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becomes
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A small incident has a big impact

A few weeks ago while attending the Oklahoma Conference constituency session held in the Tulsa church, even though I had been there on many occasions, I was impressed once again with its fine structure. Much of the credit for this beautiful church goes to Jack Whitacre, who was chairman of the building committee. He has been a member of that congregation since the late 1930s.

Until he was 16 years old, Jack lived in an orphanage in the city. Once he was on his own, he decided to make up for some of the things he had missed while in the orphanage, one of which was growing a garden.

Naturally, he needed supplies to plant a garden—seeds, a rake, a hoe, a shovel—so he went to a nearby hardware store and bought them. Upon returning home he discovered that the store

owner had undercharged him. Right then Jack made a decision that was to have a profound effect many years later on hundreds of people. The decision? To go back and pay the store owner the amount he'd been undercharged.

This small incident impressed



Max A. Trevino
Southwestern
Union president

the hardware store owner with Jack's honesty, and as the years passed and Jack continued to trade at the store, the two men got to know each other fairly well.

Twenty years later, when the members of the Tulsa church decided to build a new church, Jack, by now a successful businessman, was elected chairman of the building committee. As the committee studied the building plans and compared them with the plats of the church property, they came to the conclusion that the new building would need to sit right in the middle of Tenth Street!

If you've ever worked with city government, you know that getting a city to close a public street to allow a building to be erected in its place is not an easy matter. However, after much prayer, Jack headed for the mayor's office.

At this time, the mayor of Tulsa was—you guessed it—the hardware store owner! When Jack presented the church's request, the mayor promised to look into the possibility of closing the street. A few days later the mayor called Jack with the news that the city would close that portion of Tenth Street. A miracle! But more miracles were in store.

A short time later the building committee hit another snag. They discovered that the storm sewer ran directly beneath Tenth Street, and it was illegal to build over a storm sewer.

Again Jack prayed and then went to the mayor's office. "Isn't there anything we can do about this? The Lord wants us to build a church there."

"I'll look into it," the mayor promised. Some time later the mayor called. "Jack, the city engineer says the only way you can build there is if you dig deep piers and literally bridge the

church over the storm sewer. You need to come down and talk to him."

This was great news. They could build on their property, but where would they get the heavy equipment to drill the piers, and how would they take care of the added cost? Once again they took their concerns to the Lord.

A few days later a call came from the city engineer. "Jack, have you noticed the heavy equipment sitting out near the new airport project? It's just sitting there idle because the ground is too wet for them to work on it. I got to thinking about your church project and wondered if you would like to have them bring the equipment over and drill your piers while they wait for the ground to dry at the airport."

Another miracle! Truly, "the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective," James 5:16 NIV.

Jack Whitacre has been a man of principle all his life. His influence has had a major impact on his family, his church and his community. God has honored his faithfulness, and He will do the same for you and me.



Jack Whitacre about the time he went to buy gardening equipment from the hardware store.



Jack Whitacre today, still active and happy to be called Papa.

Meaningless religion— Is that what the “Millennials” have to look forward to?

The words, “The Class of ‘00,” printed in bold orange lettering across the front of four bland-looking teenagers on the cover of February’s *Christianity Today* caught my attention. What I read inside troubled me deeply.

The “Millennials,” born in the early 1980s when the family unit was in decline and electronic media was on the rise, have filled their lives with an artificial and superficial home in the absence of parents. The electronic world of Walkmans, VCRs and cable TV has become their community, their tribe, their family and their physician. Their morals, their ambition, their characters, have been shaped by what they have seen and heard. What some experts both in youth work and sociology have observed about this generation is challenging:

- “• Their pulse runs fast. Bombarded by frequent images, they are in need of continual “hits.”
- The remote control symbolizes their reality: change is constant; focus is fragmented.
- They live for now.
- They are jaded, having a “Been there/Done that” attitude, nothing shocks them.
- They are a cyber-suckled community.
- They’ve had everything handed to them.
- They don’t trust adults.”

The result of growing up in this environment has produced a generation of cynics who seem to lack motivation because positive guidance appears to be absent. The question that perplexes those who look for ways to reach these youth



Arkansas-Louisiana youth ponder the true meaning of life.

with God’s love and dependability is a pressing one. How can the imperatives of the gospel penetrate their jaded minds when they, themselves, admit that:

- “• My generation seems oblivious.
- Everybody is too feeble because everything is handed to us.
- We feel everything is changing and we have nothing to do with it, so we sit back and let it happen.
- No one thinks for themselves anymore.
- No one has any sense of honor anymore.
- We have nothing stable to grasp, no one to look up to, no one to believe in.
- We’re just coasting.
- We’re not standing for anything.
- We desperately need to be standing for something.”

This article on the “Millennials” in *Christianity Today* by Wendy Murray Zoba, talks about how churches in general have attempted to address the dilemma by creating different types of religious entertainment. However, this is not what young people are looking for.

With little to guide the youth, the enemy has come in to attack on several fronts. Television is where they often learn to imitate alternative lifestyles which are in

opposition to Christian living. Computer games promote the kill-or-be-killed philosophy. The Internet poses another intoxicating vehicle for conveying that which is impure, and recorded music passes on many subliminal messages which change behavior. Then there is that overall cynicism that is pervading society, where we’re living in a corrupt society with an absence of heroes who demonstrate moral uprightness.

Where do our Adventist young people fit into the picture and what are we, as older members in the faith, doing to create a wholesome atmosphere for them? What are young people really looking for, and what do they want?

They’re looking for leaders, wanting role models who will show them how to live successful Christian lives even though negative forces bombard them from all sides.

In this issue of the *Record* we bring you some of the thrilling stories of our own Seventh-day Adventist young people who are on the front line of ministry, who

are demonstrating Christian principles, sharing their faith and making Christianity practical. God bless them!

Jean Thomas,
Editor



About the cover:

Michelle Tandy from Richardson helping
build a church in El Centenario.

Adventist youth— When they're involved they know they're important



What a thrill to see our young people working hand in hand with their sponsors to create houses of worship for our brothers and sisters in Mexico. The spirit of the participants in these mission teams is tremendous, and the benefits seem greater for the volunteers rather than the recipients.

First, as the youth participate in mission projects they get to feel they are an important part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and that their contributions are appreciated.

This program helps develop

opportunity for young people to refine the focus of their lives. The short-term mission program, as well as other programs such as the long-term student missionary programs, Adventist Colleges

Abroad, Maranatha, and other organizations help enlarge young people's vision of service. My thinking is that even if these young people never go back to the mission field, they have a broader understanding of the needs of others and how their participation in church programs can benefit humanity.

Another change that takes place is their attitude toward mate-



Vacation Bible school being held at El Alamo by students from California and Valley Grande Academy

their thinking. I've heard young people come home and tell their parents they really didn't need the Nikes they'd been begging for before they left, that it really wasn't important anymore.

Serving on Adventist mission teams has helped many young people look at the church in a positive light, because they have had a active part in its outreach. Vacation Bible school is held each evening at the sites, and many groups also hold evangelistic meetings each evening. Most of these outreach efforts are to packed houses.

Four hundred volunteers who participated in the March mission trips worked in 10 different groups on 12 projects and raised almost \$24,000 for this outreach. Their efforts were a blessing not only to the Northeast Mexico Conference, but an even greater blessing to everyone involved, both young and old.

Joe Watts

*Texas Conference ACS Director
and Mission Team Coordinator*



Mata Redondo, one of the first churches to be built in 1989 by the youth from the Southwest who went on a spring break mission trip to Mexico.



leaders. Over the past 10 or 12 years I have been involved with this program, I have had enough time to see our youth become young adults and leaders in their home churches.

This program also provides

realistic things. Young people see that happiness does not come from having more money or things, but that it has to do with a state of mind. When

they see families, maybe two or three generations living together in a one- or two-room house with no running water, an outside bathroom, very little furniture and few possessions, it does something to

Adventist youth— God works wonders when they're willing to serve



Eighty-one Arkansas-Louisiana youth were involved in mission trips this spring break. It was wonderful to see how the Lord led these young people in service opportunities. Our youth were

given the opportunity for spiritual growth, development of practical skills, and a deeper awareness of the "mission field," both at home and abroad. It was wonderful to see how each mission team member took advantage of every opportunity for growth.

The Lord has blessed us with positive memories, a deeper appreciation of providence, and a burning desire to work for Him again. It is clear that the Lord is using the youth and youth leaders of Arkansas-Louisiana. The enthusiasm, passion for service and drive to spread the Gospel is thrilling. Each person touched by these ministries is a testimony to the power of God's grace and love. The financial support of private donations and students who worked all summer just to serve others during a spring break mission trip is wonderful to behold.

*Tibor Shelley
Youth Ministries Director
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference*

Some youth went to Mexico to share God's love



- The **Keene** group led by Harley Larkin worked at La Morita building a swimming pool for their summer camp. Although it is hard to get excited about building a pool, since building a church has greater evangelis-

tic potential, the Northeast Mexico Conference felt the pool was a priority because the young people had nowhere to swim but in a polluted creek. What a job! Moving so much dirt to make the hole for the pool was indeed hard, yet the students were happy to be working for the Lord. And yes, Keene, word has been received that next year you will build a church!

- The **Arkansas-Louisiana** group, led by Lloyd Clapp, worked in El Abra close to Mante. Theirs was a beautifully organized camp.



Backbreaking work—mixing cement by hand.

Jan Manley took control of the kitchen. This group was able to get the walls up on that church.

- A group from **California** led by Steve Moran joined with Rocky Guerrero from **Beaumont** and Christine Vargas from **Valley Grande Academy**. Over the past two years they had worked on two separate projects, Sasub and El Alamo. Now the plan was to go



The roof of the Sasub church nearing completion.



Arkansas-Louisiana group at work on the El Abra church.

back to finish these projects so the churches could be used. They put the roof on Sasub and poured the floor. At El Alamo they were only able to pour the floor before they left. However, funds to put on the roof were left with the members.

Two doctors in this team, Drs. Donald Vargas and Steve Moran, Sr., had brought with

them medical supplies worth \$7000 which they were able to purchase for \$375 from an organization that provides medicines for work in third world countries. This enabled them to perform a tremendous service to the community.

- A group with Harvey Kornegay from **Oklahoma**, Carl Culpepper from **San Marcos** and Rudy Juarez from **San Antonio** worked in Pujal Coy. The members in this small village had started a church a few years ago, but, with the devaluation of the peso, were unable com-

Under the direction of Jim Swena and Gary Manley, some were involved in laying block and mortar, others mixed mortar with shovels and still others helped level the church floor and bend wires to support structural columns. Other students helped Lynelle Swena with vacation Bible school while



Keene mission team constructing the La Morita church.



Teams from California and Valley Grande Academy preparing cement for the floor of the El Alamo church.

plete the project. The members had become discouraged because members from another denomination kept taunting with, "You say you are the true church, why don't you have a temple?" The mission team was able to finish the walls, put on the roof and pour the floor. Enough money was left for church to purchase the windows and doors.

Dr. Carlos and Gracie Japas led the **Fort Worth First Church** group who worked on a project in Abasolo used slip forms, a new style of building that looks promising. They were able to get the walls almost to the top.

- The **Richardson** group led by Louie Torrez worked on the church a El Centenario. Here is what some of the students said about the experience:

" I didn't want to go, but my grandparents surprised me by paying for the trip. I am very grateful for what I have and I can learn a lot about believing in Christianity. These people have a lot of faith even though they don't have much. They are eager to help in any way they can, and they're willing to give everything.

—Falaq Bovell

I went to Mexico because I wanted to help build a church for the people and I wanted to serve Jesus. I had a good experience and received true happiness from helping people in need.

—Michelle Tandy

They came for the clothes and the free beans, but in return they received the Bread of Life. This is how it happened: Several Oklahoma farmers, not able to go on a mission trip themselves, gave a large quantity of beans they'd grown to Ellamae Watts, Joe Watts' mother, to help with the mission outreach.

So many beans! Who would eat them all? They were, however, put to good use, for Eric Gillis, a ministerial student at Southwestern who had been on two previous mission trips as well as a student missionary for a year, had a plan.

He walked from one house to the next within a radius of six miles, inviting people to his evening meetings. "You'll get a cup of beans and some clothes if you come," he told them. And come they did! Bonnie Velez, a teacher from Austin Adventist Junior Academy, with the help of team members, did the same for vacation Bible school. And come they did!

The clothes, six suitcases full and nicely sorted, had been sent by Joe Cavallaro's young adult III Sabbath school in Keene to be given to those who attended the meetings. You should have seen the excitement!

The result? A church has been started. Elias, the camp director at La Morita, will be their pastor.



Ellamae Watts, Joe's mother, and cook for the team who built the Mata Rodondo church in 1989, made friends with the Mexican couple, Mario and Chayo, living next door and shared her faith. She explained that God is real and how He cares for everyone and hears and answers our prayers. During the next eight years Ellamae cooked for mission trips, she would try to visit this couple. It was with great joy she learned that prayers for a baby had been answered.



Michelle Tandy and Falaq Bovell

- Because the group from **Wisconsin** led by Robert Stauffer was quite large, they were able to handle two projects in Tampico. In Montecito they built a church for a group who had been worshipping in a "pole barn," and the other group added a second story to an existing church in Nuevo Tampico.

- **Sunnydale Academy**, led by Chuck Jensen, worked on a church in the small village of Ponciano Arrigria. Although only 8.5 miles off the main highway, because of the bad roads it takes about an hour to get there. This group was so anxious to get the work done that they used the headlights of cars and lanterns to provide light after dark. "It took us 36 hours dri-

ving time to get here," they explained, "and it will take 36 hours to get home. That comes to six working days, if you take time to sleep. So we only have four or five days to get this project done."

- The group from **San Antonio** led by Tom Hennlein worked on a church in Betania, a village near the town of Mante. The first day on the job they had to move six truckloads of fill into place inside the foundations. It was all in place and



Pablo De la Barrera from Richardson telling a story at vacation Bible school.

Conditions were not easy on last year's mission trip. The first day on the job was a scorcher and we weren't used to being in that kind of heat, let alone working in it. The next day turned cloudy, cold and windy. Living conditions were adequate but primitive. With powdery dust blowing everywhere, cleanliness was almost impossible, and the bathroom facilities left much to be desired. Water for showers had to be hauled from a nearby lake and had to stand for several hours to let the silt and mud settle before it was heated on a stove and poured into a shower bag. The outhouse was a small concrete pipe sticking up out of the ground surrounded by a small shack.

Laying block was the easy part. Moving the block and mixing sand and gravel was harder, and hauling fill dirt two long city blocks uphill to level the church floor was tough. Adding to this tremendously exhausting work were the long work hours. And yet, a number of young people returned for a second trip to Mexico this year. Why did they return?

Bryan Laue, 17, a junior at Smithson Valley High School: *"I helped bring the people closer to God. That is the most important thing. My parents were missionaries, my grandparents were missionaries and I like doing missionary work...working is better than sitting around watching TV."*

Matthew Mejias, 18, a junior at Taft High School: *"I saw what we accomplished last year and how far we got on the church building. I don't think we did as much as we could have on the building, but the people were so happy for our help. We saw the happiness on their faces. This year I wanted to do the same thing—just help someone else. I wanted to help them get closer to God."*

Rachael Hennlein, 18, a home-schooled senior: *"Knowing how much the congregation needed our help gave me a real sense of accomplishment when we finished the walls of the San Jose church. I really feel like I'm a part of the world church when I go on a mission trip."*

leveled it out by evening. The local people were astounded, for they had figured it would take two to three days to get that done, so they weren't ready for the next move. A news crew from the local channel came to get the story about this group from America who had come to build a Seventh-day Adventist church. The story was scheduled to run twice.

- Jim Wentworth led a group from **Kansas City** that worked on a church in a small village north of Matamoras called La Rusias or "The Russian."

Some youth shared their faith in Romania

Trips to Romania began four years ago when the students and faculty at Southwestern Adventist University were challenged to reach beyond the borders of North America to see what they could do to help countries in eastern Europe. As a result, Dr. Mel



Church and Transylvania Conference office building on which the mission team worked during spring break in 1996. This building, now complete, is very representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Romania.

Underhill and several others made a trip to Romania to explore the possibility of helping build a church in some needy area.

Since then a friendship has sprung up between the Romanians and Hungarians, and the faculty and students at the university which has been a great blessing to everyone. For the past three years faculty and students from the university and nearby academies have gone to Romania during



Building site of the "C" church which the 1997 mission team helped build.

their spring breaks to help build churches, hold vacation Bible schools and evangelistic meetings.

Over the last 10 years we have spent about 1/4 million dollars on mission trips to Mexico and Romania, and people ask whether it's worth it. But when you consider what it has done for our young people, I think it is worth every penny. I can't afford not to go. I'm retired, but I use my stipend, and my wife and I go every year. The opportunity to meet people of other cultures and to share your life with them for a week or two is an enriching experience.

These trips have enriched my life and made it worthwhile.

Personally I'd like to see every church member become



A high school senior, Anamaria, who has been sponsored by the Underhills for the past three years, wants to begin medical school upon graduation.



A Romanian seminary student, left, who is being sponsored by Mel and Kris Underhill.



New members, holding flowers, have joined the Hungarian church as a result of NET '96, made possible by funds donated by Keene church members to purchase the satellite equipment.

involved in some type of ministry. If they cannot go some place, they



Romanian students who are being sponsored by members of the Keene church. It costs between \$250 and \$300 to keep a student in school for one year.

can pray. We can all pray or become involved in something nearer home like prison ministry,

or some other little ministries that can be a blessing.

Dr. Mel Underhill

The reason I wanted to go on the mission trip again this year was for the same reason I'd been the previous two years. I wanted to meet the people, study the Bible with them, and help build the church. Churches in Romania are built from the inside out—the inside being the people, and the outside being the actual building.

Since this was my third trip, I was not expecting anything different to happen, but I should have known better. The big thing that happened was that Jason Moses and I befriended one of the Romanians at the work site. When Jason and I saw him, we recognized him from last year, but this year we got to know him better.

This man's name is Alex. He's a 30-year-old orphan who had never had any really good friends before. All week long Jason and I worked with Alex, getting to know him better every day. At the end of our stay Jason gave Alex his jacket, and I gave him my work gloves. He had never really received any big gifts from anyone. He was deeply moved by our actions. On the day we left, Alex thanked Jason and me by giving us little gifts he had purchased. It was very hard to say goodbye to Alex when the bus was ready to leave.

Although I thought I had experienced everything on the previous trips, now I believe God has other plans for us, even when we don't think there are any.

Every year Bill Kilgore has gone with us as the leader from Southwestern Adventist University. I cannot think of a better leader. He deserves a lot of praise for what he has done and still is doing. He plans to go back to Romania next year, and if the Lord is willing I'll go along as well.



Kris Herman, left, and Jason Moses, right, who shared God's love and their friendship with Alex in Romania.

*Kris Herman
Student at Burton Academy*

On Friday afternoon we paired up and went home with Romanian and Hungarian families to spend the night and the next afternoon. We were shown incredible hospitality by these people. Many of us had an adventurous time trying to talk to families who could not speak English! From Sunday through Friday morning we spent our days at the work site, standing in lines passing bricks and large blocks to build up three stories. We put up over 15 walls, and our arms and backs ached from carrying cement and digging ditches. We spent our evenings in vacation Bible school, evangelistic meetings and English language school. Many of us have wonderful memories of teaching the children songs and telling them stories. English language school was also a lot of fun. The Romanians were so enthusiastic about learning English. We've been to Romania twice now, and it has made an impact on our lives. Knowing that we have been able to help people has enriched our experience. It has also been wonderful to share spiritual insights with the people we made friends with. Those people have so little, and we have so much! Yet they seem happy and content."



Burton Academy students Claudette Prieto, Katie Andreassen and Heather Reifsnnyder.

Heather Reifsnnyder and Katie Andreassen

Others used their skills on a mission trip nearer home

A group of four adults and 25 students from Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Houma and St. Bernard spent their spring break helping a small group of Spanish members remodel an old downtown building in Glenwood, Arkansas. When conference president James Gilley challenged the pastors to see what we could do to help this new little congregation, Dexter LeBlanc and I responded. Three lay persons, Paul Kepper of Denham Springs, Robert Touns of Houma, and Mike Cuilla from Texas, also volunteered.

I enlisted the help of students at schools and area churches and helped them raise funds and needed materials for the trip. LeBlanc accepted the role of coordinating the evangelistic outreach, while Touns and Kepper helped the young people with the actual work on the site. The school teachers played a significant role in helping students earn the needed cash for the trip. Cuilla helped install the air conditioning.



Work on the church during daylight hours, vacation Bible school and evangelistic meetings each evening filled every day with activity. Upon hearing about this mission venture and feeling "impressed" to help, a local lumber man donated \$1500 worth of timber for the project. We put up new walls and sheetrocked them, put in recessed lighting and a baptistry donated by another church organization. Two new air conditioning units donated



Arkansas-Louisiana youth, Todd Clarke and Brandon Clain, worked the public address equipment during the Glenwood evangelistic series.



Arkansas-Louisiana mission team headed by John Taylor and Tibor Shelley in front of the renovated Spanish church in Glenwood.

by an out-of-state company were installed by Mike Cuilla. When city officers came for inspection, they made the comment that this had been the best remodelling job they had ever seen—and much credit must go to the dedication of the young people who gave so much of their time and energy to the project.

The evening hours were spent holding an evangelistic effort. As a result, six were baptized and another eight were still studying.

This whole project came about because a little Spanish woman began praying 15 years ago, asking for the Lord to raise up a church in her community. Now the church has a membership of over 70 with the prospect of more joining in the near future. This group of believers has become well-known for its works of charity in a needy community.

Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible by donating funds, volunteering and helping with support in other ways.

*John Taylor
Pastor, Hammond District*

“What the kids had to say:

“I really enjoyed helping with the vacation Bible school and the construction,” commented Jennifer Gautreaux.

“It’s fun to help people; I enjoyed it very much.” Brandon Sanders

“I just wanted to tell everybody about this trip. My church really helped a lot and made it possible to go. It feels good to help people.” Daphanie Beckford”

We’re building more than walls

Four hundred young people from around the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex attended a youth rally in Keene the weekend after the students returned from their mission trips, March 21-22. The purpose



Youth gather at the area-wide youth rally in Keene to ask God for power to be victorious Christians in today’s world.

The mission trips are completely self-supporting. The participants raise the funds for the leaders go on a pre-trip to select the projects. They also raise funds for their travel, their food, and building materials. The adults who go with the students are to be commended for their support and hard work, and the financial support from parents and friends is greatly appreciated. This program would not be a success without that support.

Joe Watts



Youth and supervisors renovating the inside of the Glenwood church facility.

was to encourage them in their spiritual journey to the Kingdom. The guest speaker, Jason McCracken, a field representative for *Message* magazine and long-time youth director, shared thoughts on how, when young people allow the Lord into their lives, He will do great things through them. The youth responded very positively.

Leaders encourage youth to choose Christ as their role model



At the closing meeting of the Texas Conference Pathfinder camporee, 70 youth indicated their desire to be baptized, and another 60 gave their hearts to Jesus. Some parents who watched as their children came to the front in commitment exclaimed tearfully, "This is the first time my child has ever indicated a desire for baptism."

Was all the preparation and hard work the area coordinators and staff put into this camporee worth the effort? Yes, it was repaid a hundred fold.

Van Hurst

Texas Conference Youth Director

Arlington offers another opportunity for young people to be of service

A four-week day camp for children in June will offer further opportunities for young people to be of service to others. These young people will play a significant role in running the daily programs under the direction of

Arlington church's youth pastor, Bernie Anderson. Every young person involved in this program will spend several days in training prior to the camp dates. This will provide them with the necessary skills to deal with the younger age groups they will be working with.

June 2-6 will be a friendship camp for disadvantaged neighborhood children. The following three weeks, June 9-13, June 16-20, and June 23-27 will cater to the physical and spiritual needs of children from the church and community. Young people who help with this summer program will receive some assistance with their school fees for the coming year.

TEXAS

JAMS students enjoy week of prayer

Bernie Anderson, associate pastor from the Arlington church, led out in a week of prayer at Joshua Adventist Multigrade School, March 17-21. Pastor Anderson explained how Jesus loves everybody so much that He wants us all to live with Him in heaven. But in order for this to happen, He had to come to earth to die for our sins.

Anderson asked the students to tell what we do to show that we love Him. Students in grades 5-7 suggested ways show our love to God. They felt that worshipping



Pastor Bernie Anderson enjoying a game of baseball with the students at Joshua Adventist Multigrade School.

God by going to church, keeping His commandments, telling others about God, caring for the things He created, and by

talking to Him in prayer we demonstrate our love for Him. Those are the topics Pastor Bernie covered throughout the week.

Several students made a decision to be more active in their witness for Jesus by showing concern for others in the classrooms, at home and in the community. The growing number of requests on the prayer list was another indication that the students wished to live victoriously for Christ. And the answers to some of these prayers has had a positive impact.

Joan Davis, Principal

Joshua Adventist Multigrade School

Houston's African church holds first baptism

In less than a year as an organized church, the First African Seventh-day Adventist Church in Houston welcomed new members into fellowship. On a beautiful



The first baptism to be held at the First African Seventh-day Adventist Church included 13 candidates. Pastor Gibson Nkosi is fourth from the left on the front row.

Sabbath afternoon, with the church choir singing hymns of praise, the new members were baptized by the church pastor, Gibson Nkosi. The baptismal class teacher, Dr. Ebenezer Nwankwo, was instrumental in instructing the 13 candidates.

The members of the First African Seventh-day Adventist Church recognize that this is just the beginning of greater things to come. They are committed to spreading the gospel and preparing for the everlasting kingdom.

Dr. Charles N. Imo

Communication Director

Killeen celebrates growth

The results of NET '96 at the Killeen church continue months



Elder Robert Folkenberg
General Conference President

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after the end of the evangelistic series. In addition to the 25 baptisms that followed the meetings last fall, the pastor, Jonathan Leach, and the local congregation have been nurturing and continuing Bible studies with individuals who have expressed an interest in the church.

A few weeks ago Ian Ames completed his studies and was surprised to learn that he was being honored as the 400th member of the church family. Ames was presented with a plaque to commemorate the event.

"I am very glad to be a member of such a loving, caring and active church," said Ames, a soldier enlisted at Fort Hood, whose wife had been baptized a few months before.

"The Holy Spirit has certainly been leading this church," said Pastor Leach. Members have helped form numerous small

and unselfishly. The kindness bell was recently given to four families who used their gifts to aid the spiritual growth of the congregation and service to the community.

"Those selected for these awards help foster a spirit of kindness that seems to permeate our growing church," Leach commented. "This church is made up of many loving Christians who demonstrate our mission statement by their acts of love, acceptance and forgiveness."

Troy Rolan, Reporter

Highland Hills recognizes senior members

On March 15, the San Antonio Highland Hills church celebrated



At a church social, the Mesquite church welcomed their new pastor, Larry Priest and his wife, Edith, and two sons Kris and Mike, who have moved from the Arkansas/Louisiana Conference to serve the Mesquite and Terrell churches.

Sabbath with a seniors day. A special 10-member choir, the Silver Notes, was formed for the occasion. They sang the introit, prayer response, and "Rock of Ages" for special music.

Pastor Bill Hancock was the speaker. Three generations of his family were on the platform. His daughter, Sandy Wier, called for the day's offering, and his grandson, Keith Wier, introduced him to the congregation.

Earlier in the week Gloria Flores, community services director, held a free hearing screening for seniors. Flores also arranged for two days of free haircuts for seniors.

*Pam Sauls
Communication Director*



Kimberly Ames stands by her husband, Ian, who is honored as the 400th member of the Killeen church.

groups, active programs for the youth, and community outreach. A diversified congregation of numerous ethnic groups and a majority of young families help create a vibrant environment for new members.

For the past two years the pastor has given special recognition to members who assist in the growth of the church by awarding them with tokens. The silver bell of kindness is given to people who give of themselves continuously



Silver Bell of Kindness award recipients are, from left: the Milton Rios family, the Marty Wall family, the Dwight Harriss family, and Allen and Bonnie Wainright with their pastor, Jonathan Leach.

Homecoming for New Hope Church

After camp meeting in October, 1896, a company of 23 members was organized. These members formed the nucleus of the New Hope Church in Marietta, Texas. To commemorate the beginnings of the Adventist Church in this area, a reunion is being called for June 14, 1997. Former members and interested persons are invited to attend this annual event.

Dorothy Morgan



A plaque in honor of the work Allen Jamison did to build up Jefferson Academy during his ministry there, has been hung on the wall in the administration complex. Pictured here are his wife, Judy, students and principal of the academy, Dennis Clow.



The Burleson church choir, dressed in costume and accompanied with dramatic narrative, performed the musical, "The Christ, The Cross, The Crown," for their home church as well as for the Victory Family Church. This came as a result of a friendship the pastor, Bryan Aalborg, had developed with the pastor of the Victory Family Church.

Florence (Flo) Hickman, a member of the Mesquite SDA Church, was recently honored by the Southwestern Union for her many years of dedicated volunteer work in community services.

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Pathfinders participate in 1997 Bible Bowl

Pathfinder Bible Bowl teams representing the four geographical areas of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, from the New Orleans, Shreveport, Little Rock, and Gentry clubs, gathered on March 1 at the Shreveport South church to test their knowledge of the Bible from



Gentry Pathfinder Club, winners of the Arkla Bible Bowl. Staffers and sponsors standing with new conference champions are back from left: Brian Katsuren, Penny Heimel, Kelsey Heimel, Terry Heimel. Seated: Cindy Stricker, Brenda Paige, Julie Burton, Jerilyn Drake, Kristy Thurber.

Genesis 37 to Exodus 20. Each of these four Bible Bowl teams had already won an area Bible Bowl to determine the conference level challengers.

Over the last four years the Bible Bowl has become a favorite Pathfinder event in the conference. The winner of the conference level receives the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference traveling trophy and advances to the National Bible Bowl which is to be held in the St. Louis area this year.

The Bible Bowl format uses a maximum of 100 questions asked during two 25 minute halves. The questions are read twice by the quiz master and the answers are written down by the team on clear answer cards and presented to the quiz master within 10 seconds. The answers are scored and projected on a screen so the audience can participate. The teams are usually very evenly matched and tie breaker sessions are not uncommon.

Congratulations to the Gentry Bible Bowl team which took the 1997 championship with a perfect score.

*Mike Salzman, Pathfinder Director
Shreveport Club*

New associate treasurer comes to Arkla

Recently the conference executive committee voted to invite Jonathan Nunnaley, a certified public accountant, to be the associate treasurer of the conference. Nunnaley's most recent employer was the General Conference Auditing Service located in Burleson, Texas. Prior to this he worked for a firm of chartered public accountants in Cleburne, Texas.

Nunnaley was reared in the Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina in the small town of Candler where he attended Mount Pisgah

Academy. Later he moved to Keene where he attained his B.B.A. degree in accounting.

Outside of work, Nunnaley enjoys water skiing, hiking and camping. One of his greatest pleasures is to be involved in Bible studies in small group settings.

Nunnaley assumed the position of associate treasurer on April 14. This position was recently vacated by Terry McCormick, who is the new trust services director.

Springdale welcomes new pastor

Don Byard II enjoys watching small churches grow as they learn



Don Byard II, newly appointed stipend pastor at Springdale.

to work together for the common purpose of bringing others to a love of the Savior. Byard's goal is to make the church an environment of love and acceptance that will provide the atmosphere for the life-changing love

of Christ to flow to all who enter, and this explains why the members of Springdale are excited about their new pastor.

Byard was born in Traverse City, Mich., and grew up in rural Michigan, graduating from Cedar Lake Academy in 1970. In 1974 he graduated from Southern University in Colledale and was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1983. Byard has served as a pastor for over 20 years in West Virginia and Maryland.

In August 1995 Byard moved to Arkansas to enable his daughters Wendy, 18; Julie, 17; and Brenda, 13; to attend Ozark Adventist Academy. Hobbies include reading, walking, hiking in nature and writing.

Students participate in Guess What Day It Is

All school year long the students in Amy Jayne's first through fourth grade classroom have been counting the days. As the 100th day of school got closer and closer everyone became more excited. All 12 students were hard at work on their collections of 100 objects.

In class preparations were also being made. A collection of 100 star stickers was made by everyone. Other collections were made of straws and beads. Strings of 100 macaroni noodles were made to be worn on the big day.

When everyone came to school on the big day, January 27, 1997, they were greeted by a giant sign



Jonathan A. Nunnaley

Venden. Bob Bretsch, senior pastor of the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Portland, Oregon, will be the primary evening speaker. Bill Kilgore, associate professor of religion at Southwestern Adventist University, will speak in both morning and weekend meetings.

Morris Venden, well-known speaker and author, will speak at early morning meetings during the week.

Ullanda Innocent, Christian recording artist and soloist, will open Ozark Family Camp Meeting on Monday evening with a concert. Best known as the voice behind the Coca-Cola jingle, "I'd like to teach the world to sing," Innocent now sings to the glory of God on a full-time basis. Jaime Jorge, Christian concert violinist, will be in concert with her that evening.

Kimbleton Wiggins, a Christian counselor from Austin, Texas, will be the featured speaker for the high school age meetings throughout camp meeting. To provide dynamic programs for the youth, Wiggins will also present a daily seminar on Relationship Power.

Other seminar presenters include Herb Douglass, retired professor and theologian, who will talk on E. G. White and the mission of the Adventist Church. Bob Gentry, a nationally recognized creation scientist, will talk on creation vs. evolution. Larry Yeagley, pastor, speaker and author of books on grief recovery, will speak on loneliness. Dave Wolkwitz, a member of the *It Is Written* staff, will lead a seminar on the Holy Spirit.

Separate age-graded programs will be offered for the children.

"Every effort is made to provide families of every size and shape with experiences that strengthen their relationship with each other and with God," says Bruce Aalborg, senior pastor of the Gentry church. "Ozark Family Camp Meeting has something for everyone who wants to recharge their spiritual batteries."

Lodging reservations can be made by calling 501/736-2133. Call today; space is limited. Persons may also make their own reservations at area hotels.

Bryan Yeagley

Singles gather for Sabbath rally

Each year singles host singles emphasis Sabbaths or rallies throughout the Southwestern Union. Such was the case on March 15 in Bentonville, Ark., when singles gathered from Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma, and even a few from Tennessee.

Ozark holds third annual family camp meeting

The 1997 Ozark Family Camp Meeting, a genuine old-fashioned outdoor camp meeting, will be held from Monday night, June 2, through June 7 in Gentry, Arkansas. The camp meeting, now in its third year, is a favorite of many who enjoy the most-loved features of camp meetings-gone-by with relevant preaching and dynamic music.

Highlighting this year's camp meeting will be Bill Kilgore, Bob Bretsch, Ullanda Innocent, Kimbleton Wiggins and Morris



Amy Jayne, grades 1-4 teacher, surprised her students recently with this giant sign on the 100th day of the school year.

Miss Jayne had made. In order to get into the classroom the students had to walk through the zeroes in the sign. The students had a fun day especially when they were invited to write their initials 100 times on the sign.

The students shared their collections. There were 100 cotton balls, 100 pennies, 100 Q-tips, 100 buttons, 100 stickers, 100 noodles, among other things. The older students also helped make more macaroni strings to share with the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten class.

*Amy Jayne, Teacher Grades 1-4
Jefferson Heights Jr. Academy*



Singles who enjoyed being together the Sabbath they visited Bentonville church.

Guest speaker and union director Christy Herring gave a thought-provoking sermonette entitled, "A Friend Like No Other."

A variety of activities were available Sabbath afternoon which included visiting, Bible games, touring the Glass Chapel in nearby Belle Vista and hiking at Tanyard Springs for those who were willing to brave the cold.

Sunset vespers was conducted by several singles who presented a program on "What's in a Name." After supper at a local restaurant the evening was spent at the Rogers Bowling Center.

*Christy Herring
ASM Director*

Ozark teachers keep up with changes in education

Ozark Elementary School and four of its teachers, Rebecca Burton, Rosa Gillham, Joyce Marter and Linda Rumsey, are participating in two components of a statewide crusade to reform math, science and reading at state and national levels. The 33-week K-4 crusade course provides teachers with intense training and professional development. Activities prepare them to teach learning strate-

gies, create successful learning environments using manipulatives, and apply alternative methods of assessment through an integrated curriculum. The school provides funds to equip classrooms so that students have the hands-on tools, instructional materials and experiences needed to support new standards. Teachers receive six semester hours of graduate credit. Students become active participants in a new exciting way of thinking and learning.

Linda Rumsey, 3rd Grade Teacher



Students Michael Thurber, Jason Williams and Joy Wingo use "attribute" blocks and hoops in maths class to classify and compare.



Joyce Marter, center left and Rebecca Burton, center right join with other teachers as they participate in the statewide crusade to improve learning techniques.



Lola Rucker Muchmore celebrated her 100th birthday at a luncheon held in her honor at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rogers. She was born in Belle Plaine, Iowa and attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, where she began teaching after graduation. After marrying Ralph Muchmore in August, 1934, they moved to the Glade community east of Rogers, Okla., where she again taught school while her husband farmed.



With a view to reaching a high standard of excellence and "rising up on the wings as eagles", the Beacon Hill Adventurer Club has changed its name from the Buccaneers to the Eagles. The new name and goal are carved in leather and placed in the dream catcher format hanging on the club room wall. Photo: Sharon P. Snow

Oklahoma Conference convenes 64th triennial session

The atmosphere during the devotional preceding the opening of the 64th session of the Oklahoma Conference on March 23, 1997 set the tone for the day, and it was evident that the influence of the prayer conference held that weekend in the Tulsa church had carried over to the proceedings of the day.

In his devotional, Don Jacobsen, assistant to the North American Division president, talked about how it is possible for a Christian to live a life dominated by good news. Because God's grace has been flowing for thousands of years and will continue forever, we do not have to get what we deserve, nor do we remain the way we are. When we claim God's promises we can be transformed by this grace which is available upon request. Jacobsen's closing remarks ended with a prayer session.

To open the session, Rodney Grove, Oklahoma Conference president, welcomed the delegates. It was established that a quorum of 216 of the 240 delegates were present, making it possible for the day's proceedings to begin.

The West Siloam Spanish company of 30 members was welcomed as the newest group in the conference. With eight non-members currently taking Bible studies, it is anticipated that this group will soon increase in size.

The organizing committee, which began its deliberations at 8:00 a.m. with the union president, Max A. Trevino, as chairman, brought in their recommendations for the nominating committee. Harvey Kornegay, the committee's

secretary, read the following names for approval:

Max A. Trevino, chairman

Albert Black - lay person

Scott Baker - church employee



James Rainwater, Midwest City district pastor, in a small group setting with the youth during the weekend prayer conference held in Tulsa church.

Stan Buckmaster - church employee

Harvey Kornegay - church employee

Jose Gonzales - church employee

Tom Huff - lay person

O. J. Jackson - church employee

Bill Norman - church employee

Danny Enevoldson - lay person

Ernie Johnson - lay person

Beverly Petry - lay person

James Rainwater - church employee

Angel Santiago - church employee

Robert Shaw - lay person

Rex Shores - church employee

Jack Stout - lay person

President's report

In his report, Rodney Grove recognized God's leading in devel-



To honor her 25 years of dedicated community service work, re-elected conference president, Rodney Grove, presents a plaque to Vera Wolfe upon her retirement.

opments in the conference over the past triennium. The increase in tithes and offerings, and the marked increase in baptisms indicate the working of the Holy Spirit. Credit was given to J. R. and Faye Haney, whose mission had been to take evangelism to small churches, and in many instances this has revitalized these congregations. The Haney's work, the distribution of the Kenneth Cox videos and the NET '96 program contributed to reversing the decline in membership. The 498 baptisms for the triennium were encouraging.

Grove mentioned the strong youth ministries program, including the youth training sessions and conference-wide youth rallies, the Pathfinder, Adventurer and Eager Beaver programs. He also paid trib-



Alfred and Shirley Schnell being honored for their 17 years of service to the Conference.

ute to teachers and other workers, including those involved in community services and disaster relief. In particular he mentioned Vera Wolfe, who has been active in ACS and disaster work since the early 1970s. Vera, now 87 years old and having worked in community services for the past 25 years, was presented with a plaque and bouquet. "This has been my life," were Vera's remarks. "I love everyone of you and now that I'm retiring, maybe I can do better work." She received a standing ovation.

Grove also recognized the 17 years of service Alfred Schnell and his wife, Shirley, have given the conference, as a pastor, trust services officer, and finally as confer-

ence secretary. "His counsel to me has been invaluable," Grove commented, "and we wish him a happy and productive retirement."

Treasurer's report

Kevin Costello, treasurer, gave praise to God for the way finances have turned a corner and the debt is going down. Tithe has increased steadily during the last three years, making it possible for the pastors' salaries to be brought up to the denominational scale.

The Adventist Book Center shows a net gain, and support for Summit Ridge Retirement Center has improved. Equipment is being upgraded, and three new homes for elderly have been built. The debt has been reduced by \$1 million.

Nominating committee report

Rodney Grove was re-elected president and received a standing ovation. Others who were re-elected:

Kevin Costello, treasurer

Gary Norman, associate treasurer

Jack Francisco, education, youth and Pathfinders

Don Deisch, Adventist Book Center manager

Appointed to a new position:

John Moyer, conference secretary

Vialo Weis, trust services and religious liberty

Several unfilled position will be dealt with by the executive committee.

Executive Committee

The new executive committee members were presented for acceptance by the body. Besides the three conference officers, who are ex officio members, the others include:

Rollin Bland - lay person

William Boyd - church employee

Julius Korgan - lay person

Harvey Kornegay - church

employee

Bill McClendon - lay person

Ramona McCoun - lay person

John Neff - church employee

Carol Sherill - lay person

Craig Stokes - lay person

Tony Tibbs - lay person

Beverly Petry - lay person

Trevor Thompson - church employee

Mark Tullier - lay person

Tulsa pastor (to be appointed)

Church elders and pastors were invited to the front to place their hands on the committee members during the prayer of dedication.

Constitution and bylaws amendments

After considerable discussion regarding the proposed amendments to the bylaws, a proposal was made to refer the bylaws to the newly elected constitution and bylaws committee and to call a special constituency session to consider matters relating to the bylaws within the next 24 months.

Jean Thomas

Wagoner couple celebrate 50 years of marriage

Tony and Sibyl (Riggs) Tibbs

As part of the annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign sponsored by the American Heart Association (AHA), students at the Bristow church school jumped rope for two hours. With their families and friends' pledges they raised \$434 for the AHA. Jump Rope for Heart is an annual event in all Bristow public and private schools to remind children and teachers to keep their hearts healthy. Photo: Caroline A. Fisher



Tony and Sibyl Tibbs at their 50th wedding celebration in the Wagoner church.

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the fellowship hall of the Wagoner church, November 11, 1996.

The event was hosted by their nephews and nieces, with the help of friends and other relatives from as far away as California, Florida, Tennessee and Arkansas. All in all, 95 relatives and friends came bearing cards filled with best wishes and joy for the couple.

Tony and Sibyl were married in 1946 and in 1950 were baptized in Hollywood, Ca. into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They were the first, but not the last to become Adventists in their family.

*Ruby Brown
Communication Secretary*

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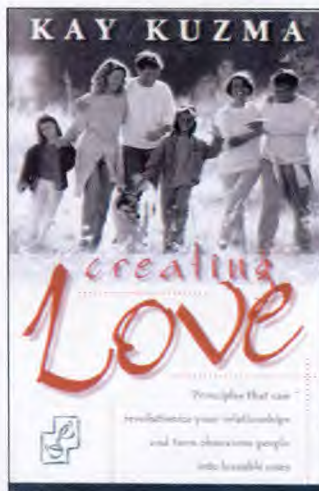
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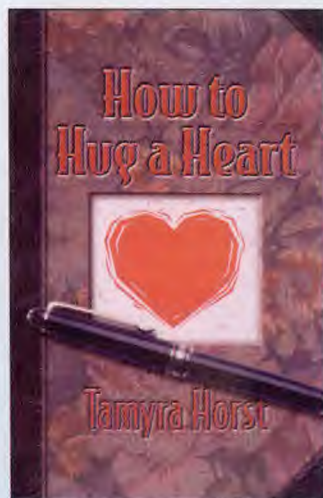
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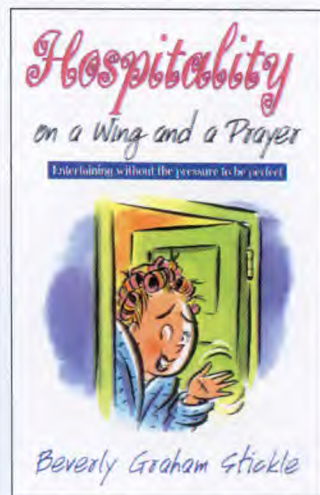
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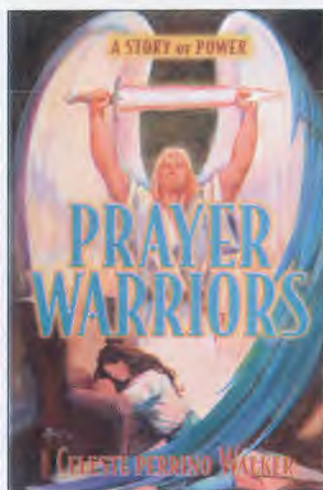
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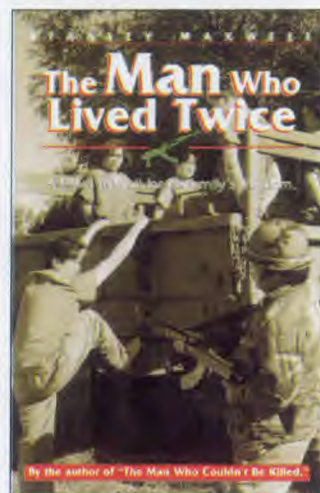
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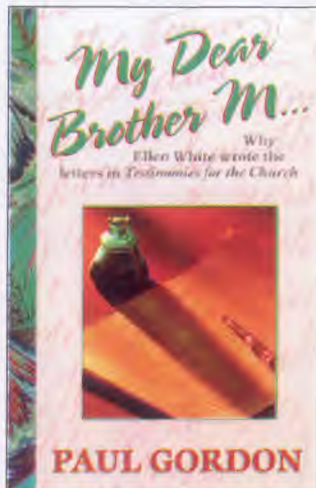
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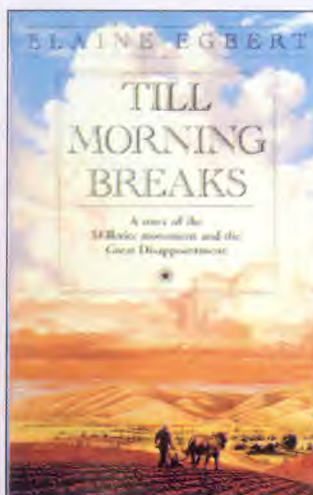
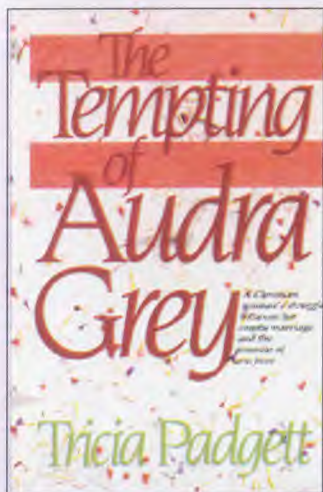
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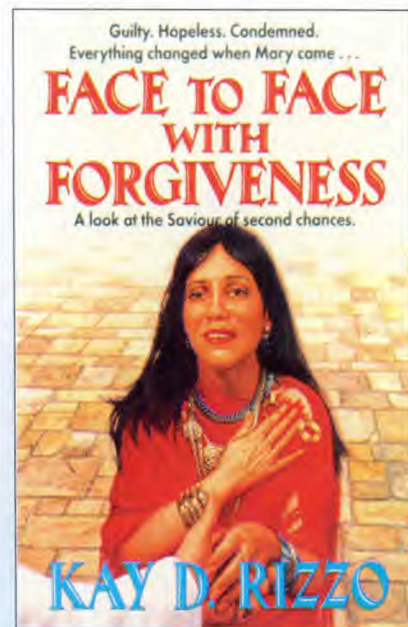
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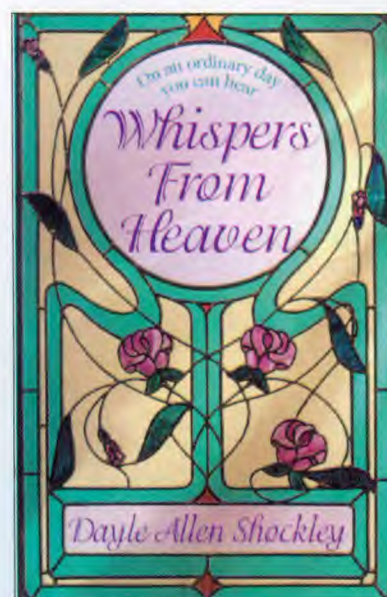
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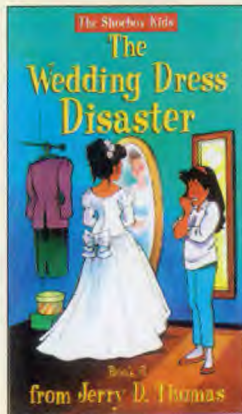
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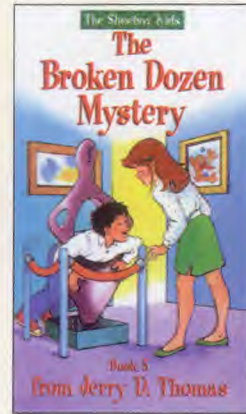
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Valentines of love and gifts

February 13 was the day Parkview Adventist Junior Academy students shared love, gifts and blessing with others. Students in grades 7-10 arranged a Valentine's party for a group of children, ages 4-7, who had been abused and abandoned by their parents.

The students decorated the room with hearts and balloons. When the young children arrived all ready to party, the Parkview students were paired with a small child. Then each pair made a Valentine's bag which was soon filled with Valentine cards. After the craft, everyone enjoyed a game of blindfold drawing.

Three of the young men from Parkview had made cookies and cupcakes for the celebration. The party ended with a presentation of gifts bought with money the students had collected for the occasion.

Parkview Adventist Junior Academy

Pryor church joins disaster relief effort in Arkansas

Members of the Oklahoma northeast disaster relief district churches met at the Pryor Seventh-day Adventist Church March 7 to pack and load items to be transported by the disaster relief van to Arkadelphia, Ark.

Household items such as bedding, dishes, comfort kits, and clothing were assembled and loaded. The Lakeside Full Gospel Church of Oologah helped by bringing items to Pryor.

The Pryor Adventist Church warehouses items to be used in disasters. Judy Oxley, the northeast Oklahoma district coordinator, has assisted in many disasters in



Parkview students who prepared and hosted a Valentine banquet for a group of abused and abandoned children.

Oklahoma and elsewhere. She also coordinates with the American Red Cross in this work.

*Condensed from article from The Daily Times, Pryor, Oklahoma
Claire Mallory
Communication Secretary*

Volunteers' gifts bring warmth

It's winter and it's cold outside. It's the time of year to turn up the thermostat and to throw extra covers on the bed to keep snug and warm.

Unfortunately, for many in McCurtain County, there is no thermostat to turn up, and there are no extra covers to place on the bed. In cold weather these people suffer.

It's a problem that Jean Williams and her friends are doing something about. They don't want anyone to be cold when they go to bed. That's why they make and give away quilts to needy people.

Williams, a resident of Broken Bow, said the idea to supply free

warm.

"I live in a warm house," she said. "After reading that article that night, when I went to bed and pulled the covers up, I thought about it."

Williams said she has always had a weakness for pretty fabrics, and whenever she bought a piece she usually ended up saving it in a drawer.

"I thought, Why not turn the material into quilts?"

For Williams, starting the project was an act of faith. "I had never made a quilt," she said. And she admits that the quilts being produced are not ones that will be seen at the county fair. "They are just warm," she said.

Williams turned to other women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for help. Two other church members soon joined her.

The quilts are given to people who are recommended to the women through different organizations. In addition to those in need, some people who have heard

quilts to those in need came to her last year when she read an article on eldercare which said many poor people live in unheated houses with not enough covers to keep them

The newly formed Edmond Pathfinder club, the Edmond Eagles, made their first outing to the Bible Bowl at Parkview Academy on February 22. Team members were from left: Muleenga

Mudende, Arron McKey, Danny Black, Marilyn Williams, Josh Litchfield, Eileen Sagini.



some people who have heard about the group have called and asked to buy quilts.

"We don't sell them, though," Williams said. The quilts are for those who cannot afford to buy covers.

Williams said the group took one quilt to a couple who had just been given custody of a grandchild but just didn't have enough covers.

"When we finished another one, we took it to them, as well," Williams said. "They were so nice. They said they now had enough covers and to give this quilt to someone who needed more than they did."

So far, Williams said, everyone who had received a quilt has been someone in need. Currently Williams is trying to find a location in the Broken Bow area to set up quilting frames so more people can get involved. It's a project that makes a difference in a person's life. "And," she said, "it makes you feel good to do it."

Idabel Church



Conference president, Rodney Grove, giving the best presentation of "The King of the Jungle" at Bristow's Adventurer and Eager Beaver club meeting.

Bristow Adventurers and Eager Beavers

The Bristow Adventurers and Eager Beavers were thrilled to welcome a special visitor to their February 1 meeting. As conference president Rodney Grove and his wife Rose Anne were preparing to leave after a potluck lunch, the sound of a joyful Glory Train stopped them. They were met by a line of Adventurers and Eager Beavers singing lustily as they chug-a-chugged down the hallway. The group soon had Elder Grove persuaded to join them in the pro-

cession. They noted that during their rendition of "King of the Jungle" he was able to give the best jungle impression.

Afterward, the club worked on music and sewing awards. They also looked up Bible verses and enjoyed reading about different musical instruments in the Bible. Instructor Rita Baker taught them the basics of how to thread a needle, sew on a button and tie a knot. Eager Beaver and Adventurer leader Laura Weber assisted in various areas of the awards.

Eager Beaver club members who participated in this special afternoon were Macy Fisher and Audrey Weber. Adventurers were Andy Fisher, Allyson Fisher, Emily Fisher, Amanda Frank, Tuskannie Inlow, Judith Miller, Kendra Taylor, Serena Taylor and Alex Weber.

According to one church member, it was "a very happy occasion that the Eager Beavers and Adventurers will not forget, since the conference president had joined in their activities."

*Rocksey Harrington
Communication Secretary*

Las Vegas church men prepare Valentine dinner

About 30 people attended the Valentine dinner prepared by the



Enjoying the Valentine dinner are Marcello and Pearla Reynolds, and Josie Contreras.

men of the Las Vegas church. The children served the food. Pete Apodosa, a former chef, was in charge of the menu which included spaghetti, green beans, tossed green salad and dessert. The tables were decorated with red hearts, and the bulletin board was designed by Margaret Espinosa. After dinner, adults and children participated in games.

*Alvena Rickards
Communication Leader*

Crestview students prepare for evangelism

After a meeting of all the Albuquerque city

churches on March 1 to talk about their summer evangelism program, the Crestview School faculty met to consider what part the school could play in opening hearts to the message.

They decided to offer lessons to students on how to share the Bible but were unprepared for the response they received!

Fifty students in grades 1-7 indicated an interest. Area churches were asked to help provide materials to meet the unexpected level of demand. Students in grades 1 and 2 are now learning how to use *Our Little Friend* to share the Word. Students in grades 3 through 6 are using the *Jesus Our Savior* Bible course, and grade 7 is using the *Amazing Facts* series.

The students are sharing these



Paul Robbins (left) and Kristopher Feierabend (right) study God's Word in preparation for sharing with others.

studies to each other with the guidance of teachers and the principal. This is to give them the experience and confidence they will need in sharing the studies with others. Many non-Adventist children are among the participants.

*Lezlie Bailey
Principal*

Women study the Bible with prison inmates

What if Portales church members Rose Shelton and Darlene Lauterbach had not stuffed *Steps to Christ* with Bible study enrollment cards and placed them in the Roosevelt County detention center in Portales, New Mexico? Surely they would have missed many opportunities to witness for the Lord, and Meregildo De Leon might not ever have been baptized.

Rose and Darlene have been going to the detention center every other Thursday night for the past eight years to study the Bible with

inmates. Sometimes they study with one, sometimes three, other times six or eight people; and one time they had 21 in attendance.

It was at these Bible studies that Rose and Darlene met

Meregildo De Leon. Meregildo had been in jail for a while but then got out on parole. Several weeks after his release Darlene and Rose went to visit him. He had a couple of jobs and seemed to be doing well. Then, one Thursday night, after violating his probation, he reappeared at the Bible study group in the jail.

For a time it appeared that he had lost interest in studying the Bible, but soon he was involved again and witnessing to his fellow inmates. Meregildo encouraged the inmates to come to Rose and Darlene's Bible study classes, and in the interim, he studied the Bible with them himself!

Then he asked Rose and Darlene for more books to read—especially those written by George Vandeman and Ellen White. He also wrote requesting more lessons and materials to use between Bible studies.

Meregildo also attended Bible studies conducted by Catholics, Church of Christ and Baptists, but he discovered that the Seventh-day

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Adventist Church teaches the Bible truth. Around Christmas of 1996 he told Rose and Darlene that he wanted to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Rose and Darlene told their pastor, Ramiro Cano, of Meregildo's request. Cano met with Meregildo several times and was convinced that he was ready for baptism. As Pastor Cano read the baptismal vows to him, Meregildo answered "yes" to everything until he read "no use of...tobacco."

Meregildo said, "Pastor, I can't say yes to that because I am still smoking, but I do want to quit." Meregildo lives in a cell with three other inmates who smoke and who shared their cigarettes with him. But Meregildo was encouraged to ask the Lord to help him gain the victory over tobacco. Rose, Darlene and Cano prayed for him, along with the members of the Portales church.

One day as Cano was visiting him, Meregildo told him that although he had stopped smoking for two days, the urge came back and he had yielded to one more



Members of the Portales church involved in prison ministry and one inmate are, from left: Rose Shelton, Meregildo De Leon, Darlene Lauterbach, and Pastor Ramiro Cano.

cigarette, but after smoking he was struck with a severe pain above the eye.

He asked the Lord to remove the pain, with the promise that if the pain went away, he would stop smoking. The Lord answered his prayer, for the pain disappeared immediately, and Meregildo kept his promise. He has not touched another cigarette since.

In his next letter to Darlene and Rose, he wrote: "Have you heard the news, good news, very good news? I have stopped smoking and will be baptized February 21. By God's grace I have succeeded. Praise the Lord!"

During this time one other inmate requested and prepared for baptism—Patrick, an inmate who was sent to another prison just before he was to be baptized. Since there are no facilities for baptism by immersion at the jail, special arrangements were made to baptize Meregildo. Church member Ray Lauterbach arranged with a feed store to borrow a stock tank, and another member, Dennis Harper, put the tank on his pick-up truck.

Early Friday morning on February 21, members Dennis Harper and Walter Shelton filled the stock tank with warm water from the hot water heater at the church and drove into the garage at the jail. At 8:30 a.m. the service began with Pastor Cano giving a brief sermonette. Five church members were allowed to witness the event, and a joyful Meregildo was baptized as a sheriff's deputy looked on. "I never thought I would ever conduct a baptism in a prison garage, using a stock tank on the back of a pick-up truck!" says Pastor Cano. "But praise God from Whom all blessings flow. This is one of His miracles!"

What if Rose and Darlene had never shared the many sets of lessons, Bibles, books and *Listen* magazines with prisoners like Meregildo? At this time Rose and Darlene are corresponding with three inmates who have been transferred out of town to other

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prison facilities, and from there they continue to request materials.

*Ramiro Cano
Pastor*

Borger church serves the community

When the Borger church faced closing a few years ago several Adventist families who had an interest in the church transferred their memberships in an attempt to encourage growth.

Church elder Tony Crawford motivated the members to become involved in community action in 1994. He contacted businesses with the hope of building a network of community-minded citizens interested in supporting outreach projects. The response was gratifying. That year business support and contributions from members allowed the church to meet its goal.

In 1995 the church saw a need to solicit door-to-door by inviting neighbors to support the church

sponsored humanitarian projects. The community of Borger was beginning to get to know Seventh-day Adventists. In 1996, the response was beyond the church's expectations. Local businesses and the community opened their hearts to their appeal. Assisted by friends from the Amarillo Olsen Park church, they canvassed their neighborhood and almost doubled the goal by raising \$731.02.

Crawford has exciting plans for Ingathering in 1997. He wants to expand the church's business contacts, increase participation, and broaden the area of town in which to solicit next year. A mailing is planned to all merchants in the city early in the year to raise their awareness. "As our presence in Borger grows," remarks Geneva

Cannon, "we are enabled to help more people and witness for our Lord Jesus Christ."

Another outreach program to which the public was invited was held on Sabbath, March 27. This was a special production of vocal



The Borger church and friends from the Amarillo Olsen Park church canvass the neighborhood. Back row: Tony Crawford, Mark Phillips, John Crawford, Brittany Crawford, Toby Shedd, Geneva Cannon and Derek Shedd. Front row: Stanley Gillham, and Brandon, David, and Wesley Shedd.

solos by Sheri Kongorski-Denny and slides depicting the life of Christ. Selections read from the Spirit of Prophecy by Pastor Luis Rendon and head elder Stanley Gillham completed the program.

*Geneva Cannon
Communication Leader*

SOUTHWEST REGION

Wade uses talents to God's glory

Upon receiving a fine arts degree in painting from Memphis State University in 1980, Raymond Wade began his painting career for an outdoor advertising company whose billboards are frequently seen along highways. While still in Memphis, Wade participated in several art shows, honing his talents as a fine artist, but as he says, "I was not satisfied with just being a good artist. I began to feel that the Lord wanted me to turn my talent into a spiritual gift."

When Wade and his wife, Jeanette, and son, Gabriel, moved to Arlington, TX he became a journeyman painter for another outdoor advertising company, currently known as Eller Media. He has become a much sought after



Raymond Wade and his wife, Jeanette, pose in front of the logo he developed for the Faith Temple church in Dallas.

painter, having to his credit paintings for the Cowboys defensive end, Tony Tolbert, and

Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver, Irving Fryar. He was also commissioned to complete paintings for a Columbia Pictures movie, and in 1993 his religious and secular works were shown in an exhibit called "Portraits in Black: A Contemporary Perspective of African American Realism" at the African American Museum of Life and Culture in Dallas.

Wade, a local elder at Faith Temple in Dallas, has also done spiritually impressive backdrops for the Southwest Region camp meetings over the last 10 years. His skills were also used during the 1995 Ebony Evangelism campaign in Dallas as well as for conference evangelist Jerry Lee's campaigns.

"I am continually inspired by

the text," Wade explains, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Spreading the word of God through pictures is my way of witnessing for Christ."

*Jeanette Wade and Donald Moy
Communication Department*

Baton Rouge Berean holds sixty-first anniversary

Some may ask, Why celebrate a 61st anniversary? It was simply because Baton Rouge Berean had not observed an anniversary in ten years, and it was felt something should be done to honor those



"Brad," as Elder Bradford is known by so many, giving some of his fatherly admonition to the Baton Rouge congregation.

booklet, as gold lettering on white background banner above the baptism, and the program announcements. Portraits of the 16 former

pastors and the present pastor, Michael Meyers, decorated the foyer, all reflecting Berean's rich pastoral history.

The four-day celebration began Wednesday evening with C.E. Dudley, pastor from 1955-57 and president emeritus of the South Central Conference, as

with C. E. Bradford, former North American Division president, who gave the message for the divine service.

Bradford prefaced his message by reminiscing about the origins of Baton Rouge church and how in 1946 he held a tent effort in Eden Park where he baptized four couples. His message was based on 1 Timothy 4:6-8 where Paul challenges Timothy to run the race in which everyone has the possibility of winning an incorruptible crown.

*Evelyn Edwards
Correspondent*

Dallas City Temple's youth use talents to bless others

A newsletter, "Generation X-Press," published by the youth of the Dallas City Temple, is the first of its kind, named by youth, published by youth, designed by youth, for the youth, and read by the youth and the "young at heart." Their motto is "Youth of '97, Steppin' into Heaven."

The first monthly publication arrived hot off the press February, 1997. The newsletter will run regular features each month. The "Under 12 Perspective" will deal with youth of that age. "Youth Profile" will feature a different youth each month who will answer the same set of 20 questions about themselves. "Art and Artistry" will provide up-and-coming artists to feature their free-hand drawing skills. And "Ask Pinky and the Brain," will be the youth's version of a question and answer forum, entertaining such questions as, "Why is it not cool to sit with your parents in church?"

The newsletter is now available by subscription (\$6.00 per year) only and is edited by Chris Carter and Erin Griffin. Ad space is also available for an additional fee.

But that's not all. Our youth have also been involved in a strenuous outreach program since the first of the year. Their choir, "Total Praise," directed by Adolphus "Bud" Dean, has performed at a



Charles E. Bradford, retired North American Division president, who in his early years of service as a pastor was instrumental in starting the Baton Rouge church, poses with the current pastor, Michael Meyers and church elder, Margaret Lawrence.



Elders Bradford, Lister, Meyers, Pritchett and Dudley pose with their spouses and Pearl Runnels (left front) and Donna Kibble (right front) before the banquet held in honor of the Baton Rouge church's 61st anniversary celebration.

who were involved in the church's inception before they became too old to take part in a celebration.

The theme, "Today, Today, and Today, Until He Comes..." (William Miller to Joshua Himes, November 10, 1844), was placed on souvenir tee-shirts, invitations, the souvenir

speaker for the first two nights.

Conference president Robert Lister spoke on Friday night, and Durandel Ford had Sabbath school.

Former pastors M. V. Singleton, M. A. Jemison, C. R. Pritchett and C. E. Dudley were on the platform

number of functions. They were the guest youth choir at the Kirkwood CME Church in South Dallas for their Youth Day services on January 12, 1997. They also participated in the annual community Martin Luther King celebration on January 17. This choir also participated in a music workshop with the Kirkwood CME Church on February 12-14 which culminated in a musical on February 15. They sang at a Black History Celebration at the Faith Temple church on February 28. Their most recent performance was at the Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cleburne, for their Youth Day.

Carolyn Williams-Medlock
Communication Secretary

Southwest Region Conference approves new associates

The Southwest Region Conference publishing committee has approved two new associates for the publishing department.

Luke Wallace assumes the leadership of the Dallas/Fort Worth district after serving as full-time literature evangelist and part-time associate director for Northern Louisiana and East Texas. In 1993, he delivered more than \$46,000 worth of literature, the highest sales amount in conference history.

Ronald Allison, Sr., comes from the associate directorship of the Literature Evangelism Training

Center on the campus of Oakwood College. He has been a student literature evangelist, student leader and small literature evangelism coordinator for the Central States Conference. Allison has been assigned to the Austin, Houston and San Antonio district.

Rawdon E. Brown, Sr.
Correspondent

Bethel church celebrates International Day of Prayer

The women at Bethel church in Texarkana participated in the women's ministries world day of prayer Sabbath, March 1.



Betty P. Turner

Betty P. Turner, Bethel's women's ministries coordinator, designed the program to provide a spiritual climate for the women.

The prayer service concluded with a candlelight service, and Tonya Turner sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Vera D. McAlister
Communication Secretary

mentor to the cradle roll division for 16 years.

Banks was elected to serve as temperance leader for 1997. She serves by working with the youth in A/Y meetings, by lecturing and sharing helpful information.

In her last years of service as family life leader, she invited Walter L. Wright, of the Southwestern Union, to speak to the entire church and 100-plus visitors from the community. Banks' spiritual commitment permeates the entire church.

Vera D. McAlister
Communication Secretary

Smyrna church enjoys dynamic Sabbath school

The Smyrna Mid-City Seventh-day Adventist Church started a prayer power hour on Sabbath mornings at 8:30. Under the direction of Michael Atkins, the church members are studying *Councils on Diet and Foods* to understand how bad eating habits affect relationships with God and with each other. A prayer box allows anyone to request special prayers anonymously, but especially for the Smyrna church.

With the help of Pearl Gardner, the personal ministries department is achieving mighty things this year. March 8 was a culmination of the work the department has started. It was a combination of visitors day and baptism. Ten people joined the church in baptism, and seven came forward during the appeal at the end of the service. All visitors received a copy of "The Amazing Facts" Bible study and are being followed up by members of the department.

Sherilyn V. Curry
Correspondent

Bethel church recognizes Sabbath school teacher

Vernell Banks has served the Bethel Church in Texarkana as teacher and



From left: Luke Wallace, associate publishing director for Dallas-Fort Worth district; R. E. Brown, publishing director; and Ronald Allison, associate publishing director for Austin/Houston/San Antonio district.

Oakwood College presents youth outreach

Oakwood College, a predominantly black Adventist institution, nearly emptied its dormitories dur-



Members of Oakwood College's Positive Images minister in song to nearly 1,000 north Texas Adventist during a youth outreach weekend. From left: Tiffany, Thelma, Dick, Myron, Dana and Heather. Photo: Shawn Wray of Sun-ray Photography

ing the last weekend in February when 200 students descended on North Texas churches. Located in Huntsville, Ala., the college celebrated its centennial with a youth outreach and concert in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

"Our north Texas youth were inundated with positive images from these Oakwood students at a time when the media is portraying all the negative attributes of young adults," said James Black, Southwest Region Conference youth director.

Oakwood's weekend visit began Friday afternoon with a concert at Red Bird Mall, a popular shopping center in Dallas. On Sabbath morning, instrumental and vocal groups were featured in 10 north Texas churches, with an Oakwood ministerial student delivering the sermon.

Sabbath afternoon, the college

presented a concert at the East Dallas Christian Church. Along with a 40-piece orchestra, Oakwood College featured its internationally-known concert choir, The Aeolians, and three other choirs: Dynamic Praise, Joy and Positive Images. A male quintet, Connect Five, was also a highlight.

Robert Edwards, director of enrollment management, said the college's students and graduates are outstanding young people who are making vital contributions to society.

"Many of our students have come from disadvantaged circumstances, yet they have succeeded," Edwards said. "Our inner city youth need to know that their future can be bright and that opportunities are limitless."

Diana Tyler, president of the North Central Texas Youth Federation, which sponsored the

event, said, "We wanted to present a program which let our youth know that while there are great heroes from our black heritage, there are also young adults today, like the Oakwood College students, whose lives are worth emulating."

The Sabbath afternoon program was taped for broadcast this spring on Channel 29, a Dallas-Fort Worth station, courtesy of the Heart and Soul television ministry.

Donald R. Moy

Communication Director

Albuquerque Bethesda church distributes food

Albuquerque Bethesda's community services "Brown Bag" program, directed by Eugenia Foster, assisted over 600 needy families in their community last year. The first and third Sundays of each month the pastor, Winston B. Stanley, opens the doors of his church to the community who come for help.

The "Brown Bag" program is funded by the members of the church. As a result five individuals received help and were invited to a Spanish Revelation Seminar, have joined the Bethel Spanish and Bethesda churches.

Recently the city of Albuquerque recognized Eugenia for the well organized program to help needy families, and many of these families were given microwave ovens to help with food preparation.

SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

SWAU professors contribute to periodicals

Three professors from Southwestern Adventist University recently had articles published in academic periodicals dealing with their areas of teaching or interest.

Dr. Lloyd Willis, chair of the religion department, contributed to the 1997 edition of the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East* by writing "History of the Field: Archaeology in Jordan." The



article follows the history of the Jordan region from the time religious travelers in early Christian centuries made brief observations about archaeological monuments and ancient buildings to present archaeological discoveries. Dr. Willis has participated in organized archaeological digs as part of the Adventist sponsored Madaba Plains Project. In 1984, he found the Baalis Seal, proving the existence of a king who had not been listed in recorded history outside

Dr. Lloyd Willis is one of three professors at SWAU to have an article published recently in an academic periodical. Willis is chair of the religion department, and participates in archaeological exploration during the summer months.

the Bible until that discovery.

Dr. Jose Goris, chair of the business department, authored an article published in the January 1997 edition of *The Journal of Business Communication*. The article shows a correlation between effective communication skills and job satisfaction. The article is based on data from over 300 individuals and covers communication between workers at the same peer level and communication with superiors. This research provides

data which may be used to improve job communication and prevent burnout. Goris collaborated with a professor in Tennessee and a professor in Missouri in researching and writing the article.

Michael Wiist, assistant professor in the communication department, authored "Seeking a Coaching Style of Teaching News Writing" in the winter 1997 edition of *Journalism and Mass Communication Educator*. Written as a commentary, the article discusses

the advantages and disadvantages of teaching news writing and journalism in a cooperative effort between student and teacher, known as coaching, rather than the traditional manner of unassisted student writing. The success of coaching writers within professional journalism is encouraging educators to try coaching techniques in the classroom, in an effort to help inexperienced writers learn techniques more quickly.

*Christina Cervantes
Junior Elementary Education Major*

GENERAL

Arkansas governor declares Safe Television Day

Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas proclaimed May 8, 1997 as "Safe Television For All Ages Day" in the State of Arkansas.

During a ceremony held at the state capitol on February 11, the governor praised KSBN, the one-year-old full-power TV station from Springdale, Arkansas, for



pioneering this new concept in the television industry. Governor Huckabee presented the proclamation document bearing the seal of the State of Arkansas to Carlos Pardeiro, president of KSBN. Pardeiro, who coined the phrase "Safe Television," responded by thanking the governor for his support. He challenged other TV stations in the country to likewise use "Safe Television for All Ages" in their regular programming.

"Safe Television," says Pardeiro, "does not contain violence, obscene language, immorality or sexual situations. Anyone of any age can safely watch it. Even the commercials are safe," Pardeiro continues. "Television can be entertaining, informative and uplifting



Governor Mike Huckabee, left, presents a "Safe Television For All Ages Day" proclamation to Carlos Pardeiro, president of KSBN television station while Gail Shaddock, Dick Shaddock and Harold Harris look on.

without using that which degrades the values which have made America great—those of honoring God, family and country."

President Clinton has been invited to proclaim a national "Safe Television for All Ages Day," when every American is invited to speak up for wholesome, family-oriented television.

NET '98 preparations are well under way

As we look back on NET '95 and '96, we realize that the evangelism approach taken really rejuvenated evangelism in North America.

My prayer for the upcoming NET '98 is that God will again bless satellite evangelism. We can plan, and we can work, and we can preach, and we can visit. But we need God's blessing, not only in evangelistic endeavors but in our lives.

Dwight Nelson has been chosen as the speaker for NET '98, and I am delighted. We are, indeed, fortunate to pull from the ranks a pastor who in his own church has the ability to speak to his own congregation at Pioneer Memorial church

in Berrien Springs in a way that points every generation, young and old, to Christ.

Nelson is able to relate in a special way to young people and has made a special study of the "Baby Buster" or twenty-something generation. Some wonder if

it is possible to reach the Generation X'ers and Baby Boomers, but Nelson does that every week. His ability to relate to young people is a special asset, but he includes everybody in his message, from the



Dwight Nelson, senior pastor at the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., is to be the speaker for the NET '98 satellite evangelism series.

kindergartners who look forward to his story every week in church, to seniors who look forward to his Bible-based sermons.

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BEESON, Frank Jr., was born Sept. 9, 1918 in Winn Parrish, LA and died Mar. 1, 1997 in Cleburne, TX. He was a retired Adventist minister. Survivors: wife, Beatrice, Keene, TX; son, Don Beeson, Keene; daughter, Sandra Parsons, Blum, TX; sister, Helen Damiano; 4 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

BRINLEY, Ethel, was born Jan. 28, 1903 in Alton, IL and died Feb. 15, 1997 in Keene, TX. She was a retired church school teacher. Survivors: son, Richard Brinley, Berrien Springs, MI; and daughter, Roselva Weber, Keene; 8 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

CAMPBELL, Carolyn Lillian, was born Dec. 31, 1911 in Panola Co., TX and died Sept. 28, 1996 in Marshall, TX. Survivors: husband, Reginald, Punta Gorda, FL; sons, Reginald Jerry of Marshall, and Raymond, Columbus, OH; daughters, Ruby Posey, Athens, TX and Rita Collins, Punta Gorda; sisters, Lorraine Edge and Coreen Kelly; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Rita Collins

CITINO, Annie J., was born Aug. 28, 1906 in Ireland and died Dec. 17, 1996 in San Marcos, TX. Survivors: daughter, Elizabeth Austin; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and 1 great, great-grandchild. Regina Hennlein

CLINE, Susan Kathleen, was born Nov. 8, 1953 in Ann Arbor, MI and died Dec. 31, 1996 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: mother, Elaine

Cline, Fort Worth; aunt and uncle, Janet and Edmond Going, Dexter, MI; and cousin, Margaret Bryan, Pontiac, MI. Kay Jamison

DEVLIN, Alice May, was born Nov. 12, 1911 in Clinton, NY and died Jan. 12, 1997 in Keene, TX. Survivors: sons, Peter Devlin, Keene, William Devlin, Keene, Robert Devlin, Cordova, TN, Skip Devlin, Marshall, TX, James Devlin, Salt Lake City, UT, and Morris Taylor, Buchanan, MI; daughter, Marie Tingley, Clinton, ME; 24 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Charles Beeler

GILLIAM, Ira H., was born Oct. 28, 1908 and died Feb. 9, 1997. He was an active member of the Muskogee, Okla. church for more than 50 years. Survivors: sons, Charles, Muskogee, and Tex, Fort Gibson, OK; daughter, Ireldean Bietz, Lilburn, GA; sister, Mildred Mills, Muskogee; 7 grandsons; and 5 great-grandchildren. Curtis Thurber

GOUGH, Mary, was born Mar. 4, 1908 in Brookville, OH and died Feb. 9, 1997 in Harrah, OK. Survivors: sons, Jim, Norman, Okla. and John, Santa Fe, NM; and 4 grandchildren. Jim King

HARRIS, Estella Leona, was born Feb. 17, 1910 in Elk City, OK and died Jan. 27, 1997 in Longview, TX. Roy Robinson

JONES, Effie, was born Dec. 5, 1907, in Iona, OK and died Mar. 14, 1997 in Davis, OK. Survivors: son, Bobby Jones, Davis; sisters, Grace Vanderslice and Verdell Dickerson; 4 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Thomas Hansen

KURALL, Joseph, was born Dec. 16, 1909 in Spring Valley, IL and

died Jan. 9, 1997 in Harlingen, TX. Survivors: wife, Julia, Harlingen; sons, Elias and Joao Carlos, both of New Orleans; daughters, Helen Vela, Harlingen, and Lydia Mercado, Baton Rouge, LA. Richard Williams

LOFTIN, Phenice J., was born Mar. 15, 1906 in Claremore, OK and died July 25, 1996 in Harrah, OK. Survivors: daughter, Virginia Birth, Harrah; foster son, Robert Parker; sister, Margie Malone, Harrah; 5 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 4 great, great-grandchildren. Jim King

LOVELL, Jo Alice, was born Oct. 1, 1914 in Crowder, OK and died Mar. 24, 1996 in Oklahoma City. Survivors: son, David Ross Miller, Argentina; twin sister, Jean Meredith, Lafayette, LA; sisters, Ann Neill, Oklahoma City, Faye Lockett, Crowder, and Faune Daily, Riverside, CA; 3 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. Jim King

LOVETT, William, was born Mar. 16, 1913 in Dalworth Park, TX and died Dec. 10, 1996 in Houston, TX. Survivors: wife, Grace, Grand Prairie, TX; sons, Victor, Fort Worth, TX, Norman, Beaumont, TX, and William Jeffrie, Denison, TX; daughters, Verna Brewer and Alma Ballard, both of Siloam Springs, AR; 21 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

MINNER, Eva, was born Aug. 8, 1902 in Girard, KS and died April 9, 1996 in Harrah, OK. Survivors: son, Dale Minner, Oak Ridge, TN; and 3 grandchildren. Jim King

PADON, Raymond B., was born Feb. 21, 1909 in Tucumcari, NM and died Feb. 10, 1997 near Portales, NM. Survivors: son, Jerry Padon, Keene, TX; daughter,

Betty Firestone, Fort Sumner, NM; brother, Emmitt Padon, Rosenberg, TX; 5 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

PEARSON, Ruth Ingaborg, was born April 10, 1907 in Canada and died Feb. 26, 1997 in Lasara, TX. She is survived by 3 sisters-in-law, Willie Mae Pearson, Gertrude Pearson and Bertha Pearson. Richard Williams

POWELL, John Arthur, was born Oct. 31, 1907 in Kansas City, MO and died Feb. 19, 1997 in Lithia Springs, GA. He taught church school in Bonnerdale, AR and in Georgia. Survivors: wife, Orelia; daughter, LaVerne Kellogg; sister, May Powell; 2 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild. Tom Carter

SEAMAN, Mary Elizabeth, was born June 5, 1902 in Pittsburgh, PA and died Feb. 5, 1997 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: daughter, Caroline Shepard, Keene, TX; 3 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. John Griswell

SMALL, Diana, was born Jan. 3, 1956 in Fort Worth, TX and died Feb. 17, 1997 in Burleson, TX. Survivors: husband, Mike, Burleson; daughters, Shawna Small, Fort Worth, and Stephanie Bradshaw, Burleson; brothers, Burt Watson Jr. and David Watson; sisters, Vickie Johnson, Brenda Watson, Debbie Thielman, and Pam Gammon; and 1 grandchild.

SILLIVENT, George Franklin, was born Dec. 10, 1906 in Jack Co., TX and died Jan. 21, 1997 in Lubbock, TX. Survivors: wife, Avis, Portales, NM; son, Gordon Sillivent, Fort Worth, TX; brother, Joe Sillivent, Hemet, CA; sisters, Susie Ward, Eggharbor, NJ, Frances Morgan, Olney, TX and Gladys Taylor, Riverbank, CA; and 4 grandchildren.

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TRUITT, Lola died Dec. 4, 1996 in Kerrville, TX. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Denzil; daughters, Carolyn Longhofer and Loretta Hughes; son, Norman Truitt; and 5 grandchildren. Esther Joy Blew

VINCENT, Minnie Thiesen, was born Feb. 15, 1914 in Jamestown, ND and died Feb. 5, 1997 in Oklahoma City. Survivors: daughter, Patricia Schneider, Boring, OR; stepdaughter, Claudia Macuik,

Longmont, CO; stepsons, Jerry Vincent, Paola, KS and Doyle Harvey, Missoula, MT; and 2 grandchildren. Jim King

VOELCKER, Dorothy, was born May 4, 1925 in Commerce, TX and died Mar. 1, 1997 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: daughters, Sherri Easter, Keene, TX and Joana Ruth Heime, Harrison, AR; sons, Ronald Vernon, Albuquerque, NM and Jonathan Voelcker, Harrison; brother, Howard Welch; sisters, Elizabeth Rosselot, Lorena Stewart, and Beatrice Blythe; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

WATSON, Alice Louise, was born April 14, 1907 in Lahoma, OK and died Dec. 5, 1906 in Oklahoma City. Survivors: son, Edward Watson, Aspen, CO; 2 grandchildren; niece, Lillian Halverson, and nephew, Jerry Meissinger, both of Oklahoma City. Birgitta Neff

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| Swiss Stake w/Gravy | 12/13 oz | 30.13 27.00 | | |
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| Redi-Burger | 12/19 oz | 35.53 31.98 | | |
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| Nuteena | 12/19 oz | 34.45 31.00 | | |
| Sandwich Spread | 12/13 oz | 32.29 29.00 | | |
| Tender Rounds w/Gravy | 12/19 oz | 35.53 31.98 | | |
| OTHER | | | | |
| Chiliman | 12/15 oz | 13.21 12.99 | | |
| Van Camp Beans | 24/16 oz | 10.25 14.91 | | |
| McKay's Beef or Chicken Style Seasoning No MSG | 14 oz. | 4.50 3.99 | | |
| G. Washington Broth Brown, Golden, Onion or Vegetable | case of 24 | 28.56 25.71 | | |
| Emes Kosher Jel Unflavored | 1 lb | 8.20 7.49 | | |
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Maranatha Volunteers International invites you

to join a short-term mission project at Sunnysdale Academy, Centralia, Mo. The convention project is June 25-July 9, and the convention is July 10-12. For more information, write to Maranatha Volunteers International, 1600 Sacramento Inn Way, Suite 116, Sacramento, CA 95815; or phone 916-920-1900; fax 916-920-3299; CompuServe 74617,2772; www.maranatha.org.

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Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Session of the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and directors for the ensuing triennial term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the conference.

The meeting is called for Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Each church is entitled to two regular delegates without regard to membership plus one regular delegate for each 40 members.

Steve Gifford, President
Larry R. Moore, Secretary
Frank Moore, Treasurer

Texas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Session of the Texas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and directors for the ensuing triennial term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the association.

The meeting is called for Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Delegates to the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are also delegates to the Texas Conference Association.

Steve Gifford, President
Karl Doerner, Secretary

Valley Educational Foundation

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Session of the Valley Educational Foundation will be held at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and directors for the ensuing triennial term, and to

transact such other business as may properly come before the foundation.

The meeting is called for Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Delegates to the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are also delegates to the Valley Educational Foundation.

Steve Gifford, President
Steve Charlton, Secretary

Texico Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the 36th regular session of the Texico Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the campus of Sandia View Academy in Corrales, New Mexico, on June 8, 1997. The first meeting of the session is called for 9:00 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports for the triennial period then ending, to elect officers for the ensuing term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to one delegate in good and regular standing to represent the church at the session of the conference, and one additional delegate for each 30 members or major fraction thereof.

James L. Stevens, President
Lee-Roy Chacon, Secretary

Texico Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Texico Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its 36th regular triennial constituency meeting on the campus of Sandia View Academy in Corrales, New Mexico, on June 8, 1997. The meeting is called to begin at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the ensuing triennial term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the association. Delegates to the Texico Conference Session are also delegates to the Association meeting.

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| | May 9 | May 16 | May 23 | May 30 | June 6 | June 13 |
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| Abilene, TX | 8:26 | 8:31 | 8:36 | 8:40 | 8:44 | 8:47 |
| Amarillo, TX | 8:39 | 8:44 | 8:49 | 8:54 | 8:59 | 9:03 |
| Brownsville, TX | 8:05 | 8:09 | 8:13 | 8:16 | 8:19 | 8:22 |
| Dallas, TX | 8:15 | 8:20 | 8:25 | 8:29 | 8:33 | 8:36 |
| El Paso, TX | 7:52 | 7:57 | 8:02 | 8:06 | 8:10 | 8:13 |
| Fort Worth/Keene, TX | 8:17 | 8:22 | 8:27 | 8:31 | 8:35 | 8:38 |
| Galveston/Houston, TX | 8:00 | 8:05 | 8:09 | 8:13 | 8:16 | 8:19 |
| Gentry, AK | 8:13 | 8:17 | 8:23 | 8:28 | 8:32 | 8:35 |
| Little Rock, AK | 8:00 | 8:05 | 8:10 | 8:15 | 8:19 | 8:23 |
| Muskogee, OK | 8:14 | 8:19 | 8:25 | 8:30 | 8:34 | 8:38 |
| New Orleans, LA | 7:42 | 7:47 | 7:51 | 7:55 | 7:59 | 8:02 |
| Oklahoma City, OK | 8:23 | 8:28 | 8:34 | 8:39 | 8:43 | 8:47 |
| San Antonio, TX | 8:15 | 8:20 | 8:24 | 8:28 | 8:32 | 8:34 |
| Santa Fe, NM | 7:58 | 8:03 | 8:09 | 8:14 | 8:18 | 8:21 |
| Shreveport, LA | 8:02 | 8:07 | 8:12 | 8:16 | 8:20 | 8:23 |
| Tulsa, Oklahoma | 8:18 | 8:23 | 8:29 | 8:34 | 8:38 | 8:42 |

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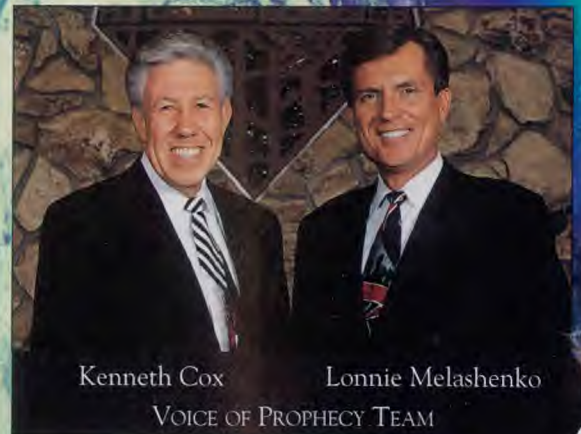
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