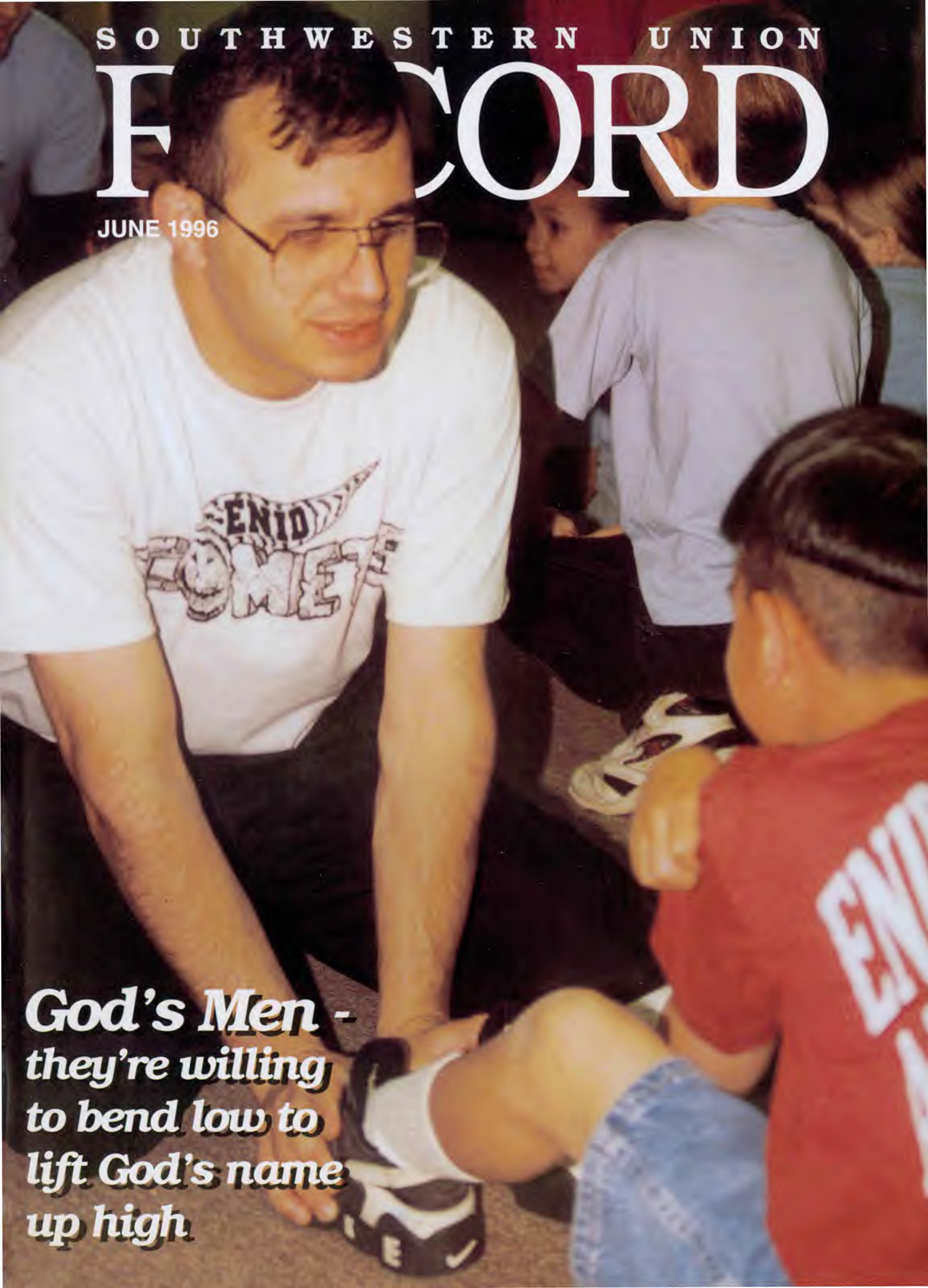


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God's Men -
*they're willing
to bend low to
lift God's name
up high.*

The Men In My Life



Jean Thomas, Editor

My heart was pounding as we walked up the steps to the college guest apartment, and my mouth went dry. I was very nervous. This was a new and awesome experience—meeting my prospective English father-in-law. He'd just arrived from England as the new business manager at Helderberg College in South Africa. His wife and two of their sons were to arrive by boat a few weeks later.

As we walked through the door, I found myself face to face with "Dad." "So this is the Jean we've been hearing about!" he said. I smiled as sweetly as I could and put out my hand. "How do you do!" I said in proper English style.

The day the rest of the family were to arrive at the Cape Town docks we had an early breakfast in the school cafeteria while the staff were still setting up for the meal. Before eating we had worship and knelt around the dining room table to ask for God's protection and blessing on the day. I'd never done that in the cafe!

Upon reaching the docks, my prospective father-in-law gave us money to buy a picnic lunch we would eat on the beach once the family had disembarked. I'll never forget how we had to account for every penny we spent, and my father-in-law wrote down the expenses in his little book! I'd never seen that done before either.

A week or two later when I was invited to a meal at the prospective

in-laws' apartment, I found Dad Thomas ironing the family's clothes! I'd never seen an adult man do that! And then, he washed the dinner dishes! I'd never seen a man do that, either! Dad Thomas was different—a big man, but so kind; a man who cared well for his family; a man who was careful, accurate in everything he did, practical, considerate and very sincere about serving the church and serving His Lord.

Those early impressions of my father-in-law proved true throughout the years he was alive, and his example has been a role model to his four sons and grandsons.

Dedicated to working for the church, Dad Thomas and his

bride of two weeks left England on a mission appointment to East Africa in 1924, in the days when life was extremely primitive, with many of the natives not yet wearing clothing. They had committed their lives to mission work in Africa. Few of us today are willing to endure the hardships those early missionaries accepted as part of their service to their Lord. To survive they had to be self-reliant, willing to suffer loneliness and many inconveniences such as a lack of fresh vegetables and fruits, no running water in the house, and no stores nearby. They had to know how to erect buildings, repair motors, fix things and make do or substitute with inefficient tools and supplies.

Dad Thomas seemed fearless. He trusted completely in God's protection and guidance. When traveling on lonely, rough roads, or crossing Lake Victoria in an Arab dhow during a storm, he relied on God to keep him safe. Why? Because he had dedicated himself and his family to serving the Lord. Morning and evening worship were an important part of the day. Living in a still-primitive land where life was unpredictable, where tropical diseases were prevalent, and mosquitoes, soldier ants and snakes a part of everyday life, Dad Thomas felt he needed to commit his family to God's protection. This gave him the confidence to go about his work knowing God was in control.

In all of his 44 years of service for the church, Dad Thomas was highly respected by fellow workers in the mission field and students and faculty at the college. Even though he has gone to his rest now, his influence can still be seen in his four sons and even the grandsons. They follow in his footsteps. I pay tribute to my husband, Fred,

COVER PHOTO: Enid Pathfinder leader, Hector Rivera, helping with a "knotty" problem. Photo: Jack Francisco.



Fred and Florence on their wedding day, December 2, 1923.

The Greatest want of the world is the want of MEN,

MEN who will not be bought or sold,

MEN who in their inmost souls are true and honest,

MEN who do not fear to call sin by its right name,

MEN whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole,

MEN who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

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the oldest of the four Thomas boys, who has been a kind, loving husband, one who has always been true to principle, honest, fair, free from malice, loyal to the church and to his father's God. His brother Don has dedicated his whole life to mission work in some of the most difficult places in Africa and is loved by many of the sons of Africa. Another brother, Ken, who is head of the mathematics department at Andrews University, was elected this year by his peers as the most exemplary member of the faculty on campus. The fourth son, Mervyn, although not in denominational service, has been respected as a reliable accountant and financial controller in the firms in which he has worked.

And now our four sons, all grown with families of their own, seem to be emulating many of the fine qualities their grandfather passed on to his sons! Men of God do make a difference. They serve as role models for the generations which come after them.



They're men who share

At age 71, Eddie Aragon still keeps pace with those who are much younger. "I have much pain all the time from arthritis," he says, "and if I stop to feel sorry for myself, I'll become bedridden, so I keep going. Every now and then I go to check on the doctor to see how he's doing!" he says with a chuckle.

Aragon is the first to arrive at church every Sabbath morning. "I want to be sure that everything is ready for the day," he comments. And often he is the last to leave. Sabbath afternoons you will find him giving Bible studies.

He holds down a full-time job during the week as a salesman for a contracting

company. "I sell stucco contracts to building firms in Albuquerque," he says. "I go from one construction site to the next to offer our services. We are kept busy."

In addition, Aragon helped install the radio station KSVA at the Sandia View Academy. Having been an acoustical engineer before retirement, he had the skills to install the correct sound acoustics. "And now we're starting a television station—Channel 17," he continues. "We're just a group of humble people, but we're trusting the Lord to help us with this new venture in spreading the gospel."

What has motivated Aragon? He became a Seventh-day Adventist at age 15 and found that helping others always brought him joy. "I try to show God's love to everyone—not by lecturing them, but by accepting them as they are. I never get mad but rather try to show them that I care. Then when they ask me what it is that makes me so different from most people, I can share, and I do.

"Today," he continued, "my boss and I are to have a Bible study with 15 men in our employ. They've seen how we don't smoke or use bad language, and they know how kindly we treat others, so they've asked us to share how Jesus can change their lives as well."



They're men who serve

"My father came from a large family in the Philippines where everyone was expected to stay at home and help with the farming," says Dr. Laurence Gayo, an emergency physician working in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. "At an early stage in life my father decided he wanted to do something other than farm, so



Laurence Gayo

after the seventh grade, which was the highest grade-level anyone could take in country schools, he moved near to one of the Seventh-day

Adventist institutions.

"This is where, at an early age, I was exposed to missionary teachers and doctors who had come our country. One doctor in particular made a deep impression on me. His name was William Richli, and he came first as a mission appointee, but later returned on his own to work independently as a physician, using his own money to build a hospital and clinics. He was extremely versatile and could invent gadgets, mend electronic machines and turn what seemed a failure into a successful project. He was also involved in evangelistic work.

"Because of his influence, I decided to become a doctor, and I practiced medicine for a number of years in the Philippines, but as our children began to grow we felt we needed to give them opportunities they would not get in the Philippines, so we came to the United States.

"For several years I practiced medicine in Abilene. Because membership in the church is not very big, I became involved in church work, helping with the various outreach programs and preaching when it came my turn.

"Now as an emergency room physician I find many opportunities to demonstrate by my kindness and caring that God has made a difference in my life. There are times when I find it appropriate to pray with patients and give them confidence in knowing they are in God's hands.

"The one thing I feel that has kept my family together is that we have taken time every morning and evening to have family worship. It is sad that many of our members are missing this vital part of being close to their children and in helping them with their spiritual growth. The values I

hold dear are those I have gleaned from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. We need to restudy Bible truths and re-read such books as *Education*, *Child Guidance*, *Messages to Young People*, and *Counsels on Diet and Foods*. What the world is only now discovering about the influences on the mind and body, we knew long ago. It's just sad and very disturbing that with all this knowledge, we are not putting into practice what we know is best for us.

"The longer I live, the more I realize how dependent I am on Christ. He is the One who stands by me each day. He is the One to whom I commend my family each day. And I hope I can, by my example, inspire my hospital contacts to look to Jesus for their help and guidance each day."



Are men who are faithful

Three deacons in the Berean Church of Baton Rouge are leaving their mark on the church. They are Edward Seales, Freddy Lawrence, and Eugene Miller.

Edward Seales, a man of quiet spirit and unassuming demeanor, has been elected head deacon for the past eight years. He begins his duties on Saturday evening once the church has been emptied of people. He moves from pew to pew, aisle to aisle, cleaning the sanctuary and readying it for the next weekend. Then he moves to the annex, which gets the same meticulous attention.

On Sundays it is not uncommon to see him mowing the school lawn or tending to other chores on the campus, simply because he passed by and saw a need. This is in addition to his weekly custodial job at the church school.

A number of Berean's



Three faithful deacons of the Berean Baton Rouge church, from left: Freddy Lawrence, Edward Seales and Eugene Miller.

seniors and/or infirm are grateful that he is willing to transport them to and from church functions. Because a wheel chair or other mobility aide might take the place of seating in his compact car, sometimes he needs to make more than one trip.

He helps deliver Meals-on-Wheels on Sabbath and Sunday. He also helps coordinate and participate in taking communion to the sick and shut-ins. His knowledge of the scriptures and his capacity for sharing that knowledge are evident in his role as an assistant Sabbath school teacher and Wednesday night prayer meeting speaker.

Freddy Lawrence joined the church in 1968 and since then he has served as deacon and treasurer. He commutes daily to New Orleans for his four-day work week job and spends the fifth day at Berean where

The father may exert an influence over his children which shall be stronger than the allurements of the world.

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he works on accounts and reports, logs in information and pays bills. In addition, he tends to the general maintenance of the church's electronic equipment, does errands for the church and shops for the senior meal programs. Like Seales, he works closely with the community services delivering meals and being generally helpful.

Church treasury people know him as "The Sheriff" because of the efficiency with which he conducts the department. And like a good sheriff, he rewards his "posse" with periodic get-togethers. He also has an 8:30 a.m. Bible class on

Sabbath mornings.

Eugene Miller has been a Seventh-day Adventist for 41 years. Growing up as one of 13 children, he learned early the importance of good work ethics, and this has translated to his service to the church. Throughout the years he has served as deacon, usher, Sabbath school superintendent, assistant treasurer, stewardship leader, Sabbath school teacher, Bible worker and building committee chairperson.

Sabbath mornings he holds an 8:00 a.m. prayer meeting and Spirit of Prophecy session, teaches a Sabbath school class and is active in the church's youth prison ministries. Berean's tent evangelists dubbed him "The keeper of the canvas" for his countless nights spent watching tents. He is also known for his fix-it ability. Not only does he do all

the electrical and air-conditioning work at the church and school, but he also makes himself available for members who need his services. He volunteers his services to church

members and more often than not, refuses to charge for his labor.

These three Berean men fit well the description found in 1 Timothy 3:13 NIV, which says, "Those (deacons) who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus."

*Evelyn Edwards
Communication Leader*

GOD'S MEN

They use initiative when leading

What does a church do when it has no pastor for more than half a year? It turns to its



Bill McClendon

head elder for leadership. And what does the head elder do when his church has no pastor for over half a year? If his name is Bill McClendon, he pitches in and provides leadership far beyond any call of duty. He not only keeps his church "running," he leads his church in evangelism reclamation, visitation, and stewardship.

For about nine months in 1994 the Tulsa church was without pastoral leadership. During that time McClendon, who owns his own software business, faithfully organized the elders in a weekly visitation program, edited the bi-monthly church newsletter, taught his Sabbath school class each week and arranged for all Sabbath services.

In addition to these 'routine' activities, McClendon led the church in a successful drive to raise \$100,000 to pay off its church and school debt to the conference.

He found time to plan creative activities for his church. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Great Disappointment on October 22, McClendon had a tent pitched in the church yard. All members were urged to dress in a style to match the 1844 setting. He even arranged for "James and Ellen White" and "Joseph Bates" to speak at the services.

Evangelism is an important part of his life. Because of this, on his own, just because he

cares, he has continued his habit of holding a Revelation seminar on a regular basis. After his first seminar, when the pastor arrived there were three people waiting, ready for baptism.

McClendon continues to be a strong leader in the Tulsa church, although he is no longer head elder. His interest continues in every aspect of the church's program. Recently two more of his contacts were baptized. He is, once again, holding another Revelation seminar.

Thanks, Bill, for being such an exemplary role model in our church. Lead on! You're a real help and inspiration!

Sherman McCormick, Pastor

GOD'S MEN

They count on Him for help

He's no ordinary man. He's different, not only physically, but in his mental outlook as well. Here's his story:



Harley Larkin

"The sun was rising over the pines of western Oregon as I thought about my last day on this job. I had wanted to do

something other than harvest trees in the forest and thought of taking up something to do with electronics," Harley Larkin says.

What was scheduled to be the last day of this logging job, the last chance to raise funds for open-heart surgery for a man Larkin didn't even know, nearly turned out to be the last day of Larkin's life. That August morning ended dramatically when a 44-foot long, 22-inch diameter log struck him on the shoulder, knocking him down and pinning him to the ground.

He was rushed to the hospital where the staff

covered him with a blanket and gave him morphine, figuring the undertaker would clean him up once he had died. But he didn't die! Somehow he survived and was sent to the Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon for testing and X-rays.

"After a week of testing," Larkin said, "I was told that the best I could expect would be to put watch stems in watches at an assembly line. Then as I stood in the doorway of the rehabilitation gymna-

because of your sins—God must be punishing you for being greedy." But the indomitable "Larkin spirit" prevailed, and he began to work again. Little by little he learned to do more things until he was able to pour a slab, build his own carport and deck. Then he taught himself to weld and later build his own house, kitchen cabinets and garage.

"As a child my father had always pushed me to work hard and to be adaptable, creative and ingenious," Larkin said, giving an insight into what was driving him. "Then I decided to go back to finish college and become a math teacher, but I couldn't write. With the assistance of a big fat pencil, a retired teacher and dot-to-dot book, I started writing lessons. A

month later I started back to college, earning my advanced mathematics degree and later my master's in education."

Through the years he has taught in Michigan, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Texas. Now past retirement age, he still teaches math in the Keene public school system. He is involved with outreach programs both in the community and on mission trips.

"Each spring we get a group together to go on a mission trip to Mexico," he says. "I take anyone who wishes to go, from Southwestern Adventist College, Keene Adventist Elementary, Chisholm Trail Academy and the public school. I've made at least six trips to Mexico to help build churches. We also hold evangelistic meetings and vacation Bible schools.

His motto has been, "In everything give thanks. God will work things out if we are willing to do our part. And," he concluded, "if you don't like your environment, make one you do like!"

The father of boys should come into close contact with his sons, giving them the benefit of his larger experience and talking with them in such simplicity and tenderness that he binds them to his heart. He should let them see that he has their best interest, their happiness, in view all the time . . .

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sium one day," he continued, "and I saw the many pathetic cases of wrecked and wasted humanity struggling to regain survival skills, I determined not to become like them! As I watched, I had nothing but empathy for them—so many hurting people! Later I spoke to the gymnast, a double amputee, a one-armed, one-legged man, who led the training. He told me I could do anything I wanted if I wanted it badly enough. I looked at him and decided that if he could become a success, so could I. I went out from there determined that with God's help I'd make my dream come true."

Larkin wore a cast on his left arm for six months and then had his right arm amputated at the shoulder since the nerves had been severed at the time of the accident. He also had a triple fusion of his upper spine, which put him in a body cast for six months.

The first time he went back to church, some folk made a comment like, "It must be

GOD'S MEN

They serve their church well

Gene Kuykendall served for 36 months in the South Pacific as a Marine during World War II. "I married a Seventh-day Adventist girl but did not attend church with her. However, my wife's daddy used to talk to me about God. Then when the children began going to Sabbath school I would go once in a while."

When the Korean war came Kuykendall joined an active army reserve unit. While in training at Fort Chaffey, a Seventh-day Adventist minister came to visit him and left some books for him to read. "I read through the Conflict of the Ages series, and by the time I was through the *Great Controversy*, I knew I needed to join the church." He was not sent to Korea because of the number of dependents he had and because of his previous military service.

"I'm 72 years old now, and I've been involved in local church work ever since I was baptized. For many years I was in charge of ingathering and personal ministries, elder and Sabbath school superintendent. I love being involved with church work."

When he was a little younger, he, along with several other church members, would



Gene and Willene Kuykendall

visit the smaller churches. "We'd take the Sabbath school lesson, preach and hold Bible studies," he says, "and we really enjoyed helping these smaller congregations."

His two sons graduated from Southern College, "and now we're going down to the college for our granddaughter's graduation," he says.

"I believe the father must be the priest of the home," Kuykendall concludes. "He is the one who sets the tone and example at home. It is important for fathers to take a strong stand for what they believe. When children can see how genuine we are, they will follow our example."

GOD'S MEN

They share God's love with young people

Calvin Millet is not only very active in his local church in Slidell where he is head elder, but is also a member of the conference K-12 Board and is a member of the youth sub-committee which originated the very successful Youth Explosion last summer in the New Orleans area. Millet is always very eager to volunteer, whether it is with the junior Sabbath school class where he leads out, telling the children's story for worship hour, organizing the Christmas program, or greeting visitors to make them feel at home. He is very down-to-earth, easy going, and treats everyone fairly.

When asked why he enjoys working with young people, Calvin Millet replied, "They are so open, honest and full of energy that it helps keep me feeling young. When I see their eyes light up with understanding or their faces full of the love and joy of life, it warms my heart and renews

Men in Pursuit of Excellence

In many areas around the Texas Conference, men are organizing a men's ministry



group in their local churches. Having gained a taste of what can happen to men when

they dedicate their lives to God and their families at the first AMEN weekend held earlier in the year, these men are determined to highlight the role men play in the family.

"Revival and reformation begin at home," explains Van Hurst, Texas Conference men's ministry coordinator. "A committed Christian influence at home is felt in the church."

These local ministries include prayer, study and mentoring in a small group dynamic which results in greater fellowship and spiritual growth.

With the encouragement of Walter Wright, Southwestern Union family life director, the concept has grown to include about 20 known men's ministries stretching from Joshua to Jefferson, and from Jefferson to Weslaco. Men are encouraging each other to fight the spiritual warfare and save their families.

November 2, 1996, will provide opportunity for another dynamic weekend at Nameless Valley Ranch. Men from throughout the Southwestern Union are urged to attend the next weekend of affirmation, education, relaxation and spiritual renewal.

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Van Hurst
AMEN Coordinator for Texas

in me a love for God. In a way, I feel kind of selfish, because I certainly receive more from our young people than I can ever give back." Calvin Millet's love for God and his church is displayed through his kind and gentle manner and is especially evident with his wife, Ann, and his two daughters, Chelsie and Arianne. Slidell members feel blessed to have Calvin Millet in their church, because it can be seen that Jesus reigns in his life.

Vernella French
Communication Leader

PS: Because of God's blessing and the dedicated leadership, Youth Explosion was such a success last summer that this year the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference is planning to have a Youth Explosion program in five different locations.



They're men who are resourceful

Jerry Pratt is an active member of the Rogers church. He assists in many ways at Springdale Adventist School,



Jerry Pratt

where his two children, Jeffrey, age 13, and Julie, age 8, attend. He has numerous talents which range from deacon, audio-visual coordinator, teacher for youth, co-leader of the social committee, fruit sales volunteer, and general handyman for the church and school. He is right hand to his wife Vangie.

Even though Jerry Pratt leads a very busy life with his regular trucking responsibilities, he always finds time or makes the time to help at our church. Every church needs a Jerry Pratt, and we at the Rogers church feel very

indebted to him for his dedication and interest in God's work. We feel very fortunate to have him in our church.

Aileen Fielding
Communication Secretary



Little kids love their attention

"Kids associate mostly with women and mothers during their growing up years, but many times the fathers are absent. They yearn for male companionship and love it when a man takes an interest in them," says Charles Ice, kindergarten leader in a large Sabbath school room at the Arlington church. "One of my most rewarding experiences in the church has been working with these little kids. They respond so willingly to the gospel truths when told in simple story-form by a man!"

Just watch the faces of kids when Beaman Senecal, Burton Adventist Academy treasurer,

tells a Bible story, and he does this every Sabbath! Somehow he never seems to tire of this assignment—it's been on-going for many years. The children listen with rapt attention.

A number of other men in the Arlington church are involved with children. David Banks, administrative director for behavioral health at Huguley Memorial Medical Center, coordinates children's church; and Marvin Gifford, a builder, Ruben Moses, a health-care consultant, and Clyde Rafferty, an insurance agent, all assist with children in the lower divisions of Sabbath school. And there are a larger number of fathers who are involved with the Adventurer Club.

So many children come from broken homes today where the father is absent that it becomes all the more important for men to become a visible part of children's programs. Men are needed to help love and nurture the little ones in a way that will give them a positive picture of what their father in heaven is like. This is an awesome responsibility—one that can be attained only as men grow in God's likeness. Men are needed to meet this challenge!

What a son thinks about his father

- At 3 years old: Father is good.
- At 7 years old: Father is wise. He knows everything.
- At 14 years old: I think that he makes mistakes in some of the things he says.
- At 20 years old: Father is a bit behind in his theories. He is not from this age.
- At 25 years old: My father doesn't know anything. He is getting old.
- At 35 years old: With my experience, my father would have become a millionaire.
- At 45 years old: I'm not sure whether to talk to the old man about this . . . Maybe he could give me some advice.
- At 55 years old: Why did my old man have to die?
- At 60 years old: Poor Dad! He was a wise man!

Why did I admit it so late?

Adapted by: Reynold G. Cantú
Keene Hispanic Church Youth Leader



My Daddy Was Just Like That

Walter L. Wright, Vice President for Ministries

Some parents threaten their children by screaming at them. Others bring their children in line by brandishing a switch, strap, belt or hairbrush. My daddy just raised one eyebrow. He could simply look at you, raise one eyebrow, and bring you into line! He didn't have to say a word.

One Sabbath morning the church service seemed exceptionally long and boring. Our visiting pastor was there. He came only once every few weeks, and he was always long-winded and tedious in his delivery. It may have been the pastor's slow pace on this Sabbath, or it may have been the continual standing and sitting that did it, I don't know, but somehow I lost count of the standing and sitting! After the benediction our church was usually quite noisy. People would greet each other and participate in rather loud, animated conversations as they exited the building.

Well, we stood for prayer and somehow I miscounted. I thought it was the benediction so I let out a war whoop to express my relief from the boring service. It was an expression of joy coming from a four-year-old who had been on his best behavior for what had seemed to be half a day.

To my utter dismay, the congregation was again seated. Every eye of the 200 or so congregants was fixed on me! I was seated next to my older brother, Paul, and his new wife, Bessie. They glared at me in disbelief and total embarrassment. Even my little buddies stared at me in wide-eyed amazement. I had just done something each of them would have loved to have done but did not have the nerve to do. It did not matter to them that my outburst had come as a result of total miscalculation and error. With them I was an instant hero.

In mortified horror I tried to slide beneath the pew. As I did so, I glanced toward my daddy on the rostrum where he always sat as head elder. Yes, he was scowling at me, and . . . the one eyebrow was raised! It was



arched higher than I had ever seen it before. I stopped in mid-slide, transfixed by his gaze, frozen by his look, and absolutely terrorized by its implications.

How does a little boy sit for the remainder of the service after such humiliation? I began to cry softly. That's right. If you are four years old you can cry. Thank the God of heaven for mothers. Mine came to my rescue by taking me out of church for what I assumed would be the mother of all switchings. Yes, Momma used a switch, because she didn't have an overactive eyebrow like Daddy had. Instead of punishment, she comforted me and assured me that my daddy was not going to kill me after service. He and Momma must have discussed it, but he never mentioned it to me, not even to the day he died. He knew I had learned my lesson, and that was enough.

What gave him such control with just a lifted eyebrow? It wasn't that he had beaten me unmercifully on some prior occasion. I only received one whipping from my daddy, and that wasn't until I was 11 years old. It wasn't that I had witnessed punishment to my brothers and sisters. When I came along as the last child in the family of seven children, Momma and Daddy had long since stopped using physical punishment. What was it? How did he do it with just a look?

Well, the look carried a promise. It was the promise of

the execution of ultimate justice and authority. It was down-to-earth, unquestioned, non-negotiable authority, but it was mixed with mercy. He was never unfair, never unjust, but always in charge. My daddy was my first look at God.

In addition, I believe it was a thing called honor. Or as the Scriptures put it, "Honour." Exodus 20:12 says, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." We honored Daddy, because he conducted himself in a way that was due honor.

He had earned our respect and honor from our first days of consciousness and cognizance. He provided for our needs and comforts and took great relish in our accomplishments. He epitomized security and well-being. When he was in the house everything was stable and predictably positive. We didn't think he was God, but he was the way we wanted God to be.

Parents should never forget that they create the first impression their children get of God. The type of authority practiced by parents will indicate to the child the type of authority practiced by our Heavenly Father. Children are very impressionable, and in their early development are unable to distinguish one authority figure from another.

If the child experiences harshness and lack of mercy from the parent, it transfers to his picture of God. If father is a screaming, door-slamming tyrant, the child is sure God is that way. After all, we call them both "Father" don't we?

As fathers we cannot be too careful in setting the right example of firmness mixed with love, of chastening mixed with compassion, of showing our displeasure with wrong-doing mixed with mercy. God is like that, and so was my Daddy.

What I like to see in men -

Comments from members of the Slidell church.

I like to see the joy shown on a father's face while he's watching his children play, sleep or eat.—*Sheila Hipple*

The characteristics I like to see in men are the ability to play with baby dolls, drink imaginary tea, and gently brush tangles out of a little girl's hair. —*Deborah Reeks*



Keith Nichols

I appreciate my dad because he's cool, funny and doesn't beat me. He's a very good role model.—*Keith Nichols*



Arianne Millet

I appreciate my dad because he understands some things that my mom doesn't.—*Arianne Millet*



Chelsie Millet

My dad's funny, loving and nice. He gives me lots of presents. He's not as strict as my mom.—*Chelsie Millet*

GOD'S MEN

They go on God's errands

Three men in the Emmanuel church in Marshall—Aaron McGriff, John Williams, and Freddie Woolen Jr.—take turns driving the van back and forth to Ward Plaza Apartments, a housing project with a bad reputation. Although numerous drive-by shootings have taken place in this area, these men are willing to risk the danger. Why?

It's to fetch 15 non-Adventist youth who are attending all Sabbath activities at the church. We are thrilled that these young men make up what we call our branch Sabbath school. We're hoping that through our efforts with these young people, their parents will also join us.

*Irmatean McConico
Communication Leader*

GOD'S MEN

They're energized by His spirit

We've all seen ads for Duracell batteries. They just keep going and going. My father, Dale Aalborg, could be in one of those ads. His commitment and energy to be involved in the life and ministry of the church is seemingly boundless. It's been about 11 years since he officially retired from full-time ministry employment after 20 years as a pastor and about the same as Sabbath school, personal ministries, community services and disaster director for two conferences. During this time he has continued to

work with people as field representative for *Lifestyle Magazine* and most recently as director for the Total Life Community Center, the outreach arm of the Gentry Adventist Church.

Dad has had a profound influence on my life. In my formative years, my father had a strong influence in my decision to become a minister. I witnessed his love for his work and the variety of opportunities for diversity of tasks, and I felt the call of God to pursue a similar calling. Never do I remember his directing my decisions except by his example and spiritual influence.

Both he and mother were devoted to their three sons. I recall my sophomore year at Campion Academy when my parents were living 230 miles away in Casper, Wyoming. One evening I called home in a state of despair because I had a term paper that was due in the morning, and I had no way to get it typed. Mom and Dad drove to school, arriving about 11 p.m. They typed the paper and returned home that same night. You don't forget such devotion!

On a different level, my wife will still not allow her father-in-law to forget after 25 years how she had to schedule our wedding after Christmas to accommodate his Harvest Ingathering priorities!

Through the years Dad has often shared stories of how he worked with his father in South Dakota or in the peach orchards of western Colorado. He has passed that work ethic on to me. Countless are the days we've worked together during both my teen and adult years. In fact, there were times we wished Dad wouldn't be so driven to work!

Now that Mom is gone, Dad lives by himself. His sons, two in ministry and one in health care administration, and their families bring him great joy. He is easily moved with emotion over simple joys and the personal accomplishments of his family. He loves to hear of the grandchildren's accomplishments. Katie, Ozark Academy senior, says, "Since Papa lives so close to us, he

often helps us in our school and home activities. He's the greatest!"

Through all life's joys and disappointments, he has always looked to his God to guide him. His prayers are earnest and his hope in the coming of Jesus is his assurance.

*Bruce Aalborg
Pastor, Gentry*

GOD'S MEN

They're involved in work for the church

During the first two years after Jesse Wenzel came to the Bryan church in 1993, he quietly and effortlessly handled the duties of elder, deacon, junior/earliten teacher, and Pathfinder leader. When he became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1979 Wenzel had served in the Navy for 30 years.

While on duty in Japan, he and his wife, Sherry, had adopted two girls from Incheon, Korea. In 1984 when the girls wanted to join Pathfinders, Wenzel got involved, and he's been involved ever since. The girls are grown and married now. Meya, an elementary school teacher, is married to

Fathers . . . combine affection with authority, kindness and sympathy with firm restraint. Give some of your leisure hours with your children; become acquainted with them; associate with them in their work and in their sports, and win their confidence. Cultivate friendship with them, especially with your sons. In this way you will be a strong influence for good.
Adventist Home, p. 222

David Kim, a youth pastor, and Jennie, a nurse, is married to Danny Song, a radiologist specializing in oncology.

Wenzel involves himself with whatever he is given to do in a very real way—acting as a father by advising, nurturing, and caring. Sherry tells how wherever they have been stationed in places around the world her husband always gets "involved," whether its in an orphanage in Japan, Little League in Maine, elder in Schentectady, or vacation Bible school in Bryan.

You can ask anyone in the church, if it's warm on a cold day, Wenzel came early to turn on the heat. If the grounds look well cared for, Wenzel did it. He even brings warm water for communion. He notices and acknowledges a kindness rendered by a member, he offers transportation when needed, remembers birthdays and forgets slights. He rarely

says "no" to any favor asked of him. The Bryan church is a more loving church because of our friend, Jesse Wenzel.

"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10

*Mary Ann Taylor
Communication
Director*



The Wenzel family, Sherry and Jesse, while their daughters were still in Pathfinders.



Oklahoma Conference treasurer, Kevin Costello, explains the intricacies of accounting to Parkview Adventist Academy auditing class members. From left: Kevin Costello, Jimmy Daman, Freddy DaCosta, and Ryan Foster (seated).

GOD'S MEN

They're a witness in whatever they do

What do a radio station and college history classes have in common? The average person would probably say "nothing." However, there is a connection between the two, and that connection is a dedicated Christian man, Doug Baker.

On weekdays, Baker dedicates his time to the social sciences department at Oklahoma State University in Oklahoma City. He has been the department head since August 1991. He teaches three history classes and has responsibility for 25 teachers in his department. He also coordinates the honors program at OSU OKC and serves as co-advisor of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society.



Doug Baker and his wife, Linda

He was nominated and awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award from OSU OKC and the NIBOD Excellence Award in teaching for 1995-96. Baker was named to Who's Who Among College Teachers for 1996 and will appear in the publication.

American Journey: 1865 to Present, co-authored by Doug Baker and Susan Hutchins, has been published this year by Simon and Schuster. As the name implies, it is a history textbook. The book is currently being used on the OSU OKC campus. Baker hopes within a year that the textbook will be marketed by Simon and Schuster and will appear nationally on campuses. In 1997 he plans to complete the companion to this book, which will make it a two-volume set.

On Sunday afternoons from 4:15 to 4:30 Baker co-hosts "Builders of Faith" on KQCV, a local AM radio station. The program also airs on KLNG in Council Bluffs, Iowa on Sabbaths from 9:45 to 10 a.m. "Builders of Faith" broadcast began in 1930 and is the second oldest religious broadcast—second only to "Voice of Prophecy." The broadcast was passed down in Baker's family from his two uncles who were pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Builders of Faith" is evangelistic and targeted for non-Seventh-day Adventists. The outreach is sponsored by a small but faithful group of church members.

Baker's dedication to God continues in his local church where he serves as an elder and member of the church

board. He also teaches a Sabbath School class with 25 to 30 people in regular attendance in Oklahoma City Central church. On Wednesday evenings he attends prayer meeting or leads out in the services. He also teaches prophecy seminars.

Baker is currently working on his Doctor of Ministry degree through the University of Biblical Studies and Seminary in Oklahoma City and hopes to complete the work by early 1997.

When asked to define success, Baker responds, "Success is fulfilling the vision the Lord has given me, which is measured by that inner peace and happiness that only the Lord can give."

*Leta Mae Jones
Communication Leader*

GOD'S MEN

Uphold what they know to be truth

With a look of determination and conviction, Jameson Francis explains his ideas



Jameson Francis

about being a Christian man in today's American culture. "Society has a way of imposing norms and expectations on men, but I believe true Christian men don't have to live to meet the expectations of the world. A Christian man, first of all, answers to the Lord. If the Lord isn't first, then other things don't fall into place."

Francis credits his father, James Francis, as the man who helped him accept the basics of Christian life: love for God, respect for others, and the value of honest work. "My dad set a good example by the way he treated my mom, my three

sisters and me," Jameson says. "Dad lived the values he taught."

The Francis' home was built on spiritual teachings including family worship, attendance at prayer meeting and being involved in outreach activities. "My dad is still first elder in the Gulfhaven church in Houston. Sometimes he would be at the church before anyone else. He used to take me everywhere—to nursing homes and prisons. He wouldn't just drop me off; he was always there right beside me."

Looking ahead, Jameson believes he will pattern his parenting style and, to a large extent, his life, after his father's example. "As I grow spiritually, I see myself resembling my dad more and more. I realize it is the spiritual dimension that makes a man complete."

Jameson Francis graduated from Southwestern Adventist College on May 5 with a psychology major and a religion minor. He will attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary next year to work toward a master's degree in marriage and family counseling.

GOD'S MEN

They have a clear vision

John Beaman has no difficulty describing his vision of what it means to be a



John Beaman

Christian man. The concepts are logical and well-formed in his mind. Best of all, he lives what he believes. Raised by his mother, Patricia Beaman; his grandfather and grandmother, Leonard and Agatha Beaman; and his great-grandmother, Hannah Phillips, John could easily lean on a "no father in my life" excuse for abandoning religion and

moral behavior. But he doesn't! Rather than look for excuses, John has a deep gratitude for the nurturing and love he did receive. "I think the three women in my early life gave me an understanding that many guys don't get until they're 30 or 40. I learned that being a man is more than just being macho—it also takes understanding and creativity, the ability to be adaptable and trust in God.

Although Beaman did not have a father in his life, he had the example of godly men within his family and his church. "Initially, my grandpa was the major influence in my spiritual life," he explains. "He wasn't too vocal about his religious beliefs, but he was consistent in his living. Later my teacher, and boss, Marche Kidwell at Valley Grande Academy, had a positive influence. He helped me think about concepts and formulate my own ideas."

Like many committed Christian men, John believes God creates each person with a spiritual need—a void only He can fill. When asked to describe what it means to be a Christian man, Beaman's answer is clear and concise. "A spiritual man doesn't worry about preaching his beliefs or worry about what others think. He lives according to his own convictions. I believe in being a whole person. If you don't have the spiritual part, you're missing an entire dimension of your life."

John has just graduated from Southwestern Adventist College with an accounting major. He is moving to the Boston area this month to begin his position with the General Conference auditing service.



GOD'S MEN

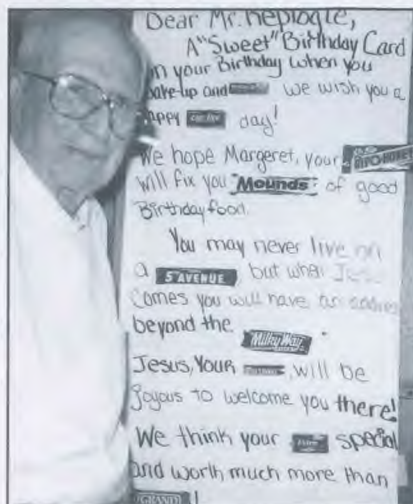
Sometimes they work in difficult places

The Sabbath before Leon Replogle turned 94, the children and youth of the Finch Memorial church, Caballo, New Mexico helped him celebrate his birthday by giving him a "delicious" birthday card using candy bars and gum for some of the wording.

Replogle, who was born in 1902 in Indiana, went with his parents to Argentina as missionaries when he was eight years old. Later when pioneer missionary to the Indian tribes of South America, F.A. Stahl, spent time at the Replogle home, he encouraged young Leon to prepare himself for mission service in South America.

After graduating from Andrews University in 1929 with a degree in theology, he returned to found a training school at Lake Titicaca. He later served in a number of other locations in that division. After 20 years of hard work and poor living conditions, his health broke down and he asked to return to the United States.

After recovering his health, he served for a time as principal of Sandia View



Leon Replogle with the "delicious" birthday card made for him by the youth of the Finch Memorial church.

Academy in Corrales. Today he lives in retirement near Truth and Consequences, where he enjoys the hot mineral baths and friendly people. He is always full of praise for the way God has led him through the years.

Paula Harriss
Communication Leader

GOD'S MEN

They share His word with others

Zephon Lister, a senior at Burton Academy, is one of the three speakers making up a team of 20 teens from the

Southwest Region who will hold an evangelistic crusade in Minden, Louisiana during the summer months. The other two speakers are Derrick Thomas and Charles Reese. This group will be guided and tutored by several adults, including the Southwest Region Conference president, Robert Lister.

"I knew at 13 years of age, while serving as 8th grade class pastor at City Temple, that I wanted to become a minister," explains Zephon. "When I was a kid I would preach to anyone who would listen." And as he speaks, it is evident that this is a calling he takes very seriously.

Zephon moved to the Arlington area from Brooklyn, New York in 1991. He has attended Burton Academy for the past four years, serving as class pastor for two of those years. This year he is Student Association pastor. Two of his younger siblings will join him in Minden as Bible workers.



Zephon Lister

When asked about his sermon preparation, he responds, "I do more praying than practicing. You don't need to practice that much when you have the Spirit with you." He, along with his two associates, will be covering the books of Daniel and Revelation in their nightly sermons.

Zephon plans to attend either Southwestern Adventist College or Oakwood College in the fall, where he will major in theology and thus get one step closer to his dream—that of becoming a minister of the gospel.

Sandra Cole
Burton Academy
Correspondent



Men who have volunteered their time and talents to upgrade Camp Yorktown Bay are from left: Eddie Mitchell and Larry Griffith preparing to lay the carpet while Conrad Robichaux rearranges beds.

Are You Willing to Be a Hero?

from the Union President

MAX A. TREVINO



IT IS WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED that in America today there is a shortage of heroes—men who are admired and looked up to by our youth. There was a time when sports figures were looked up to, but today too often their private lives are so full of moral weakness that it frightens us to think our young people might look up to them. A quick survey of popular musicians and even government leaders reveals the same message—it doesn't matter what you do as long as you get what you want. Where are today's heroes our young people can admire and respect?

Today I believe God is calling the men of the church to become more aware of the importance of being role models and heroes for our youth. One of my favorite statements from inspired writings says it very clearly. *The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.* **Education**, page 57

I have always taken this challenge literally and personally, but it became especially meaningful to me at one point in my career when I was struggling with a very difficult problem. After much prayer and contemplation, I decided on my course of action. It was not the easy way out, but I felt impressed that it was what God wanted me to do. The very day I made my decision, I received that quotation in the mail from an anonymous source. I felt that God was confirming the decision I had made, and it made a difficult solution easier to carry out.

I believe God wants all Seventh-day Adventist men to take the challenge in this statement personally. At first glance, it seems like more than any man can live up to. However, when God is first in our lives, we can have a relationship with Him that will change our temperaments and purify our characters so that we have a holy influence on our children, our wives, and

our church. Our young people need to see us as men who are not ashamed of having high moral values.

Men, we need to be the spiritual leaders in our homes. Our children need to hear us pray for them. They need to know that their spiritual welfare is uppermost in our minds. They need to see Jesus in us. They need us to teach them Christian values and morals. The Sabbath school and the church school should not be the only places they learn these things. They need to see Christian standards upheld at home first; the church and school should only have to reinforce the values and morals we have taught them.

Young people need to see that “real men” are active in the church. They need to see us lead out in Sabbath school or Pathfinders. They need to see us hold church offices and fulfill our duties responsibly. They need to see us attend prayer meeting.

Young people need to know that the men in the church take a genuine interest in them. The most accurate barometer of caring is the **time** we spend with our children and the young people of the church. Children grow up all too quickly. One day, it seems, they're starting kindergarten, and the next day they're graduating from college. You will never regret the time you spend with them when they are young. There is **nothing** of greater importance.

If you don't have children at home, look around your church and find fatherless boys you can mentor. In every church there are boys whose fathers are absent or who are not practicing Christians. These young people need **you** to show them that real men love Jesus and that they can always be counted on—in the good times and the bad times. They need to know that God loves them unconditionally. They need someone to care enough to spend time with them and model Christian behavior. I can think of nothing more rewarding than investing in the greatest asset of the church, our young people.

Are you willing to be a hero?

Southwestern Union

Report of the 26th Regular Session of the Southwestern Union Conference May 20-21

The tone for the Southwestern Union Conference session was set some months before the actual date when union administrators and staff began praying and planning for the event. With a desire for this meeting to be an inspirational experience for the delegates and to provide a spiritual setting for the next quinquennium, the plans, logos and statement of mission were carefully and prayerfully outlined.

When Max A. Trevino, president, stepped to the platform to welcome the assembled body, he did so with the knowledge that his fellow workers and office staff were supportive of the plans that had been made and that they were in agreement with the vision of moving together for a finished work. He also knew that many had been upholding him up in prayer. The appreciation he expressed to his staff for the work they had done to get ready for the session was genuine for he had been a part of the process.

In welcoming division president, A. C. McClure, Trevino thanked him for the positive leadership he has given especially in helping the North American Division focus more aggressively on evangelism.

That God was answering prayers for His guidance during the session became even more evident with McClure's opening remarks.

"We're here this afternoon to do the business of the church," McClure said. "That's what constituency meetings are all about. I don't know what you think of when you come to a constituency meeting, but I suspect one is the election of officers and departmental leaders, and this is correct—we'll be doing that today. Then there'll be discussion on the constitution and bylaws. Some think of controversy, and

it's true we are here to express our opinions and our convictions, but then we get together and support what the body votes.

"However, if all we do at a constituency meeting is to talk about the legal elections, then we've missed the point, for we are not a business though in some ways we operate that way. We are not a club or a social organization. We are more than that: we are God's church. If we don't talk about mission and vision and the message our Lord has given us, then we've wasted our

time! I'm glad for that which has been placed before us—the objective of this session—Vision, Mission, and Service.

"It's easy for leaders—and all of us gathered here as delegates are leaders in some way—to lose our vision," McClure continued, "but to stay on target we need to know how to cast a vision and keep it constantly before us. It is easy to forget what that vision is; however, as leaders, we need to always keep our mission clear. And," he said, quoting a phrase he had read somewhere that said, "We need to make the main thing, the main thing."

McClure left us with the words found in John 17:3 that tell us we should uncompromisingly, unashamedly, help fulfil the vision the Seventh-day Adventist Church has "that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ..."

It did not take long for the nominating committee to bring their first recommendation to the delegates after their meeting had convened. Their recommendation was to return Max A. Trevino as president. By secret ballot he received an overwhelming majority vote. The other two executive officers, Samuel Green, secretary, and Deryl Knutson, treasurer, were accepted by voice vote.

A second nominating committee report later in the evening returned the name of Walter Wright as vice president,



General Conference, division and union executives are seated in the background as A. C. McClure, North American Division president, addresses the session delegates.



Southwestern Union executive officers with their wives, from left: Mary and Samuel Green, Max and Betty Trevino, and Deryl and Linda Knutson.

Executive Committee Members for Quinquennium 1996-2001

Southwestern Union

President and chair,
Max A. Trevino
Secretary, Samuel Green
Treasurer, Deryl Knutson
Carla Baker
Harvey Byram
Denton James
Dem Robles
Margaret Taglavore
Douglas Walker
Walter Wright

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference

James Gilley
Alva Dixon
Jocelyn Hess
Art Nelson
Reggie Phillips
Molly Weaver

Oklahoma Conference

Rodney Grove
Rollin Bland
Lowell Meister
Pat Stock
Trevor Thompson
Ernest Wolfe

Southwest Region Conference

Robert Lister
Amelia Baker
Benjamin Francoise
Helvius Thompson
Diane Watts

Texas Conference

Steve Gifford
Jonathan Onwere
Norma Pechero

Jay Perez
Connie Perryman
Mike Tomlinson

Texico Conference

Ralph Orduno
Mariano Chavez
Abel Cordero
Bill Davis
Shirley Ann Munroe
Frank Philips

SAC president,
Marvin Anderson

AHS Sunbelt president,
Mardian Blair

Huguley president,
David Jimenez

R&H president,
Ted Wilson

Joel Wallace as undertreasurer, and all incumbent departmental directors to their offices. These include Douglas Walker, education; Walter Wright, family life and Sabbath school; Dem Robles, personal ministries and Adventist community services; Samuel Green, public affairs and religious liberty; Denton James, publishing; Eduardo Canales, associate publishing director and Hispanic Coordinator; and Harvey Byram, trust services. Two ministries given departments status by official vote at the 1995 North American Division Year-end Meeting were accepted by the nominating committee. These are for children's ministries, directed by Margaret Taglavore, who has operated from the union office since January, 1996, and women's ministries, now to be directed by Carla Baker who replaces Nola Horne who had filled the position in a lay capacity for four years. Horne resigned prior to the session.

A third and final report on Tuesday named the members of the Southwestern Union Execu-

tive Committee and the corporation board.

Tuesday morning's devotional by Jose Rojas, North American Division youth director, urged the delegates be more inclusive in sharing church responsibilities with the youth. He mentioned programs such as student missionaries going overseas and task force workers within the division. But then he talked about a number of other new initiatives such as YES (Youth Emergency Services) and Young Pioneers which would give the youth expanded opportunities for service.

In his closing remarks Trevino emphasized the need for everyone to execute their duties faithfully. "As God's stewards," he said, "we must prove faithful. We must use our time, talents, treasures in Christian testimony to the world. Let us all determine to be faithful."

The seasons of prayer and the spiritual emphasis of the devotionals gave this session the feeling of attending an inspirational retreat rather than a business meeting. This carried over into the ministerial session which fol-

lowed the constituency session. "We were greatly blessed by the sermons and the way the business session was conducted, and we're going home encouraged to continue the work God has given us to do," was the comment from one of the attendees.

At the conclusion of the session, recognition was given to a number of individuals who had served the on the union staff in some capacity during the quinquennium but had now retired. These included:

Peggy Bendall, former receptionist

W.C. Jones, former vice president for Sabbath school and personal ministries

Onesimo Mejia, former Hispanic and evangelism coordinator
Barbara and Joe Ross, former SES secretary and HHES computer operator, respectively

Paul Smith, former stewardship director

J. Fred Murray, former health and temperance/ACS coordinator

Clayton Pritchett, former union executive secretary

Ray Hubbart, retiring stewardship, ASI and evangelism director

Ernest Wolf, a layman who has served 41 years on the Oklahoma Conference executive committee and 17 years on the union committee.



(Above left) Joe and Barbara Ross



(Above right) Clayton and Jessie Pritchett, right, receive a plaque from Samuel Green, union secretary, while Carla Baker watches from behind.



(Left) Ray and Gail Hubbart, center, receive good wishes upon their retirement from Samuel Green, left, and Max A. Trevino, right.

Native American Youth Congress to Be Held in July

"Taking the Spirit to the Nations" is the theme of the first-ever Native American Youth Congress to be held this summer at Holbrook Indian School in Holbrook, Arizona. These meetings are being sponsored by the North American Division and the newly-formed Adventist Youth Service Network.

Native youth from across North America will experience lots of singing, special music and seminars focusing on issues of family, high risk behavior, parent/child communication, and much more. They will also participate in several community service projects in the town of Holbrook.

Special guests include Native Americans Dr. Don Bartlett, with his personal testimony entitled "Macaroni at Midnight," which has aired on *Focus on the Family*; Bradley Dennis a student from Auburn Academy who was one of the Olympic torch bearers; Dan and Gina Guaboch, pastor and health educator from Canada; and Jose Rojas, North American Division youth ministries director.

Hundreds of young people are expected. There will be no charge for accommodations or food for this special event if you register or call before June 30. Information and application forms are available toll free at 1 (888) HIS YOUTH, or you may write to Native Youth Congress, PO Box 880, Holbrook, AZ 86025.



Session delegates exchange ideas as they wait for the session to begin.

Southwestern Union Church Ministries Services Calendar of Events for July - September, 1996



- ◆ The union departmental leaders are pleased with the attendance at the training seminars being held across the union. These seminars have helped generate new enthusiasm and expertise as they are implemented in the local churches.
- ◆ The schedule below lists workshops for the next three months. Keep this schedule handy and watch your church bulletin for announcements for the forthcoming events.



Dem Robles
Personal Ministries
ACS Coordinator
NET '96 Evangelism



Margaret Taglavore
Children's Ministries



Walter Wright
Family Ministries
Sabbath School

Date	Event	Location	Director	A/L	OK	TX	TXC
July	5-6	Family Ministries	Baton Rouge	Wright	X		
	6	Personal Ministries Ldrs	Tulsa	Robles		X	
	13	Prison Ministry	Waco	Wright			X
	13	Discover Bible School	San Antonio Highland Hills	Robles			X
	20	Sabbath School Workshop	Albuquerque	Wright			X
	27	Sabbath School Workshop	Muskogee	Wright		X	
	27	Children's S. S. Training	Weslaco	Taglavore			X
	27	Discover Bible School	Houston Central	Robles			X
August	2-4	Family Ministries Retreat	SWR-Nameless Valley Ranch	Wright			
	3	Children's S. S. Training	San Antonio	Taglavore			X
	10	Children's S. S. Training	Tyler	Taglavore			X
	10	Discover Bible School	Albuquerque	Robles			X
	17	Sabbath School Workshop	Shreveport South	Wright	X		
	17	Children's S. S. Training	Midland	Taglavore			X
	17	Discover Bible School	Arlington	Robles			X
Sept.	1	Singles Retreat	Camp Yorktown Bay	Wright	X	X	X
	6-8	SWU Ministries Convention	Dallas	Wright	X	X	X
	6-8	SWU Ministries Convention	Dallas	Taglavore	X	X	X
	6-8	SWU Ministries Convention	Dallas	Robles	X	X	X
	13-14	Observe Lay Preaching	Weslaco	Robles			X
	28	Personal Ministries Seminar	Richardson	Robles			X

General News

NET '96

Progress Report

Two Southwestern Union conferences are listed among the top participants in NET '96 with the highest percentages of churches enrolled in the program.

The Arkansas-Louisiana and Texico Conferences both have more than 40 percent of their churches planning to be on-line for the October presentation from Forest Lake Academy, near Orlando, Florida.

Response to NET '96 has been unprecedented, according to Don Gray, the program coordinator. The number of churches presently enrolled is 1,878 and he expects the total to easily reach 2,000 by this fall. The final tally could show three times as many congregations on-line as there were for NET '95.

Of the 58 conferences in North America, 29 have more than 40 percent of their congregations planning to be on-line.

An important part of NET '96 is the "Discoveries in Prophecy" Bible correspondence course that is being offered by the local church. Enrollments come in from mass mailings to local zip code areas and from members' distribution. Other enrollments arrive at the Voice of Prophecy headquarters from on-the-air promotion and from advertising in the Signs of the Times. These cards are returned to the local congregation for follow-up.

A vital innovation for NET '96 is the addition of closed captioning for the hearing impaired. A captioning stenogra-

pher, using a court reporter-type keyboard, listens to the speaker, Mark Finley, and types out his message. This goes on data telephone to Orlando where it will be added to the satellite transmission. The local congregation needs a 25-inch or larger television set to provide this service.

Mort Juberg

ADRA Establishes a New Relationship with NAD

On April 2, 1996, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) International president, Ralph S. Watts, and Alfred C. McClure, president of the North American Division (NAD), signed a cooperative agreement establishing a stronger community action program between both entities in the United States and Canada.

"ADRA has a fine working relationship with the NAD, and we are convinced that this agreement will facilitate both organizations to expand services that can be provided domestically and abroad," says Watts.

Under this agreement, 23 percent, potentially as much as 46 percent, of Ingathering funds raised in the United States and Bermuda will go to overseas projects under the supervision of ADRA International. In Canada, the Ingathering program has been replaced by the ADRA Annual Appeal, under which overseas and national programs are managed by ADRA Canada. ADRA project review committees are being established in each local conference to oversee all "reversion" funds.

"ADRA brings a proven track



NAD president, A.C. McClure (left), and Ralph S. Watts, president of ADRA, sign a cooperative agreement while union presidents look on.

record of integrity, accountability, and the evaluation and coordination of humanitarian projects," notes McClure. "We are very happy to be partners with ADRA in the implementation of projects funded by our members and the general public through Ingathering each year."

The ADRA North America programs delivered humanitarian aid to 1.5 million individuals in 1995 and received US\$3.7 million in cash donations and \$11.5 million in donated goods, more than \$8 million of which were food supplies. ADRA North America's portfolio includes:

- Adventist Disaster Response program
- 20 ADRA Affiliate local social service agencies
- ADRA Canada's new domestic program
- Adventist Community Services network of centers and church-based projects
- Inner City Program
- Adventist Refugee Ministries
- Ingathering program

"This represents a new day for compassionate community action by Adventists," comments Monte Sahlin, director for ADRA North America. "ADRA has built a proven approach to development and relief overseas. Now we are bringing home those ideas to impact the needs of the homeless, unemployed, and children and families in crisis in our own neighborhoods."

Adventist Community Services (ACS) in Grand Prairie, Texas, where Kathlyn W. Severance, is director, and New Orleans ACS in Houma, Louisiana, where Verdine Culpepper is executive director, are two of the 20 ADRA affiliates across North America. These local social service agencies, along with the Adventist Disaster Response and Inner City programs, represent the first domestic ADRA projects in the United States and Canada.

Arkansas-Louisiana

PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT

Saying "No!" and Not Feeling Guilty

There was a time in my life when saying "no" meant feeling guilty for not saying "yes." As a result, I woke up one morning and found myself not only totally overwhelmed, but mentally and physically exhausted.

I had gradually accepted responsibility for more and more

things. I was deputy director and treasurer of the local Pathfinder club, local singles ministries coordinator, president and newsletter editor of the Arkansas chapter of Adventist Singles Ministries, and secretary of the Southwestern Union ASM, as well as a part-time student and working part-time.

As my family can verify, when I say I'm going to do something,

I give it my all. And giving my all to these organizations meant something had to be left out. That was my family. Something had to change!

Everything came to a head when my family complained that I was obsessed with all the organizations I was volunteering for and that the life they had once enjoyed with me was gone, and they missed it.

Don't misunderstand. I'm not in any way saying that involvement in either of these fine church organizations is wrong. It is only wrong if it takes over your life.

What did I do? The change in my life began when I asked the Lord to help me prioritize my time better and for the ability to say no and not feel guilty.

The change has not been easy.

Letting go of my involvement in Pathfinders was one of the hardest things I have ever done. Those were my kids, kids I had worked with for six years. But things had to change.

Shortly after my decision to cut back, I was asked to become director of the Adventist Singles Ministry for the Southwestern Union. When I said yes, my family almost lost it. I was supposed to be learning to say no and letting go!

However, I let go of all my other responsibilities, and as a result, I feel I have been able to give more of myself to the people and to the organization I now serve and still have time for myself and my family.

Saying no and not feeling guilty is not easy. It is often an ongoing struggle. Strength to do this comes from Christ and from the realization that when we overload ourselves with "good" deeds and organizations, someone or something suffers. We cannot do our best when we are spread too thin. May God help each of us prioritize our time in such a way that we have time for our families and for the study of His word.

*Christy Herring, Director
SWU Adventist Singles Ministry*

Winners Surface in Bible Bowl

Shreveport Pathfinders won first place in the conference-wide Bible Bowl quiz finals, beating three other teams from Little Rock, Northwest Arkansas and Baton Rouge.

Quiz questions were taken from the books of Ruth and Judges and were read by quizmaster Brian Danese, pastor of the Shreveport South church.

The Shreveport team, consisting of Jennifer Edge, Kristen



Shreveport Pathfinders (from left) Jerri Parker, Tim Ryder, Jennifer Edge, Nathaniel Salzman and Kristen Jones are pleased to have won the first place trophy in the conference-sponsored Bible Bowl.

Jones, Jerri Parker, Tim Ryder and Nathaniel Salzman, went on to participate in the National Bible Bowl in Lincoln, Neb. the last weekend of March.

All four participating teams exhibited a high degree of proficiency and Christian courtesy during the event and are to be congratulated. *P. A. Kostenko
Communication Secretary*

Judge Speaks About Religious Liberty

On Religious Liberty Sabbath, a judge with the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in Shreveport was invited to speak about religious liberty at the Westlake church in West Monroe, La.

Judge William Morris III talked about the stand the Seventh-day Adventist Church has taken on promoting freedom of religion for everyone. He commended the work that is being done by *Liberty* magazine and suggested that as Christians we should all practice what we preach. "It is good to know what you believe," the judge said, "but it is more important to live it as well."



Judge William Morris III

Judge Morris III is a Southern Baptist and is a native of West Monroe. His brother is mayor of West Monroe. Both of these men are well acquainted with the work of the church, and they respect our beliefs and the positions we take on a number of issues, including that of health.

*William F. Hausherr Jr.
Religious Liberty Director*

Youth Help Build Church in Mexico

A group of 27 young people and sponsors from the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference traveled to Mexico March 7-18 to help complete a church building that was started about three years ago.

The goal of the project was to pour a concrete floor inside the walls of the 25-by-60-foot church. This involved leveling the ground and carrying sand, gravel and water to the concrete mixer in 5-gallon buckets. The concrete was then transported by wheelbarrow to the areas where it was needed.

In addition to the construction project, mission team members conducted a vacation Bible school under the direction of Maeva Baerg, Shawnda Friesen and

Nanette Clapp. Only 15 children attended the first meeting, but by the end of the week there were about 70 young people and adults in attendance.

The project was coordinated by Lloyd Clapp, Pathfinder area coordinator for Northwest Arkansas. Clapp accepted the responsibility of leadership just two weeks before the team was to leave, when Mike Edge, conference youth director, received a call from the Indiana Conference. *Lloyd W. Clapp
Mission Trip Coordinator*



Chris Evenson and Ben Clapp mixing concrete for the floor of the church.

Youth Distribute Love Cards

A turning point for numerous youth, and a beginning on the road to following Christ, occurred last summer during the Youth Explosion's climactic drama, "The Present End." The outgrowth of this special summer program has led the young people to share their love for others and their friends.

Youth of Jefferson Heights Jun-



The Zachary kindergarten/primary Sabbath school children collected \$200 in dimes for missions during the quarter. This was in addition to bringing their regular offerings.



(From left:) Edward Jones, Bryant Chirinos, Alayne Fenasci, Earl Collins, Erica Trahan, and Corey Collins were part of the team who distributed Love Cards. Photo: Roy Mortimer

ior Academy's 9 and 10th grade classes decided that a great idea would be to place a "love card" on the windshields of the cars in the local shopping mall parking lot.

The students wrote Bible verses dealing with love and then personally dispersed over 100 of them. Recipients gave positive comments about the youth and the sharing of the love cards.

Roy Mortimer, Principal

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Zachary Kids Raise \$200

The kindergarten and primary Sabbath school classes of the Zachary, La. church collected \$200 worth of dimes for missions during the last quarter of 1995.

The young people collected dimes from friends, relatives and church members during the quarter and brought them to church on 13th Sabbath.

*Esther
Shaneyfelt
Sabbath School
Superintendent*

Texico

Students Raise Funds for Ukrainian Seminary

The students at Crestview Seventh-day Adventist School in Albuquerque, N.M., recently demonstrated that they have a real heart for the mission field as they worked to gather funds for the Ukrainian Seminary project.

Five years prior to this project, the school had sent over 800 Bibles to the (then) Soviet Union, and the students were excited to find that these and other seeds had resulted in phenomenal growth in the church. There were 3,500 people baptized in Kiev in one day last summer!

When the students learned that the new converts in the Ukraine were being shepherded by pastors who usually have fewer years of Christian training than the older elementary students have, they immediately began making plans to help purchase the seminary building needed so desperately for further training.

On the day the fund-raiser was announced, many students donated money they had brought for extra snacks—a true gift from the heart. In addition to personal and solicited donations, the students also held bake sales and food sales to raise money.

Because the funds were needed in Kiev by March 1 to secure the desired property, the school had only two weeks to collect money. They were able to raise \$600 for their brothers and sisters in the Ukraine.

Lezlie Bailey, Principal

Clovis Youth Conduct Worship Service

In order to give them a sense of belonging, responsibility and ministry, young people of the Clovis, N.M., church carried out all of the worship hour activities on March 23, the congregation's Youth Sabbath.

Members of the church realize that one of their most precious resources, although often overlooked and untapped, is that of their young people.

In keeping with this spirit, youth conducted the entire worship service on Youth Sabbath. Stephen Williams, 14, preached his first sermon, entitled "The Journey's End." Stephanie Bonson, 12, and Synden Borders, 11, each presented a talk on "What Heaven Means to Me." Jayson Williams, 12, called for the offering and had prayer before Celenia Macias, 12, Russell Johnson, 14, Alfredo Macias, 9, and Jimmy Bonson, 11, collected the offering. These young people were joined by Vic Washington, who recited a poem called "Why I Want to Be in Heaven."

The worship service was an inspirational one, and it demonstrated that the youth can be of great service, not just in the future church, but in the church here and now. Plans are underway to expand the opportunities for young people in many areas of church life and public ministry.

Leandra Williams



These Clovis youth were honored to be part of the Youth Sabbath program.

Borger Holds Break-through Baptism

March 2 was a "break-through" Sabbath for the small church in Borger, for on that day Sherry Purdy was baptized. Hers was the first baptism at the Borger church since before most of the present members began attending.

"Our membership is small," said Stanley Gillham, head elder, "but the light of truth is shining as the Word of our Lord is shared with others. Jesus told us that the fields are white to harvest, but the laborers are few. We find that to be the case in Borger. There is much work that needs to be done, but the laborers truly are few. Some of us have now transferred from larger churches to Borger, but for some years there have been no baptisms."

Seminars and other outreach programs have been held, and many pages of truth-filled literature have gone into the homes in the Borger area. Not until those who have worked there are in the Kingdom will they know the total results of their endeavors.

At her baptism, Purdy publicly gave evidence of her faith in the sin-pardoning Savior as she was buried in the watery grave of baptism to be raised

in newness of life for Christ. Now she is a member of Christ's remnant church.

"Our success for God will be in proportion to our commitment to Jesus and our cooperation with the Holy Spirit," said Gillham. "Perhaps in working for others we too will have a new experience with our Savior."



Sherry Purdy being baptized by Borger pastor, Luis Rendon, while Tony Crawford (right), who studied with her, looks on.

Baptismal Candidate Offers Unique Testimony

The testimony of Melissa Rocha, recently baptized into the San Angelo English church, is of special interest to the San Angelo congregation, because it involves the witness of one of the members, Nora Ramirez.

The two met at GED classes, where Nora told Melissa about her faith. Melissa noticed that the beliefs she heard about were "different" and asked if she could visit Nora's church. What she learned there was an encouragement to her, and she was baptized after studying with Rodel Liwanag, pastor.

Melissa is faithful in her attendance and in bringing her family.

*Cassandra L. Lewis
Communication Secretary*



Crestview students hold the check they are sending to help with the Ukrainian seminary project.

Oklahoma

JACK FRANCISCO, CORRESPONDENT

Weatherford Women Go the Extra Mile

Donna Nicholas has been a tremendous help and inspiration to me and to the members of the Weatherford church. Like many



Donna Nicholas

of us, she has a very busy life. Besides her part-time job caring for an elderly lady, she is writing a book about her experiences in the Lord. She also submits a health column

that is published regularly in the Weatherford and Elk City Sunday papers. The memorization device she is working on is also of interest. It is a tool to help youth and others to memorize scripture and Spirit of Prophecy quotes.

Nicholas has also been able to find time to hold a Daniel seminar in her home which resulted in two families joining the Weatherford church. Her half-hour cooking class just before prayer meeting has helped boost attendance at prayer meeting each week.

Another woman who has been a wonderful asset to our church is Nancy Doshier. She was the inspiration behind starting a church school in Elk City. Since our membership is small, it did not seem possible to support a school teacher, but she stepped right in and volunteered to teach for a stipend.



Nancy Doshier

Not only does Doshier teach the basic knowledge, she also helps the children to understand the importance of following Jesus. Often her teaching duties do not end at 3:30 when school is out, for she stays to help with the Pathfinder club. Doshier sacrifices much of her personal time to help at Pathfinder camp outs and other activities.

Jose Gonzales, Pastor
Altus/Elk City/Weatherford District



Bristow ladies enjoy their Sunday morning brunch.

Women Hold Brunch at Bristow Church

We stood in a circle in the kitchen of the fellowship hall asking the Lord to bless our efforts. We had hoped for 20 women to show up...and almost 40 came. It seems you get what you pray for!

Guest speaker Betty McCormick, who has a master's degree in counseling and is wife of the Tulsa pastor, chose self-esteem as her topic. She emphasized how all of us are worthy in God's eyes, no matter what our background or current standing may be. She stressed how the Lord delights and rejoices in everyone who strives to be like Him.

As a result of this brunch, women from several other churches have been inspired to start groups of their own.

Caroline A. Fisher
Assistant Communication Leader

Fisher Runs White Rock Marathon

Mark Fisher, treasurer of the Bristow Seventh-day Adventist Church, recently took part in the 26th annual Dallas White Rock Marathon, finishing with a time of 3:12:55.

Fisher, age 32, a partner in Fisher Agricultural Enterprises, Inc., started running about three years ago in an attempt to lower his blood pressure. Soon he was enjoying running so much he began to enter local races, but it wasn't until last summer that he was inspired to try for the marathon.

He began training with the goal of finishing in three and a half hours. The morning of the race was one of the coldest in race history, with the mercury dipping to a chilly 22 degrees.

Fisher finished the 26.2 mile race as the 254th man—not bad for a first try, considering there were over 3,500 racers competing. He placed 11th out of all Oklahoma entrants. He hopes at some future time to qualify for the Boston Marathon which requires a finishing time of three hours and ten minutes.

OKC Central Prepares for NET '96

Oklahoma City Central church has been actively preparing for NET '96 by using the Mark Finley seminars, "Fulfilling the Gospel Commission" and "Making Friends for God." Each participant helps with the "Soup and Salvation Visitation" and "NET '96 Discoveries in Prophecy" crusade. The seminars have provided practical and helpful tools on how to make friends and win them for Jesus.

Other programs that have proved helpful in building up the body of Christ have been the adult Sabbath school teachers and officers training session by Walter Wright of the Southwestern Union and a Bible prophecy seminar by Stephen Bohr, current pastor of the Fresno Central

church in Fresno, California.

The deacons and deaconesses plan a men's and women's prayer breakfast on alternating months. These prayer breakfasts provide opportunity for people to become better acquainted with each other and give time for spiritual refreshment and prayer.

Central Church is active in its outreach ministry to business and family communities in Oklahoma City, and it is exciting to know that training is available for everyone who wishes to reach out to others.

Leta Mae Jones
Communication Leader

Pathfinders Hold an Extravaganza

"Step Out of the Boat" was the theme of the Oklahoma Conference Pathfinder Extravaganza, held April 12-14 at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center. Pastors James Rainwater from Midwest City and Harvey Kornegay from Enid and Alva Clubs were the speakers for the weekend. Their challenge was to step out in faith and not be will-



Guests at the banquet held by the Oklahoma City Central church at the conclusion of the Daniel seminar.



Oklahoma Pathfinders stand at attention at flag-raising time.

ing just to sit in the boat like fearful disciples. The closing appeal was for the young people to give their hearts to Christ and for those not yet baptized to make the decision to do so.

Over 120 Pathfinders, representing nine clubs, were in attendance. Sunday morning 30 Adventurers joined with the activities, earning their fitness honor and going through the Presidential Fitness test along with the Pathfinders. Luke Fisher from the Bristow club won a badge in the Presidential Fitness challenge. *Jack Francisco*

Young Mothers Meet Monthly at Bristow Church

A group of young women meet once a month to become better acquainted with each other and learn more about how to improve their spiritual and personal lives. Single women and mothers with small children have been encouraged to attend. Older women, aunts, grandmas and friends take care of the children during the

two-hour meeting.

Each month a different person chairs the meeting which is opened with a devotional thought and followed by a study on the topic of choice which might be prayer, mothering, relationships or personal growth. Hand-outs help remind the women what they have learned.

Two surprise baby showers have been given to unsuspecting mothers-to-be. This group also had a meaningful Christmas party.

At the close of each meeting, names are drawn for prayer partners for the following four weeks. Some women send cards or make special phone calls to the person they are praying for. Future activities are planned to promote health, self-improvement and enhance both personal and spiritual relationships.

Caroline A. Fisher
Assistant
Communication
Leader



Dell and Betty Jean (Hile) Lewis, who were married four days after Dell returned home from serving as a radar operator in the South Pacific during the Second World War, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner party was hosted by friends and family. They have been members of the Sand Springs church for over 40 years.



Pathfinders participating in the Pinewood race car derby find this to be an intense experience.



Winners of the race car derby feel well-rewarded with their first-place ribbons.

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City/State/Zip _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

DEPOSIT: a deposit of \$20.00 (non-refundable unless notified by July 5) is required with each reservation. The balance is due upon arrival. Reservations will be cancelled after 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 12, unless notified of late arrival. Applications for the full event will be considered first.

RESERVATIONS: must be in our office by July 5. Make checks payable to the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Plan to arrive early on Friday in order to be settled and ready for the first meeting that evening. **CHECKOUT TIME** is 1p.m., Sunday, July 21.

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Tent, with electricity	_____ \$75.00	_____ \$10.00
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Cabins will be available on a limited basis. Preference will be given to those 60 and older or the handicapped. Two cabins will be for ladies only. The remaining cabins will be for married couples, but will be dormitory-style living, ladies on one end and men on the other, with two sets of restroom facilities. Limited cooking is permitted in the cabins.

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Southwest Region

B. E. WRIGHT, CORRESPONDENT

Hebron Church Operates Food Pantry

The Hebron Seventh-day Adventist Church operates a very active food pantry for the surrounding neighborhood. Over 80 families receive food from the pantry every week.

Volunteers and food pantry officers meet each week to help with the distribution of food baskets. Literature is also distributed to those who receive food pantry donations.

Many who have received food baskets have expressed an interest in the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A few have attended church and become members of the Sabbath school.

The pantry is operated by Joyce Wells. She is assisted by community volunteers, and by church members Sandra Fair, Noel Chandler, Linda Owens, Monica Graham, Michael Phillips and Ursula Betton. *Mozelle L. Williams*
Communication Leader

Pathfinders Experience Wilderness Living

The Southwest Region Conference Pathfinders held their winter camporee at Alexandria, Louisiana, January 25-27.

The guest speaker for the event was Jason McCracken of Canada. He demonstrated various techniques for successful wilderness survival. All the Pathfinders were trained in wilderness living.

To conclude the camporee, Pathfinders gathered for roll call. Then, in the darkness and with



Jason McCracken from Canada demonstrates how to light a kerosene lamp during the Alexandria Pathfinder winter camporee.



Preparing for the 80 families who come for help every week, volunteers in action at the Hebron food pantry are, from left: Noel Chandler, Joyce Wells, Michael Phillips and Linda Owens.

flashlights in hand, they marched single file over a stream and through the forest. It was a memorable experience.

Floristine A. Ettienne

Senator's Assistant Speaks to Berean Congregation

Darryl Robinson, legislative assistant to black state Sen. John Michael Guidry, recently spoke to the Berean church in Baton Rouge, La., on the subject of affirmative action.

Robinson's visit was in response to an invitation sent to the senator's office by Berean youth leader Arlene Mossey.

The non-Adventist Robinson cited Dr. Ben Carson's *Think Big* as an ever-present source of inspiration that motivates him to stand firm for his beliefs, and that should challenge youth to cut their television time and replace it with wholesome reading.

"There is direct correlation between what you are and what you put your time into," he said.

He concluded by emphasizing that people need to stop looking outside of themselves for what the system can do for them; they should start looking within for what they can do for themselves.

His challenge was, "Be examples for the children." Then he quoted Martin Luther King's immortal words, "We will live



Darryl Robinson

together as brothers and sisters, or die apart as fools."

Evelyn M. Edwards
Communication Leader

Bethel Couples Renew Vows

Twelve couples from the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church, Texarkana, Texas, participated in recommitting themselves to their spouses in a renewal of vows ceremony on January 6.

The ceremony began with Teresa and Rodriguez Johnson leading out in a song entitled, "Lord Lift Us Up Where We Belong." Following the music, five young ladies—Cierra Crooks, Lacy Crooks, Gaillynn Williams, KiKi Crooks and Amber Bruce—walked down the aisle dropping flower petals on the floor. Kristopher Birl followed as the Bible bearer.

Each couple then walked together down the aisle. The women wore attractive dresses and carried bouquets, and the men wore suits with boutonnières.

As they grouped at the front of the church, Gilbert Williams, pastor, talked of love for each one's spouse and led out in reading the vows. The Johnsons sang again, and then the pastor invited each man to salute his bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall. Gerald Bruce took pictures of each couple in front of a decorated cake before the cake and punch were served. *Tonia Turner*
Communication Leader

Berean Women Enjoy Prayer Breakfast

In anticipation of the International Adventist Women's Day of Prayer, the Berean church women's ministry held its first prayer breakfast of the year.

Women (and even two men) from Baton Rouge and New Orleans gathered for the Sunday morning event which featured Cheryl Williams of Westbank



In appreciation for her address at the Berean church women's prayer breakfast, Joyce Deman (left) presents Cheryl Williams of Westbank United Church in New Orleans with roses.

United of New Orleans as the guest speaker.

At the onset, Williams evoked laughter by inadvertently ignoring the order of the program and preceding Pam Denman's special music. She justified her premature entrance by saying, "Since I've been late for everything, I thought I'd be on time for a change."

Williams's presentation began with a brief study on prayer. The audience listened attentively to the what, when, why, where and how of prayer. She was quick to acknowledge the support of her "mighty prayer warrior," who is her husband, Phillip. The group was encouraged to repeat, "Lord send a revival, and let it begin with me."

Williams went on to relate how the Nov. 25 Westbank prayer breakfast had resulted in a Jan. 6 prayer explosion among the New Orleans churches. She also related a personal experience that illustrated how forgiving is not necessarily forgetting.

The women were reacquainted with the two types of prayer: personal and intercessory. Among the books she recommended was *Steps to Christ*, which, she said, "got her going."

Following the second of two prayer sessions in which the audience prayed in groups of four, the women learned the necessity of associating together and praising God, and how important it is to right all wrongs if they want the Holy Spirit to work in their lives.

The program concluded with music by Adrien Bell, followed by the meal. *Evelyn M. Edwards*
Communication Leader

Students Perform in Black History Program

Students of the Smyrna Junior Academy, Alexandria, La., enchanted the audience as they performed a spirit-filled black history program on February 26.

The students portrayed black Bible characters as well as more modern black freedom fighters.

The guest speaker was Charles F. Smith, president of the Alexandria City Council.

The school has moved forward and been blessed with a number of achievements since the arrival



Women from the greater New Orleans area celebrating their cultural diversity.

pageant of missions as representatives in native dress from seven Latin American countries presented the progress of the work in their respective fields. After an inspiring study, the worship service began with a procession that included the platform participants and an intriguing parade of 23 flags from various countries, states and islands.

The speaker of the hour, Tamah H. Curry of Fort Washington, Md., gave a sermon entitled, "If It Wasn't for the Lord."

The afternoon program was an educational presentation geared to promoting cultural awareness. Each of the representatives from the 23 countries told about their home country. This proved to be enlightening for many members of the audience.

The weekend culminated in a prayer breakfast on Sunday morning with Cheryl Williams as the featured speaker. Many blessings came out of this prayer session. Only eternity can reveal the results. *Dora G. Morton*

Assistant Communication Leader

Smyrna Church Enjoys Concert

The Smyrna sanctuary choir accompanied nationally renowned gospel singer James

Moore in a concert March 17 at the Smyrna church in Alexandria, La.

Moore, who is also a writer, composer and minister, ranks in the top five on the gospel music charts. He is from Detroit where many famous groups and individuals, such as The Winans and Witness, were discovered.

Moore has performed with James Cleveland and has been nominated for two Grammy awards. He sings with the Mississippi Mass Choir, which is one of the top five choirs on the national charts.

The March 17 performance was the first time Moore has ever sung with a Seventh-day Adventist choir. He was so impressed with the Smyrna choir and its talents that he has committed to do an album with them. Details of the contract are currently being worked out.

Gloria Mitchell
Communication Leader

Word of Faith Holds Evangelistic Meetings

The Word of Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church in Houston held evangelistic meetings with evangelist T.P. Brunson April 12 - May 4.

Each Sabbath afternoon, church members went door to door in the community and offered "The Busy People Bible Lessons" in an effort to sow the seeds for a spiritual harvest.

"I was somewhat hesitant to knock on people's doors," said Errol Jones. "But after I began to meet people and observe how eagerly they responded to the lessons, I became excited, and

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EARLY MORNING SERVICES
Samuel Thomas

now I am looking forward to continuing the Lord's work next Sabbath."

Teenagers in the church are also participating by signing up other teenagers for the Bible lessons.

Church members share testimonies each Sabbath about how God opened doors and blessed the efforts to sign up people in the community for Bible lessons.

Word of Faith's aim is to share with the community the love of Christ and the message that He is coming soon. They are conducting a needs-based survey of their neighborhood in an effort to meet the needs of the community.

Linda Moore
Communication Leader



Smyrna church pastor, J. R. Ellis (left), with junior academy principal, Larry Key, and city council president, Charles F. Smith.

of Larry Key, principal, and Rupert Salmon, public relations secretary for the school.

Gloria Mitchell
Communication Leader

Women of Vision Celebrate Culture

The Women of Vision, a coalition of Christian women from five Seventh-day Adventist churches in the New Orleans area, hosted their second annual Multi-Cultural Weekend December 1-3, 1995, at the Westbank United Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The weekend began on a high spiritual note with an Agape Feast on Friday night. The Spirit of the Lord was present as many women, men and children gathered to give thanks and to pray.

Sabbath school was a colorful



Gospel singer, James Moore (in dark glasses), who sang with the Alexandria Smyrna church choir.

Texas

BARBARA OLIVER, CORRESPONDENT

Austin Woman Is on the Run

How does a wife, mother, home-school teacher, musician, assistant Pathfinder director and active participant in church activities relieve stress? She runs.



Linda Peckham, who memorized scripture while she was training for the Motorola Marathon.

Linda Peckham of the Austin South church runs regularly. Recently, she participated in the Motorola Marathon in Austin and made a respectable finish in her category. When asked how she accomplished such a feat, Peckham said that she memorizes scriptures while training.

Using 3x5 cards, Peckham writes down scriptures she would like to learn. Then, while running, she repeats them over and over until she has them memorized. Peckham obviously doesn't believe in wasting any of her time!

Rhonda Tomlinson
Communication Leader

Valley Grande Grows Spiritually

One of the main reasons for the existence of Valley Grande Academy is to help students be-

come personally associated with Jesus Christ and to help them share that relationship with others. This is the goal of the campus ministry department and of all the faculty.

This year a number of students have chosen to follow Christ into the waters of baptism. Eight were baptized during local evangelistic meetings, and two were baptized while on a mission trip to Mexico. Others have been baptized in their local churches.

In addition, a number of VGA students spent all or part of their spring vacation reaching out to share Christ with others.

On their class trip the seniors spent both Sabbaths ministering to churches along their route. The first Sabbath was spent in Amarillo, Texas and the second Sabbath, they participated in the church service in Killeen, Texas.

Other students opted to use their vacation on a mission trip to Mexico. They joined a group made up of students and adults from Lyford and Beaumont, Texas, and from Southern California.

They rebuilt the church in El Alamo, Mexico, which had fallen into disrepair and was too small for the congregation. "It looked like the angels were literally holding up the walls," said Kelly Aylward, the faculty sponsor from VGA.

Some of the students and adults, and four nurses, set up a medical clinic and made "house calls" to bedridden patients. They provided health information and simple medicines. Other students went to teach English in the local schools.

Evangelistic meetings drew

about 70 local people every evening and vacation Bible school each day attracted between 80-100 children.

Highlights of the trip included a baptism on Sabbath afternoon. Another highlight was the opportunity for group members to witness to a dying man about the love of Jesus. The man responded positively. When team members learned the next day that the man had died, they were thankful that they had taken time to visit him and share Christ.

Corrie Whitney
Vice Principal, Marketing



At a dinner provided by members of the Dallas First church, Tom Lemon, pastor, and his wife, Jan, were honored with cards and a gift on Pastor Appreciation Day, April 2.

Alvarado Spanish Celebrates New Facilities

The Alvarado Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated the grand opening of its newly remodeled facilities March 2, with an attendance of approximately 400 members and friends who gathered for Sabbath worship.

Larry Moore, Texas Conference secretary, presented the message, and Paradigm vocal

ensemble provided the music. Other conference visitors included Frank Moore and Jose Piantini.

A week of revival meetings followed the inauguration of the new building with Jose Cortes of the New Jersey Conference as the guest speaker. This was the first revival week to take place in the Alvarado Spanish Church since its organization in 1989.

The congregation bought their church building, which had previously housed a bank, for \$57,000 at an auction in July of 1995. The remodeling project was led by remodeling chairman Aurelio Lisboa, and members and friends enthusiastically participated in the project by volunteering countless hours of work. Cabinets, carpets, furniture and pianos were donated to the church. Most of the remodeling cost was covered by cash donations and from the sale of a vacant parcel of land owned by the church.

Passers-by on College Street, almost directly across from Alvarado's town square, will be able to admire the beautiful stained glass windows which now adorn that side of the building.

The church's sign was remodeled, and the new inscription reads "Jesus is coming soon." The sign is quite possibly the largest in town and is an eye-catching witness of the congregation's faith.

Future plans include obtaining one of two buildings adjacent to the church. The purchase would provide additional space for youth activities and a much-needed community services center.

Juan Reyes, Pastor

Jefferson Academy Outlines New Objectives

Jefferson Adventist Academy has announced plans for a new vocational curriculum as well as a new financial structure.

The new objectives were outlined in a meeting of the school board and include plans to offer students training in a vocational skill of their choice in addition to regular academic classwork. This special vocational training will prepare them for employment upon graduation, an op-



Two of the Valley Grande Academy students who were baptized on the 1996 Mexican Mission trip were Jackie Zambrano and Michael Johnston (last two on the right).

portunity which most academies and secondary schools do not provide.

Jefferson Academy is surrounded by tall pine trees in a quiet location about five miles from Jefferson, Texas. "This atmosphere lends itself to the study of agriculture, horticulture, landscaping and greenhouse planting," said Mike Weber, board chairman.

The school also plans to offer training in food service management, accounting and secretarial skills, auto mechanics and auto-body repair. Computer skills will be included in all of the various training programs.

The academy has also outlined new financial objectives. "JAA will probably be the most cost-effective Christian church-operated academy in North America," said Weber. "Our plan is to lower the costs of education so that it is accessible to more students."

The board has proposed a flat rate of \$395 per month that will include everything: books, tuition, miscellaneous fees, meals, a room, computer and library use, laboratories and social activities. This amount is almost half of what most academies are charging today and is made possible by donations from the JAA Alumni Association, private donations and assistance from the Texas Conference.

Area churches have also joined the academy in a re-energizing and remodeling program. Anyone wishing to assist in this effort can call 1-800-775-8322.

JAA is also seeking qualified, experienced Seventh-day Adventist professionals to fill the following positions: dean of men, dean of women, Texas certified math teacher, Texas certified science teacher, vocational instructors. Resumes may be faxed or mailed to: Dr. Mike Weber, Board Chairman, Jefferson Academy, P.O. Box X, Jefferson, TX 75657.

*Judy Jamison
Communication Director*

Arlington Youth Hold 30-Hour "Famine"

On Feb. 24, while most people were preparing for Sabbath dinner, approximately 30 youth at the Arlington, Texas, church were preparing for a much more meaningful Sabbath experience—to go without food for 30 hours in a fund-raising effort for hungry children. Through the support of

solicited sponsors, the project was very successful.

The 30-hour famine, as it was called, was coordinated by Bernie Anderson, youth pastor, and his wife, Christina. Having viewed a video on children and hunger at a November youth conference, Pastor Bernie suggested to his junior Bible class at Burton Academy that they participate in this project. He received enthusiastic support.

The adventure began at 3 p.m. Sabbath afternoon when the participants began by taking part in activities designed to keep them busy and keep their minds off hunger pangs. At sundown they watched a World Vision video which gave an in-depth study of the plight of many of the world's children and the efforts underway to provide education in farming and irrigation.

On Sunday, the group gathered to share words of encouragement and support. That evening they ministered to the residents of the Arlington Night Shelter by serving sloppy Joes. Throughout the day, Christina made sure that the students were supplied with plenty of liquids.

"They were dragging a bit on Sunday, but other than that, they did fine," Pastor Bernie said. "We wanted to make our youth stop and think about others. We were going without food for just 30 hours," he said, "while those children go with little food for days and weeks." *Sandra Cole*

Communication Secretary

Annie Attaway Celebrates 101st Birthday

On Annie Attaway's 101st birthday, April 7, the students of San Marcos Adventist Jr. Academy paid her a visit. Attaway is a charter member of the Adventist church which first began in San Marcos 28 years ago.

Besides taking balloons, the students took cards they had made for her. The kindergarten and first grade students dictated notes on the their cards which began with: "If I live to be a 101, I..." One student wrote, "If I live to be a 101, I want to be in heaven. I want to walk on the streets of gold with you. I love you."



Arlington youth group who participated in the 30-hour "Famine" with Pastor Bernie Anderson in the center front.

The kindergarten and first graders had visited Attaway earlier in the year when they celebrated the 100th day of school.

Attaway is resident at Hays Nursing Center where she studies the Bible every day with her roommate. She says she misses not being able to attend church.

*Diana B. Lucas
San Marcos Adventist Junior Academy*

Alamo City Pathfinders Build Memories

What kinds of memories does the word "Pathfinders" evoke? Camp outs, canned food drives, classwork? Honors, high-pointer trips, helping others?

The Alamo City Pathfinder Club of San Antonio, Texas, is making memories to last a lifetime. The lessons taught, the skills learned, the great friends made while working together, and knowing Jesus as our best friend are what Pathfinders is all about.

Kathy Laue, club director, encourages her 20 members to get

involved. On February 11, the club held a Pathfinder Sabbath, conducting the entire church service from scripture and prayer to special music. Guest speaker Joe Garcia, Texas Conference Pathfinder Lay Director, encouraged the youth to remain true to Christ and inspired everyone to support them. "The youth are the future of your church," he said.

The Alamo City Pathfinder Club is enthusiastic about supporting the Laurel Heights Church. During November and December, the club held two canned food drives and collected over 2400 cans of food, non-perishable items, and clothing for the church's Community Services Center. These items were given to needy people in the local community.

In December, the Pathfinders sponsored two evenings of caroling and Ingathering. With some help from the church members, over \$200 was collected!

More recently, some of the Pathfinders and staff joined the church youth group on a Mexico mission trip during Spring Break. And Jackie Holliday, a deputy director, taught First Aid and



Students from San Marcos Junior Academy with their special birthday guest, Annie Attaway, on her 101st birthday.

assisted with CPR classes which were open to the entire congregation. These are just some of the ways the club serves the church and community.

The club is also active in honors work. The club went to Guadalupe River State Park and worked on the campcraft and winter camping honors. Gina Kosini, a local church member, taught the Christian grooming and manners honor. The club's secretary, Edd Sepulveda, presented the honor on weather. And the group is currently working on the stars and horseman-ship honors.

During the Texas Pathfinder Camporee in April, three staff members were scheduled to be invested as Master Guides. These leaders have taught honors, given Bible studies, conducted worship, and attended training seminars to achieve this goal.

Kathy Laue, her dedicated staff, and the San Antonio Laurel Heights church are proud of each person who has contributed to making this club a great success. The memories made will never be forgotten.

Rachael Hennlein

First African Church Is Organized in Houston

To provide a program and atmosphere most conducive to the way they used to worship in their African homelands, a group of immigrants decided to establish their own church in Houston. "It took between six and eight years for us to



The Sabbath the First African Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized, Texas Conference president, Steve Gifford, was guest speaker. Their newly installed pastor, Gibson Nkosi, stands in the background.



Church pews were filled with members and guests who came to celebrate the day they had been dreaming about—of having an African-style church in Houston.

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Camp	Dates	Ages
◆ Adventurer	June 23 - June 30	7 - 9
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come to this decision," writes Bekee Mwakanma. "During this time we had occasional periods of doubt, but finally we made the decision, and now our church has become a reality."

On December 9, 1995 the group was formed into a company. However, it soon became evident that the group had grown large enough to become a church. Thus, on January 27, with the Texas Conference officers participating in the service, the First African Seventh-day Adventist Church (FASDA) was officially organized.

Current members include the pastor, Gibson Nkosi, from South

Africa; the elders and members are from Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, and other parts of Africa. Also making up part of the congregation are some Native Americans.

Several newly-elected deacons and elders from the nearby Katy church were included in the ordination service for the deacons and elders of FASDA church which was led by the Texas Conference president, Steve Gifford. The pastor of the Southwest Region Conference Belfort SDA Church, James O. Best, offered the pastoral prayer. The church choir, led by Chidi Imo, head deacon, and Samuel Nwankwoala, assistant Sabbath school superintendent, helped make this a great day of celebration.

*Bekee C. Nwakanma
Sabbath School
Superintendent*

Weslaco Sponsors Amazing Facts Prophecy Series

The Weslaco church began the new year with a resolution to evangelize! Amazing Facts evangelist Steve Wohlberg joined Ralph Hollenbeck, the pastor, and the Weslaco congregation for a month-long series ending February 10.

Approximately 275 persons attended opening night at the Central Middle School auditorium. A special feature of the meetings was the availability of Spanish translators and the use of transistor-size "ear translators" for the convenience of Hispanic guests. One person was baptized as a direct result from the use of these translators, since he would not have been able to participate without them.

Dissatisfied with some of the teachings in their former church, Eva Pequeno and her children had been studying the Bible for some time, searching for some

meaning in life. When the Amazing Facts Prophecy Series brochure came in the mail, they decided to attend.

On their first visit to the Pequeno home, Wohlberg and Hollenbeck spent three hours answering questions! "We discovered a group of people who had many theological ideas identical to Adventists," said Hollenbeck. Seven members of the Pequeno family were baptized during the prophecy series.

Amancio and Diana Lucio came for the first time on the twenty-first night when the topic was "The True Church." They had been regular viewers of the *It Is Written* telecast and had taken a series of Bible studies. Both Amancio and his wife joined the church.

Pat McClellan, a local banker, who had been attending a nearby Adventist church for more than two years but had not made a decision, was one of the first to be baptized during the meetings. Since that time he has started a Bible study group at his bank using tapes from the meetings.

"My church has definitely benefitted from Steve Wohlberg's positive style of evangelism," reports Pastor Hollenbeck. "The Amazing Facts series was excellent and has really helped my local church."

Since the series ended, the Weslaco congregation has organized three prayer groups: a women's and a men's ministry group, and two Bible study groups for new members. "And one month after the series, we voted to participate in NET '96" replied Hollenbeck.

Forty-three people have joined or re-joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of this coordinated effort.

*Ann Calkins
Amazing Facts*



Two new members who joined the Pharr church by baptism were Ruth Scharez and Mike Wehland. Ruth made her decision during a Revelation seminar. Mike, who attends a church school and has a Christian mother, decided that he, too, wanted to follow Jesus.

Southwestern Adventist College

JENELL RUSK, CORRESPONDENT

SAC Department of Social Work Receives Accreditation

The social work department at Southwestern Adventist College has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The process of accreditation began more than three years ago, according to Rene Drumm, program director and chair of the social work department.

"Less than 500 people in the world have taken the social work program from ground zero to full accreditation," says Drumm.

The department had to meet many pre-accreditation requirements. One requirement involved establishing an advisory board of community social work professionals. Another was to create a documentation of proof—two volumes stating the goals, present conditions and self-evaluation of the department.

A department must be in candidacy for a minimum of two years to confirm its right to receive the accreditation and to meet all the conditions of the council. The two-year requirement allows time to flesh out a skeletal program, to bring a beginning program to the quality level of accreditation.

The 30 social work students in this year's program will have an advantage over students of past years. First, the accreditation assures long-term ability to be licensed in the state of Texas. Second, it helps their chance of acceptance into graduate programs with advanced standing. Students who graduate with an accredited baccalaureate receive a waiver—they can receive their master's degree in one year instead of the standard two years.

According to Drumm, social work cannot be done through the adult degree program. It is a hands-on curriculum where students learn through interaction with clients, peers and experienced professionals. "You can't get this kind of experience in a classroom alone. It's not just learning facts, it's learning values and skills, as well as knowledge," says Drumm.

Tricia Schnell, SAC Junior Communication/Journalism

"I Love KJCR Week" Meets Goal

Southwestern Adventist College's radio station, KJCR 88.3 FM, met its fund-raising goal during "I Love KJCR Week," February 10-17. The station raised \$26,000, the highest goal set since the station began the annual fund-raising campaign in 1980.

KJCR will use the contributions to pay student salaries and to purchase computer programming equipment. The computer system will generate on-air station announcements and identification.

"It's nice to know that we won't have to make any cutbacks," said Bob Mendenhall,



Mike Ahn, a junior broadcasting major from Tracy, California, works the afternoon shift at Southwestern Adventist College's KJCR 88.3 FM. The station recently raised \$26,000 during the annual "I Love KJCR Week." KJCR, a non-commercial station with a Christian music format, broadcasts over nearly 16,000 square miles of North Texas. Photo: Tobe Watts

SAC communication professor and KJCR's general manager. "The community's support of the station over the years has been a great blessing."

The station broadcasts over nearly 16,000 square miles of north Texas and reaches the homes of 2 million people. KJCR employs 14 students who work in announcing, engineering, development, programming, and news direction.

Christine Cervantes, SAC Elementary Education Major

ARN Holds Annual Meeting at SAC

The Adventist Radio Network board of directors, representing radio stations from across North America, met March 20-22 and included the installation of incoming president Robert Mendenhall, professor of communication at SAC.

The Adventist Radio Network (ARN) is an association of Seventh-day Adventist radio stations with 18 member stations in the 48 states, Canada and Guam.

Founded in the early 1960s on the west coast, ARN has grown to include all Adventist college and university radio stations, privately-owned Adventist radio stations, and individual members.

A number of SAC professors and alumni are active in ARN. Mendenhall will serve as president for a two-year term. His past ARN duties have included two previous terms as president, one term as secretary, and one term as vice president. Michael Wiist, assistant professor of communication, is also a former ARN president. John Williams, associate professor of communication, and Walt Bolinger, chief engineer of SAC radio station KJCR, are members.

Two SAC communication department graduates are ARN members representing other radio stations. Michael Agee is station manager of KTSY in Caldwell, Idaho. Chuck O'Dell manages station KARM in Visalia, California. Jenell Eli Rusk



Robert Mendenhall, professor of communication at Southwestern Adventist College and manager of local radio station KJCR 88.3 FM, is the new president of the Adventist Radio Network. Photo: Tobe Watts

the evenings, team members helped to conduct vacation Bible school programs for the children.

The mission team from Keene, consisting of 17 students and four adult sponsors, was originally scheduled to build a new publishing building in the city of Galeana. However, the site was not ready for construction, so the group took on other smaller repair projects at the school in Galeana.

Harley Larkin, a teacher at Keene Independent School District, was the leader of the Keene mission team and summed up the team's "can-do" outlook. "You have to go with the concept of adaptability, to be ready to take on any changes that are thrown at you," he said.

The group installed a 400-amp main box and steel power poles for the school, plastered the outside walls of the administration building, welded steel trusses for the new building, and much more.

Southwestern Adventist College student Marybel Estrada plastered walls and translated during vacation Bible school. "This trip taught me several things, especially to be humble," she said. "In the past, I was used to coming back with a good start on a new building. But we couldn't do that this time—we just prepared the way. I learned the most important thing is the way you do your work, not if other people see it."

Tricia Schnell, SAC junior Communication/Journalism major

Students Go On Mexico Mission Trip

Academy, high school, and college students from California, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico met Friday, March 8, near Montemorelos, Mexico. Instead of basking in coastal sunshine or lounging in front of the TV, these students, along with adult sponsors, chose to spend their spring break working on mission teams.

The teams stayed in the city of La Morita for two days, then left on Sunday for their different project sites. Each team was assigned to new construction or to renovation sites. Most teams worked on church buildings. In

Obituaries

BALDWIN, John J., was born July 12, 1922 in Hamilton, AL and died April 12, 1996 in Kemp, TX. Survivors: wife, Hazel, Kemp; daughters, Betty Eaves, Dallas, TX and Gina Atherton, Mabank, TX; son, Adam, Burleson, TX; and 5 grandchildren.

HALE, David Hudson II, was born July 30, 1954 in Kirksville, MO and died Mar. 28, 1996 in Fort Worth, TX. He is survived by his mother, Bettye Hale, of Fort

Worth; brother, Jeff Hale, also of Fort Worth; and an aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. John F. Greene, of Lexington, KY.

HALLIBORTON, Sam, was born Aug. 22, 1918 in Williford, AR and died Dec. 27, 1995, in Heber Springs, AR. He is survived by his sons, Harry, of Coloma, MI, and James, of Dover, AR.

KENYON, Eunice, was born Nov. 12, 1909 in Little Rock, AR and died Mar. 30, 1996 in Bryant, AR. Survivors: husband, Lauren, Bryant; daughter, D. J. Boyle, Wichita, KS; and sister, Bernice Mayhan, Little Rock.

LAMBETH, Myrtle, was born Aug. 8, 1906 in Bangs, TX and died April 8, 1996

in Keene, TX. Survivors: son, Roy Benefield Jr., Candler, NC; daughters, Frankie Bryan, Longview, TX and Joyce Shaw, Keene; sisters, Gladys Cone, Fort Worth and Florence Black, Keene; 5 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

SHAW, Ethel Louise, was born July 13, 1915 in Gulfport, MS and died Mar. 16, 1996 in Sugarland, TX. Survivors: sons, Edward and David; daughter, Linda Weaver; 6 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

SMITH, John (Jack) L.W., was born Feb. 10, 1928 in Warren, OH and died Mar. 25, 1996 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: son, John Smith Jr., Dallas, TX;

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daughters, Denise Scott, Columbus, OH; Barbara Dinehart, Willowick, OH and Cherie Finch, Petersburg, VA; sister, Ruth Miskell, Douglas, AZ; and 10 grandchildren.

SONGY, Leon Paul, was born Jan. 1, 1903 in Amite, LA and died April 20, 1996 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: daughters, Gloria Darsey, Mandeville, LA and Carol Griffin, Baton Rouge; and son, Roy E. Songy, Burleson, TX.

STOOPS, Ira Wesley, Jr., was born July 22, 1961 in Fort Worth, TX and died April 5, 1996 in Fort Worth. He was a computer programmer for Home Health Education Services at the Southwestern Union Conference office. Survivors include his wife, Beth, of Keene, TX; his parents, Wes Sr. and Lillian, Fort Worth; sisters, Tamara Sittlinger, Oshawa, Ontario, and Melanie Padon, Godley, TX.

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Amarillo, Texas	9:03	9:05	9:06	9:05	9:03	9:00
Brownsville, Texas	8:20	8:22	8:25	8:25	8:24	8:22
Dallas, Texas	8:33	8:36	8:39	8:39	8:37	8:34
El Paso, Texas	8:13	8:15	8:16	8:16	8:14	8:11
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	8:38	8:40	8:41	8:41	8:39	8:36
Galveston/Houston, Texas	8:20	8:22	8:23	8:23	8:21	8:19
Gentry, Arkansas	8:36	8:38	8:39	8:39	8:36	8:33
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