors who have served the Bristow congregation are from left: Bill Norman ('88-'90), Ertis Johnson, the current pastor, and Richard Barrett ('83-'88).

years she has given assistance to those in need and especially for her work following the Oklahoma City bombing. Lucille East was also honored posthumously for her work in this area.

A baby dedication of Jameson Scott Johns by Pastor Norman was also part of the morning program.

After fellowship lunch, Jaroy McGuirt, from the Oklahoma City Tenth Street church, recounted how he narrowly escaped being a victim of the Oklahoma City bombing.

McGuirt, who worked on the second floor, had gone up to the ninth floor the morning of the April 19 to complete some computer training.

When the bomb exploded, he

heard a loud noise and saw concrete and dust flying everywhere. The roof and one wall disappeared. After helping those around him out of the rubble, McGuirt stumbled down to the seventh floor. It was then that he realized that his office and his fellow workers were all gone. McGuirt was reunited with his family five hours later.

Vera Wolfe also shared her experience of working with disaster victims following the Oklahoma City bombing.

A singspiration and a salad supper and vespers by former



Carolyn Stubblefield (left), presenting Vera Wolfe with a plaque to honor her for the many years of community service and in particular for the work she did to help victims of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Bristow pastor Richard Barrett (1983-1988) ended the day.

Caroline A. Fisher, Assistant Communication Secretary

Southwestern Adventist College

JENELL RUSK, CORRESPONDENT

Pinterich Attends Women's Conference

A crowd of 50,000 women and men filled the stands of the National Olympic Stadium in Beijing, China. Performers, balloons and doves created an extravagant and breathtaking welcome. The theme "Action for Equality, Development, Peace. Look at the world through women's eyes" set a tone of cooperation and unity as thousands joined their voices in singing the theme song "... Keep on moving forward, there is no turning back." The event was the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women (FWCW).

Sitting in the crowded stadium nearly 8000 miles from home was one woman from Keene, Shirley Pinterich, retired associate professor of nursing at Southwestern Adventist College.

She travelled to the conference as a member of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) team to attend the meetings for the Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).

Before arriving in Beijing, Pinterich and her five colleagues had the opportunity to visit many of the ADRA projects located in North and South Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. ADRA is one of the NGOs that receives donations from countries for humani-

tarian efforts in all parts of the world. Some of the ADRA projects currently under way are programs that teach people about agriculture, irrigation, broom making, silk weaving and health care. ADRA also has a "Cow Bank," which lends cows for three years for reproduction, farming and milk production. After observing these projects, the group continued on to China.

Once they arrived in Beijing, they were hastily escorted to a bus which transported them to the NGO location in Hairou. Chinese guards dominated the scenery along the 90 minute route. Picture badges given to each individual were to be worn around their necks at all times. Pinterich realized the importance



Shirley Pinterich, retired associate professor of nursing at Southwestern Adventist College, stands beside the Non-Government Organizations 1995 forum logo during her visit to Beijing, China.

of each individual's badge as the days went on, for they were often checked. The badge was each delegate's permission to walk to approved locations and attend different meetings.

The '95 Beijing Women's Forum Daily listed 360 NGO workshops, seminars and panel discussions, which took place in tents, classrooms and hotels. The main topics of discussion were poverty, education, health, violence against women, effects of armed conflict, the inequality of men and women in decision making roles, economic self-reliance of women, and women's human rights. There were 16,000 representatives at the conference including individuals from 183 NGOs. Not everyone could attend the meeting of their choice, so many watched on closed-circuit TV.

Out of the topics came many discussion sessions. Pinterich attended one session titled "Leadership Skills for Women." When the workshop leader didn't arrive, an American woman suggested that delegates share their feelings and ideas on leadership. In a show of cooperation, the women shared ideas and concepts. Pinterich was impressed with the positive attitudes displayed by women of so many diverse backgrounds.

Another session, conducted by the UNICEF, covered the educating of women. They believe

when a girl is educated, she will educate her family. By teaching girls to read, illiteracy can be reduced. Getting girls to school and keeping them there is the major obstacle that must be faced before this goal can be achieved. Quick answers aren't feasible—the solutions will take time, and the outcomes will literally affect millions of lives. The conference gave women from around the world a chance to speak out on the issues affecting their countries and their lives. Special delegates who requested time to make presentations before the UN board were given 24 hours notice. American voices heard at the UN session included those of Bella Abzug, congresswoman, and First Lady Hillary Clinton. The NGO Forum presented a document to the board called The Platform for Action. In this, they called for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and suggested ways to accomplish this goal.

During her trip, Pinterich had the opportunity to attend church services in Saigon, Shanghai, and Beijing, and experience the diversity of different church services. As she lived, worshipped with and watched the people of China for 10 days during the conference, many questions and impressions crowded her mind. It was enlightening to hear reports from the Czechoslovakian

parliament, a lawyer from Venezuela, and NGOs from Geneva, Nepal, Hungary, and Kenya. "After listening to the international reports, I was given a renewed feeling of appreciation for this country in which we live and the freedoms with which we are blessed," said Pinterich.

*Christina Cervantes
SAC Sophomore Elementary
Education Major*

SAC Honors ICUT President Carol McDonald

Carol McDonald, president of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc. (ICUT), received an honorary doctor of laws degree at Southwestern Adventist College's autumn convocation, Wednesday, September 27.

In her address, McDonald reminded students and faculty of their role in the centuries-old tradition of higher education. She told SAC college students that they are among only 2% of the world population who attend college, and they should value this privilege.

She urged students to challenge themselves by taking more than the required courses—to study a broad range of subjects, especially those where learning may not come as easily. "Studies show," said McDonald, "that 10 years after graduation, people wish they'd taken more science. Twenty years after graduation, they wish they'd studied more literature and arts. Thirty years after graduation, people wish they'd learned more about religion and philosophy."

As president of ICUT for the past 13 years, McDonald has played an important role in the success of higher education policy. ICUT is a non-profit association of 40 accredited, private colleges and universities. In her position as president, McDonald represents private higher education before the Texas legislature and state agencies. Her efforts have resulted in increased funding for the Texas Equalization Grant (TEG) program, the creation of new state financial aid programs, and legislation related to hazing and the liability of institutions of higher education.

Five ICUT sister institutions sent representatives to partici-

pate in the ceremony honoring McDonald. Seated on the platform with SAC president Marvin Anderson were Bob Hunter, vice president emeritus, Abilene Christian University; Dennis Linam, vice president, Dallas Baptist University; Sam Junkin, president, Schreiner College, Kerrville; Robert Sloan, president, Baylor University; and Robert Prather, president, Texas Independent College Fund.

During the convocation ceremony, Anderson surprised two individuals with presidential citations. Hunter, who in addition to his position at ACU is also a state representative for District 71 and former president of ICUT, received a citation for his work in establishing the TEG program. Clint Forrest of Forrest Pontiac-Buick-GMC, Cleburne, received a citation for outstanding community service and support of education.

*Sarah St. Clair
SAC Junior History Major*

Nursing Wellness Center Organizes Support Groups

The Nursing Wellness Center of Southwestern Adventist College is beginning two programs this month. Area residents are



Myrtle Lear of Keene visits the Nursing Wellness Center to have her blood pressure checked by Meriam Fabriga, assistant professor of nursing. In addition to routine health services, the center also offers a walking class, a bereavement support group and a diabetic support group. Photo: Tobe Watts



Carol McDonald, president of ICUT, was granted an honorary doctor of laws degree during Southwestern Adventist College's autumn convocation. Dignitaries from five institutions joined SAC president Marvin Anderson to congratulate McDonald. Pictured, from left, are: Robert Prather, president, Texas Independent College Fund; Dennis Linam, vice president, Dallas Baptist University; Anderson; McDonald; Bob Hunter, vice president emeritus, Abilene Christian University; Robert Sloan, president, Baylor University, Waco; Sam Junkin, president, Schreiner College. Photo: Tobe Watts

invited to join the diabetic support group and the bereavement support group, which will meet in SAC's Hagen Hall on Tuesday evenings.

SAC nursing faculty and students provide a number of services through the Nursing Wellness Center. A walking group meets Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m., and the center is open Monday through Thursday from 3-5 p.m. for health screenings, blood pressure and weight measurement, and health education.

The Nursing Wellness Center is located in Hagen Hall, on the corner of Magnolia and Mockingbird Streets, directly across from the SAC cafeteria.

For more information about the Nursing Wellness Center programs, please call 645-3921, extension 523. *Jenell Eli Rusk*

Communication Department Adds Equipment and License

Two important recent events have strengthened the communication department at Southwestern Adventist College.

The department purchased a digital audio work station to update their broadcast engineering equipment. This system will replace reel to reel editing methods, such as cutting and pasting tape, and will improve the efficiency of audio production. The new work station is housed at the Studios at Southwestern and is being used by students in audio production laboratories.

The Federal Communications Commission granted a broadcast license to Southwestern Adventist College's low power television station, Channel 60, on August 22, 1995. This completes the licensing process for the station.

"I was surprised to receive the license only three months after receiving our construction permit," said John Williams, associate professor of communication and television station manager. "I was expecting to wait at least six months."

Channel 60 is operated by communication students of Southwestern Adventist College. The station format features a variety of news, educational, family and religious programs, including a local news broadcast.

*April Cavender
SAC Freshman English Major*



Andrew P. Woolley, Ph.D., professor of English at Southwestern Adventist College, spent part of his summer as a professor of record for the British Studies program of the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss. The program is a consortium of 13 colleges and universities whose members participate in month-long summer classes at the University of London, Chelsea, England. Woolley taught a class titled, The Legend of King Arthur. He was asked to return to England and teach the class this year after assisting Dr. Stan Hauer, associate dean of liberal arts at the University of Southern Mississippi, two years ago. Photo: Tobe Watts

Healthcare

Huguley Employees Demonstrate a Caring Spirit

When Huguley laboratory technician Terry Jackman was seriously injured in a car accident, he was left with stitches, pins, mounting medical bills, and no time off. Then Huguley employees stepped in with help.

Employees from all over the hospital took the initiative and donated hours and days of their own time off to Jackman. From this, he received over seven days of vacation time, valued at \$723.

Jackman's co-workers in the laboratory held a benefit bake sale, and raised an additional \$372 for Jackman.

An employee mentioned Jackman's plight at home. One of the employee's children took a shoebox to school and collected money from fellow students. Then the child delivered the box, filled with more than \$10, to the laboratory. Employees discovered it the next morning. The child's identity is still unknown. Thank you, whoever you are.

Leona Backy

Benchmark Brings Rewards

Huguley's Radiology Department was benchmarked as the #1 Radiology Department in the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt and #2 in the SunHealth System. These honors were based on statistical information submitted from sister hospitals in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Texas.

Ancillary Services director Leon Adams expressed his appreciation for high quality employees. "It's a pleasure to work with a dedicated and talented staff," Adams said.

Huguley's Radiology Department was doubly honored for

their achievement. The Laboratory employees threw a surprise party for them. They served cake, cookies, and brownies and even made a congratulatory banner.

Leona Backy

Willow Creek Offers Community-Based Assistance

Three years ago when Willow Creek Hospital became a partner in the Adopt-A-School program, they chose Forest Hill Elementary in Fort Worth. The main goal was to help students improve their scores on the TAAS Test, which is taken in the 4th grade. Each year Heidi Boucher has led the 4th graders through our ROPES/Challenge Course, teaching them problem solving skills. Principal Harlan Beal reports that their scores have improved significantly, going from the lower third percentile into the top third percentile.

Willow Creek Hospital also offers a newly opened facility, Women's Freedom House, which provides a transitional living facility for women in North Texas where they can overcome alcohol and chemical dependency in a residential setting. The Men's Freedom House has been operating successfully since January, 1994.

Substance abuse training for supervisors is another service Willow Creek offers free to all area businesses. This six-hour program teaches managers how to detect substance abuse in their employees, and how to help them obtain aid. Any Sunbelt facility interested in obtaining more information about this program can call Linda Watson or Sheila Jacob at (817) 561-3336.

Another service the hospital will be offering during December is the Holiday Adventure Camp for adolescents and teens aged eight to 18. There will be a 5-day camp, December 18-22, or a 3-day camp, December 27-

29. Both camps will give children a beneficial yet fun experience during their holiday time. Through outdoor experiential training, they will learn the value of setting goals, making plans, developing resources and upholding commitments, promoting growth in teamwork, cooperation, and self-esteem. For more information, call Heidi Boucher at (817) 561-3394.

Ceramics Memorial Benefits San Marcos Recreation Center

When Alton Tharp's life-long partner and wife, Jacque, died from cancer, he and his two sons felt they wanted to do something special in her memory.

For the past 50 years they had worked as partners with Alton's career in construction and Jacque a ceramics artist.



Alton Tharp standing in front of a wall displaying boxed ceramics molds his wife used in her art work.

"She was an artist," explains Alton. "I would pour the molds for her and she'd do the rest. At one time, she even operated a full-time ceramic business out of our basement. Everywhere we went, we took those molds with us," continued Alton. "Eventu-

ally, there were over 3,000 of them."

Alton said that his job took them all over the states of Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. And according to Alton, he and Jacque never saw a place they didn't like.

Eventually, Alton and Jacque retired to San Marcos, Texas—the place where they felt most at home. There they settled into their large home to enjoy retirement.

During this period doctors discovered a spot on Jacque's lung. "Jacque's doctor was a life-long friend. And he was honest with us," reported Alton. "He never gave up, never said 'no' to any treatment option we wished to try. He still came to visit, even after there was no hope for her recovery."

Central Texas Medical Center Hospice team leader Pat Huber remembers, "I recall the enthusiasm that Mrs. Tharp had for life. The Christmas before she died, she went shopping for her two grandchildren and cooked part of the holiday meal, even though she was feeling poorly. She was a very special lady."

Since Jacque's death on February 3, 1994, Alton has learned to deal with his grief, not by forgetting his past, but by sharing his future.

"Men grieve by activity and by doing," explained Pat. "Alton and his sons chose to remember Jacque by sharing her love of art with the community. When I heard that the city was about to build a new recreation center, I called to see if they would be interested in her ceramic equipment. They readily accepted my offer."

On November 20, 1994, over 100 people, including most of Jacque's large family and the city's vice mayor, attended a special plaque-and-bust dedication

at the Dunbar Recreation Center. For Alton and his family, it was a day they will never forget.

Alton plans to be actively involved in the center's new ceramics program which is currently holding classes for seniors. He says that the center will eventually add classes for all age groups.

"I feel happy that even though Jacque is no longer alive, she will always be a part of my life and, now, a part of this community," he concluded.

Patricia A. Smedley
Central Texas Medical Center

You too can make a difference in your community. Call your local medical center today for more information about volunteer opportunities.

Wellness Program Helps Solve Headaches

"I was resolved to living with this terrible thing for the rest of my life," said 31-year-old Cathy Simmons of her severe headaches. They continually turned her day upside down and often caused a loss of productivity at her job at City Hall. The demands of her position and the family's financial burdens made it difficult for her to take time off from her work in order to schedule an appointment with a physician.

While picking up her twins from an after-school care program one day, someone told her about the elementary school's Wellness '95 Health Screening. The plan was coordinated by Metroplex Hospital, a 213-bed facility owned by Adventist Health System Sunbelt.

Cathy brought her family to the health fair—which was set up during the evening hours. There in the school gymnasium she saw more than 40 booths offering

various health screenings, educational demonstrations, physician exams, healthy snacks, and child immunizations.

Cathy's health profile and the results of her cholesterol and blood pressure screenings revealed signs of hypertension. She also learned that her local community hospital was offering more than 15 classes each month designed to heal and strengthen the body, mind, and spirit.

Cathy wanted to change her lifestyle patterns, so she enrolled in Fresh Start—a stop smoking class—to help her quit her 14-year addiction. The following month she brought a neighbor with her to the Eating for Fitness class. This month, she and her husband Tom volunteered to serve on the Violence Prevention Initiative, sponsored by Metroplex Pavilion and the Killeen Independent School District. "Life sure has changed at our house," says 9-year-old Cassidy. "Mom's in a better mood these days!"

Changing lives one home at a time is what Metroplex Hospital's Wellness '95 program is all about. More than 8,000 Central Texas residents like the Simmons family have enrolled in its monthly classes, health fairs, clinics and community outreach projects. The hospital has broadened its definition of health to include economic conditions, education,

crime, and other social issues that impact the community.

The hospital conveys its interest in preventative medicine by providing an array of classes, women's health conferences, Kidfest programs, and flu shot clinics. But it is also committed to being integrated as part of a health care delivery system that "nurtures the community it serves." The wellness initiative is designed to direct change for the well-being of the community," says Judy Leach, community health coordinator. "It empowers individuals and families to take responsibility to live healthier lives."

A health assessment done in collaboration with local schools, churches, community agencies, and area businesses has revealed that residents of the greater Killeen community want a healthy, safe place to live and raise a family.

Metroplex is a family of caring professionals, committed to continuing the heritage of quality services. It approaches a new year with the wellness mission of creating healthier people and communities, while nurturing lifelong learning in the citizens it serves.

Judy Leach
Community Relations



"Creative Cuzines," one of the many wellness '95 classes taught at Metroplex Hospital.

Announcements

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

Singles Plan New Year's Retreat

The National Single Adult New Year's Retreat, sponsored by Adventist Singles Ministries, will be Dec. 29-Jan. 1 at the Daytona Beach Hilton Resort, Daytona Beach, FL. Experience renewal with singles from across North America during this special weekend of worship, recreation and entertainment. For brochure and further information contact Adventist Singles Ministries, 4467 King Springs Rd., Smyrna, GA 30082; 770-434-5111.

Maplewood Academy Plans West Coast Chapter Reunion

Maplewood Academy/Hutchinson Theological Seminary plans its West Coast Chapter reunion Feb. 4, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in the Loma Linda University campus cafeteria. Send luncheon reservations (\$9.50) before Jan. 24 to Ruth Purdy, 24414 University Ave., #47, Loma Linda, CA 92354 or call 909-799-3723.

Obituaries

AYERS, Merl O., was born April 27, 1915 in Lawton, OK and died Sept. 24, 1995 in Keene, TX. Survivors: wife, Ruby, Keene; sons, Gilbert, Austin, TX and Robert, Fort Worth, TX; daughter, Donna Dortch, Riverside, CA; brother, Bob, Lawton; sisters, Doris McMillan, Porterville, CA and Verda Tague, Springville, CA; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

BAKER, Leslie Don, was born Mar. 23, 1919 in Moon, WI and died April 17, 1995 in Harrah, OK. Survivors: wife, Peggy, Harrah; daughter, Connie Hartzo, Harrah; sons, Jack, Gentry, AR, Jim, Newcomers Town, OH and Scott, Vinita, OK; nephew, Doug Baker, Edmond, OK; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.
Jim King

COLLIER, Ricky Jack, was born Dec. 11, 1956 in Nowata, OK and died Aug. 17, 1995 in Claremore, OK. Survivors: mother, Mary Sue Remund, Delaware, OK; father and stepmother, Jack and Phyllis Collier, Monahans, TX; brothers, Douglas Adair, Chelsea, OK and Ben Lewis, Weatherford, TX; sisters, Susan Riley, Nowata, Pam Rushmore, Ada, OK, Debra Dillow, Monahans, and Cheryl Farnes, Espanola, NM. Madeline Scott

DAVIS, JR., O. J. (Jack), was born Aug. 26, 1921 in Bartlesville, OK and died Aug. 14, 1995 in Oklahoma City. He is survived by his wife, Christine, of Tulsa, OK.
Sara Earnhardt

DUNN, Frankie Lenoir, was born Oct. 22, 1917 in Old Alluwe, OK and died Sept. 17, 1995 in Nowata, OK. Survivors: son, Harold, Pampa, TX; daughters, Mary Sue Remund, Delaware, OK, Janette Sutherlin, Nowata, Jackie Reynolds, Delaware, and Peggy Rogers, Ponca City, OK.
Madeline Scott

GIBBS, Edna, was born Aug. 13, 1902 in Hot Springs, AR and died Sept. 20,

1995 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: daughters, Phyllis Ballew, Shattuck, OK and Algie Didlaukes, Miami, FL; sister, Mae Michael, Keene, TX; 7 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

GIFFORD, Laura Winifred, was born Aug. 30, 1916 in Shreveport, LA and died Sept. 10, 1995 in Shreveport. Survivors: son, Elder Stephen Gifford; daughters, Beth Gifford, Susie Collier, and Linda Collier; brother, Hugh Winderweede; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

HART, Stella Azalee, was born Mar. 27, 1905 in Wagoner Co., OK and died Aug. 12, 1995 in Harrah, OK. She taught church school in Kansas and Oklahoma and was a literature evangelist in Oklahoma. She is survived by a niece, Evelyn Gravett, Tahlequah, OK, and 2 nephews, Paul Hart, Bartlesville, OK and Allen Hart, Nashville, TN.
Jim King

HAWK, Hazel Louise, was born Mar. 31, 1910 in Marshalltown, IA and died Aug. 10, 1995 in Harrison, AR. She is survived by her husband, George, of Lead Hill, AR.

HENDERSON, S. Ross, was born Mar. 12, 1900 in Salem, MO and died Sept. 24, 1995 in Harrah, OK. Survivors: sister, Elma Moser, Salem, MO and niece, Carol Dean, Salem.
Jim King

HUTSON, Winifred A., was born May 19, 1926 in Lafayette, IN and died Aug. 7, 1995 in Corrigan, TX. Survivors: husband, Murt, Corrigan; sons, Ronald Ward, Cincinnati, OH, Clifford Knox, Channelview, TX, Richard and Russell Hutson, both of Houston, TX; daughters, Barbara Bogel and Rebecca Conway Hall, both of Corrigan; brother, Hal Denham; sister, Mary Brandies, Sun Valley, NV; 11 grandchildren, including Jennifer Conway, Jeffrey Conway and Steven Hutson of Corrigan.
Rebecca Hall

KNIGHT, Wanda Leona, was born May 10, 1909 in Scott Co., AR and died July 19, 1995 in Tulsa, OK. Survivors: husband of 65 years, Lynn, of Sand Springs, OK; sons, Pete, Scottsdale, AZ, Jake, Des Moines, IA, and Bob, Calif; sisters, Billie Johnson, Wilburton, OK and Beulah Madding, Midwest City, OK; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

KRETZ, Hilda, was born Dec. 13, 1906 near Shattuck, OK and died Aug. 10, 1995 in Shattuck. Survivors: sons, Max Wassenmiller, Pinole, CA and Robert Wassenmiller, Keene, TX; daughter, Joyce Jarrett, Lake Front, CA; brother, David Bender, Shattuck; sisters, Genevieve Ezell, Bovina, TX and Evelyn Bender, Higgins, TX; 4 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.
Virginia Burton

RUSSELL, Willard L., was born Nov. 25, 1925 and died Sept. 14, 1995 in Sapulpa, OK. Survivors: wife, Betty, Sapulpa; sons, Randal, Osage Beach, MO, Terry and Rick, both of Sapulpa; stepsons, Benny and Wesley Beaver; stepdaughter, Jacquetta Smith; sister, Betty Gales; and brother, Gerald Russell.

TANKERSLEY, Richard Duane, was born Jan. 6, 1937 in Tulsa, OK and died Aug. 4, 1995 in Tulsa. Survivors: wife, Dorothy, Sapulpa, OK; sons, Richard Tankersley Jr, Canon City, CO, Michael Tankersley, Tulsa, and Donald Krause, Bartlesville, OK; brothers, Don, Max and Famous; sister, Connie Baker; and 4 grandchildren.

SHAFER, Arthur Leroy, was born Aug. 4, 1919 near Burdette, KS and died Sept. 5, 1995 in Siloam Springs, AR. He worked with Christian Record Services for 21 years. Survivors: wife, Reba, Beaver City, NE; son, Dean, Gentry, AR; daughter, Loretta Westberry, Jacksonville, FL; brothers, Carl, Everett and Edwin; sisters, Thelma Green and Evelyn Clark; 7 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

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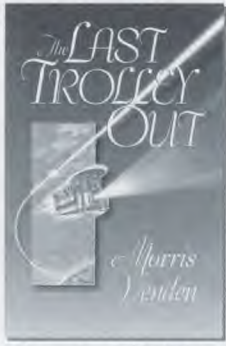
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Sunset Calendar

	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
Abilene, Texas	5:34	5:35	5:37	5:42	5:48	5:54
Amarillo, Texas	5:35	5:36	5:38	5:43	5:49	5:55
Brownsville, Texas	5:39	5:41	5:44	5:48	5:53	5:58
Dallas, Texas	5:21	5:22	5:24	5:29	5:35	5:41
El Paso, Texas	5:02	5:04	5:06	5:10	5:16	5:22
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	5:23	5:24	5:26	5:31	5:37	5:43
Galveston/Houston, Texas	5:21	5:23	5:26	5:30	5:35	5:41
Gentry, Arkansas	5:04	5:05	5:07	5:12	5:18	5:24
Little Rock, Arkansas	4:58	5:00	5:02	5:07	5:12	5:19
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:08	5:09	5:11	5:16	5:22	5:28
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:00	5:02	5:04	5:09	5:14	5:20
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:17	5:18	5:20	5:25	5:31	5:37
San Antonio, Texas	5:36	5:37	5:39	5:43	5:50	5:55
Santa Fe, New Mexico	4:49	4:51	4:54	4:58	5:04	5:11
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:09	5:11	5:13	5:18	5:23	5:29
Tulsa, Oklahoma	5:10	5:11	5:13	5:18	5:24	5:30

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