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SITTING AT THE PERSONAL COMPUTER in our home office, I am surrounded by shelf after shelf of books. One of those shelves is filled with books about women and for women. Everything a woman would ever want to know about life—maximizing your time, renewing your spiritual life, overcoming depression, developing friendships with other women, understanding the men in your life, becoming “superwoman!”

The book that catches my eye today is one by Alice Mathews titled, *A Woman God Can Use*. While the other books offer many helpful principles, this one is about serving God. About letting God use you. That’s what I’m interested in today, and that is what this issue of the *Record* is about—women who are being used by God. Women in ministry.

In the book, Mathews tells the story of a young woman, Mary Slessor, who served years ago as a missionary in the jungles of Calabar. Mary penetrated deep into the jungle, reaching savage tribes which no other missionary had yet visited.

Hearing the drums beating one evening, she went to the village marketplace where the people had gathered. Pushing through the crowd, she found masked tribesmen standing over a terrified young girl who was tied to stakes in the ground. Because of an assumed infraction of law, the girl had been sentenced to have boiling oil poured on her bare stomach.

The scene would have daunted the bravest of people: the ring of seated chiefs; the masked men, grotesque in the flickers of the fire; the laughing, drunken warriors; and the tribesman ladling oil from a boiling pot. If Mary had known ahead of time what she would find, she might have stayed away from the marketplace, but now that she was here in the middle of this ring, it never occurred to her to turn back.

She walked over and stood between the girl and the fire, facing the man with the ladle. There was a hush, and then an explosion of chatter as the crowd babbled their amazement. The masked man began to swing the ladle around. He came closer to Mary. She stood her ground and stared at him. The ladle swung nearer her head, but still she stood firm. He must either strike her or retreat. Mary stared. He retreated.

As she began to walk toward the chief, the man with the ladle scrambled to get out of her way. Such a show of power from a mere woman! The girl’s punishment now became a trivial matter compared to the exhibition of the power of this small woman’s God.

The chief sent the girl home with Mary while he considered her case, and later she was sent back to her husband unpunished.

How could Mary stand up against an entire village? Mary “never doubted that she was living in the presence of God and that He was guiding her in the special work for which He had shaped her.” She knew she was called by God.

Most women may never experience anything so dramatic, but we, too, are called by God to a special work. We are called to be ministers, each of us engaging in the ministry to which we are especially fitted. I believe the word “ministry” is overused these days, and many times it is misunderstood. According to Webster, ministry simply means “an act of serving.” As women, we are called to serve.

What does that mean in practical terms? We are living in the 90’s. We have families, jobs, homes to care for. Every minute of the day is

ABOUT THE COVER: Reva Wallace believes that God can work wonders through prayer. She is pictured here with her prize-winning Crayola coloring book. Read more about her on page 3. — Photo: courtesy of The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Women of Wonder

When there’s a willingness to serve, God provides a way



Gayle Tucker

packed. How do we add ministry to an already harried lifestyle?

To answer that question, I have been observing some of the godly women in my church. They are at different stages of life, with different family circumstances and different areas of focus, but they all have a ministry. They all serve.

Our church has an active Adventurer club. One of the primary leaders of that group is a young mother of two. She has a heart for service, for ministry, and for her family. God has allowed her to center her ministry around her own children and other children their age. She works hard with Adventurers, she tells children’s stories in church,

she’s a co-leader in kindergarten Sabbath school, she works with children throughout the week, and when vacation Bible school comes around she is there. She has expanded the natural circumstances of her life into a viable ministry to others.

Other women go outside of their own setting to minister. One friend of mine is a single woman with a wonderful gift of understanding and empathy. Through an unexpected turn of events, she began visiting the county jail and working with women inmates. She now devotes at least one evening a

week as a volunteer chaplain for the jail, influencing many young women for the Lord. Jail ministry is not what she would have chosen, but she says she can see now that God had His hand in placing her there. She is also a devoted Bible student and is involved with several group Bible studies in the church. Her insights have been a real blessing to me as we have studied together.

I had a call one day from another church member asking for an appointment. When we sat down together, she told me that she is now retired and has some time available. She wanted to

spend that time helping people in our congregation who may be alone or in need, and she asked for names of women who might need a visit. She now makes visits regularly and is conducting a Bible study. Her warm hospitality has also enabled her to help many of our new members find a place of warmth within our church.

Others may be called to a more formal ministry. I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve as an associate pastor, with the duties of planning, counseling, speaking, and nurturing which go along with that ministry. What a joy and a privilege to serve this group of people in this place!

Another of our women has recently completed her degree in an area of pastoral ministry. She is currently serving on the staff of another denomination, while also volunteering with our church in the areas of Bible teaching and nurturing.

You see, the ministry to which God calls women may change as we move through our lives. It may be different when our children are small than when they are grown, different when we are married than when we are single, but there will always be a calling.

Ellen White writes, “Women can be the instruments of righteousness, rendering holy service. It was Mary that first preached a risen Jesus . . . The refining, softening influence of Christian women is needed in the great work of preaching the truth . . . We are lacking in deeds of sympathy and benevolence, in sacred and social ministering to the needy, the oppressed, and the suffering. Women who can work are needed now, women who are not self-important, but meek and lowly of heart, who will work with the meekness of Christ wherever they can find work to do for the salvation of souls.” *Review and Herald*, Jan 2, 1879.

Women of God, be certain of your calling. God has called you to serve.

Gayle Tucker, Associate pastor, Arlington, Texas

Women of Wonder

The women in this issue of the RECORD are being featured because they use their talents in acts of love for their Lord.

The Act of Sharing—

She learned it from an American grandma.

An 18-year old girl, traveling alone in a foreign country, sat scared and shivering in the Los Angeles airport. She kept rubbing her arms to keep warm. It was not this cold in March back home in the Philippines. A man wearing a long coat sat close by and kept watching her. Finally he approached her, took off his coat and gave it to her. How kind! What a wonderful place America must be, she thought!

That was 27 years ago, and I was that little girl. It all started with an address label I had peeled off a *Review and Herald* magazine that had been sent to our church. It's because of the name on that label that my life has been changed.

At 14 years of age, with



Reva Wallace with Cliff (17) on the left and Alan (14) on the right.

nine brothers and sisters and a money problem, my dream of going to college seemed remote. In desperation and after months of prayer, I followed the advice of my oldest sister.

"Write to someone from the States," she said. She knew a few of her classmates who'd been sponsored by generous Americans. But how and where would I find such a person? I spent months scanning religious magazines, and found American names, but no addresses.

Then one afternoon an uncle came to visit. In his arms was a bundle of old *Review and Herald* magazines wrapped in brown paper. As he laid it down, the sight of an almost-peeled-off address label caught my eye. That night I

wrote to a Mrs. Beryl McLarty in Memphis, Tennessee. To my surprise, she answered. I found out she was a 75-year-old who was willing to sponsor me. This sweet lady became my American Grandma. And in my eighteenth summer, I was on my way to



A page from Reva Wallace's book that won \$25,000.

Memphis to surprise her for Mother's Day.

Her kindness overwhelmed me. Returning to Manila, I studied hard and graduated with honors from Philippine Union College with a degree in medical technology. After graduation, I went to live with Grandma in Memphis, got a job as a medical technologist, and helped send two of my sisters to nursing school.

Grandma died a year later. Although she's gone, that caring lady will forever live in my memory. Now, I've been happily married for 19 years and have two teenage sons, Cliff and Adam.

Without knowing it, Grandma started a chain—a chain to help deserving kids who had no financial aid. In her unselfish way she gave me not only a future, but a vision for my life. Now it was my turn to do the same to others.

I didn't wait for someone to find my address label. Instead, I sent my mailing label back to the Philippines with a message: Write to me if you want to go to school. Several young people answered.

When my family began sponsoring students in the Philippines about eight years ago, I didn't know how we were going to do it. In faith I hung on to God's promise that He would provide. Under His blessing, two students graduated this March with B.S. degrees in nursing, and two families have accepted Jesus.

And God hasn't stopped pouring out His blessings. Last fall, my entry for an adult art contest sponsored by Crayola—a pop-up child's book done in water color—was chosen as the grand prize winner from over 6,000 entries nationwide. The \$25,000 prize came just in time, since my oldest son, Cliff,

enters college this year.

We've learned that we cannot outgive God. He gives back much more than we give!

Reva Wallace

Denham Springs, Louisiana

The Act of Praying—



She serves as host for an intercessory prayer group.

Maggie Mae Facundus, fondly known as "Miss Maggie," is one of 11 founding



Maggie Facundus

members of the Monroe, La., church. Over the years she has served the Monroe congregation in a number of capacities, including

treasurer, Dorcas leader, missionary leader and teacher of every Sabbath school division from kindergarten to the adults. She was also their first church school teacher.

Now, at the age of 90, Miss Maggie still hosts an intercessory prayer ministry in her home. Every Thursday morning

a group meets to pray for family and church concerns.

"We have attributed many miracles to the prayers of this group," says her pastor, Don Fortner. "The sale of our old building, the erection of the new church and church school have all come about partly because this prayer group upheld our needs before the Lord." Miss Maggie's Christian walk has included many miraculous and memorable experiences. One such experience occurred in 1993 during a stay in the hospital. On a particularly grim day, Miss Maggie looked up from her bed to see an angel only a few feet away.

"God revealed His love and care by sending an angel to let me know I was not alone," she said. One week later, while still in the hospital, a similar experience occurred. This time there were three angels, and again her spirits were lifted.

"I don't think I will ever let Satan discourage me again, knowing God's angels are watching over me and all of God's people," she said.

Miss Maggie was born on May 6, 1906, in Lawrence County, Miss., into a Methodist family. She was married in 1927 to Lehde Bruce Facundus, and shortly after their marriage the couple

moved to Monroe.

Maggie Mae was introduced to the Sabbath by her husband after the birth of their first son who was often ill. She believed that his poor health might be the result of the couple's failure to keep Sunday holy. (They had a habit of going to the drugstore on Sundays for ice cream.)

When Maggie Mae mentioned her thoughts to her husband, he shocked her by explaining that Saturday was the true Sabbath, not Sunday. He had been exposed to the Seventh-day Adventist Church at a young age when he and his mother attended some meetings and were visited by an Adventist literature evangelist.

In 1934 she was one of 11 people baptized as a result of Bible studies given to her by an Adventist minister, and she has been a faithful member ever since.

Miss Maggie has three sons, all of whom are doctors, a daughter, 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Nola Horne

Women's Ministry Director

The Act of Shepherding—



She stands as beacon of light in the community.

For 59 years the Baton Rouge Berean Church has been an instrument of light in the community. During this time it has undergone a number of changes and improvements, but it wasn't until January, 1996 that the church experienced a historical first in its officers slate. It was then that Margaret B. Lawrence, wife of Berean's treasurer, was installed as Berean's first female local elder.

Lawrence has been an ardent Sabbath school and



Margaret B. Lawrence

church worker and has held a number of major offices in the church. Her particular burden has been for the youth and children of the church, made evident by her continued involvement in Berean's youth ministry. She has also brought words of encouragement to young men incarcerated at the Jetson Correctional Center as part of Berean's youth prison ministry.

Lawrence is a certified Bible instructor and has been involved in evangelism for many years. In addition, she is a Christian educator in a public setting, having been cited a national educator of youth by the East Baton Rouge Parish public schools. She and her husband are parents of two adult children.

Evelyn Edwards

Communication Leader

The Act of Serving—



She does it without a thought for herself.

She's a pastor's wife, a school principal and teacher, the mother of six, a sometimes maintenance person, janitor, fixer-upper, and behind-the-scenes operator. How can a 5' 4", 95-pound lady bear the weight of so many hats? Yet, Joyce Fortner of Baton Rouge



Miss Maggie's prayer group.



Joyce Fortner

with cancer five years ago, Joyce says, "My life is totally His for His service."

Joyce and I have team-taught at Jones Creek Adventist Junior Academy for the past three years. We've developed a close friendship. She is an inspiration to me, an ever-ready friend who can listen and give wise counsel. Her energy and spirituality permeate our school program, making it the best in the 11 years I have taught here.

On a dark day in 1995 as my husband was dying in our home, Joyce stood by my side, offering support and comfort to my broken heart. It was a moment of unselfish love I will always treasure. If ever a woman has emulated the character of Christ, it is my friend, Joyce Fortner.

*Fran Haper
Jones Creek Adventist
Junior Academy*

The Act of Dedication—



She keeps busy sharing her talents in the church.

During the time her six children were growing up, Betty Jo Morris taught in the kindergarten, primary, and junior classes at the Rogers Church. Many of these children and their parents were entertained for class activities in her home.



Betty Jo Morris

When her youngest child

began school in 1976, Betty went back to the University of Arkansas to complete her Bachelor of Science degree.

For the last 12 years, she has served as Sabbath school superintendent and at the same time stepped down from the pulpit to play the piano for Sabbath school. When it comes time for the senior classes upstairs, she rushes downstairs to play the piano for the children's classes. At the close of Sabbath school, if there is no one available, she goes back upstairs to play for the church service.

For the last three years, she has been chairperson of the Springdale church school board, of which Rogers is a constituent church. Betty and husband Bill are the leaders of the area singspiration. They are also in charge of singing at four area nursing homes in Rogers.

*Doris Willbanks
Rogers Church Clerk*

The Act of Compassion—



Even though her future is not sure, she thinks of others first.

Along with a good cry, I did some deep soul searching after surgery to have my right breast removed in April of 1987. I was told that breast cancer had invaded the lymph nodes under my right arm.

I'd been a Seventh-day Adventist for six years. I thought about how my Lord had died for me on the cross and about what could I do for Him in the persons of my fellow men, to make a difference in their lives.

I began to ask people in church how I could be of help. I found that *Jesus in Central*, a prison ministry at our church, needed a secretary and Bible coordinator. My heart



Sally White counseling a client.

melted at the thought of the needs and concerns of these prisoners. I read letters, cried over each one, and sent Bible studies to as many as 7 prisons in our area. This went on for about 2 or 3 years, and then I discovered another ministry that needed my care—the community service center.

When, in 1990, a tornado hit near Houma, we began accepting clothing from the community and the Red Cross. Two of our church members, Roger Fitch and Verdine Culpepper, worked closely with the Red Cross. This helped us get recognition in the community.

Mac and Margie McCorkel, a retired couple who sold wood carvings for a living, also helped out at the center. They sold their carvings and watched the store for us. John

and Susie Clark, another retired couple, also helped. They had overcome tragedies of their own and loved to be with people and share their love for Jesus.

My mother, Telcis Cantrelle, and my sister, Sheila Pertuit—a non-Adventist—also worked with me in the store, and our love for the center grew each day.

Dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew made it clear that we needed more room. In spite of the size of the building, however, we were able to assist approximately 600 people.

In 1993 we moved to a center a little closer to the main mall traffic. We were now able to pay our own rent, and we had doubled our income in sales and donations. We began to sell vegetarian foods so that



Sally White, right, sizing a skirt with her assistant, Loretta Authement.

they could be accessible to our church members and the people of our area. When our workers, John and Susie Clark, resigned due to failing health, two non-Adventists, Wanda Roger and Doris Boudreaux, joined our ranks.

Sooner than we thought, we discovered that this building was also too small. So in December, 1994, we moved to the building in which we now operate. The new center is located across from a popular food market in the middle of Houma.

My father, Emile Cantrelle, has joined our work force. He also has a prison ministry and a hospital ministry which he loves. He enjoys telling of how Jesus died for us and is waiting to return to earth for us. Father placed his prayer table inside the center and everyone signs his or her name if they want to be remembered in prayer. Some people just come in to sign their name in the book.

Our center has flourished in the past six years, and the people of Houma know about our work and welcome us. With God's help we care for the needy, provide for the hungry, clothe the homeless, minister to the sick, and visit the prisoners who have no family to call their own.

*Sally White, director
Houma Community
Service Center*

The Act of Organizing—

She's lovingly called "The General."

I have just interviewed the most interesting Christian lady I have ever met in my life—Della Cales from the Cleveland Adventist Church. She will be 91 years "young" April 28, 1996. She has the greatest sense of humor. We all call her



Dressed appropriately for Pioneer Day, Della Cales guides the service as she plays the organ for church.

"The General," because she's a great leader. She is full of love for her fellow man, and in return she receives love and respect from each member of our church, young and old alike.

She was born and raised in Rush Center, Kansas and graduated from Enterprise Academy in Kansas. She and her first husband raised one son, Ed Bellamy. He and his family reside in Mannford, Oklahoma.

Her second husband, Raymond Cales, was a minister who was raised in Newkirk, Oklahoma, just after the Oklahoma Land Run. He and Della moved back to Oklahoma from Arizona in 1979, after his retirement from the ministry.

During the years she has been devoted to her work with the young people, especially the junior division. She worked with Missionary Volunteers (later called Pathfinders) for a number of years. She was also responsible for organizing and leading the first Vacation bible school in the Adventist church in Los Angeles, California. It was considered a trial run and the beginning of a successful way to reach more young people with the message that God loved them.

She still plays the organ and

piano for our small church. She tells us she would retire, but so far we haven't found anyone to replace her. Della walks close to her Lord, and He has greatly blessed her for her efforts for Him.

*Marylyn Brandon
Cleveland SDA Church*

The Act of Singing—

They use their voices to bless others.

◆ When Jessica was only six years old, she began singing for her Lord. The first songs she sang in public were "People Need the Lord," "He Is Able," "Because He Lives" and "We Shall Behold Him."

"Now at age nine, Jessica sings only sacred music with a message about Christ," her parents comment. "When she receives a request to sing, we pray before she chooses which song to sing."

From the beginning of her ministry, Jessica has responded to requests to sing with, "If it will make someone happy and lead them to Jesus, I'll sing." She looks for nothing in return but Jesus' love, strength and His presence in working for Him.

Her ministry takes her to cheer patients at nursing facilities, incarcerated at penal

institutions, graduations, as well as at weddings. Her biggest supporter and prayer partner is her six-year-old sister, Janae, who sings with her occasionally.

Jessica and her family want to be together as a family in heaven, and their prayer is that those who hear her sing will be inspired with the same vision.

*Evelyn Edwards
Communication Leader
Baton Rouge*

◆ When I first heard about singing the national anthem at a Houston Rockets game, I knew I could do it. But the thought of singing in front of 16,285 people was intimidating. However, the assurance of my mom, dad, brother and my friend, Krystal, made me realize that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

I entered the Target Fantasy Sweepstakes and was chosen to send in an audition tape along with five others. Out of the six, the best talent was to be chosen as the grand prize winner. When I found out I had won, I was ecstatic. I think God allowed me to win because this was something I really wanted to do.

When it came time to sing at the game, I was surprised, because I was only a little nervous, but I still said a prayer so that I would do well. I started off a little shaky, but soon gained confidence with each note, and I ended strong.



Jessica and her sister, Jenae Miller



Chavvah McCoy with Lisa Hughes, account executive for the Houston Rockets, on the left.

The crowd showed their appreciation with thunderous applause and cheers. I am thankful to God for blessing me and helping me fulfil this experience of a lifetime.

Chavvah McCoy, Katy, Texas

The Act of Leading—

She uses her abilities to enhance the work of the Lord.

Shirley Ann Munroe of the Roswell, New Mexico, church is listed in *Who's Who of American Women*. She has contributed to the betterment of the local church, the community, the nation, and to several foreign lands.



Shirley Ann Munroe

Until 1988 Ms. Munroe served as vice president of the American Hospital Association (AHA). She has also been a member of several prestigious boards and committees—among them the Southwestern Union Conference Executive Committee.

Among her accomplishments, Munroe did a study of the health care systems in five developing countries of the South Pacific—Tonga, Fiji, the New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, and Papua, New Guinea. Because of her knowledge of the health care systems in these islands, she headed the delegation of rural health administrators to Australia and New Zealand.

Upon Munroe's retirement, the AHA established an annual *Shirley Ann Munroe Leadership Development* award to be given to a practicing hospital administrator in a small or rural hospital.

Shirley Ann Munroe's accomplishments would take

many pages to present. But in spite of all this, she serves the local church without a word about her past success. She has served as organist, elder, Sabbath school superintendent, investment leader, choir director, and leader in the children's divisions. Currently she serves as "chef" for Sabbath potlucks.

*Jeanne Jordan
Communication Leader*

The Act of Caring—

She attends to the needs of others.

The New Orleans-St. Bernard church has a community service center largely as the result of the efforts of Tracy Kane and other women in the church.

With a desire to do something for God, her church, and her community, Tracy Kane began praying for direction early in 1994. As she talked with God, He responded with the idea of starting a community service center at the church.

With no previous community service experience, she began by asking church members for donations of things she could use in a thrift store. Between merchandise and cash, she began to fill up a couple of rooms with supplies. As she prayed and advertised, people began coming for help.

Soon there was more than Tracy could handle by herself, so she recruited other church members to help her. Conrad Robichaux, who had an interest in vegetarian cooking, began preparing meals for those who came to the thrift store. It wasn't long before the center was feeding 25 to 30 people each Thursday.

Tracy can no longer work at the center, but her sister, Sherry Dufour, and her mother, Betty Heidmann, have

kept the program going.

Conrad has moved away, but his mother-in-law, Jennie Amborzewski, has taken over the cooking, and she now feeds 50 to 75 people weekly. Jennie loves this ministry. She suffers severe pain from arthritis in the spine, but she said, "I can hurt at home all by myself, or I can come and hurt with friends. But when I keep busy cooking and talking with visitors, the pain isn't as noticeable."

When Sherry was asked to take over the center, she said, "I didn't want to do it! I didn't like interacting with people! But all that has changed now, and God has given me a new talent to meet people and to love them for Him. And there is Bam Bam, a crack baby who has fallen in love with me and I with him. I just can't wait until Thursdays when he and his mom come, and we play, and he hangs onto me."

"Yes!" Betty chimed in. "Tracy kept telling me about all the good things that were happening to her and the center, and I just had to come and see for myself. After that I decided to become involved."

Today we have an interest list of more than 200 people who come regularly to the center to browse and buy and eat a good healthy meal. They take the literature, ask for prayer and a few even attend church every now and then.

We appreciate the volunteers who help demonstrate to the community how much God cares for them...and how much we do, too. *Dexter LeBlanc*

Pastor, Houma District

The Act of Writing—

She has her Bible studies published.

Every week for the past two years, Mary Pauline Smith of



They're at it again!

Answers from the Bible

Q. "Are the majority of Christians on the right road to heaven?"

A. Enter in at the narrow gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it, Matt. 7:13, 14 and Luke 13:24. "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying This is the way, walk ye in it." Isaiah 30:21. "The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of trials and temptations, and to reserve the unjust - to be punished - them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and belittle control - have forsaken the right way and gone astray." II Peter 2:9-15. "You believe not, because you are not of My sheep - My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow me." John 10. See also II Timothy 3:1 and 4:3, 4, and Mark 8:34-36.

Address questions to Mrs. Mary Pauline Smith at Rte. 1, Box 98, Waurika, Oklahoma 73573

[Paid for by Mary Pauline Smith]

Mary Pauline Smith and one of her newspaper articles.

Waurika, Okla., has written a Bible study which is published in her local paper, the *Waurika News Democrat*.

The studies, entitled "Answers from the Bible," offer biblically-based answers to questions sent to Smith by readers.

To have this column of 200 words published, Smith pays just \$5.

Smith is the communication secretary for Waurika Lake Church and is actively involved in other outreach projects, including prison ministries and ingathering.

The Act of Teaching—

She shares her skills with her students.

Peggy Norris, teacher and principal of Maranatha Adventist School in San Antonio, was recently selected to be included in the fourth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 1996. The nomination comes from former student Rebecka Sauls, because Peggy "made a difference" in her life. Only high school and college students who have been cited for academic excellence themselves may nominate one teacher from their entire academic career.

Besides teaching all grades at Maranatha, Norris is the youth leader and music minister for the San Antonio Highland Hills Church, director of the mission team youth choir, and a member of the San Antonio Adventist choir. Norris spent last summer at Nameless Valley Ranch as girls director for summer camp. She is also the Central Texas coordinator for the teen leadership training portion of Pathfinders. In December Norris received a plaque from the Maranatha school board acknowledging her work and her example in 1995, the Year of the Adventist Woman.

*Pam Sauls
Communication Leader*

The Act of Reaching the Community—

She goes beyond her church walls.

"Fear the Lord thy God and honor thy mother and thy father," were the two basic rules in the home in which Johnnie Mae Mitchell Robinson was raised. A product of the



Johnnie Robinson

Houston public elementary, junior and senior high schools, she early learned what the word challenge meant. Some of those challenges included being president of the Christian Student Union, the Math Club, and treasurer of the student council. As a scholarship recipient, her childhood dream of becoming an elementary school teacher was fulfilled after receiving a B. S., Masters of Education, and kindergarten certification from the University of Houston and Texas Southern University. She is currently a facilitator of learning to two pre-kindergarten classes in Houston.

Robinson is active in church and community activities. While growing up in a low economic environment, her parents became her role models because of their giving and sharing of what the Lord had given them. She has experienced the joy of



Women of the Muskogee Berean church met recently at the home of Shirley Syrus for a prayer breakfast, one of the many activities planned for the year.

giving of herself to others by making calls, visiting in homes and hospitals, giving clothes and finances whenever they are needed.

As a member of the Fondren Southwest Seventh-day Adventist Worship Center, she has held a number of church offices such as Sabbath school teacher, member of the finance committee, vacation Bible school teacher, and Jesus Behind Bars Prison Ministry. Currently she is helping to shepherd a new congregation begun last summer after an evangelistic series in Houston.

Robinson has also established the Houston-Baytown Area Women's Executive Boards made up of all local church coordinators. Under her leadership this group has sponsored prayer breakfast workshops, weekend retreats, prayer groups and other activities.

On October 15, 1995, she was awarded a special plaque as "The Adventist Woman of the Year" for the Southwest Region Conference by the conference women's ministry director, Renata Taylor Drake.

The Act of Diligence—

She's worked in children's Sabbath school for 50 years.

In 1992 my mother, Dorothy Morgan, was awarded a gift from the New Hope church for 50 years of dedicated teaching in the children's divisions. Through the years, she's made numerous devices and projects to interest their minds.

In addition, my mother plans many of the activities of the church, such as weddings, baby showers, welcome dinners, and showers for new members. Along with others, she is currently preparing for the annual homecoming Sabbath, June 15. Each Sabbath she notes those in attendance and those absent and sends them words of encouragement and hope.

She shares extra church papers and Amazing Facts leaflets with friends and strangers in the community. Although past her 77th birthday, she still teaches in the children's division. "Won't it be wonderful," she says, "to meet together with all my earthly Sabbath school family when in the New Earth we can sit at the feet of the greatest of all Sabbath school teachers."

*Sherry Mathis
Dorothy's daughter*



Women from New Orleans and Baton Rouge Berean churches at their induction and dedication ceremony held in honor of the Year of the Adventist Woman.

Women's Ministries

AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING The Church Depends on Women in Ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES has become a vital part of the total church program. Women who have never been involved are now actively directing programs. Prayer and Bible study

groups are bringing new life to many churches.

During the Year of the Adventist Woman, women's

ministries was voted a full department by the delegates at the 1995 General Conference session in Utrecht, just like youth, children, and family ministries. We have come of age. Full departmental status will upgrade the ministry with employed leadership.

Women of Spirit, the new magazine for women, is a dynamic source of Christian witness. The magazine features real women from diverse backgrounds and provides a place for Adventist women to share their lifestyle. Women's Ministries is proud to have a part in this publication by the Review & Herald.

The New Discovery Bible School headquartered in Keene continues to reach women in prison with 29 schools in 20 states, Australia, Switzerland, Spain, Ireland and Canada. The lessons have been translated into five languages.

A number of other new programs are available to help our churches meet their mission such as PALS (Prayer and Love Saves) by Dorothy Watts, which is designed to encourage parents of children

who have wandered from God and the church. This program can be used as an alternative Sabbath school lesson or by home study groups.

ESL (English as a Second Language) is a program designed by Literacy & Evangelism International to reach the 25 million Americans who speak a language other than English at home and the 5 million Americans who do not speak English at all. Each lesson teaches English, culture and a Bible lesson. Many areas have a literacy council which offers training in the local church to those interested in setting up this program.

An area of women's ministry that has been a benefit to young people is a direct result from the sales of the women's devotional book sponsored by the General Conference women's ministries. It is the three scholarships that were awarded to Southwestern Union students in 1995. Sales from the 1996 book, *A Moment of Peace*, will bring more scholarships. The Thesba Johnson scholarship for women in the ministry will be offered for the first time in 1996.

During 1995, 10 women's retreats were held in the Southwestern Union, attended by 1000 Adventist and 97 non-Adventist women. Thirty-nine training seminars were offered, and 15 evangelistic meetings were held by women, resulting in 9 baptisms.

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference will hold a retreat in April near Shreveport, and Texico will host a September retreat in Glorietta, New Mexico. Texas Conference retreats will

be in San Antonio. The English-speaking retreat will be September 13-15 and the Spanish one, October 11-13. Retreats offer outstanding speakers, helpful seminars, new friends and a boost to women's spiritual life.

Nola Horne

Women's Ministry Director



Nola Horne

She Serves



as leader of a Bible school for women inmates.

As women's ministries leader of the Gentry church, Ella Fisher really takes her job seriously. She has begun a ministry that already includes

many people and is still growing. The ministry began as an idea for a Bible correspondence school where church members could

teach prisoners about Christ.

When Ella Fisher read in the *Record* about the prison ministry Bible correspondence school that was being run in the Keene church, she began to pray about beginning one in Gentry. Funding and other hurdles worked themselves out, and she decided that God was leading her in this outreach.

The New Discovery Bible School Prison Ministry began

in October of 1994 with 25 interested prisoners and six church members. Every two weeks the ladies would meet to discuss their students and read letters from prisoners.

Today almost 800 active Bible students are taking studies, and 62 adult teachers keep the program in high gear. A few academy and eighth-grade students are also helping with the program. And interest in the program has spread to other churches.

Born in North Dakota, Fisher was raised a Christian, but without any church affiliation, by a Seventh-day Adventist father and Lutheran mother.

At the age of 14, she received the Junior Voice of Prophecy Bible course and determined to keep the Sabbath and become an Adventist. Her prayers to attend an SDA academy were answered, and she enrolled at Plainview Academy in South Dakota.

Her education continued with nurse's training in San Diego, Calif. Again her prayers were answered when it became possible for her to attend Union College in Lincoln, Neb., where she met her husband, George.

The Fishers raised three children while serving as missionaries in Indonesia. They returned to the United States and served on the staff of Ozark Adventist Academy for 20 years before retiring.

Fisher remains involved with various outreach ministries within her church, including the Bible correspondence school.



Ella Fisher

They Serve



through health seminars.

Each Thursday evening at 6:30, women of Emmanuel Church in Marshall, Texas spend time learning about common health problems. They are fortunate to have two state licensed medical staff, Sylvia Weech, R.N., and Cathy Jefferson, L.V.N., to help with the health segments.

Their plan is to visit one of the local nursing homes,

Marshall Manor, to provide seminars on obesity, diabetes, heart, hypertension, cancer and more. It is their intention that the audience will become more aware of the importance of good health practices and how to implement them into their daily living.

In addition, plans are under way to offer these seminars to the public. Flyers have already been passed out and the local radio stations and newspapers informed of their plans.

Irmatean McConico
Communication Leader

They Serve



by using their talents to bring happiness.

Handing out welcome baskets to new members in the church has been one of the projects that keeps the women's ministries in the Richardson church vibrant and alive. They also give flowers to the parents of all new-born babies.

A new library has been established by women's ministries. The library provides

a variety of books and videos especially suited to meet women's needs.

The women's ministry is also involved in the Discovery Bible lessons by mailing out study material to over 169 female inmates in Texas prisons. Forty-five women are involved in this ministry.

These same women are currently organizing plans to start a second language instruction program for people in the community who wish to learn to speak English. They also offer CPR classes for adults and children.

Sue Mathieu
Communication Leader

SW Union Affirms Women in Ministry

from the Union President

MAX A. TREVINO



This issue of the *Record* salutes the women of the Southwestern Union. I want to take this opportunity to affirm Seventh-day Adventist women from an administrator's perspective. To put it simply, the church can't function without women.

Traditionally, women have staffed our Sabbath school departments, run the Adventist community services program, held the vacation Bible schools, and ministered to the sick and needy. In recent years, the church has begun to recognize that women's talents are needed in every aspect of church life. Many congregations in the Southwestern Union have female elders who serve very capably, some even as head elders. Women's ministries organizations have been instrumental in helping the church see women's potential, and more importantly, they have helped women look at their own potential in the light of the Cross and to allow God to use them to do His bidding.

While the church has made a good start at recognizing, nurturing and using the talents and abilities of women, we know this is only a start. Our goal is to have every member use their God-given talents to His glory and the church's benefit.

I encourage every church in the Southwestern Union to appoint a women's ministries coordinator. While most of our churches do have them, we want all churches to actively support and affirm their female members by having an active Women's Ministries group. If you need help getting one started, contact your local conference or the Southwest-

ern Union's women's ministries director.

However, women's ministries groups are not enough. Local churches need to elect women to leadership positions that place them on the church board and other decision-

making bodies of the church. Conferences should consider qualified women, not only for positions on their executive committee, but for every position in the conference office and in the field.

Here on the union level, we have ten women who are currently members of the executive committee, two of whom head departments on the union level. In addition, two other women head other departments/services of the union, and our associate treasurer is a woman. All of them make outstanding contributions to the work of the church in the Southwest, and I am extremely proud to have them on our staff.

At our constituency session next month, a new executive committee will be elected. My goal is to keep at least ten women on the committee. Most elected and all appointed positions on the union staff are open to qualified women.

I have used the term "qualified women" several times. The only way women become "qualified" to serve in leadership positions is the same way men become "qualified." We must give them opportunities to serve. Too often, we take for granted that men are qualified and insist that women prove themselves in some other arena outside the church before we allow them to sit on our boards and committees. We must change our thinking and consider women equally with men for every position in the church. Our Lord did not create second class Christians. He created all of us for service, and the church should be foremost in providing opportunities.

My Mother

Saved by One of God's Miracles

ONE NIGHT I AWOKE with the feeling that something was wrong with my father, that I should go to him in Wrightstown, New Jersey. When I told my husband David, he agreed that I should go.

My parents, Don and Barbara Baker, greeted me at the Newark airport. I looked into Mother's eyes. Her usual spark had disappeared. And when we arrived home Mother went right to bed.

My gut feeling came alive. "Dad," I asked, "have you noticed anything different about Mom?"

"No."

"Tomorrow . . . watch Mom carefully."

We all saw that Mom had changed. She had memory lapses, moments of staring into space, and her personality seemed flat. Dad made an appointment with her doctor.

I flew home, satisfied that Mom would be all right. But five days later my sister called saying "Mom has a brain tumor. She's in the hospital. The physicians say the tumor is pressing on the area which controls respiration."

Dad called. "The doctor thinks the tumor is cancerous because of its finger-like projections. They want to do the surgery tonight."

Tears came streaming down my face. "Please, dear God," I whispered, "give me strength to accept the things I cannot change."

David and my children, Donielle, and Devin, sat nearby, numb. "Come, let's pray," I suggested. We knelt and asked God to direct us in the decisions we made for Mom. Should I go alone, or should we all go? We were in shock. Nothing made sense. Yet we knew Jesus had control.

Dad called again. "Mom's surgery has been postponed until Sunday. She needs antibiotics." That gave us time to get there. That settled it. We would all go.

Our pastor, Ron Halvorsen, and his wife came to pray with us. Pastor Ron asked, "Has your father sought a second opinion?"

"Probably not," I answered, "knowing my father." Then Rob and Lisa Foster drove us to the airport. A church family can provide wonderful

help, I thought. God meets every need.

When we arrived in Newark, I asked, "Dad, did you get a second opinion?"

"No."

"Do you know anything about the surgeon?" I asked. "Is he a Christian? Do his hands shake?"

"I don't know."

We felt impressed to contact Dr. Ben Carson. But could we reach him on Saturday night? "If it's God's will," Dad reminded us, "it will happen."

We called some close friends who seemed to know everybody. They agreed to help us find Dr. Carson. During the night I continued to pray.

The next morning I suggested, "Dad, go to the hospital and sit with Mom. Don't let them shave her head or begin any procedures."

About an hour after Dad left, Dr. Carson called.

"Dad's at the hospital waiting to hear from you," I told him.

Dr. Carson had Mom admitted into Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. My father and several other people gathered around Mom's bed while Larry Evans, New Jersey Conference president, anointed her. A number of them noted positive changes the morning of Mom's surgery.

Dr. Brem, chief neurological surgeon for adults, performed the surgery. During the procedure he called Dr. Carson. "Ben, get in here. You're not going to believe this. It's good news!" The surgery lasted seven hours.

Dr. Brem beamed when he came out of surgery to make his report. "She'll make a complete recovery with no chemotherapy or radiation. We found the tumor lying in a fold of the brain."

"Praise God!" we all exclaimed.

Many people had prayed while Mom lay in surgery. Friends, students and teachers at Keene Adventist Elementary School and Southwestern Adventist College, and at the New Jersey and Texas conferences—even people on the Internet!

Mom made a remarkable recovery. Six weeks after surgery she and Dad came to Texas for Christmas.

God is good! Thank you, Father. We give You all the praise and all the glory.

Kathy Anavitarte



From left: Kathy Anavitarte, Dr. Ben Carson, and Kathy's father, Donald Baker.



Barbara Baker (left), as she is now, cured from her brain tumor, standing with her daughter, Kathy Anavitarte.



Trust Services - Security for Those We Love

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In his book, *Give to Live*, Douglas M. Lawson, PhD, attempts to prove that a generous heart and willingness to give results in longer life. He believes from his years of research that it has been proven scientifically that people who develop a philosophy of giving and sharing their possessions with others actually live longer and happier. Following are the increased benefits discovered in his research.

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- Increased ability to cope with crises
- Reduced inner stress and conflict

Spiritual Benefits

- Greater connectedness to God
- More receptivity to spiritual guidance
- Added involvement in charitable activity
- Sustained peace of mind
- Greater clarity about meaning and purpose of life
- Enhanced quality of life

This research was based on a study of thousands of people, including a group of Seventh-day Adventists. He believes that Adventist giving habits have as much, if not more, to do with their seven to ten years longer life expectancy than their eating habits. This is because other groups who did not follow health principles but were in the high giving and sharing category also had longer life. Regardless of whether it is diet or giving patterns, isn't it wonderful to know that the Bible is once again proven right. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Proverbs 17:22. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Contact the trust service department in your conference, and they will be happy to assist you.

Harvey J. Byram, Trust Director

Christian Literature Brings Hope

She was an older woman, friendly, yet shy. She looked at the book set before her, her eyes glued to the words "He Taught Love" on the front cover. This lady saw something very special about the book. It was my job to share with her Christ's love, so I had to make sure that she saw more than just the cover.

After I quoted the price range, I saw her grip the cane standing along side her and turn to get her money. I prayed, "Lord, I see the longing in this lady's eyes for the book. Please provide enough money so she can own this book. Amen."

As she slowly made her way back to me, she counted her money. "Twelve to \$15, right?" she asked.

I told her she was right, \$12 to \$15 was the range.

She replied "Well, I only have \$10, so I guess I'll have to pass."

Not knowing what else to do, I gave her a *Happiness Digest* and said that if she would like, she could make a small donation. Thinking for a while, she decided that \$5 was a good amount.

As she counted out her money, she realized she had more than she'd first thought. She counted a third time.

"You said \$12 to \$15?"

Once again, I confirmed the amount.

"Well, I seem to have \$15 now, so I guess I can take the book."

As I watched her eagerly open her new book, I was convinced that if we ask and believe, God can do great things in our lives and in the lives of those we come in contact with. God can take something really small and make something that will affect us the rest of our lives.

Tracy Craft
Student Literature Evangelist

Adventists Run With Olympic Torch

The Olympic Flame will arrive in Los Angeles on its journey from Olympia, Greece, on April 27. It will begin an 84-day, 15,000-mile journey passing through 42 of the 50 states and through 27 capitals on its way to Atlanta. A number of Adventist young adults have been selected to participate in the run across the country.

All runners were selected by the Olympic committee as "Community Heroes" for their involvement in their community affairs. Each entrant submitted an essay and a description of their community activities. Twenty-nine Adventists have been selected as part of the 1000 runners, five of whom are from the Southwestern Union. They are:

Trinidad Trujillo, better known as Trinnie, who is a marriage counselor, teacher, fund raiser and friend to the sick in Tulsa. She has served as translator, assisting with employment applications and providing food and clothing to people in need. It is not uncommon for her to sponsor children from the community to summer camp. Her spirit of love was demonstrated when she donated her kidney to save the life of her child. She will be running in the Tulsa area.

James Rainwater of Oklahoma City was at the bomb-site within 15 minutes of the blast. Seeing the confusion and congestion, he went to the nearest hospital to offer his assistance. He spent the night in the hospital counseling the victims and family members. Then he reported to the nearest crisis center where he spent the rest of the time assisting family members with their tragedies. Rainwater will run out of Oklahoma City on May 19.

Bill Kasper, a theology major at Southwestern Adventist College, spent last summer working at Wewoka Woods, Oklahoma's summer camp, helping children who were victims of the Okla-



Shawna Stepp and Josh Stumph, two of the community heroes selected as 1996 Olympic torchbearers.

homa City Federal Building bombing. He is an American Red Cross volunteer who has been involved in food distribution to shelters in New York City.

Shawna Stepp is a well-rounded 17-year-old from Comanche, Texas who excels in anything she does—academics, athletics, leadership roles, and volunteerism. Her volunteer work includes participation in the city-wide cleanup; delivering meals-on-wheels; cheering residents of nursing homes with

puppets, songs, and cards; collecting food and stocking shelves for the food pantry; and presenting Christmas programs and gifts for abused foster children. Stepp will run in Waco on May 21.

Josh Stumph is a student at Southwestern

Adventist College who loves life, people and animals. Many stray dogs, injured birds and other animals have found a nurturing hand with Josh. He has participated in volunteer programs such as food drives and city-wide cleanup. He has been a part of puppet programs for vacation Bible school and summer school and has done puppetry, singing and Christmas programs for nursing homes and abused children. Stumph will run between Fort Worth and Dallas on May 20.

LEGAL NOTICES

Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Official notice is hereby given of the 26th regular session of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to be held in Keene, Texas, May 20-21, 1996. The first meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., May 20, in the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church, 114 S. Fairview, Keene, Texas. Regular delegates to this session are appointed by the local conferences of the Southwestern Union.

Max A. Trevino, President
S. L. Green, Secretary

Southwestern Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given of the 26th regular constituency meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists to be held in Keene, Texas, May 20-21, 1996. The first meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., May 20, in the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church, 114 S. Fairview, Keene, Texas. The constituency for this corporation are the delegates to the 26th session of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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JACK FRANCISCO, CORRESPONDENT

Breckenridge Hears about Trip to Romania

A former resident of Romania visited the Breckenridge, Texas, church in January and presented a program about his Christmas trip to Romania.

Ion Ispas, a current graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, distributed Bibles and teaching supplies in Romania and Transylvania.

Ispas left Romania several years ago, but said he has not been able to forget the needs of his people. Last fall he began to make plans to take Bibles and the gospel back to small towns and remote rural areas. He felt the people were eager for the Christian message, yet most could not even afford Bibles.

Ispas told about several miracles that occurred on the trip. One involved his desire to

distribute medicine to the people. He entered Romania with \$300 worth of medication, even though he was advised that attempting to do so was not a good idea. Officials never checked his luggage.

Another miracle occurred when Ispas tried to purchase Bibles in Romania. He found a store with 327 \$2 Bibles, a price considerably more affordable

than the \$5 charged at other stores. It turned out that he needed exactly 327 Bibles.

He described how the tremendous turnout to his meetings was special, since few people had cars and most had to walk 2-6 miles in bitterly cold conditions to attend. Many of the meetings were so full that there were not enough places to sit. At the end of the services Bibles were given to

everyone who did not have one.

"I wish you could have seen the way they reacted when they were given a Bible," Ispas said. "Everyone who did not have a Bible longed for one."

Ispas plans to return to Romania in a year and a half. He is interested in nine church building projects and hopes that food and clothing assistance can be found for the people.

"We're not stopping. We're going to keep doing what we can," he said. "This world is running out of time, and it's time to get right with God."

Wanda Hallmark
Breckenridge



They're back from Romania: (from left) Marvin Payne, Kevin Nicks, Ion Ispas and Ron Bottsford.

Pathfinders Parade Down Main Street

Afternoon sunshine warmed the faces of the Pathfinders and wind waved the flags of the Oklahoma Conference Pathfinder clubs as they marched down



Flag bearers in the Oklahoma Conference Pathfinder parade are (from left) Luke Fisher and Jennifer Johns from Bristow and David Hensley and Hector Rivera from Enid.

Route 66 (Main Street) in Stroud, Oklahoma on February 10.

Two police cars and a number of deputies blocked off Main Street for the parade. Onlookers were handed literature dealing with the negative effects of tobacco and a magazine entitled "Peace Above the Storm." Police officers said this was the best parade group they have had in their city, and the Pathfinders were welcome back at any time.

The parade was part of an all-day Pathfinder program which featured Sabbath school, church and potluck before the parade, and the Pathfinder Bible Bowl afterward. Inside a rented facility in Stroud, Pathfinders, staff and parents all took part in an active Sabbath school experience which dealt with qualities of winning and making the right choices. Rodney Grove, Oklahoma Conference president, led out in the worship service. He dealt with the Christian qualities of a winner and concluded by having Pathfinders sign pledge cards with personal commitments.

Each club present was represented by a team for the afternoon Bible Bowl. Doug Baker had prepared 120 questions dealing with the books of Ruth and Judges. Eighty percent of the questions were from the Bible, with the remaining ones from the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible*

Commentary. Baker also served as the judge.

As the afternoon progressed, it became obvious that all team members had studied the Bible and the scores were close throughout the afternoon. All the Pathfinders did well, and their churches, clubs and parents can be proud of their knowledge and time spent studying the Bible.

The Shawnee Eagles team had the top score. Congratulations were given to Jim Leineweber, club director, and the staff and members of the Eagles. The team will travel to Lincoln, Nebraska on March 30 to represent Oklahoma at the Division Bible Bowl.

Church members can be proud of the manner in which all Pathfinders conducted themselves. The spirit between clubs was excellent. Everyone agreed that the most important factor was that young people and adults had studied Ruth and Judges like they'd never studied it before. Several people said that they really know Ruth and Judges now.

Tulsa New Life Youth Stand For Principles

At a time in earth's history when standards and morals don't seem to matter, it is encouraging to see that there are young

people, like Jay and Jesse Jackson, who have chosen to stand for what they believe.

Raised in a Christian home, these young men had the opportunity to attend Christian schools for most of their education. However, Jay had to attend his senior year at a public high school, Owasso High.

An avid basketball player, Jay tried out for the varsity basketball team and was excited to become part of the team. He was somewhat dismayed, however, to discover that half of the games were

scheduled on Friday nights. He realized that he would have to take a stand, and stand he did. He informed the coach that, because of his beliefs, he would not be able to play on Friday nights or Saturdays.

Jay was not allowed to play on the varsity team at all during his senior year. Even on game nights other than Friday, he still sat on the bench because the coach felt that the boys who were there all the time should be the ones rewarded with playing time. In essence, he was being punished for his decision to honor God's Holy Sabbath.

Now that Jay has graduated, he has been playing on the basketball team at Southwestern Adventist College and has been able to play without the worries of breaking the Sabbath.

Jay's brother Jesse is now at-

tending Owasso High. With the same enthusiasm for basketball, he also became a member of the team. The first year, his experience was the same as his brother's. However, this second year, Jesse's faith has been acknowledged and rewarded by the coach. The school's homecoming was changed from Friday evening to Tuesday so that Jesse could participate.

Although he still doesn't get as much playing time as he would like, his coach said in the local newspaper that "Jesse Jackson is a gifted athlete, quick, and jumps well, gets better all the time, not selfish; high character and academics."

"He is unique in that he chooses not to play Friday or Saturday out of religious commitment; would play more if full-time."

"I admire him for standing alone. He helps the team in every way possible."

When similar words were spoken at the school assembly program, the entire audience of students and staff clapped and cheered. This was truly an affirmation and encouragement for this young man.

Friends of these young men believe that this change came through the power of the Holy Spirit working on the heart of the coach, and also by the attitudes these young men exhibited in spite of their disappointments. Even though they knew people didn't understand when they explained the Sabbath, the young men respectfully did what they knew God expected. At times other young people would try to get them to play "just this one time" on Friday, but these young men stood firm. The coach says he admires them for standing alone, but like the three Hebrew boys, these young men are not alone.

Cedar Jackson

New Sanctuary Dedicated in Enid

The Enid church dedicated a new sanctuary on October 22, 1995. The ceremony included music provided by Vonda Beerman, Aaron Bell and Frances Rivera. The pastor, Harvey Kornegay, welcomed Oklahoma Conference president Rodney Grove, who preached the morning sermon.



Jesse (left) and Jay Jackson who sing to the glory of their God.



Members of the Enid church celebrate each Sabbath as they meet in their newly-completed facility.



Enid Comets Adventurer Club. Director Nancy Orosco, far right.

The Enid Comets Pathfinder Club posted the colors in the church. The flag bearers were Caleb Grey and Hector Rivera Jr. Four new members, Siedra Caleb, Gabrielle Kornegay, Alexis Rivera and Ismael Verastegui, were baptized during the morning service. The congregation closed the Sabbath with a candlelight communion service in which the members rededicated their lives to Christ.

Frances Rivera

Wagoner Church Gets Face Lift

Catherine Walkins and Leona Cane have put their skills as seamstresses to work by stitching together a face lift for the Wagoner church. They made new curtains for the children's departments and hallways to brighten up the place. They say the kitchen is next. Around 15 to 20 yards of material was donated by Walkins.

Taking Care of Our Seniors

Residents at Ross Nursing Home in Wagoner, Oklahoma, look forward to Tony and Sibyl Tibbs' visits each week.

Whenever they can, the Tibbs bring flowers, cards, candy or whatever will make the world a little brighter for residents.

There are two Adventists at the home who are over 90 years old. Alta Riggs is 93, and Allie Bell Corwin is 91 years old. Both still study their Bibles and look forward to having Sibyl sing to them. They talk, play games and give encouragement to everyone they come in contact with. They can't make it to church, but the church's love and prayers go with the Tibbs.

Eleven-year-old Preaches at Chandler

James Hill, an 11 year old who has cerebral palsy and diabetes, is a young man who is refusing to allow Satan to have a victory over him. He is allowing God to use him in a very special way.

Recently Hill preached at the Chandler Church. In his sermon he talked about how people sometimes wonder why God allows Satan to do terrible things to them. He also talked about how people never know when they are being watched, and that by smiling and singing praises to God, people can be an inspiration to others even when they are going through difficult times.

Ketchum Kids Love Ingathering

Youth of the Ketchum church completed an impressive Ingathering campaign in December.

Ketchum Junior Academy students collected \$1000 on their field day. This is an annual event for the school, but this is the first year they collected such a large amount of money.

The students were enthusiastic and stayed out all day. Some even went back that evening to collect from those who said to come back later. Many of the older students went Ingathering at night with the church members.

Students also distributed literature as part of their Ingathering campaign. One group of

younger students was given 90 pieces of literature, all of which was distributed.

"I believe our students realize that contacting people about our church is as important as collecting money," said Mary Calvert, school principal.

They were treated to a pizza feast on January 4 as a token of appreciation for a job well done.



National Geography Bee winner from Ketchum Junior Academy, Robert Hughes.



Students from Ketchum Junior Academy who helped with Ingathering are, from left, Bradley Toews, Monica Martin, Kristen Miller and Megan Martin.

1996 Spring Book & Food Displays

This is the balance of our **DISPLAYS** this Spring and we look forward to serving you. Look at the schedule below and plan to attend the **DISPLAY** in your area:

Tulsa SDA Sch	Sat Apr 13	After Sabbath
Ketchum SDA Sch	Sun Apr 14	2 pm - 5 pm
Bristow SDA Ch	Mon Apr 15	5 pm - 7 pm
Muskogee SDA Ch	Sat Apr 20	After Sabbath
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PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT

Whitlow Wins Elementary Geography Bee

Travis Whitlow, an eighth grader at Ozark Elementary School, won the school level competition of the National Geography Bee on January 19. This qualifies Travis for a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship. In the school level Bees, students answered oral questions about geography as they stood before their peers during assembly in a setting similar to an old-fashioned spelling bee. The eighth annual National Geography Bee is sponsored by *National Geographic World* and Chrysler Corporation.

Thousands of schools around the United States participated in this year's Bee. The school winners, including Travis Whitlow, will now take a written test to determine the top 100 scorers in Arkansas, who will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on March 29.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee Championship on May 28 and 29. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, the second-place winner a \$15,000 scholarship and the third-place winner a \$10,000 scholarship.

Alex Trebek, TV host of "Jeopardy," will conduct the national finals which will be on Wednesday, May 29.

*Don Hevener, Principal
Ozark Elementary School*

Bonnerdale Pathfinders Host Supper and Auction

On Saturday night, January 13, the Pathfinders and staff hosted a supper with a choice of chili, Frito pies, or pizza buns to a crowd of family, friends and visitors.

Following the supper, Vannie Edwards of Fireside Station acted as auctioneer and sold many items that had been donated.



Travis Whitlow receiving the National Geography Bee certificate from teacher Steve Burton (left) and moderator Glenn Hill.

These included firewood, bantam chickens, furniture, bicycles, saws, stoves, weight-lifting equipment, home baked goods, many new items, and many white elephant items.

This was a fast-moving, fun-filled evening, and the Pathfinder Club made over \$1200 to use as a maintenance fund for their bus recently donated to the club by Ronnie and Janet Ketchum for their field trips.

The very last thing planned by the Pathfinders was a "Buy Work from a Pathfinder" auction, in which the older school students were hired to rake leaves, pull weeds, wash windows, or other types of manual labor.

*LaVerne Lybarger
Communication Leader*

Woodruffs Celebrate 50th Anniversary

William (Bill) L. and Betty (Woods) Woodruff of Shreveport, Louisiana, will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this June in Chelan, Washington, with their three daughters and families: Ruth and Erwin Farnsworth of Nome, Alaska; Patti and Duane Gilliland of Mount Vernon, Washington; and Judi and Wes Williamson of Boulder, Colorado; and eight grandchildren. The couple was married May 16, 1946, in Virginia.

Bill and Betty met at Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College) where Bill graduated with a degree in theology and business administration and Betty worked as a secretary for the General Conference, having completed her secretarial course at the college. They have pastored churches in the West Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania and Upper Columbia Conferences. Bill spent eight years as senior pastor of the 1500-

member College Place, Washington, church, served three years in the Indiana Conference as ministerial secretary, eight years as Alaska Mission president which attained conference status during his time there, and nine and a half years as president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. He retired January 1, 1996. Betty worked as an executive secretary, serving eight years at Walla Walla College and the last 18 years in the Alaska and Arkansas-Louisiana Conferences.

Woodruff continues to serve the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference on a part-time basis. Their home address 3826 Treat Drive, Shreveport, LA 71119.

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Betty and Bill Woodruff



Bonnerdale Pathfinders getting ready for the big auction/supper that netted over \$1200 for their club.

Adventist Men's Meeting

Rich Carlson, campus chaplain at Union College, will be the guest speaker at a men's meeting in the Gentry church on Friday evening, April 12, at 7:30. Carlson has a strong desire to challenge Adventist men to be the spiritual leaders God has called them to be in their homes. His topic will be "Molding Meaningful Men."



In addition, Carlson will be presenting the Sabbath morning message titled, "Another Sermon on the Mount," at both the 8:20 and 11 a.m. church services. Families are invited to attend the 4 p.m. meeting, as well, when Carlson will be sharing some recent findings from the ValueGenesis study on how parents can help lead their children to a meaningful personal relationship with Jesus.

Carlson has a master's degree in religious education with an emphasis in guidance and counseling from Andrews University. He is currently completing his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska. Part of his dissertation deals with the ValueGenesis study.

New Orleans Churches Host Human Relations Seminar

With a view to encouraging greater understanding and co-operation between the churches in the New Orleans area, Willie Hucks, pastor of New Orleans East and Kenner churches, and William McCall, pastor of New Orleans First Church, organized a Intercultural Relations seminar at Jefferson Heights Junior Academy for February 10, 1996.

Invitations sent to members in the two church districts, as well as to the Hispanic church, brought a representative number of individuals to the seminar. After introductions and short devotional, a discussion panel made up of Maxine Williams from Kenner, Estella Lain from New

Orleans East, Eddy Martinez from Metairie Spanish, and Denny Nelson and Sophie Omoro from New Orleans First Church discussed the difficulties and barriers between races which often cause misunderstandings. They offered ways in which Adventists can bridge those gaps. Questions and comments from the floor added to a lively and positive exchange of ideas.

"I was most impressed by the open minds and free exchange of ideas," commented Hucks. "An atmosphere of love, sharing and fellowship was evident both before and after the forum."

The positive results of this interchange have opened the way for this to become a quarterly event with different churches taking turns to host the event.

*Will McCall, Pastor
New Orleans First Church*

Clothing Exchange Fills Community Needs

When Louise and Paul Simmons retired and moved to Osage, Arkansas, eight years ago to care for an ailing father, they found they had too many clothes and household goods to fit into their new home. Using these excess goods, they were able to start a Community Clothing Exchange service in the basement of a church.

Residents soon found they could either get, exchange or donate clothing, food, toys and household items at the Exchange. Families who had lost their belongings in a fire, or new people in the area, unprepared for the cold winter, are often helped through the Community Clothing Exchange.

Community members and area businesses such as Wal-Mart and



Paul and Louise Simmons, happy for the interaction they have with people who come to the Community Clothing Exchange.

Millbrook Enterprises donate items regularly. R & H Sawmills of Osage provide slab wood for winter burning, and the Arkansas Rice Depot contributes white rice. More than a ton of food a month is distributed through the Exchange, Louise says. In addition, a food co-op has been started to help people afford basic items such as nuts, dried fruits, rolled oats, flours and grains.

Carroll County Literacy Council members Ethel Myers and Alice Perysn arrive each Tuesday to provide tutoring and help people prepare to pass their

driver's license test, obtain their GED and sharpen their reading skills.

Blood pressure and blood sugar tests are also available on Tuesdays. Nurses from a hospice group are on hand to administer tests and talk to individuals. Classes are held to teach preparation of nutritious meals, stress and weight management, parenting and natural cooking. One woman has lost more than 100 pounds.

A lending library is new to the Exchange. Neighbor Ellen Griggs found she was allergic to the

Ozark Family Camp Meeting

The 1996 Ozark Family Camp Meeting, a genuine old-fashioned outdoor camp meeting, will combine many of the most-loved features of camp meetings-gone-by with some of today's most dynamic and relevant preaching from Tuesday night, May 28, through Sabbath, June 1, in Gentry, Arkansas.



Morris Venden



Wintley Phipps



Bill Johnsson



Noelene Johnsson

Highlighting the second annual camp meeting will be Morris Venden, Wintley Phipps, Bill Johnsson, and Roy Naden. Venden, well-known speaker and author of 30 books, will be the featured weekend speaker. Johnsson, editor of the ADVENTIST REVIEW, will speak in both morning and evening meetings. Roy Naden, recent professor of religious education at Andrews University, will be an evening speaker and seminar presenter.

Wintley Phipps, Adventist pastor and Grammy-nominated Christian recording artist, will open Ozark Family Camp Meeting on Tuesday evening with a concert. Phipps has provided music at Billy Graham crusades and sung for Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

Paul Damazo will present a series of seminars on family finances for young married, middle age and retired couples. Roy Naden will lead a series of Bible-based seminars on Revelation. Noelene Johnsson, director of North American Division children's ministries, will speak on "Why Kids Don't Learn Much at Church Anymore," "What Kids Need to Learn in Church," and "Learning as a Family in Church." Linda Aalborg will offer practical tips for Sabbath school leaders. Paul and Janiece Swets will offer true-to-life information during their seminars on "How to Talk to Teens" and "Closeness Through Communication."

For the youth, ages 15 and up, Christian violinist Jamie Jorge will share his experiences of escape from Castro's Cuba. Youth will also be involved in many all-day events including water-skiing, canoeing, hiking and other activities.

"Every effort has been made to provide families of every size with experiences to strengthen their relationship with each other and with God," says Bruce Aalborg, pastor of the Gentry church. "For that reason, people will find a wide array of activities from which to choose."

To accommodate the large number of people wanting to spend the entire week at camp meeting, several lodging opportunities are available. For a complete reservation and information packet, call 501/736-3073 during business hours.



The Community Clothing Exchange sign shows the way to the center. Photo: Anna Mathews.

mold on her many books and set up the library to share them with others. More books have been added, and patrons are welcome to check the books out for an

Clothing Exchange is providing a much needed service to the community. *Condensed from The Star Progress December 7, 1995*

undetermined length of time.

Cash donations are graciously accepted, and all donations are tax deductible. Plans are to provide something special each year for Thanksgiving and fill Christmas stockings with toys and other things to give to children in the community who might go without at Christmas.

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Southwest Region

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Hebron Youth Present Fire Safety

Under the direction of Betsy Hudson, the Hebron Adventist Youth invited local firemen to present a fire safety program to their church.

Local firemen talked about fire

safety in the home and brought a fire engine for the children and adults to look over. Opportunity was given for questions. It became evident how unsafe many of the homes were. Suggestions were given by Anthony Foster on how to make their homes a little safer.

Sanctuary Choir Cuts Album

When the Word of Faith Adventist Sanctuary Choir had completed their gospel album, it was introduced at a concert to which many community leaders were invited, including radio announcer Michael Harris from KCOH and Michael Washington from KWWJ.

This album has been played on the local radio station KCO, Houston's top gospel station, and station KYOK. As a result, the choir was invited to perform on the air.

Proceeds from the sales of this album, "Thank-Ya," will be used to help with the building project. They can be ordered by calling 713/741-2273. They are also available at the Shepherd and Sheep Bookstore at 2117 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, and at All About Music Records and Tapes at 4919 Griggs Road.

Linda Moore

Hebron Church Hosts Literature Evangelists

A literature evangelist rally was held in the Houston Hebron church February 3-4. Robert S. Smith, publishing director of the North American Division, was guest speaker for the divine service.

After a Sabbath meal organized by Joyce Wells, the afternoon was spent in a literature evangelist meeting coordinated



Local firemen David Stoneman and Byron Miller talk with students at the Hebron Adventist Church.



Olice Brown, Adventist Book Center manager, with Michael Phillips at the book display at Hebron church.

by the area director, Bernard Hankins. At sunset, Olice Brown, director of the Adventist Book Center for the Region, sold books, health foods, and musical recordings.

Smith spend Sunday presenting workshops for regular LEs and those interested in beginning the literature work. He left them with six points that would make them successful in their work. They are: attention, interest, conviction, desire, the close, the departure. He explained each of these points in detail.

Prison Inmates Prepare for Baptism

"The Lord sent you down here just for me," exclaimed one former Adventist woman imprisoned at Waco's Gatesville Hill-top Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections. "I'd had a dream and had decided that when the opportunity came, I would rejoin the church."

This is one of the experiences the Faith Temple Overcomers Outreach Ministry has had in helping 76 incarcerated women turn their lives around. "We are spreading the Gospel like wildfire in these Texas facilities," says Vernice Tryon, a prison ministry volunteer. "Murderers, drug addicts, people we think are at the low end of society, are turning to Christ for help."

Of the 76 baptisms, 30 are now members of the Faith Temple church in Dallas. "We're going to work with these new members to teach them how to relate to, encourage and build the self-esteem they need to return to society," explained French Tryon, Southwest Region Conference prison ministry director.

In 1995 the first opportunity came for the Faith Temple team to minister to women. Nina Green,

with a burden for hurting women, began looking for ways for Christian women to become involved with prisoners. "In many instances, only women can reach women, not by sermonizing, but through one-on-one contact," Green says.

Faith Temple's team visits a men's and women's prison unit on a biweekly basis by invitation from the prison system. Services are held for all who wish to attend, and Bible studies are mailed upon request. Currently 100 students are enrolled. This program is coordinated by Janice and Henry Wilson.

One other aspect of the ministry is the contact volunteers make with the families of inmates. "We serve as a mediator between the inmates and their families," Tryon says. "We try to keep or reestablish a bond between inmates and their loved ones. We also attempt to meet some of the temporal needs of the families."

Besides those who assist occasionally, Faith Temple's prison ministry team is made up of Frank Evans, Leroy and Nina Green, Michael Jones, and French and Vernice Tryon.

Donald R. Moy
Communication Leader

New Life Holds Revival

The New Life church of Palestine hosted a week of revival meetings, January 20-27 with R. E. Brown, Southwest Region Conference publishing director, as speaker.

The nightly meetings were well attended by members and guests. On the closing day seven indi-



Veronica Tobias smiles in anticipation of her baptism by R. E. Brown, publishing director for the Southwest Region Conference.

viduals were baptized. Two of these were individuals who had recommitted their lives to Christ and had requested rebaptisms.

Platform chairmen were Namaan Latson and W. T. Arthur. Throughout the series the music was provided by the youth choir and soloists Ginger Latson and Michelle Warren.

Faith Temple Holds Second Annual Feed-A-Cop Day

More than 30 men and women from the Dallas police and fire departments participated in Faith Temple's second annual Feed-A-Cop Day on President's Day in February. This year a new dimension was added to the celebration with the inclusion of Dallas firemen.

Because of the unusually dry conditions this past winter, north Texas experienced a number of serious grass fires which burned large grazing areas and homes and other properties.

"We wanted to include the firemen who have spent many long hours controlling wild fires and protecting lives," explained Connie Buford, community services director.

M. A. Stilleman, an officer from the Southeast Substation, said "It's good to know that the community is appreciative of what we do. I really enjoyed the lunch."

Faith Temple member Lucille Smith prepared the lunch. Numerous other members served the officers and talked with them during the day. *Donald R. Moy*
Communication Leader

Bethel Holds Women's Day Meetings

On the occasion of women's day on February 24, Renata Taylor-Drake, Southwest Region Conference women's ministries director, spoke at the Texarkana Bethel church.

Drake emphasized how important it is for women to resist the temptation of neglecting their children by not training them in Christian nurture and daily counsel. She also admonished the men to love and support their families. "Women who suffer from broken hearts are vulnerable," she said, "and broken hearts lead to broken homes."

A "Women Only" seminar was held at 4:30 when Drake stressed the need for women to rid themselves of those things which separate us from God. "Jesus is soon to come," she said, "and we must minister with love and compassion to the spiritual, physical, mental and social needs of men, women and children, and bring souls to Jesus Christ."



Faith Temple's prison ministry team at the county jail are (from left) Leroy and Nina Green, Frank Evans, and Vernice and French Tryon.



Cooks and cops enjoy a meal together at Faith Temple church.

Texico

Amarillo Hosts Conference-wide Music Festival

It took months of preparation by elementary and junior high students from Amarillo, Corrales, El Paso and Lubbock to be ready for the music festival held at the Amarillo Olsen Park church on Sabbath evening, February 10. Douglas and Willyta Wamack of Olsen Park were the coordinators.

After a welcome, hymn and prayer, Ludim Pedroza, a college student working on her master's degree in piano performance at West Texas A&M University, began the musical program with a piano solo. This was followed by an all-minor quartet with Aron and Ashleigh Cohen playing the cello and first violin, respectively, and Jenny Nelson and Sean Nelson playing the viola and second violin, respectively, performed the "Brandenburg Concerto."

Other groups who performed included the Amarillo Adventist Academy choir; Anita, Irene and Sylvia Garcia of Lubbock, with Sylvia signing for the deaf; Sandia View Adventist Junior Academy choir; and El Paso Adventist Junior Academy girls choir, singing in both Spanish and English.

For the finale, the choirs and an enlarged music ensemble joined together under the direction of Dr. Michael Oden, pastor of the Covenant of Joy Christian Church in Amarillo, to perform "Jesus Is Coming Again." The guest pastor has been directing touring drama/musical groups



The El Paso Junior Academy choir must have sung very well at the music festival, because they look so neat!

for many years.

The El Paso choir received awards for best appearance and best performance, while the Amarillo, Lubbock and Sandia View choirs received participant awards. The El Paso and Sandia View choirs also received a portion of the offering that was collected during the program to help defray the cost of travel expenses.

*Donna Songy-Wilson
Communication Leader*

Big Spring Ordains Elders and Deacons

Four deacons and an elder were ordained in a special service on January 27, 1996, under the leadership of Abel Cordero, the pastor. He was assisted by Bernie Donato, associate pastor; Dr. Oseas Sulatan, head elder; Mike Balisnomo, elder; Jimmy Ygay, deacon; and Anastacio Escobar, deacon.

As part of the elders' call, Cordero read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and an explanation of an elder's responsibilities. Then he read the deacons' call, 1 Timothy 3:8-13,

as well as their responsibilities. He also reviewed all 27 church doctrines, briefly explaining each one.

Dede Smith

Spiritual Gifts Seminar Benefits Amarillo Church

Nola Horne of the Southwestern Union women's ministries department conducted a Spiritual Gifts Seminar in the Amarillo Olsen Park church on Sabbath, February 10. She spoke for the 11:00 a.m. worship service on "Discovering Your Gifts."

Approximately 35 people attended the afternoon workshop Horne held after a potluck lunch. She guided the participants in discovering their spiritual gifts and how best to use them in service to God and others.

David Sitler, the pastor, believes that the church has al-



Nola Horne

ready benefited from what the people learned. Sitler says, "People are beginning to realize that ministering is a way of life, not just a job for the clergy. They're beginning to realize that they have gifts that they can use to minister in specific ways."

*Donna Songy-Wilson
Communication Leader*

Roswell Names Outstanding Teenager

At its annual investiture service, the Thunderbird Pathfinder Club of Roswell named Alex DeWeber, 15, Pathfinder of the Year.

DeWeber, son of David and Bobbi DeWeber, was recognized for his versatility in crafts, music, and camping; his entrepreneur activities with a home bread making trade; and his all-round leadership. He received 24 badges in a variety of crafts.

In a life filled with camping experiences, Alex calls a back packing trip on Mt. Rainier "the most exciting event in my life." When snow began to fall and obscure the way, the threat of danger made the experience all the more exciting, according to DeWeber.

An active teen in the Roswell church, Alex is involved in a full spectrum of activity at home, school and at church. Homework includes not only school assignments, but his bread baking business, with a circle of satisfied customers eager for his next batch of whole wheat bread.

At last fall's Eastern New Mexico Fair, his bread and rolls won the Blue Ribbon first place award.

Thursday nights at home are devoted to ceramics. He is also learning guitar and saxophone.

At Goddard High School where he is in the ninth grade, he was named to the Highest



Alex DeWeber



Sean Nelson, Krista Pope and Ashleigh Cohen performing in a string ensemble at the Amarillo music festival.



Kneeling during the ordination prayer are, from left: Doyle Mayes, Bill Smith, Ronel Sulatan, Kenneth Ygay and Jimmy Ygay.

Honor Roll, having a GPA of 4.3.

Asked if his teachers and schoolmates know of his Adventist persuasion, DeWeber responded, "They know, because I don't attend Friday night and Saturday activities."

At church DeWeber participates in other activities besides Pathfinders. He is a deacon, sound system and video operator, and assistant youth leader. He also sings in the choir.

*Jeanne Jordan
Communication Leader*

Albuquerque Bilingual Church Breaks Ground for New Building

The ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the Albuquerque Bilingual Adventist church was held January 7, 1996. The church will be located on a hill in the South Valley area, with a view of the city and the Sandia Mountains.

Max Trevino, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, Ralph Orduno and John Pope, Texico president and assistant treasurer, attended the ceremony and gave a few words of inspiration.

The Bilingual church was first established May 1, 1993. Most of its charter members were from the Rio Grande church. A group of members from that church had established the North Valley church and then some from North Valley were inspired by God to move in faith to expand the Adventist message by establishing the first Adventist bilingual church in the Albuquerque area.

Although there were only 46 members when the church began, God has blessed during the past two and one-half years, and membership now stands at 64. The members are thankful to God that they have been able to purchase property and plan to begin building in March, 1996. Their dreams for His church are becoming a reality!

*Sandra M. Lopez
Communication Leader*



Those participating in the ground breaking at the Albuquerque bilingual church are, from left: Gilberto Alvidrez, Jerry Lujan, Edwin Lopez, Richard Grossetete, Nehemias Basit, Rose Flores, Max Trevino and Ralph Orduno.



Artist's rendering of the new Albuquerque bilingual church.

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Texas

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Richardson Youth Participate in Church Programs

The young adults of the Richardson church are reaching out to meet the needs of the less fortunate. Through their efforts they have bonded closer together to help and feed the homeless.

On February 10, 1996, the young adults made over 250 sandwiches and distributed the food and drinks to the homeless in downtown Dallas. The group hopes to expand this ministry as they continue to reach out to those in need.

Over the Christmas holiday season, the students of the Richardson Adventist School (RAS) and the leaders of the Home and School gave of themselves by raising funds for food baskets and to help a classmate who has been diagnosed with sickle-cell anemia.

On Sabbath, February 10, 1996, the fifth through eighth grade students of RAS were given the challenge of leading out in the church worship service. The students highlighted the program with song service, offertory music, and special music by the newly established handbell choir. The school now provides Spanish, piano, and handbell classes as part of their curriculum.

*Sue Mathieu
Communication Leader*

Burton Academy Student Receives Award

The United States Achievement Academy announced this year that Christopher Allen Mathews has been named a United States National Award winner and an All-American Scholar.

Mathews, a 16-year-old sophomore at Burton Adventist Academy, Arlington, Texas, is a straight-A honor student with a 4.066 grade point average.

He will appear in the *All-American Scholar Yearbook*, a nationally distributed publication. He will also appear in the USAA's *Official Collegiate Yearbook* as a



The Mathews family, from left: Michael, Marvin, Del Jeanne, John Mark and Cam.

national award winner in science.

The USAA selects winners from candidates nominated by teachers, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Eligibility is based on the USAA's "Standards of Selection." Criteria such as academic performance, interest and aptitude, and leadership qualities are considered. Nominees must have a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Mathews, who was nominated by his science instructor, Jon Dickerson, joins a select group of honorees representing fewer than 10 percent of the nation's high school students.

Mathews, a member of the Denton Seventh-day Adventist Church, is the son of Marvin and Del Jeanne Mathews of Shady Shores, Texas. He is the grandson of Henry and Edna Barnes, Tulsa, Okla., and Irma Mathews, Pryor, Okla.

*Allen Kirtley
Communication Leader*

Valley Grande Holds Nurses Dedication

Valley Grande School of Health and Technology, a division of Valley Grande Academy, held a dedication ceremony in which caps and stripes were awarded to 40 licensed vocational nursing (LVN) students. This was the largest class in the four-year history of the program.

The ceremony featured the traditional Florence Nightingale character with her lantern. Caps for the women and stripes for the men were presented by li-

censed nurses chosen by the students. Many students chose family or friends, while a number requested members of the nursing faculty to do the honors.

Valley Grande's nursing program has proven to be an effective witness to non-Adventist students. Many of them have shown an interest in learning more about the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Fourteen students requested Bibles, which the faculty provided in cooperation with the Weslaco Seventh-day Adventist Church. And some students have asked for a branch Sabbath school.

The witnessing opportunities provide a real thrill to all the faculty, but especially to the nursing instructors who work with the students daily.

"It is very exciting," said Ramona Midamba, nursing di-

rector. "The students show quite an interest in spiritual things."

Marvin Whitney, who teaches the nursing ethics/Bible class, said, "The students learn how to minister to their patients spiritually and how to help them through a crisis. But they also ask many penetrating questions which demonstrate a deep interest in the Bible. We often get into discussions about basic biblical beliefs and look at biblical reasons for our faith and actions."

The spiritual interest of the students has provided deep satisfaction for the staff at Valley Grande.

*Corrie Whitney
Vice Principal, Marketing*

Richardson Church Starts 50-Day Spiritual Journey

After much prayer and planning, the Richardson church has started a 50-day spiritual adventure. The spiritual journey is designed to help the members concentrate on and improve their study habits. Incorporated in the 50-day spiritual adventure is the formation of 12 small groups of eight to 12 members.

With the members journaling their daily study experience, they are brought to a higher spiritual level by emphasizing the following five points in each lesson study.

1. Fill your day with "I believe" statements.



In their monthly visit to people in need, the 5th and 6th grade students of Valley Grande Elementary School bring food, fellowship and literature to two women living in Weslaco. Pictured from left are Randy Robles, Dee Ann Bearden, David Abrego and Linda Bradley.

2. Face confusion with confidence and claim the powerful promises from God's Word.
3. Unleash the power of prayer partnerships.
4. Energize your faith by tracking your daily joys and thankfulness.
5. Find three ways to unclutter your life.

The members of each small group are meeting weekly and are nurtured through a positive spiritual experience. Focus of the group is centered around Bible studies, prayer, and sharing of personal experiences. Some of the groups are led by individual members sharing leadership responsibilities which provides each group member an opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

Through the development of new leaders, it is intended that the dynamics of the group will cause the existing groups to multiply into new groups. In conjunction with the 50-day spiritual adventure, the Richardson church board held its first spiritual retreat in Glen Rose, Texas. The emphasis of the retreat was placed on small group training, prayer, and planning the future growth needs of the church.

*Sue Mathieu
Communication Leader*



The new congregation in Katy. Front row from left: Fred and Johnette Belz, Malhy Gonzales, Tiffany and Joey Beale, Vidia Nerine, Evelyn Belz, Evelyn Hancel, Michelle and Jose Gonzales. Back row: Lloyd and Ginger Helton, Philip Belz, David Belz, Bernie, Bernard, Melanie and Angelea Beale, Jim Evey and Albert Belz.

New Congregation Is Organized in Katy

What would bring a group of people from Jamaica, California, Costa Rica, Wyoming, Trinidad, Alabama and North Texas together in a the small suburban town of Katy, Texas? A desire to spread the gospel message and provide a place of worship for fellow believers is what did it.

With the nearest church 30 to 45 minutes away, Adventists living in this growing community desired a closer place to worship.

In April, 1995, Wednesday evening prayer meetings were begun, then Friday evening vespers and, finally, Sabbath services. In October the Texas Conference approved the organization of this congregation organized as a company.

Plans are being made for a

health seminar to begin in the spring. Optimism is high as the mission work begins in this area.

Adventists moving to the Katy area are invited to join this congregation each Sabbath. For meeting location and more information, call 713/347-2743 or 713/392-0334.

Mercedes Church Holds VBS Reunion

A vacation Bible school reunion was held January 6 in the Mercedes English church for 30 of the 49 children who had attended in July, 1995.

A special puppet presentation, "Mr. Memory Verse," was given by the lay pastor, Amado Vento. The children played games and were given prizes. Refreshments were served by the children's ministries coordinator, Sindy Johnson, assisted by Molly Felch, Norma Vento and Janie Jurado.

"We felt that a reunion would be a good way to renew the friendships formed last July," Johnson said, "since most of those involved were non-Adventist children. This would give us another contact with them and another opportunity to let them know we care. Several of them have been attending Sabbath school on a fairly regular basis since last summer."

*Lou Ann Matlock
Communication Leader*



Children who returned for a Mercedes church vacation Bible school reunion.



Margaret Taglavore, Southwestern Union Conference children's ministry director, helping the Irving church get started with their children's church.

Irving Inaugurates Children's Church

Irving Seventh-day Adventist Church board voted to have a children's church last August. It is conducted the first three Sabbaths of the month. We have been having 10-15 children, ages 4-12, attending. Most of them can repeat the New Testament books in order, and now we are

working on the Old Testament books in order.

Tina Anderson, along with Margaret Taglavore, have been leading out successfully in the services. Tina has been with us approximately two years and has been a great blessing to our children. She has qualities that inspire others to finish projects for the Lord that have been left undone. *Virginia Redmon*
Communication Leader



Dozens of other church members received gifts of appreciation for their dedicated efforts in many areas. Special Silver Kindness Bells went to Joni Siebenlist, community service coordinator; Billie Cross, church secretary; and organizer Phylliss Mitchell, family life coordinator, who continually display acts of kindness in the community.



(Above) The winners of the Burton Academy spelling bee are, from left: Phillip Hivale, Victoria Wahlenmaier, Emmanuel Otieno, and James Forsberg. Victoria and Phillip finished first and second for grades 4-6, while Emmanuel and James came in first and second for grades 7-8.



Admission is free and all are welcome.



This year marked the 10th anniversary of the event co-sponsored by Metroplex Hospital and the Killeen church. Nearly 120 local runners and walkers participated in the race with also included a low fat breakfast, various health screenings and vegetarian cooking samples and recipes.



Although small in number, the San Antonio Durango church Pathfinders have plenty of enthusiasm for collecting canned and packaged goods to prepare food baskets for the needy.

Southwestern Adventist College

JENELL RUSK, CORRESPONDENT

Audio Visual Equipment Donated to SAC

The communication department of Southwestern Adventist College recently received a donation of audio visual equipment from the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Two SVHS camcorders with audio kits and tripods, which the department will use as electronic news gathering units, were part of the donation. Also included were two character generators which produce titles on the TV screen, two battery belts and camera lights, and audio recording equipment.

The Southwestern Union Conference donated the equipment after they sold their low-power television stations. The union wanted a recipient who would use the equipment for a specific purpose—evangelism. SAC's television station, K60FS, fulfilled that requirement.

"This generous donation will benefit our communication program in tangible ways," said John Williams, associate professor of communication. "Where we had a ratio of ten students to one video camera, we now have three students per camera." New equipment, comparable to the donated equipment, would cost between \$12,000 and \$14,000.

Christina Cervantes



Larry Stewart, senior broadcasting major at Southwestern Adventist College, shoots news footage with the school's newest electronic news gathering unit (ENG). The Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists donated two camcorders and other equipment for use at the college's low-power television station. Photo: Tricia Schnell

the gymnasium. Most of their program consisted of songs recorded by 4 Him, Kathy Troccoli, and other artists. Scott Reed, a member of Faith First, gave a personal testimony on the influence Watson had on his life and his music.

Watson, a two-time nominated Grammy award and numerous Dove award winner, opened the concert with acoustic versions of his new release, "Field of Souls," and previous albums such as "Home Free" and "Time Flies." A song dedicated to his wife of 23 years concluded the

SAC Homecoming Weekend, APRIL 11-14

This year's homecoming weekend is packed with special events and interesting speakers. For more information and a schedule of events, contact the SAC Advancement Office at 817-556-4731. Programs of special interest include:

Thursday, April 11	Homecoming Fiesta dinner	6:15 p.m.
Friday, April 12	Nursing Continuing Education	All day
	Homecoming Golf Classic	1:00 p.m.
Sabbath, April 13	Concert, Mendelssohn's "Elijah"	6:00 p.m.

Honor classes are 1916, 1921, 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1986.

first half of the concert.

The second half of the concert consisted of a "family theme." Some of the songs included in this portion were "Wa-

ter Colored Ponies," "Somewhere in the World," and "Home Free." The program ended with an encore.

Lorena Gayao
Freshman Biology Major



Southwestern Adventist College student nurse Kathi Howerton of Columbia, Mo. receives her special nurse's Bible from the Gideon Bible Society during the annual nurses dedication ceremony, Saturday, January 27. The ceremony was for the 44 first-year nursing students who had completed the fundamentals of nursing course. Photo: Tobe Watts

Obituaries

ABBOTT, Lowell O'Neal, was born May 22, 1926 in Hamilton, AL and died Jan. 5, 1996 in Clinton, LA. Survivors: wife, Mildred, Clinton; daughters, Sara Dugas, Clinton and Debra Dugas, Hamilton; son, Lowell Jr., Alabama; sisters, Cornelia Stidham and Evelyn Umfress; and brothers, James, Joseph and Paul.

ARBOUR, William H., DDS, was born Mar. 3, 1937 in Baton Rouge, LA and died Jan. 6, 1996 in DeQueen, AR. Survivors: wife, Betty Jane, DeQueen; sons, William David and Mark Hunter, both of DeQueen, and Ray Douglas, Horatio, AR; daughter, Toni Lynn, DeQueen; mother, Jewell McCollister, Baton Rouge; brother, Charles McCollister, Baton Rouge; and 1 grandchild.

BABIN, Albert, was born April 30, 1919 in Grayville, LA and died Nov. 5, 1995 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: sons, Albert Jr. and Andre Woods, both of Baton Rouge; daughter, Monica Forbes, Baton Rouge; and 3 grandchildren.

BROCKEL, Laverna E., was born in 1927 in Mound City, SD and died Dec. 30, 1995 in Simsboro, LA. Survivors: son, Dwight Beuchler, Bixby, OK; daughters, Cindy Liner, Simsboro, and Bonnie Allen, Bossier City, LA; and sisters, Elvera Dale, Leslie, AR and Alma Wise, Roseburg, OR.

BUTLER, Edgar W., was born Nov. 1, 1923 in Cumby, TX and died Jan. 28, 1996 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: wife, Nola, Fort Worth; daughters, Lynn Burgess and Mary Fisher, both of Odessa, TX, Cora Hedrick of Michigan, Pam Butler, Barbara Hardin, Linda Landers, and Sheryl Turnbull, all of Fort Worth; sons, Floyd and John Waltman, both of Fort Worth; mother, Lucille Butler, Texarkana; brother, Gerald, Texarkana; sister, Ina Faye Gadberry, Texarkana; 19 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

CARLSON, Jennifer Ann, was born Oct. 5, 1972 in Cushing, OK and died Feb. 7,

1996 in California. Survivors: mother, Vickie Blazek, Sapulpa, OK; father, LaRue Carlson, Tulsa, OK; sisters, Tami, Tulsa and Amanda, Bristow, OK; and grandfather, Clarence Blankenship, Watsonville, CA. Ertis Johnson

COWAN, Judith, was born Nov. 5, 1914 in Stilwell, OK and died Feb. 19, 1996 in Batesville, AR. Survivors: son, Philip Cowan, Mt. View, AR; stepson, Lewis Cowan, Bakersfield, CA; stepdaughter, Sherry Beck, Mt. View, AR; brother, Frank Asbury, Hohenwald, TN; and sister, Malderene Fikes, Seattle, WA.

DURGAN, Maudie, was born Aug. 14, 1904 in Willard, NM and died Jan. 12, 1996 in Harrison, AR. Survivors: daughters, Gloria Burris, Leadhill, AR and Lauretta Martin, Harrison; sons, Vernon Silva of North Carolina and Aaron Silva, Jr. of Florida; brother, Edwin Hixson, Hixson, AZ; sister, Inez Klenke of California; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grand-

Wayne Watson Presents Concert at College

Saturday night, February 10, contemporary Christian artist Wayne Watson presented a concert at Southwestern Adventist College.

Faith First, a group of four Christian singers who began their ministry in California, was the opening act. Their message and their harmony rang out clear in



Wayne Watson

children; and 15 great, great-grandchildren.

ELLIOTT, Leatha, was born June 6, 1897 in Smith Co., KS and died Jan. 16, 1996 in Little Rock, AR. Survivors: daughters, Bell Davis and Marie Cress; and sisters, Bernice Mayhan and Eunice Kenyon.

FAST, Avis, was born Nov. 1, 1925 near Carney, OK and died Feb. 17, 1996 in Okeene, OK. Survivors: husband, Leonard, Okeene; sons, Ferrin, Chattanooga, TN and Kevin, Topeka, KS; brother, Russell Thomas, Healdton, OK; and sister, Martylene Dunham, Savannah, GA. Dan Jensen

FELTUS, Adell Floretta, was born May 2, 1912 in Centerville, MS and died Dec. 23, 1995 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: a nephew, George Ralph Miller III, Charlotte, NC; nieces, Lola Evelyn Miller, Baton Rouge, and Vivian Alise Freeman,

Charlotte, NC; and 3 great-nieces. Evelyn Edwards

FERGUSON, Pearl Crowson, was born May 5, 1910 in Bayou Chene, LA and died Feb. 15, 1996 in New Iberia, LA. Survivors: sons, Ralph, New Iberia and Howard, Lake Charles, LA; brother, Andrew Crowson, New Iberia; 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

FORD, Fred, was born Sept. 1, 1904 in Leesville, LA and died Jan. 31, 1996 in Leesville. He was a member of the DeRidder church and is survived by nieces and nephews.

HALE, Cecil H., was born Jan. 9, 1914 in Bristow, OK and died Jan. 31, 1996 in Bristow. He is survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews.

HARRISON, Caroline Gerhards, was born Aug. 29, 1975 and died Jan. 8,

1996. Survivors: husband, Albert; mother, Mary Louise Gerhards; sisters, Alicia and Desiree Gerhards; brothers, Bernard, Edward, Franklin and Glen Dick Gerhards.

HARSHA, Myra Laura, was born Sept. 11, 1896 and died Dec. 23, 1995 in Keene, TX. She was baptized by her son, George, on her 99th birthday. Survivors: daughters, Edith Carthel, Great Falls, MT and Janell Addington, LaGrande, OR; and son, George, Keene.

HEAD, Emmitt Evert, age 64, died Nov. 15, 1995 in Little Rock, AR. Survivors: wife, Joan, Little Rock; sons, David, Ronald, Larry, Terry and Donald; and mother, Annas Head.

HURST, Clifton B., was born April 22, 1927 in Chandler, OK and died Jan. 20, 1996 in Norman, OK. He was a member of the Southwestern Adventist College board. Survivors: wife, Juanita, Shattuck, OK; daughter, Daina Baker, Norman; son, Van, Burleson, TX; brothers, Milo, Cushing, OK, Fred, Ponca City, OK and Calvin, Denver, CO; sister, Christine Earp, Oklahoma City; and 3 granddaughters. Virginia Burton

KNOX, Modean B., was born July 30, 1918 in Centerville, AR and died Nov. 8, 1995 in Clarksville, AR. Survivors: daughters, Jeffie Pounds and Sandra Barnes, both of Ocean Springs, MS; and sons, Jerry Collins, Mt. View, MO and Bobb Collins, Plainview, AR.

LAWRENCE, Zelma, was born Mar. 6, 1904 and died Nov. 1, 1995 in Irving, TX. Survivors: daughter, Shirley Carter, Odessa, TX; son, Richard Lawrence, Hiawasee, GA; 4 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. Virginia Redmon

LONG, Louise G., was born Dec. 16, 1912 in Dallas, TX and died Jan. 20, 1996 in Southlake, TX. Survivors: daughter, Enola Stone; 1 grandson; and one great-grandson. Allen Kirtley

LORENZ, William S., was born April 16, 1900 near Hitchcock, OK and died Feb. 14, 1996 in Okeene, OK. He is survived by a son, Billy George Lorenz, of Okeene. Dan Jensen

MURPHY, Edith Pope, was born Dec. 25, 1907 in Cherryvale, KS and died Dec. 26, 1995 in Bartlesville, OK. Survivors: sons, Jim Murphy, Dewey, OK and

Carl Eugene Murphy, Granby, MO; sisters, Helen Brienig, Kearney, NE and Zola Swanson, Collinsville, IL.

Madeline Scott
PRICE, Daniel Jr., was born Dec. 23, 1924 in Luling, TX and died Jan. 3, 1996 in Keene, TX. Survivors: wife, Betty Ann, Keene; son, David Melton Price III, Vidor, TX; brother, Eldon Price, Vidor; 5 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

PENDERGRASS, Duncan Augdon, was born Feb. 21, 1918 in Cedar Grove, TN and died Feb. 14, 1996 in Umpire, AR. Survivors: wife, Mary Nell, Umpire; son, Gordon, Umpire; sisters, Arlene Spain, Jackson, TN and Thelma Baumgardner, Paducah, KY; 4 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

PETTEY, Delia Ruth, was born Mar. 28, 1910 in Weir, KS and died Feb. 7, 1996 in Siloam Springs, AR. She was a retired cafeteria manager for Ozark Adventist Academy. Survivors: son, Richard, Siloam Springs; daughter, Alice Wellnitz, Siloam Springs; 4 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

QUALS, Eunice, was born April 22, 1903 in Petersburg, TX and died Jan. 20, 1996 in Clovis, NM. Survivors: sons, Herbert, Clovis, and Gilbert, Cedar Bluff, AL; daughters, Doris Bailey, Clovis, and Sybil Smith, Yucca Valley, CA; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

REED, Veleria, was born Sept. 22, 1905 in Custer Co., OK and died Feb. 5, 1996 in Bethany, OK. Survivors: sister, Marie Knight, Oklahoma City; and brother, Ted Senters, Apple Valley, CA. Dan Jensen

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This program details alternatives to male-pattern baldness.

It Is Written: NEVER AN EMPTY CHAIR

Has death left an empty chair in your family? Don't miss this classic Easter message.

Voice of Prophecy

Sun.: HE IS RISEN

The devil did his worst, but Jesus bowled him over.

Mon.-Fri., Apr. 8-12: HOME RUNS AND HEAVENLY DREAMS

Discover the spiritual truths to be found in 28 baseball parks.

Weekend of April 14

Faith For Today: PROZAC: FRIEND OR FOE? *Lifestyle Magazine*

Is Prozac the answer to all your problems, or just the start of them?

It Is Written: FAMOUS LAST WORDS

The last words of some Bible people help us picture what we might hope for in our last hour.

Voice of Prophecy

Sun.: COOPERATING WITH THE POPE: CHRISTIAN UNITY OR DANGEROUS COMPROMISE?

Recent moves toward greater cooperation between Protestants and Catholics.

Mon.-Fri., Apr. 15-19: AN OFFER FROM THE ENEMY

What can Lucifer really do for you? Exposing the empty boasts of the enemy.

Weekend of April 21

Faith For Today: MILITIAS

Are they the defenders of the constitution, or the greatest threat to liberty in our time?

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Nobody minds commandments #1-3 and #5-10... but why does the world ignore #4?

Weekend of April 28

Faith For Today: MEDIA RESPONSIBILITY. *Lifestyle Magazine.*

David Mirkin, executive producer of The Simpsons, thinks Hollywood has a responsibility to viewers.

It Is Written: SECURITY BY THE NUMBERS

The life of King Solomon shows why we can never create security "by the numbers."

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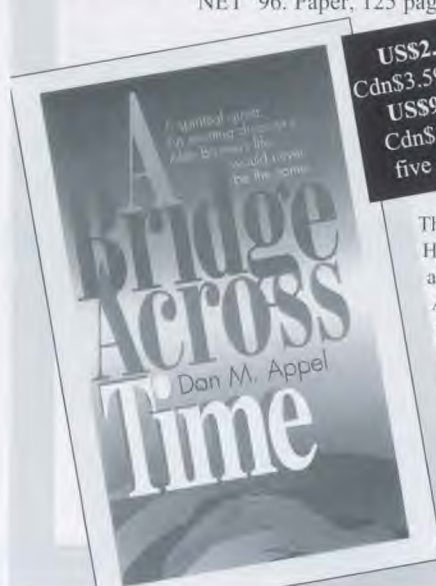
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	Apr. 12	Apr. 19	Apr. 26	May 3	May 10	May 17
Abilene, Texas	8:06	8:11	8:16	8:21	8:27	8:32
Amarillo, Texas	8:17	8:23	8:28	8:34	8:39	8:45
Brownsville, Texas	7:52	7:55	7:58	8:02	8:06	8:09
Dallas, Texas	7:55	8:00	8:05	8:10	8:16	8:21
El Paso, Texas	7:33	7:38	7:43	7:48	7:53	7:58
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	7:57	8:02	8:07	8:12	8:17	8:23
Galveston/Houston, Texas	7:44	7:48	7:52	7:57	8:01	8:05
Gentry, Arkansas	7:49	7:55	8:00	8:07	8:13	8:18
Little Rock, Arkansas	7:39	7:44	7:50	7:55	8:00	8:06
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:51	7:57	8:03	8:09	8:15	8:20
New Orleans, Louisiana	7:25	7:30	7:34	7:38	7:43	7:48
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	8:00	8:06	8:12	8:18	8:24	8:29
San Antonio, Texas	7:59	8:03	8:08	8:11	8:16	8:21
Santa Fe, New Mexico	7:35	7:41	7:47	7:53	7:58	8:04
Shreveport, Louisiana	7:43	7:48	7:53	7:58	8:03	8:08
Tulsa, Oklahoma	7:55	8:01	8:07	8:13	8:19	8:24

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Position Available

Dean School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Loma Linda University, a Seventh-day Adventist Health Sciences University, announces a search for a Dean of the proposed School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University. Loma Linda is currently proceeding through the preaccreditation review process with the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education with the intention of opening the School in the summer of 1997. The position will be available commencing on or about July 1, 1996.

Responsibilities: The Dean is the chief administrative officer of the School and reports directly to the President of the University. The Dean has responsibility for the overall management of the School, resource allocation, personnel and program development and implementation for the proposed Doctor of Pharmacy degree and other future programs of the School. The Dean represents the School within the University and to external constituencies.

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