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God's word is an
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Does it shine as it should?

Max A. Trevino

The song, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine," is learned early in life by most children, and they love the part that says, "Satan wants to blow it out, but I'm going to let it shine!"

Simple as this song may be, it contains a deep spiritual truth. In Matthew 5:16 Christ challenges us to "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Whether we like it or not, every one of us is a light. And we're placed on this dark planet to reflect the light from heaven. How bright our light is, is a choice we alone can make. With the passing of time, the darkness of this world has become more and more intense, making it that much more important for us to keep our lights trimmed and the flames burning bright. In the parable of the 10 virgins



we are reminded of the danger of our lights going out.

A story I heard illustrates the point. A young couple moved to a town on the northwest coast of Maine. The husband had been diagnosed with an incurable disease that was slowly depleting his strength and crippling his body. Because the couple was poor, the only place they could find to live in was the old, unused lighthouse on a small island close to the mainland.

The natives of this region did not act kindly toward these strangers—newcomers in their town. They took little notice of them except to watch them row back and forth from the island to the mainland to buy supplies once or twice a week. They also noticed that the wife was expecting a child.

As winter approached, ferrying supplies to the lighthouse became more urgent as the couple stocked up for when they would no longer be able to row across the bay.

Then, on Christmas Eve there was a turn of events. The couple's son was born. While holding his newborn son in his arms, the crippled father was overcome with emotion. Looking down at this perfect little child filled him with awe. The urge to share his joy with the townspeople became overwhelming. He had to do something, but he was not quite sure what.

Then he thought about the great lights at the top of the lighthouse. They had not been used for years. What if they could be lit? They'd let the whole world know something spectacular had happened! Slowly and very laboriously, the man carried heavy cans of kerosene up the winding stairs. He filled the lamps, then lit them and set them to turning.

The bright beams pierced the sky, shone across the dark water, and lit up the sleeping village. Some inhabitants got up to look out their windows, wondering what the lights were about, when suddenly there came the low droning of an airplane—far too low for comfort and safety. People rushed out just in time to see the plane veer upward and back into the darkness. They learned later it had made a safe landing on the runway some miles away. In the thickening darkness the pilot had lost his way, and it was the beams from the lighthouse that saved both his life and the lives of the villagers.

Our light—how bright is it? Does it shine in our neighborhood? Is it like the beams of the lighthouse, guiding others to a safe and secure landing? Or is our light, like the children's song, hiding under a bushel?

Now, at a time in history when the darkness in this world seems to be intensifying, it is all the more important that we share the light—the light of God's love and saving

grace. The satellite evangelistic series, "Hope Beyond 2000" to be aired

November 1-December 6, gives our churches another opportunity to share the hope we have in Jesus' soon return. Let us all work and pray for this outreach, that those who are looking for truth will find it.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16



Opportunities abound for spreading the light of God's word

**James W. Gilley, President
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference**

The year 1996 was a record year for baptisms in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Over 38,000 individuals accepted Jesus as their personal Savior by going into the watery grave and coming forth to newness of life. Sharing God's love still works. It never fails when those who truly believe in God reach out to those in need. Last year, more soul-winning efforts were held throughout North America than ever before, making many skeptics admit that people are still looking for hope beyond their present situation.

Yes, it is a new day in public soul-winning. It is also a new day in sharing the Bible through correspondence courses. This old and effective method of reaching into the homes has been given a facelift. The recently redesigned format of the Voice of Prophecy *Discover* series has breathed more than new life into this method of studying with people. Although the course is still offered by mail from headquarters in California, it is also being offered through the local church.



Instructions on how to set up a local Bible school up in the home church come with the studies. By handling the lessons this way the student receives personal contact with the members and pastor of the local church. This new approach is spreading across the country and is bringing new excitement and enthusiasm to soul-winning.

As a result of operating the *Discover* Bible course in this manner, Ross Sawyer, the pastor, and members of the Mountain Home, Ark., church are rejoicing with four newly baptized members who graduated from the course. From the 12,000 enrollment cards the church mailed out four months before opening night



Pastor Bill Painter baptizing a new convert.

of their NET '96 campaign, 175 people responded, 45 took the studies up to what are known as the testing truths, 15 completed the course, and thus far, four have been baptized. Pastor Sawyer finds that those who have taken the *Discover* lessons have

accepted the Bible teachings more readily than those who have not taken the series. As this article goes to press, Mountain Home is holding an evangelistic campaign by evangelist Dale Brusett, the ground work having been laid with the *Discover* Bible course. Pray for the success of this endeavor.

Public evangelism and Revelation Seminars still create an interest and bring in new members across North America. Some of campaigns are being held by well-known evangelists, while others are done successfully by local pastor-evangelists.

In the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference last year, Jerry Mayes held two campaigns in the Russellville district. One was held in Clarksville, a church of about 33 members. At the close of the meetings, 25 new members were baptized. In Russellville, where Mayes and his church members (with a workbee of 80 volunteers from around the conference) built a new 6,400 sq. ft. multi-purpose temporary worship center in 90 days, he held a series of meetings that resulted in 25 baptisms.

As a result of this success, the conference executive committee has asked Mayes to go into full-time evangelism using a new plan. This plan calls for Mayes to be the pastor of a district for at least six months. In this way two months are allocated for preparation, two months for the campaign itself and two months for follow-up before the new pastor arrives and Mayes moves on to the next vacant district to begin the cycle again.

Mayes has just completed a six-month period in Monroe, La., and is about to move to the Siloam Springs and Lincoln, Ark., district for his next assignment using this program.

Of course, the newest type of soul-winning has been NET Evangelism. NET '95 and NET '96 with Mark Finley changed the

About the cover:

Raymond Garner, a layman, explains to a young, inquiring David Wood the provision God has made for salvation to all who seek Him sincerely. Photo: Jean Thomas

face of evangelism forever in North America. This new method means that an outstanding, gifted evangelist can be in an unlimited number of churches giving the same message at the same time. NET '98, with Dwight Nelson as speaker, will be used in five of the denomination's world-divisions. It will be the largest evangelistic outreach in the history of our church.

The two satellite series by Ken Cox and Doug Batchelor this fall will also mean sharing the gospel with many who are looking for more meaning to life. Batchelor, with *Amazing Facts*, is conducting a live Revelation Seminar on 3ABN from October 3 through November 1, with Monday and Thursday nights off. Many churches are carrying this series.

Ken Cox, who recently joined the Voice of Prophecy, will conduct a Discovery 2000 Crusade by satellite from November 1 to December 5 (7:30 pm CST). Cox has developed a new series of sermons and visuals for this program, and you will not want to miss a single night. The Southwestern Union Conference is one of the unions sponsoring this special downlink. All church members should be part of this program and bring their friends. Several churches in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference have decided to do both the Batchelor and the Cox evangelism campaigns this fall!

A most effective way of winning people for Christ is known as personal evangelism—making friends with unchurched neighbors and other acquaintances, getting to know them, being involved in their daily lives and showing we care. In many instances, friendships of this nature are the most fruitful when it comes to sharing God's love.

Sharing the gospel still works when we allow the Holy Spirit to lead!



Raymond Garner met David Wood in a rather unusual manner. Here they share their thoughts on how God has led in their lives:

Raymond: I was standing in a long line at Wyatt's Cafeteria waiting to get some lunch when I began chatting with a young man who came in behind me. What began as an exchange of pleasantries developed into quite a conversation. I was intrigued by David's very obvious spiritual outlook, so I began to ask questions about how he became so interested in religion.

When I had selected my lunch, I went to sit down. David followed and asked whether he could join me. And that's when the conversation really became interesting.

David: I told Raymond I had recently graduated from Baylor with a degree in ministry of music. I was choir director for the first service, taught a Sunday school class and helped provide other youth-oriented activities. My overall goal was to become a full-time minister of music. I explained how my grandfather got me interested in

studying the Bible. He had given me a commentary on the book of Romans. As you know, it's not that easy to understand Paul's writings, but I did my best—to please my grandfather. Romans 8 made a deep impact on me where Paul talks about there being no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because He came to die for their sins. This really impressed me, and I began to study the Bible more seriously.

Raymond: Soon it was time for me to go back to my job, so I told David how much I had enjoyed meeting him and that I hoped we could continue our conversation at some other time. I gave him my business card. I did not even know his last name, but I went home and prayed that some how our paths would cross again.

A few days later, the water heater in the Wood home broke down. That's when Raymond got a call and was able to meet the rest of the family—David's mom and dad and two brothers, all of whom had adopted a healthy lifestyle of not eating red meat and making sure to get plenty of exercise. One brother is a sports runner.

As it turned out, Raymond had to order a part for the heater, so he returned a day later to complete the repairs and was able to visit with David again. The upshot of these contacts was that David began attending Bible studies with

Raymond on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Raymond: I was amazed at how easily David seemed to understand each Bible lesson we studied. David's dad attended several of the studies with him. One evening while the three of us were together in the car, David said he'd like to worship in my church. My reply was that I thought he should do a little more studying before he made that decision (for I felt he needed to learn about the true Sabbath before he decided).

When we did the study about the Sabbath, he accept-



David Wood and Raymond Garner exchange their insights on a Bible verse.

ed what the Bible had to say without question. He said the teaching was clear to him, that it did not to present a problem. David was baptized on May 3.

David: I had been approached about the Sabbath once before but had rejected it. But when Raymond studied with me, I saw the Sabbath for what it is—a memorial of God's creation and His redemption. I saw what a picture of grace that fourth commandment is. It's not a legalistic ornament, but a chance to look into my Father's face and have communion with Him.

Once I saw how clear the teachings of the Bible were, I felt compelled to follow the way the Lord was leading. I resigned from my position in my church. Everyone was reluctant to let me go, but they did so graciously and even gave me a farewell party.

Raymond: Several other couples in our Bible study group were inspired by David's commitment and enthusiasm. When David made his decision for baptism, another couple I'd studied with 11 years ago decided for Christ as well. They were baptized the same day David was.

Now David works at another job, and on the weekends he goes with Raymond whenever he is asked to speak at one of the Texas Conference churches. He loves to sing and share his joy in Jesus Christ.



Amazing!
I've just found
the Messiah—
the Light of
my life!

Not only did the money given by the Texas Conference churches help sponsor inner-city kids from KidCare to summer camp at Nameless Valley Ranch (NVR), it also provided opportunity to share God's love and help a troubled 27-year-old woman find her

Messiah!

Jodie had been sent by her synagogues in Connecticut to spend a few days in Houston to observe the KidCare feeding program run by Carol and Hurt Porter. She was a guest in their home for those few days and participated in preparing the 600 meals each day, delivering them to the inner-city kids and watching the interaction between the givers and receivers.

On the final Friday evening of camp, the Houston KidCare van carrying the Porters and Jodie drove to NVR for the weekend activities. Along the way, she had asked many questions and in each instance had defended her beliefs. She was obviously wrestling with concepts she was being exposed to by associating with "gentiles."

"Hi," Jodie said as she stepped out of the van. "I'm an Orthodox Jew. Salvation is of the Jews. I don't want you gentile dogs to talk to me. Don't convert me. Leave me alone!"

None of the staff knew what to say.

"I won't convert you," was my reply. "It's up to you and God's spirit."

"I don't want God's spirit to convert me either!" she replied.

When I showed Jodie to her cabin, she asked me to please turn off the light since the Sabbath had begun, and she

couldn't do any "work."

Sabbath was an uneasy day for this Orthodox Jew. She walked around campus noting the various Sabbath activities. She visited the Sabbath school and church services, watched skits the kids put on and witnessed a baptism at Twin Falls which included two children from KidCare.

Because she seemed overwhelmed by all she was experiencing, Jan Miller handed Jodie the keys to her truck and said, "Why don't you go to town for a break?"

Jodie was amazed. No one in their right mind would hand their truck keys to a stranger! Everyone she had met had been so kind to her!

Later that same day, Jodie approached me and in an abrupt manner said, "How do I get to talk to you? By making an appoint-



Jodie overwhelmed with emotion as she emerges from the waters of baptism.



Jodie Sargent (left) with Van Hurst, just before her baptism.

ment?"

"I'll be glad to visit with you at 6 o'clock," I replied.

When we met at the appointed time, my question to her was, "Does Yahweh make mistakes?"

"No," she said.

"As an Orthodox Jew, do you follow God?"

"Absolutely."

"Then it is no mistake that you are here?" I continued.

"It couldn't be."

After talking for a few minutes, Jodie asked me if I could prove

that Jesus is the Messiah.

"There is only one place that will satisfy your heart," I responded. "It's Daniel 9."

"Orthodox Jews cannot read Daniel 9!" she said. "It contains a curse. We would be turned to dust if we read it."

"Well," I said thoughtfully, "you let me turn off the light switch for you when the sun was down, so will you let me read this chapter for you?"

"Yes, I think that's okay."

As I read Daniel 9, Jodie's eyes filled with tears. "My Messiah has come!" she said. "I have found Him!"

"Do you understand what I just read to you?" I asked her.

"Of course, all Orthodox Jews know the 457 B.C. date! Who would have guessed I had to come here to Nameless Valley Ranch to find the Messiah!" she said. "How do I receive Him?"

"Just tell Jesus you want Him in your heart as Savior and Lord," was my reply.

In that moment the old Jodie—the hostile, troubled Jodie—disappeared and a new Jodie—a radiant, joyful Jodie, a Jodie at peace with the world and with her Messiah—took her place. The change was dramatic!

Sunday morning she asked whether anything would prevent her from being baptized. "You will need to study the scriptures and know what the Bible teaches," I said.

"I know all of the scriptures and can recite large portions of the Old Testament. Everything I've seen here is what I already believe."

"And have you considered what this will mean to you as a Jew?"

"Yes," she said, "when I get back home I will be kicked out of the synagogue, and my family will remove all my pictures from the family albums. My possessions will be buried in a coffin, and I will be considered dead to those I love," Jodie answered.

"Are you willing to make this kind of commitment to Jesus?" I asked in shocked amazement.

"How can I do anything else?" Jodie said.

After reviewing the church doctrines, she agreed to find an Adventist church when she arrived home. However, she now faces severe persecution, and possibly even murder, at home because of her commitment to Jesus.

Van Hurst

Texas Conference Youth Director



When we arrived at the jail with our books yesterday, one of the inmates was sitting on a bench nearby. He jumped up, saying, "Here come the ladies with the books." And then eagerly, "May I take these books around to the inmates?"

I had to tell him no, the books would have to be given to the sheriff first for his approval. Then turning to us, the deputy sheriff on duty said, "You know, these men really love the books you bring. They can hardly wait to get their hands on them."

For a number of years Bonnie Kendall and Hazel Oliver, members of the Ardmore, Okla., church, had visited the prison on a regular basis, sharing good reading material. They also serviced such places as the hospital and laundromats, especially in places with no Adventist presence. Now, because of advancing years, they take a less active role, but do travel with me to assist in the distribution of books like *Happiness Digest*, *Ministry of Healing*, *Desire of Ages* and *Great Controversy*—the new cover on *Great Controversy* is very eye-catching.

I buy books by the case and

then make the rounds of two towns, Sulphur and Marietta. While there, we place the books in the hospital and laundromats. The books that go the fastest are *Happiness Digest* and in the hospitals, *Ministry of Healing*. Into each book we insert an enrollment card for Amazing Facts and stamp in the name and phone number of the church.

The other day while servicing a laundromat, I placed some *Guides* on a chair while I went to fetch the other books from my car. When I returned I found a Hispanic man reading *Guide* magazine.

"Can you read English?" I asked.

"Oh, very slowly," was his reply. "It is easier to read English than to speak it."

"I have a wonderful book about the life of Christ," I said,



From left: Bonnie Kendall and Hazel Oliver who used to visit the prison on a regular basis.



Doris Underwood has been distributing magazines in the town of Sulphur for 40 years.

talking slowly so he could understand better. "You may have a copy," and I handed him a *Happiness Digest*. His face lighted up.

"Gracias," came his reply.

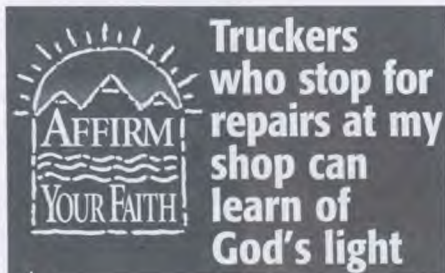
An elderly woman, Doris Underwood, has been distributing

Listen and *Signs* magazines to the laundromats and the hospital in Sulphur for over 40 years. As a result, several people have come to the church in Ardmore. Because of her advancing years, I've taken over her mission, although she still likes to accompany me.

Those of us who do this work have no idea about how many have been influenced for Christ, but we'll find out when we reach God's Kingdom above.

I enjoy doing this. It's a joy to meet people and share, and although we do not see results on earth, I am sure some will be in the kingdom as a result of this endeavor.

*Wilma Jarvis-Heining
Retired after teaching elementary
school for 41 years*



Although Gordon Lewis was raised in an Adventist home in Medford, Ore., and graduated from



Gordon Lewis (left) shakes hands with customer Bill Raker who was also a guest in Lewis' home while his truck was being repaired.



The sign "Closed Saturday" on the gate of Lewis' truck repair business often paves the way for him to tell about his beliefs in the Bible.

Columbia Academy in Washington in 1948, he married outside his faith and strayed from the church.

As a truck driver, Lewis worked seven days a week. As he got older, whenever he worked on Sabbath, the tug on his heart became harder and harder to ignore. Finally one day Lewis made a deal with the Lord. He asked Him to help him sell his truck so he would have to keep the Sabbath. A week before the "deadline" was up, he sold his truck for cash.

In 1994 Lewis was rebaptized during an evangelistic series conducted by Jim Gilley at the Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Amarillo, Tex.

Now Lewis owns Big Toe, a truck repair shop in Amarillo. Because of its location near I-40, Lewis receives business from all over the United States. He does not think of himself as an evangelist, but the sign on the front gate is a witness in itself. It reads: Closed Saturdays.

Because it's unusual in his line of work to have his business closed on Saturdays, many people ask him why he does this. These questions give him opportu-

nity to share his faith.

Lewis finds it easy to share his love for the Lord with everyone he meets. He has a reputation for being an honest man who will repair a truck with quality work at a fair price. Lewis' frequent guests in his home always find Adventist literature lying around. He knows many read it, even if they would never admit it, because the literature is often moved or missing from where it was placed.

He credits his Adventist education for giving him a solid biblical background. He says that when he began studying the Bible again, all he had learned in the academy came back to him, even though he had not read the Bible for several years.

Although Lewis has driven over 90 million miles in his life, now he is content to be settled in one place, living and witnessing for His Lord and waiting for His second return.

*Heather Holladay
Correspondent*



They kept coming that Thursday afternoon and on into the night, until 2:00 in the morning, in single cars, cars in convoy and in busses, winding slowly down the hill into Camp Yorktown Bay. These teens came with their bags that weekend of July 24, to spend time together in praise and prayer and to enjoy some fun in the sun. When registration was ended, the number of staff and guests totaled 338, making this the largest group ever to be accommodated at CYB for any single event.

What was all the excitement



Teens who gathered at Camp Yorktown Bay for the Youth Explosion Program rally enjoyed a weekend of fun on Friday and spiritual stimulation on Sabbath with Jose Rojas, North American Division youth director as guest speaker.

about? This was the culmination of the summer's Youth Explosion Program (YEP), where youth pastors in nine different locations around the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference had spent time with the local church youth in sharing the light in their neighborhoods.

The Youth Explosion Program began three summers ago when one young man, Brian Yeager, accepted a challenge laid out for him by the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference president James W. Gilley to galvanizing the Adventist youth in New Orleans into a group who would share their light in that city. The program went so well and generated so much enthusiasm among the church youth that the next summer the concept was broadened to encompass several areas.

This past summer, 9 YEP leaders worked with the young people in their assigned churches for eight weeks with similar results. And now this gathering at Camp Yorktown Bay was to be the high-light of the summer's program.

Friday's activities at the lake, the prayer and study time, vespers and the devotional set the tone for the weekend. Sabbath school with Tony Martinez, YEP leader from Alexandria, Louisiana; the church service listening to Jose Rojas, North American Division youth director; the visit to the National Park Memorial Hospital in Hot Springs in the afternoon to bring "Sonshine" to the patients, doctors

and staff; and the evening vespers left the youth with memories that will keep reminding them to let their lights shine no matter what they are doing or where they are.

"The Youth Explosion Program has turned the youth program around in our church," commented one sponsor. "Where the youth were floundering and not attending church regularly, now they are active and involved. These are the future leaders of our churches, and we're excited to see what is taking place."

*Esther M. Nelson
Correspondent*



It's impossible to communicate what it feels like to have a miracle happen in your own life, but it's a powerful thing!" says Bill Houghton, recently baptized into the Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church. "The joy it gives me is that I know God still moves in a beautiful, powerful way."

Houghton was raised a Seventh-day Adventist as a youth but then left the church, even though he was surrounded by Adventist influences—his brother, Don Houghton, pastor of the

Alvarado church in Texas, and his nephew Dan Houghton of the Hart Research Center.

For 40 years Bill stayed away from the Adventist church. He and his family became very active in a large Baptist church in Midland where Bill was a deacon and taught classes.

"But God was not through with me," says Bill. "He has been dealing with me all along, and even though I turned my back on Him, He did not turn His back on me. He waited because He wanted to give me a blessing."

Bill's brother Don would often send him sermons, which he listened to and thought about, but the years passed while Bill struggled with the Holy Spirit. He kept putting off his decision, rationalizing that he did not yet have enough information to make a firm decision. Any time he could point to something that seemed questionable, he would use it as an excuse. Then one day while listening to a sermon where his brother was explaining how even the devil, who has all the answers, will not be saved because he has not acted in faith to accept salvation. That helped him make his decision to follow Christ.

Shortly afterward, on August 29, 1996, while Bill and his wife were eating breakfast on a Saturday morning, making plans to paint the house, right then Bill made his decision. He could no longer go on the way he'd been going. He told his wife the Holy Spirit was convicting him. He needed to return to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"There was no other way for me," he said. "One week I was a solid deacon in the Baptist church, but the next week I was back in the Seventh-day Adventist church where I knew I belonged."

Bill called his brother Don a week after he made his decision. Naturally Don was thrilled, and Bill's nephew, Dan, said later how when his father told the family of his brother's decision, it was one of the few times he had ever seen his father cry.

Bill attended a prayer meeting the following Wednesday night in the Midland church where the pastor, Ken Davis, was speaking on prayer warriors. Davis says that after the meeting, Bill confided to him that it was exactly what he needed to hear that night.

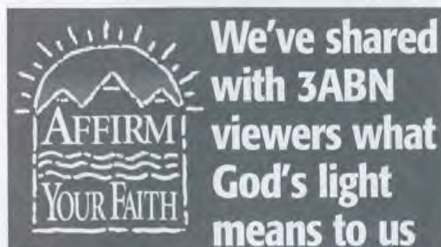
Bill was baptized October 5, 1996, and Davis says, "He is now a deacon in our church and is on fire for the Lord, working everywhere he can, despite the fact that his wife and children are not involved."

Bill's decision was deliberate and final, and he had already made it before he stepped foot in the Adventist church. "If there had been no one in the church, it wouldn't have changed a thing," says Bill. "However, the people have been very warm and accepting. They've given me books, they pray for me and call to see how I'm doing."

This change in Bill's life has not come without pain, and tears have been shed by him and his family, for they have not joined his church. However, "God gives strength in such a wonderful way. It is an exciting thing for me."

Bill believes his story is not unusual, that there are many former Adventists with whom God's spirit is pleading. He feels this is not the end of his story, but only the beginning.

"God has wonderful things planned for us," he says, "and His Spirit is moving in our church. God is still in the business of miracles—showing us the way to the Light."



The Maranatha Youth Ministry and Three Angels' Broadcast Network have joined together to



The Teen Pathways set, from left: Chris Horvath, camera man; Moses Primo Jr., camera man; Ray Smith, manager; Jason Jackson, guest; LaChanda Dupard, co-host; Reggie Dupard, host; Miranda Steele, guest; Carmen Robinson, guest; Lannie Allen, producer; and Charlie Swansen, camera man.

host the new 3ABN show "Teen Pathways." The program focuses on some of today's teenage issues so the church can encourage the youth to depend on Jesus and not the world.

Maranatha Youth Ministry has featured youth from diverse backgrounds. Anjali Chelliah, 18, prayed to be able to attend her favorite ivy league school and was accepted a week before school started. Her incredible faith in Jesus did not fail her.

Emmanuel Anderson, 16, told of his three summers of working as a Bible worker in three major cities. He saw more than 400 people baptized.

Carmen Robinson, 14, spoke about growing up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and how her life is blessed as a youth in Jesus.

Terrell McCoy Jr., 12, shared his responsibility to Jesus by committing to school work, helping at home and displaying the utmost of respect to his elders.

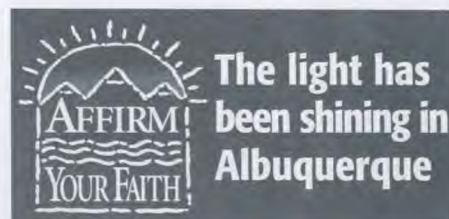
Miranda Steele, 19, told how her mother had left the church years ago, but she had held on to the truths of God, and now Miranda and her mother are back.

The program was exciting for the young people. They had the opportunity to discuss whatever was on their minds, ranging from the good to the bad. They were comfortable talking about anything they needed to express. The program offered the chance for real, down-to-earth discussions for the

young people.

Many hope this ministry will strengthen the character and spirituality in the young people, that if the church helps them focus on Christ, they will make good decisions in life.

If anyone would like to be featured in the spring of '98, write to Maranatha Youth Ministry, P.O. Box 296, Lancaster, TX, 75146-0296. Three Angels Broadcast Network can be viewed on satellite G3, channel 23.



More than 1000 people, of whom 500 were visitors, attended the opening night of the Albuquerque, NM, evangelistic series, led by Leo Schreven from *It Is Written*. The meetings were held from July 13 to August 12.

Some members who attended were surprised at the large number of visitors. Several members who had been active in evangelism in past years commented that they had never seen anything like this attendance before. Schreven had told the workers that God would bless them in proportion to the attendance of the church members. People were still registering clear

through the third week of the four-week series.

By the fourth week, 700 church members were still attending, as well as 300-350 visitors. The final meeting was held on the Sandia View Junior Academy campus, August 16. Jep Choate, head elder at the

Heights church, said, "The meetings produced a revival in our church. We are excited." That excitement is seen in all the area churches as they welcome their new family into the faith.

This evangelistic campaign produced several benefits. It produced a revival in the hearts of the members who attended. It helped many people who were taking Bible studies to decide to join the church, both by baptism and by profession of faith. It also helped several indifferent members who were slipping away to recommit their lives to Jesus and the church, as they responded to calls for decision by the evangelist.



Leo Schreven, of *It Is Written*, speaks to Albuquerque residents during a four-week evangelistic series, held from July 13 to August 12.

The meetings pulled the area churches together like never before. The people became more familiar with their Bibles. More than 100 people were baptized, with some professions of faith and planned baptisms for the next several months of those who attended and are still studying. The meetings also brought several students for our local schools, Crestview and Sandia View Junior Academy.

The area churches are now planning activities to nurture our new friends in the faith. They are holding cooking schools, prophecy seminars, social events, and more for new and old members.

*Gladstone Simmons
Communication Director*



**NET '98 will
transmit the
light in 40
different
languages**

At the initial meeting of NET '98 coordinators held at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) in Berrien Springs, Mich., representatives from five world divisions besides North America were present. Participants learned then that the five-week campaign was to be made available in 20 different languages and accessible in virtually all of the church's world divisions. Four languages will again be available in North America.

This progress report was warmly received, particularly by those who had come many thousands of miles to represent divisions that will be involved for the first time in a NET campaign. Alfred C. McClure, NAD president, mirrored the positive report in his remarks by picturing the mushrooming NET outreach of the church as on the offensive against the kingdom of Satan, rather than merely being a besieged fortress huddled in fear of the hostile influences in the world.

Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial's senior pastor, will be the speaker for the NET '98 satellite television outreach, scheduled for October 9-November 14. The series will focus on the truth about God's character. Citing a statement by Ellen G. White*, Pastor Dwight said, "The final message to the world is to be a revelation of His character of relentless, undying love that led to Calvary, for the salvation of the human race." The series' comprehensive theme, he noted, spans the full range of Adventist doctrine, preached in relational messages on "summit passages" of the Bible.

Plans for the NET '98 global offensive have doubled in at least one aspect, according to Warren Judd, director of Adventist Media Productions and consultant to the General Conference for Adventist Global Communication Network



Native American youth listened to inspiring speakers and special music, met friends and attended seminars to learn how to share Jesus with others at a youth congress held at Holbrook Indian School, Ariz., this past summer. A young man, Mario Standingbear, Ogala Sioux from South Dakota, began reading a Bible while in prison. "I prayed to God," he said. "I agonized with Him. I told Him that if He got me out of prison I would do something for Him." Miraculously, Standingbear was released from prison and gave his testimony at the congress, saying "I want to teach my whole nation." Pictured here is another congress attendee, Alma Saddleback of Canada who made her final decision to follow Jesus and was baptized by Emilio Gomez at the youth congress.

(AGCN). "I have been asked by Robert S. Folkenberg, president of the General Conference, to make the technical arrangements to transmit up to 40 languages," Judd says. Initial plans are already underway to accommodate the added languages

places," according to Brad Thorp, director of AGCN and coordinator for translation for NET '98.

The *Discover* Bible school will play a strong role in NET '98, as it did in NET '96, with local churches developing their own Bible schools. Some improvements in the process and the answer sheets for this series

his shoulders and gave him a "blessing."

The meeting concluded with participants surrounding the NET '98 leaders, praying for God's Spirit to empower them for the great challenge and opportunity of NET '98.

Betty Cooney

NET '98 PR Officer

* E. G. White, COL, p. 415



Dwight Nelson, center, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church and speaker for NET '98, shakes hands with Brad Thorpe, AGCN director and NET '98 coordinator while three overseas division NET '98 coordinators stand by. They are from left: Tadaomi Shinmyo (Northern Asia-Pacific), Miroslav Pujic (Trans-Europe) and Vernon Parmenter (South Pacific).

requested, with much work and development ahead.

Presently, North American viewers will have the option of receiving an analog signal in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French, with most analog receivers able to receive any two of the four languages simultaneously. An asset for bilingual congregations, this dual capacity also benefits churches in neighborhoods in which a language other than English is spoken. In addition to the four spoken languages, local sites in North America will be able to receive closed captioning in English, prepared especially for those with hearing impairments. This feature was useful in overseas series last year, where people were interested in English as a second language. They tuned in to their preferred language, and also read the closed-captioning English.

"This was an attractive feature that increased attendance in many

of lessons have been prepared for the current crusade. About 1000 churches are still operating the *Discover* Bible schools begun for the previous crusade.

Coordinators' materials will be sent to every world division and to every conference in NAD as soon as the revised version is completed. Those who attended the coordinators meeting will receive this revision, including input from division and local coordinators. Masters from which to duplicate the material will be offered free of charge, and special notebook binders will be available at cost, on request.

Heightened emphasis was placed on prayer at the coordinators meeting, under the direction of Ruthie Jacobsen, NAD Prayer Ministry coordinator. A highlight to the seminar came when a GenXer Philip Baptiste, a young theology student from Toronto at the podium, invited Pastor Dwight to the front, placed hands on

Longview members share God's light with prison inmates

Roy Robinson, Longview church pastor, and Marc Cowing have been holding Bible studies and prophecy seminars for a group of prison inmates from Missouri who were housed at the Gregg Correctional County Center in Longview.

Several inmates are taking the *Discover* Bible correspondence course being offered by the church. Five men were baptized at the facility just days before two of them were sent back to Missouri.

As a result of Robinson's and Cowing's efforts, four additional men accepted Christ and were baptized at the facility Sabbath, May 31, 1997, by Robinson.

Those of us who are in prison are grateful to Pastor Robinson and Marc Cowing for the fellowship of love they bring to us. Even though we are in prison, we have found a freedom in Christ we didn't know existed.

Michael Finnegan

Gregg County Correctional Center inmate, Longview, Tex.

FAREWELL

to Walter and Jackie Wright

Walter and Jackie Wright have left their mark on the Southwest, especially in their ministry to families, but also in other areas in which they have served. Their cheerfulness and willingness to use their expertise wherever it has been needed has been greatly appreciated. As Southwestern Union vice-president and director of ministries, Walter has helped guide and direct the plan for the union departments to provide assistance and training to churches in



the conferences. It is with regret that the Southwestern Union bids them farewell as they move to Michigan where Walter will serve as Lake Union executive secretary.

Munroe named woman of the year

The Association of Adventist Women (AAW) has selected Shirley Ann Munroe of Roswell, NM, as its Woman of the Year for Professional Life. She will be honored at the AAW annual conference, October

9-11, at Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts.

Before her 1988 retirement, Munroe was a vice president of the American Hospital Association and directed its division of hospital planning and environmental assessment and its society for hospital strategic planning and marketing.

The AHA created a memorial financial award in her name, recognizing leadership development, a commitment to excellence, and dedication to the administration of small or rural hospitals.

Munroe has been involved in the health care delivery system for more than 40 years. During that time, she was a hospital administrator, a member of the board of trustees of the California Hospital Association, and a member or chair of many boards in California and Illinois. She has also studied health care delivery systems in the South Pacific, and headed a delegation of health administrators to Australia and New Zealand, sponsored by the People-to-People International U.S. Citizen Ambassador Program.

A recipient of numerous awards, including "Outstanding Professional" and "Woman of Achievement" designations, Munroe has achieved a balance between her professional, personal and spiritual lives. During her professional career, her musical skills took a back seat to her work, but she was able to sing soprano solos for major oratorios.

Like many "retired" people, she continues to be involved. She has been a member of the Southwestern Union Executive Committee for the

American giving hits \$150 billion

The figures are in for 1996 on American giving. Our nation's churches, charities, educational institutions, etc., reaped a 7.3% increase in giving last year. This \$150 billion was given by basically four groups:

Individual citizens	119.9 billion
Foundations	11.8 billion
Bequests (Wills/Trusts)	10.5 billion
Corporations	8.5 billion

Even though this seems like a lot of money for charity, individual



giving is barely two percent of personal income. The question that arises is, who received this money?

Following is a list of the recipients:

Religion-Churches	69.4 billion
Education (colleges, private schools)	18.8 billion
Health (hospitals and related institutions)	15.0 billion
Human Services	12.1 billion
Arts/Culture	10.9 billion
Gifts to Foundations	8.2 billion
Public/Society	7.5 billion
Environment/Wildlife	4.0 billion
Unspecified	2.5 billion
International affairs	1.8 billion

We need to praise God that we live in a land that permits its citizens and business corporations to donate so heavily to charity. Some estimate that a dollar spent by a charity to

help some individual saves four dollars the government would have spent to accomplish the same task. Let's keep America strong by supporting our favorite charities and returning to God His rightful tithes and offerings.

If you desire to give a planned gift through a will, trust or annuity, please contact your local conference trust department, and they will be pleased to assist you.

(Statistics taken from *Non Profit Times* and the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel.)



Harvey J. Byram
Trust Services Director

SOUTHWESTERN UNION

past six years. Munroe is active in her Roswell church as choir director, organist, elder, Sabbath school superintendent and teacher. She also directs the music program at a nearby Presbyterian church. She is president of the board of directors



for the Roswell Symphony Guild Publications and works as a consultant to the federal government's

Shirley Ann Munroe, elected woman of the Year for Professional Life.

Health Care Financing Administration.

A woman in her church describes Munroe as "an unabashed ambassador for God, whether in church or not. However she is known, Shirley Ann is a veritable feminine version of Joseph and Daniel."

*Alyce Pudewell
Correspondent*

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

The gospel is shared in Ecuador

On July 2, a four-member team from northwest Arkansas and California flew to Quito, the two-mile-high capital of Ecuador, to conduct one of four simultaneous outreach series in that city. The meetings continued each night from July 4-20. By July 20, 58 had been baptized with 50 more preparing to be baptized soon.

The team included Glenn and Mary Alice Hill and Bud Duncan from Arkansas, and Lucinda Hill from California. More than 400 families received health screening each evening before the meeting.

Ecuador, whose harvest of bananas supplies much of the American market, has an even larger harvest waiting to be reaped—that of men and women for God's kingdom. Although it has been considered a difficult place for evangelism because 90 percent of the population is Roman Catholic,



Twenty-two people who came to the deaf camp meeting enjoyed the fellowship and spiritual blessings of being together.

circumstances have changed this year.

Alberto Pena, president of the North Ecuador Mission, reports that since January 1 they have baptized more than 1,000 including people from the five teams from North America. And as a result of the Arkansas team's campaign and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, a new church has been organized in the city of Quito.

*Glenn Hill
Correspondent*

Hearing-impaired enjoy camp meeting conducted in Gentry

Twenty-two people attended the camp meeting

for the hearing-impaired held at Ozark Adventist Academy in Gentry, Ark., June 18-22.

The guest speakers, also hearing-impaired, were David and Francisca Trexler of Lincoln, Neb. David works at Christian Record Services in the Deaf Division, and Francisca teaches American sign language. In a workshop, Francisca explained how special God's children are to Him and how we, as His children, can grow in our relationship with Him. David gave sermons about the authority of the Bible and other truths. Special music was given in American sign language.

While the people were fed spiritually, they enjoyed other activities, too. One group toured a cave, and another group toured a Civil War battlefield.

*Esther Watson
Correspondent*



Glenn and Mary Alice Hill with their daughter, Lucinda Hill, M.D., in Ecuador.

Twelve-year-old Madai Lopez, baptized in June, radiates sunshine as she places her name in the Heber Springs register, held by her pastor, Clarence Hoag.



Heber Springs, Ark., a town of about 10,000 inhabitants, now has an Adventist congregation as of August 16. This was a "Dark County" project taken on by members from several surrounding churches. Seventeen people signed on as charter members. Others are planning to join this congregation. Although they are meeting in rented quarters, plans are being made to locate at a site of their own.

SOUTHWEST REGION

Natchitoches hosts Discover Bible course

For several months, C.R. Pritchett, former Southwestern Union Conference secretary, and his wife, Jessie, have been leading out in a *Discover Bible* course in Natchitoches, La., a university town with a population of about 20,000.

On July 19, 1997, after Robert Lister, president of the Southwest

A Discover Bible student giving a praise testimony for the lessons and God's goodness to her.



Region Conference, spoke to the 50 *Discover* graduates at the art center in Natchitoches, they were given their diplomas for completing the 26 lesson Bible course.

The senior choir from Smyrna Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alexandria, along with Paralee Knight and Chris Davis, performed special music for the program.

Several more Bible students are preparing for the next graduation service.

*Betsy Hudson
Correspondent*



Some of the graduates from the *Discover Bible* school held at the Natchitoches art center.

Baton Rouge Berean church hosts education day

The Baton Rouge Berean church hosted a summer education day before the school year began. Ronald Williams, Southwest Region Conference education director, was the speaker.

Williams' message encouraged the parents in the audience to become involved in their children's education. He said that parents must provide appropriate reading material for their children and that Jesus must be at the center of their children's education.



Dr. Ronald Williams, Southwest Region's education director, speaking at the Baton Rouge Berean church's education day.

Harriet Byrd was introduced as the newest member of the faculty. She will teach in the lower grades and will also work with the school's music program to organize a school choir.

*Evelyn Edwards
Correspondent*

Hebron church holds community picnic

Hebron church community services hosted its annual community picnic in Lincoln City park in Houston.

Willie Moore and Noel Chandler served food while other members played volleyball, basketball, water balloons and other games with the visitors.

When asked how he felt about the picnic, one youth summed up



Picnic cooks Willie Moore (left) and Noel Chandler (right) serving lunch to a guest.

the day by saying, "I made new friends. I will come next year."

Hebron church enjoyed another event: the Houston Area Youth Council Bible Bowl contest. Hebron's youth won first place in the junior division and were quizzed over the books of Acts and Ephesians.



Baton Rouge BTOYL Club with their pastor, Michael Meyers (left).

as their vacation project for 1997. When Bertha Stewart, group leader, was asked why the group chose Williamsburg, she answered, "Because the New Orleans seniors visited there and gave it a high recommendation."

Highlights of the group's trip included Colonial Williamsburg, the Governor's Palace, Carter's Grove, Jamestown Settlement, the Dewitt Wallace Arts Gallery and the Yorktown Victory Center.

*Evelyn Edwards
Correspondent*



Members and friends enjoying the community picnic held by the Hebron church.

Hebron's junior Bible Bowl team members were LaRae Foster, Derek Adams, Shavonne Adams and Farrah Hudson.

*Betsy Hudson
Correspondent*

Senior citizens take history tour

The senior citizens of the Baton Rouge Berean church are having the time of their lives. Group members call themselves BTOYL, which stands for "The Best Time of Your Life."

The group was formed two years ago and recently members chose to have the time of their lives in Williamsburg, Va. The group traveled to the historic city



Children who came to the Odessa vacation Bible school had fun in their workshops.

VBS in Odessa brings new families to church

With the help of church members and parents, vacation Bible school became the means of interesting five new families in coming to church this summer.

At one point, attendance reached 40 children, 23 of whom were visitors. At the conclusion of the series, parents and children requested that next year's program last longer than one week.

Members of two new families plan to be baptized soon.

*Hector M. Quinones
Correspondent*

Hobbs Spanish group welcomes new members

About two years ago, the Spanish members of the Hobbs church began holding meetings in rented facilities in locations that were predominantly Hispanic.

Recently they welcomed their newest members, Marselina Arranda and her children, Eric and Betito.

Currently this Spanish group has 20 members with average attendance of 30 on Sabbath. They hope to become a church early in 1998.

*Hector M. Quinones
Correspondent*

Hobbs Spanish group celebrating the baptism of their newest member, Marselina Arranda.

Northeast church member creates Texico Conference web page

The Texico Conference has its own web page, thanks to Marshall Dean, teacher of biomedical electronics at El Paso Community College and member of the Northeast Seventh-day Adventist Church in El Paso. Marshall felt the conference should have a site on the Internet and found a sponsor for the project, so the web site was no cost to the conference.

The sponsor, Digital Zone, a division of AAA Computer in El Paso, has also provided a web page for the local churches of El Paso. The local web site is located at www.dzn.com/Adventists. Both web pages were developed by Marshall.

The Texico Conference page has the recent progress report that was sent to all the conference members. The local El Paso page lists the brochure, "A Brief Look at Seventh-day Adventists," and a local pastor's newsletter.

Future plans for the pages include recipes, maps to locate the churches and announcements. The web page address is www.dzn.com/texico.

*Gladstone Simmons
Correspondent*

Spanish members hold annual "Farewell to Summer" trip

Youth and adults of the Spanish congregations in Odessa, Midland, Hobbs and San Angelo enjoyed their annual "Farewell to Summer" trip this year before school began. They visited San Antonio, Tex., including the River Walk, the water amusement park, Schlitterbahn, and a trip to the mall.

The church youth worked together to raise the money for the trip, scheduling fund raisers throughout the month of July, such as car washes, garage sales and concession stands at church softball and volleyball games. They raised more than \$1000.

The trip offered opportunity for bonding and making pleasant memories, showing that Christians can have fun without



compromising integrity or beliefs. Next year the group hopes to make the trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Hector M. Quinones
Pastor

Part of the group from the Odessa, Midland, Hobbs and San Angelo Spanish congregations enjoying the waters of the Schlitterbahn in San Antonio.



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Am. Olsen Park SDA	Oct 13, 4:30 pm to 7 pm
Lubbock SDA Church	Oct 14, 5 pm to 7 pm
Clovis SDA Church	Oct 15, 5 pm to 7 pm
Alb. Heights SDA Ch.	Oct 16, 4:30 pm to 7 pm
Abilene SDA (drop)	Oct 22, 1 pm to 2 pm
San Angelo (drop)	Oct 22, 5 pm to 6 pm

Midland SDA Church	Oct 23, 5 pm to 7 pm
Pecos SDA Ch. (drop)	Oct 24, 7 am to 8 am
El Paso Eng SDA Ch.	Oct 25, After Sundown
Las Cruces SDA (drop)	Oct 26, 10 am to 11
Deming SDA Church	Oct 26, 2 pm to 4 pm
Roswell SDA Church	Oct 27, 5 pm to 7 pm

The ABC looks forward to providing this service and we know that you do. Please call us with your order at least 5 days in advance of the date and be sure to look in your church bulletin for a listing of the foods as well as some **Holiday Specials!!**

OKLAHOMA

Ardmore adds 19 members to church after prophecy seminar

The Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Church members hosted an Amazing Facts seminar at the Ardmore Civic Auditorium. More than 150 visitors attended, with



Five church elders, Robert Gill, Dr. L. A. Hunter, Dr. Percy Clifton, Dr. Neil Nedley and Dr. James Carson, kneel with Rodney Grove (left), conference president, and the pastor, Trevor Thompson (kneeling in center), to offer special prayer for the newly baptized members.



Seventeen of the 23 members baptized at the Ardmore evangelistic series.

some people traveling 35 miles to study the Bible.

Steve Wohlberg, the evangelist, used material from the print media, published comments, historical records and authentic documentation to present the message. At the end of each presentation, Wohlberg handed out more information on what had just been studied. Free Bibles were given to all who attended at least five nights. Each adult received a *Strong's Concordance*, and the children received a religious poster.

Church members attended from Davis and Madill, Okla., and from Gainesville, Tex. As a result of the seminar, 19 people were baptized and five more were rebaptized.

Small companies lead Bible studies

The Bristow Seventh-day Adventist Church formed seven small groups in the spring of 1997 under the leadership of Pastor Charles Kohley. The groups were formed by following the counsel of Ellen White: "The formation of small companies and the basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 21)

The leaders attended several small group training seminars led by Kohley before forming the outreach groups. The groups were designed to reach people with general and specific problems in their lives. They included:

Troubles. Keeping the alligators at bay when you're worried, hurt, stressed, and have unanswered questions.

Stress. Worry, work, failure, conflict, loss and overload. Learn how Jesus can help you get well. Interests from these meetings have decided to study prophecies on Daniel and Revelation next. Kohley will lead this new small company.

Getting to know James. A verse-by-verse Bible study of the Book of James. This prayer meeting group had non-Seventh-day Adventists visit throughout the study. A soup supper was served before each meeting.

Jesus, up front and personal. Get to know the Redeemer, Reconciler, and Forgiver.

Pressure cooker. Stressed and ready to blow? This group helped encourage a young couple to renew their interest in Bible studies.

Avoid wipe out. Pressures such as stress, parental expectations, moral, sexual and spiritual



Bristow's leaders of small companies

struggles hound you. These teens and young adults formed a new Sabbath school class for ages 16-25.

"I had so much fun!" Chandra Hammond said, leader of the group and new Sabbath school class. "I was surprised how much we learned about each other, especially since some of us have known each other all our lives."

Wholeness and wipeout.

Facing end-time events with better health. Investigate natural remedies for natural healing. "Participants of this group really enjoyed learning about healthful living," Dorothy Wells, one of the leaders, said.

Some small companies met for seven weeks and some met for 13 weeks. Most of the meetings were small, averaging four to seven people. Many missing members were reminded of their church and that

their church family had not forgotten them when they received invitations to the small companies.

The small company planning committee will follow the school year calendar by starting new companies and new

study topics in the fall and spring, with breaks during holidays and the summer.

Caroline A. Fisher
Correspondent

Teen Challenge in Oklahoma

Camp meeting '97 took on a different view in the youth department this year. Instead of spending the days on recreation for themselves, the youth volunteered to make the recreation time available to children of the surrounding communities. Wewoka day camp was formed to give time for 50 children of Wewoka and Seminole to enjoy the Wewoka great outdoors and learn more of Christ. Under the direction of day camp coordinator, James Shires, and



50
Years

Albert and Annabelle Black celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer at the Waurika Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church. Rodney Grove, president of the Oklahoma Conference, spoke for the church service about the blessing of marriage.

youth division leader, O.J. Jackson, all 50 spots were filled by smiling children, all non-Adventist.

Sherry Fisher, who works with the children's ministry of the Southwestern Union, oversaw the VBS portion of the day. The majority of these children were Native American. Since it is normally difficult to involve these kids, it was exciting to see so many Native

Americans willing to come out for a program.

The youth department teens were the teachers for the different activities, as well as leading the songs, doing skits, overseeing swimming, tubing, and, of course, the horses.

Sabbath afternoon during the Youth in Action time in the main auditorium was the time for the graduation service. Parents were treated to a reception and then

were able to watch their kids on the stage singing, reciting Bible texts, and receiving VBS graduation certificates.

Community response was very positive. The local newspaper carried the story, and announcements were made on the local radio station. Following camp meeting, several parents called Wewoka Woods to get their child's name on the list for next summer.

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Lawton SDA Church	Nov 2, 2 pm to 4 pm	Hooker SDA Church	Nov 9, 2 pm to 4 pm
Ardmore SDA Church	Nov 3, 5 pm to 7 pm	Enid SDA church	Nov 10, 5 pm to 7 pm

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TEXAS

Kenneth Cox evangelism in San Antonio

On July 1, 1997 the unusual sight of a tent being erected on the grounds of the Scenic Hills church attracted attention. Not only was this a tent with seating capacity for 500, but it was one with air conditioning.

On opening night of the Kenneth Cox evangelistic campaign, July 12, the crowd was so great that cars had to be turned away from the parking lot and the overflow crowd directed to the church building where the presentation was being televised.

Although a strong wind storm came up that blew a restaurant sign down about a mile from the church and the tent canvas

flapped, the meeting went on without incident. Later city building inspectors threatened to close the meeting down; however, after half a day of talking to those in charge at city hall, the issue was resolved. Not one meeting was canceled.

A visitation team which met regularly spent time visiting in the homes of those who had indicated an interest in the messages being presented. This team also assisted people in making decisions during Cox's presentations.

A kindergarten student at the church school, Georgette Christian,

invited an adult friend, Carolyn, to the meetings. Carolyn, in turn, invited a husband and wife, Cal and Karin. All three were baptized at the conclusion of the series.

On Sabbath, August 16, 35 people were baptized and joined the church. Others are planning for baptism in the near future.

The Cox evangelistic team was made up of Kenneth Cox, Maddy Coupurs, E.J. Kennedy, and Gordon and Dona Klein.

*Dan Neergaard, Pastor
San Antonio Scenic Hills Church*



New members baptized at the Kenneth Cox evangelistic series with Dan Neergaard (extreme left) and evangelist Cox (extreme right).

Schram featured on television

The 16-minute television report on the high level of volunteerism featured, among other volunteers, our own George Schram representing the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The report got rave reviews from viewers in

Texas! "I've always known he did a good job," said Steve from Houston, "but this story was awesome."

"Services provided by the Adventist Church in Texas are much more extensive than I had known about!" was Linda's comment from San Antonio. "And did you know that we even helped in Florida?" her friend, Debby, chimed in.

Copies of this 16-minute video presentation may be borrowed from the Community Service Depot in Keene by calling 817.641.7679.

*Evadeane Peters
Correspondent*



George Schram

Larry Moore elected president of Nevada-Utah Conference

Native Texan Larry Moore has accepted a call to be president of the Nevada-Utah Conference. Moore, who served the Keene church as senior pastor from November 1988 to March 1994, has been executive secretary of the

Farewell to Larry Moore, who has left to become Nevada-Utah Conference president.



Texas Conference since 1994.

To paraphrase Will Rogers, "Texas Adventists have never found anything not to like in Larry Moore." The Moores will be missed, but we are sure they will return from time to time, since their daughters Becky Gomez and Cindy Moore live in the Keene area, and Moore's mother, Margery Harris Moore, lives in San Antonio.

*Evadeane Peters
Correspondent*

Pastors and educators attend annual convocation

Church pastors and educators and their spouses met together



Texas Conference pastors and teachers unite in prayer at their convocation held in Corpus Christi, August 3-5.

each morning in Corpus Christi, August 3-5, to hear devotional speaker, Jack Sequeira, author of several books and pastor of a Washington D.C. church.

Then the group broke up to meet separately, with the office of education providing sessions dealing with teaching, pastors attending briefings on policy adjustments, and pastors' wives listening to a two-part seminar entitled "In the Hands of the Potter" by Jean Sequeira.

Attendance

was unusually high and provided opportunity for teachers and pastors to interact as families dedicated to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

*Evadeane Peters
Correspondent*

Texas PARL director works for a positive public image

Every two years the Texas legislature convenes to enact legislation. This year was no different, except that the Texas Conference now has a representative working in Austin. Michael Tomlinson, pastor of the Austin South church, is

director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the conference.

During his two years in Austin, Tomlinson has labored to create a positive public image of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. By visiting with state and national officials, taking part in social functions, and working with organizations committed to religious tolerance (like Freedom House), he has familiarized political and thought leaders in the state with Adventism's presence and commitment to religious liberty.

Besides spending time in the legislature, the PARL office has given Tomlinson the opportunity to have dinner with the assistant secretary of state and the governor's budget director. He has also been



Michael Tomlinson, pastor of South Austin church and PARL director for the Texas Conference, offering prayer at the Lincoln Dinner.

privileged to attend a private briefing by Governor Bush.

Participating in the 1997 Abraham Lincoln dinner, he offered the invocation and benediction. His participation in the event allowed him to sit at the "head table" with Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice, Craig Enoch, and Railroad Commissioner, Carol Keaton Rylander. During and after the dinner they discussed his local pastorate, Texas courts, and the importance of religious freedom.

Commenting on his PARL duties, Tomlinson said, "I see my role as making friends for the church—call it Friendship Evangelism for politicians. Public servants need the love of Christ, too. Working with PARL gives me the opportunity to witness to men and women who may have never heard of Adventism."

*Joe Sloan
Correspondent*

McAllen Spanish South church wins others for Christ

Sharing the gospel of Christ is a high priority in the McAllen Spanish South church. Although the baptismal goal of 68 assigned to the church seemed high, to date 71 have accepted Christ as their



New members represent about one-third of the souls won for Christ by lay members of the McAllen Spanish South Church.

Savior through baptism.

Members Delia Sobrevilla and Irma Gatica are the top soul winners. Their efforts are an example to everyone. After Delia has

worked for eight years trying to win family members, 11 have been won for Christ, and she feels blessed and overjoyed.

Pathfinder Club members have



Leaders and participants at the Annaville church enjoyed their "Kids in the Kitchen" week at vacation Bible school, July 21-25.



Ron Bottsford, pastor of the Breckenridge church, held the first bilingual study series using the Kenneth Cox tapes. The attendance of 21 was a historical beginning of the Spanish work in Breckenridge. Pictured here is the pastor (right) talking to some of the new members.

won nine young members for Christ.

"Visiting new church members and looking for ways to expand the church are the best worries a pastor could have," comments the pastor, Jose Pechero.

*Ricardo Sobrevilla
Correspondent*

The Wright Marriage

Albert and Marjory Wright celebrated 60 years of marriage in August. They have never been to a marriage seminar, but they have consulted God on many occasions!

The couple were married in Morgan Hill, Calif., on August 29, 1937.

The Wrights became Seventh-day Adventists soon after Marjory's cousin studied the truths of the Bible with her. Marjory became a baptized member in 1947. Three years later, Al, who had noticed the difference in Marjory's life, began Bible studies and was baptized in 1950.

Together, the two have served for many years as Sabbath school teachers for adults and children, as an elder and a deaconess, and in other church offices.

Marjory worked for 22 years as a proofreader for the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and Albert worked in plant maintenance for 10 years after retiring from Westinghouse as a drafting engineer.

The Wrights are members of the Austin First Seventh-day

Adventist Church in Austin, Tex. Their daughters, Maxine Cameron Hickman and Emily Rae Sauerbry, reside near them in Bastrop, Tex.

*Caroline Fisher
Correspondent*

Shepherdess Club holds meeting

The annual Shepherdess Club meeting for pastors' wives was held August 3-5 in Corpus Christi in conjunction with the annual ministers and teachers convoca-

Shepherdess Club prayer group, from left: Beverly Gifford, Buffy Halvorsen, Dickie Martin and Susie Gleason with her back to the camera.



tion. In the business session, members elected the following individuals as officers for the '97-'99 term:

- Phyllis McFarlane, President
- Julia Gonzales, Secretary-Treasurer
- Judy Toms, Librarian
- Beverly Gifford, Sponsor

*Evadeane Peters
Correspondent*



Harry and Helen Curl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at a reception in the Keene Senior Citizens Center on August 24. The couple were married on August 24, 1947 in Canton, Kansas. They have four children, Janet, Nancy, Kit and Paula, who, along with their grandchildren and great grandchildren, hosted the celebration.

Harry was an ordained Adventist minister and retired in 1990 after pastoring in Texas, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. He and Helen devoted 31 years to the Adventist ministry. Currently Harry plays violin in the Keene Camerata and the Symphony orchestras.



Al and Marjory Wright

John Showman leads the pony ride for Adrienne Brezovic (center) and Samantha Williams as they all enjoy the Pathfinder fun day. The fun day was a day of community outreach for the Gulfhaven church members. Families from the neighborhood joined in the fun, while also learning about health and Bible lessons from an information booth.





Sabbath school superintendent Sue Ballard of the Athens church created masks for Sabbath school members to wear so they could experience the service as a visually-impaired person would. Ballard wanted the Sabbath school members to more fully understand the challenges a visually-impaired person faces.



The Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Dallas, 4009 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas, wishes to announce the service to celebrate the restoration of the sanctuary which was gutted by a disastrous fire. This service will take place on October 18, 1997 from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. You are invited to come and see our beautiful sanctuary and meet our Pastor, Elder Dan Gleason. We especially invite all former members and any who have not been meeting with us.

GENERAL

Disabilities ministries directors expect new manual by the end of the year

Seven members of the North American Division's Commission for People With Disabilities met at the Florida Conference office in Winter Park to begin the development of a manual for disabilities ministries leaders to use at all church levels.

"Ministry to People With Disabilities" was added to the

church manual in 1995 after having been identified by the NAD office of human relations. Since then, disabilities ministries directors have been organized on the union, conference and local church level.

The seven-member team, representing the Atlantic, Southwestern, Mid-America, and Southern unions, and the local Allegheny West and South Atlantic conferences, is creating the resource guide as a vehicle to aid the church in reaching out to people with disabilities and their immediate and church families.

"We find that most people have

a genuine interest in ministering to people with disabilities," says Joan Bova, Southern Union and Florida Conference disabilities ministries director. "They just need instruction on the 'how-tos' and this manual will give them that."

The manual will be completed by the end of the year.

*Joan Bova
Correspondent*

Adventist education unites school children across the United States

Beginning in the fall of 1997, AE21—or Adventist Education for the 21st Century—satellite network united students and teachers with educational specialists, scientists, church leaders and authors for a cooperative learning venture.

During the 1996-97 school year, the Southern Union Conference was asked to pilot distance learning in 20 of its schools. Teaming up with Education Management Group, a company that provides learning materials via satellite, the schools were able to tap into a vast data bank of resources, participate in live interactions with experts, and expand their view of the world.



Those participating in the "Ministry to People with Disabilities" were, from left: Art Grayman, Mid-America Union; Rosemary Graham, South Atlantic Conference; Catherine Burks, Allegheny West Conference; Charlotte Thoms, Atlantic Union; Joan Bova, Southern Union/Florida; and Eunice Bailey, Southwestern Union Conference. Photo: Cindy Kurtzhals

The success of this experiment led the North American Division to enter into a contract with EMG, making these resources available to all Adventist educators across North America. Additionally, educators are studying the merits of other forms of distance education. Several academies have joined together via telephone and cable connections to "exchange" teacher talents. Others are partnering with junior academies to broadcast special classes. Adventist colleges and universities, too, are offering classes to students who are unable to leave their local setting.

On August 25, an AE21 pilot began addressing eight one-teacher schools across America. The schools installed equipment that enabled students in all eight locations to be taught by one teacher via satellite.

Greg Thompson, a master teacher, broadcasts live daily from a studio located in the Florida conference office. He relieves the on-site teachers by teaching several subjects. The students interact with Thompson and their peers at the other participating schools.

To meet the challenges of this style of learning, a team of educators met together from several conferences and Andrews University. They developed a new multiple-subject curriculum which is designed to make learning practical and applicable to everyday situations.

"Our small schools across North America are in jeopardy," Jim Epperson, former director of education for the Southern Union Conference, said. "Increased costs and academic demands are stretching our already limited resources to a point of crisis, resulting in the closure of dozens of schools across the division. This pilot is a bold step to try to address some of these issues."

If this experiment is successful, it will open multiple opportunities to use distance learning in small schools, and will perhaps add security to the future of the small school in the Adventist school system.

*Sheila Elwin
Correspondent*

ASI celebrates 50th anniversary

The 50th anniversary celebrations of the annual meeting of the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) weekend of August 6-9 broke all records for being an exciting and dynamic event. Rooms in the six hotels which had been reserved for the weekend were filled, making it necessary to contract with a seventh hotel.

Guest speaker Robert S. Folkenberg, General Conference president, opened the convention Friday evening.

Sabbath morning representatives from each of the states in the Southwestern Union made a grand entry before the divine service, each bearing the flag of the state they represented. The keynote address by Charles H. Bradford energized the 2,500 in attendance Sabbath morning. In addition, a number of laymen shared how God had been blessing them.

The Sabbath offering of nearly \$1.7 million given for special projects is to be apportioned according to needs around the world. A select committee will review proposals already submitted by various groups seeking assistance and allocate the funds accordingly.

Four weeks prior to the ASI convention, *It Is Written* evangelist Leo Schreven began meetings in Albuquerque to bring together interests already generated by a joint evangelistic outreach by the

local Adventist churches. This outreach had been funded in part by ASI monies. The initial baptismal figure is 100, with an additional 150 still studying.

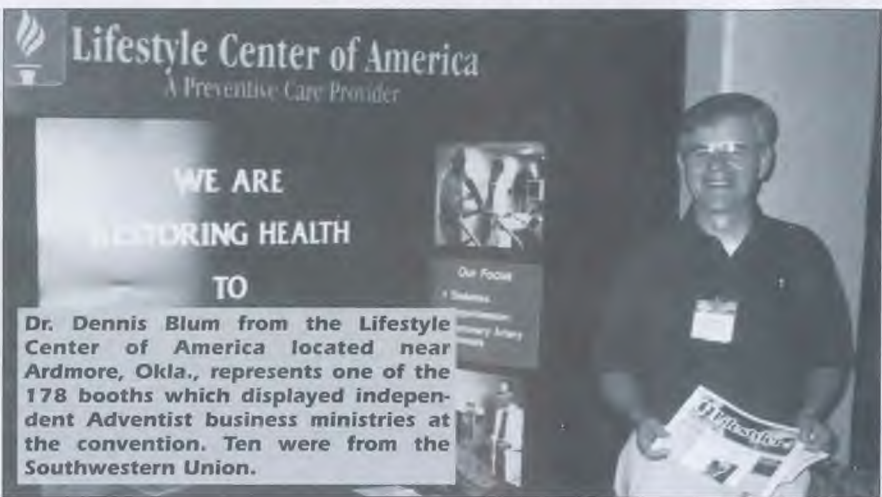
The commitment ASI members have to glorify God in their daily lives and their work makes a powerful statement about how God fulfills His promises to His faithful children.

Next year's convention will be in Palm Springs, California, August 5-8.

Anyone wishing to join ASI should contact Harvey Byram at 817-295-0476.



Nancy Pardeiro from KSBN TV in Springdale, Ark., shares a program schedule with an interested person. KSBN was honored by Governor Huckabee as the finest television station promoting wholesome family life in the entire state of Arkansas. Nancy's husband, Carlos Pardeiro, is president of KSBN and also president of our local Southwestern Union ASI Chapter.





Lined up for the grand entry march to represent the five states making up the Southwestern Union are, from left: Carl Sadau, Texas flag; Art Nelson, Arkansas flag; Robert Lister, Louisiana flag; Kevin Costello, Oklahoma flag; and Cecil May, New Mexico flag.



Hollis and Alice Scarbrough stand in front of their booth representing their ministry of "Public School Evangelism" in the Euro-Asia Division.



Steve Darmody of Concert Ministries poses in front of his booth with his wife, Joni, who is an English teacher at Ozark Academy in Arkansas.



Floyd and Phyllis Miller chat with Bill Tucker of *The Quiet Hour* in their booth. The Millers operate a Christian picture company known as Godly Pictures from Godley, Texas.



Another ministry in the Southwestern Union with a display at the convention was LifeTalk Radio Network operated by Carl Leukert (right) and broadcasting out of Albuquerque.

SWAU library offers expanded resources

A new online service and a large collection of legal volumes are significantly enhancing the services available to patrons of Southwestern Adventist University's Chan Shun Centennial Library.

The library's subscription to the FirstSearch online periodical directory has expanded to include not just indexes and abstracts, but the full text of magazine articles of nearly a thousand magazines, from academic journals to foreign language publications.

The library currently subscribes to approximately 400 periodicals in printed form. Through FirstSearch, a service of the nonprofit Online Computer Library Center, students can research more quickly, more efficiently, and in a much broader range of journals in over 60 online databases. FirstSearch, which began by providing information such as the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature and humanities indexes, currently contains more than 1.5 million full-text articles and millions of bibliographies.

"With this service," says Sharon Wion, assistant librarian, "we have access to a thousand more titles, ones we couldn't afford at all on an individual basis."

The online nature of the indexes provides several advantages over a bound index. "With a paper index you have to search year by year," says Wion. "This service searches comprehensively by subject as far back as 1990 in most cases."

The recent acquisition of some legal volumes is proving to be a significant addition to the library reference collection. The 230 volumes of the United States Supreme Court Reports, plus the six-volume index, cover all the Court's cases from its 18th-century inception through 1996. The books detail the background and history of each case, the parties involved, the Court's rulings, and opinions from individual justices.

Steve Sowder, director of administrative computing, discovered the Supreme Court records' availability through a collection development list server on the Internet. A message posted on the server announced their availability from a California law firm on a first-come, first-serve basis. The only cost to the college for the books was shipping. The Supreme Court records are given in addition to recent donations from the Southwestern Union Conference of volumes of *Texas Jurisprudence* and *Texas Digest* law books.

What Sowder didn't know when he arranged for the books was that library patrons were already seeking those records. These legal records will be of great value to students in business classes, as well as other areas, according to Sharon Potter, access services coordinator at the library. "Once professors get used to the idea that these books are here, they'll have many more uses for them."

Tompaul Wheeler
SWAU senior history major

SWAU's annual events and concerts

Southwestern Adventist University cordially invites you to attend the events and concerts listed below. Occasionally, dates and times may be unavoidably changed. Please call the advancement office at 817.556.4731 for more information regarding location and possible rescheduling.

Friday evenings

Fall and spring 7-10 p.m. Thomsen Observatory open
(information line - 817.645.5472)

First Sabbath afternoon of the month

Oct. 25	2:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Museum of Student Life open
Oct. 27 - Nov. 1	7:30 p.m.	Gymfest Show
Oct. 30 - Nov. 2	Morning/evening	Fall Week of Prayer - Tony Campolo
Nov. 1	As scheduled	Univ. Life Weekend for prospective students
Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	Keene Camerata Fall Concert
Nov. 3	7:30 p.m.	Tim Scholl concert
Nov. 15	7:30 & 9:30 p.m.	Warren Miller's "Snowriders II"
Nov. 23	6:00 p.m.	Keene Camerata Student Recital
Dec. 5	7:30 p.m.	Mizpah Choraliars Christmas Concert
Dec. 6	8:00 p.m.	SWAU Wind Ensemble Christmas Concert
Dec. 7	To be scheduled	Christmas Candlewalk
Jan. 24	5:30 p.m.	Nurses Dedication
Jan. 26 - 31	As scheduled	Student Week of Prayer
Jan. 29 - Feb. 1	As scheduled	Academy Basketball Clinic
Feb. 7	8:00 & 10:00 p.m.	Warren Miller's "Snowriders"
Feb. 11-14	As scheduled	Academy Music Festival
Feb. 14	Afternoon	I Love KJCR Week Open House
Feb. 16	7:30 p.m.	Tim Scholl Concert
Feb. 21	11:30 a.m.	Black History Month Sabbath
Feb. 28	7:00 p.m.	Keene Camerata Concert
Mar. 29	6:00 p.m.	Keene Camerata Student Recital
April	As scheduled	Russian artwork exhibition
Apr. 8	6:15 p.m.	Awards Convocation
Apr. 9-12	As scheduled	Alumni Homecoming Weekend
Apr. 15	6:15 p.m.	SWAU Wind Ensemble Spring Concert
Apr. 25	7:30 p.m.	Dale Heinrich Scholarship Recital
May 1-3	As scheduled	Graduation Weekend

A schedule of the Knights basketball, baseball and volleyball games is available by request through the advancement office, 817.556.4731, or on the SWAU home page — www.swau.edu.

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OT Asst. Program Director/Teacher. Due to program expansion, Valley Grande College of Health and Technology is seeking an occupational therapist to serve as program director for its occupational therapist assistant program. Candidates should have minimum of bachelor's degree in occupational therapy and eligible

for/current Texas license. Teaching experience an advantage. At least 2-3 years clinical experience. Fine SDA schools elementary-12 locally. Contact: President, Valley Grande College of Health and Technology, Weslaco, TX, 888-973-1945. EOE. 9-2t

PT Asst. Program Director/Teacher. Due to program expansions, Valley Grande College of Health and Technology is seeking a physical therapist to serve as program director for its physical therapist assistant program. Candidates should have minimum of bachelor's degree in physical therapy and eligible for/current Texas license. Teaching experience an advantage. At least 2-3 years clinical experience. Fine SDA schools elementary-12 locally. Contact: President, Valley Grande College of Health and Technology, Weslaco, TX, 888-973-1945. EOE. 9-2t

The Sligo SDA Church is seeking applicants for the position of associate pastor for women's ministry, personal evangelism and nurture. Qualified candidates will have demonstrated proficiency in general pastoral duties as well as small group ministries, Bible studies and event planning. If you are a creative and highly motivated woman who is committed to pastoral ministry, please send a resume and letter to: Associate Pastor Search Committee, Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7700 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912; fax 301.270.3518. 10-1t

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Southern Adventist University seeks organic chemistry professor with doctorate for teaching and research which involves student participation. Position available June or August 1998. Send resume and 3 reference names to Dr. Ronda Scott-Ennis, Chair, Chemistry Dept., Southern Adventist University, P.O. Box 370, Collegedale, TN 37315; phone 423.238.2932; fax 423.238.2201; e-mail: rscottenn@southern.edu. 10-1t

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BANTA, Medeia, born Aug. 20, 1920 in Little Falls, MN and died Aug. 6, 1997, in Tonkawa, OK. Survivors: daughters, Jacklynn Banta-Thrasher and Ladana Turner, both of Tonkawa, OK; sisters, Opal Hall, of Illinois, and Zelletia Streit, Mobile, AL; and brothers, Lyle Leininger, Adel, IL, and Robert Leininger, Dallas, TX

BRESEE, Ellen Hendrickson, born Jan. 15, 1928 in Puyallup, WA and died July 13, 1997. While her husband Floyd pastored the Keene church in the late '70s and early '80s, Ellen was the Family Life Director for the Southwestern Union Conference. Survivors: husband, Floyd, Medford, OR; 3 sons; 1 daughter; 2 grandchildren; and brother, Larry.

BURKEY, Frances, born March 29, 1925 in Oklahoma City, OK and died March 31, 1996 in Midwest City, OK. Survivors: son, Matthew Burkey, Spencer, OK; and son, Timothy Burkey, Spencer, OK.

COLLINS, James C., born Jan. 7, 1910 in Woodville, MS and died July 6, 1997 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: wife, Betty Self Collins; son, Edward Collins, Richmond, VA; son, Joseph Collins, Baton Rouge, LA; daughter, Ruth Baham, New Orleans, LA; daughter, Mary Cain, Baton Rouge, LA; stepsons, Rodney, Troy and Carl Wade, all of Baton Rouge, LA; sister, Nellie Collins, San Francisco, CA; sister, Bessie White, Baton Rouge, LA; and brother, Eddie Collins, Baton Rouge, LA.

CROSS, Kenneth, born June 11, 1939 in Hamlin, WV and died July 6, 1997 in Okeene, OK. Survivors: brother, Robert Cross, Stuart's Draft, VA; brother, Dick Cross, Susanville, CA; brother, John Cross, Casper, WY; brother, Ralph Cross, Ringwood, OK; sons, Kenneth and Barry Cross, both of Dixon, CA; sons,

Kenneth D. and Kevin Cross, both of Clinton, OK; daughter, Kerri Cross, Dixon, CA; and daughter, Robin Smith, Whitehall, MT.

CURTESS, Imogene, born Feb. 23, 1919 and died Aug. 11, 1997 in Dallas, TX. Survivors: husband, Ross Curtess, Springfield, VA; daughters, Shirley West, Lemoore, CA and Judy Elliot, Springfield, VA.

DAMIANO, Helen, born Aug. 18, 1928 in Pineville, LA and died June 18, 1997 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: daughters, Donna Teixeira, Baltimore, MD, and Renee Jones, Keene, TX.

DAVIS, Ruby Holmes, born May 2, 1913 in Smith County, TX and died June 27, 1997 in Keene, TX. Survivors: husband, Charles Davis, Cleburne, TX; son, Morris Davis, Cleburne, TX; daughter, Helen Bailey, Cleburne, TX; sister, Ruth Anderson, Loveland, CO; and sister, Alice Turner, Hawkins, TX.

ESTES, Charles, born July 26, 1919 in Orlando, OK and died Dec. 31, 1996. Survivors: brother, William Estes, El Reno, OK; and sister, Ann Clark, Collegedale, TN.

GILLAN, Lucious, born Nov. 3, 1898 in Lake Charles, LA and died June 17, 1997 in Mansfield, TX. Survivors: son, Leroy Gillan, Mansfield, TX; son, David Gillan, Weslaco, TX; and daughter, Loretta Cutrer, Roswell, GA.

HEALY, Kraig, born July 28, 1968 in Lincoln, NE and died July 11, 1997 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: father, Edward J. Healy, Keene, TX; brothers, Kevin Healy, Vancouver, WA, Darren Healy, Fort Worth, TX, and Kurt Healy, Vancouver, WA; and sister, Dawn Healy, Vancouver, WA.

HENDERSON, Rhonda, born Mar. 22, 1960 in Tallahassee, FL

and died April 4, 1997 in Marshall, TX. Survivors: mother, Connie Munden, Jefferson, TX; father, Eugene Henderson, Jefferson, TX; brothers, Jeff Henderson, James Sharp, Richard Sharp, Jason Sharp, all of Jefferson, TX, and Todd Munden, Longview, TX; and sisters, Carla Henderson, Longview, TX, Dana Henderson, Dallas, TX and Cheryl Tidwell, Longview, TX.

HICKS, Clara, born Jan. 6, 1923 in DeQueen, AR and died July 3, 1997 in Clovis, NM. Survivors: son, John W. Burrow, West Wego, LA; daughter, Eva Ketron, Clovis, NM; daughter, Charlotte Roberts, Moreno Valley, CA; daughter, Connie Thompson, Odessa, TX; daughter, Evelyn Graham, Charleston, SC; brother, Ray Williams, Amarillo, TX., brother, James Williams, Tulia, TX; brother, Junius Williams, Weatherford, OK; brother, Jerry Williams, Fort Worth, TX; brother, Ronnie Williams, Prior, OK; sister, Janomi Mahurin, Grove, OK; Jo Keith, Fort Worth, TX; Barbara Cunningham, Alamogordo, NM; and sister, Linda Hoff, Lubbock, TX.

JOHNSON, Holden, born March 3, 1907 in Watonga, OK and died June 28, 1997 in Kingfisher, OK. Survivors: son, Don Johnson, Irvine, CA; daughter, Patricia Sherman, Riverside, CA; and daughter, Shirley Caruso, San Diego, CA.

JUST, Avolt, born Oct. 4, 1909 in Morrison, OK and died July 17 in Ardmore, OK. Survivors: wife, Margaret Just, Ardmore, OK; son, Bo Just, Alvarado, TX; daughter, Peggy West, Greenville, TN; daughter, Phyllis Schaefer, Arlington, TX; daughter, Pearline Sickler, Alvarado, TX; brother, Jack Just, Salem, OR; sister, Pauline Wilson, Randallstown, MD.

LAWRENCE, Grace, born Sept. 12, 1906 in Garnett, KS and died June 20, 1997 in Midwest City, OK. Survivors: sister, Louise Rowley, Summit Ridge, OK; and sister, Jessie Lawrence, Summit Ridge, OK.

LINGO, Esther, born Nov. 15, 1913 in Palmyra, MO and died April 22, 1997. Survivors: son, Ray Lingo, Midwest City, OK.

McCURRY, S.D., born Mar. 18, 1924 and died Aug. 3, 1997 in Dallas, TX. Survivors: wife, Jimmie Lou McCurry, Euless, TX; son, Michael McCurry, Euless, TX; and daughters, Sylvia Shipman, Weatherford, TX and Patricia Perez, Little Rock, AR.

POWELL, Oma, born Dec. 9, 1913 in Arcadia, LA and died May 5, 1997 in Longview, TX. Survivors: sister, Betty Wood, Jefferson, TX; brothers, Otis Powell and Cleo Powell, both of Jefferson, TX.

SCHNEIDER, Myrtle, born Jan. 1, 1918 in Merrill, WI and died June 1, 1997 in Fort Worth,

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TX. Survivors: husband, V.O. Schneider, Keene, TX; son, Don Schneider, Berrien Springs, MI; daughter, Diane Ketchum, Cleburne, TX; and sisters, Lillian Nau, Shawana, WI, Helen Moser and Myrna Kautz, both of Merrill, WI, and June Behm, Hudson, WI.

SEILER, Mickey, born Nov. 23, 1933 in New Orleans, LA and died Aug. 4, 1997 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: wife, Jeri Seiler, Keene, TX; sons, Mickey Seiler, Keene, TX and Ricky Seiler, Sulphur, OK; daughter, Jan Manly, Pine Bluff, AR; and sister, Betty Ballenger, Little Rock, AR.

SPICER, Annie Lee, born Jan. 5, 1929 in Wills Point, TX and died June 28, 1997 in Terrell, TX. Survivors: husband, Moses Spicer; son, Melvin Lee Jr.; son, Clem Lee Jr.; step-son, Grady Spicer; step-daughter, Ruby Lee Spicer; step-daughter, Gloria Eldridge; sister, Betty Jean Hambrie; and sister, Betty Jo Lee.

SIEBOLDT, Helen Margaret, born May 21, 1922 in Albuquerque, NM and died May 20, 1997 in Albuquerque, NM. Survivors: husband, Herman Sieboldt, Corrales, NM; daughter, Susan Bauer, Albuquerque, NM; brother, Jay Seymour, Albuquerque, NM; and sister, Louise Taylor, Albuquerque, NM.

TAYLOR, Ruth Ann, born Feb. 25, 1929 and died April 24, 1997. Survivors: husband, Bill Taylor, Oklahoma City, OK; sons, Danny Taylor, Tulsa, OK, Kenneth Taylor, TX, Paul Taylor, CA, Robert Taylor, Oklahoma City, OK, and Billy Taylor, Oklahoma City, OK; and daughter, Linda Taylor, Oklahoma City, OK.

TOMBLINSON, Reta, born Aug. 13, 1919 in Hamboy, TX and died July 2, 1997 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: husband, Dudley Tomblinson, Keene, TX; son, Eddie Tomblinson, Keene, TX; daughter, Carolyn Wear, Keene, TX; brother, Russell Kent, Duncanville, TX; brother, Everet Lee Kent, Dolan Springs, AR; and sister, Leona Jones, Fontana, CA.

WILLIAMS, Brittany, born Sept. 22, 1995 in Bedford, TX and died Aug. 6, 1997 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: mother, Trinia Williams, Hillsboro, TX; and sister, Crystal Heagy, Hillsboro, TX.

WRIGHT, Jessie Woodlief, born May 3, 1923 and died June 29, 1997 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: husband, Clarence Wright, Sr; son, Clarence Wright, Jr, Winter Park, FL; sons, Arnold, Darryl and Duane Wright, all of Baton Rouge, LA; and sisters, Gloria Woodlief and Cherrie Seales, both of Baton Rouge, LA.

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Sunset Calendar

	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	*Nov. 7	*Nov. 14
Abilene, TX	7:13	7:05	6:57	6:50	5:44	5:39
Amarillo, TX	7:19	7:10	7:02	6:54	5:48	5:42
Brownsville, TX	7:07	7:01	6:54	6:49	5:41	5:41
Dallas, TX	7:00	6:52	6:44	6:37	5:31	5:26
El Paso, TX	6:40	6:32	6:24	6:17	5:12	5:07
Fort Worth/Keene, TX	7:02	6:54	6:45	6:39	5:33	5:28
Galveston/Houston, TX	6:55	6:47	6:40	6:34	5:29	5:25
Gentry, AR	6:49	6:40	6:31	6:24	5:17	5:11
Little Rock, AR	6:41	6:32	6:24	6:17	5:10	5:05
Muskogee, OK	6:53	6:44	6:35	6:28	5:21	5:15
New Orleans, LA	6:35	6:28	6:20	6:14	5:09	5:05
Oklahoma City, OK	7:02	6:53	6:44	6:37	5:30	5:24
San Antonio, TX	7:10	7:02	6:55	6:49	5:44	5:40
Santa Fe, NM	6:35	6:26	6:17	6:10	5:03	4:57
Shreveport, LA	6:46	6:40	6:32	6:25	5:20	5:15
Tulsa, OK	6:55	6:46	6:37	6:30	5:23	5:19

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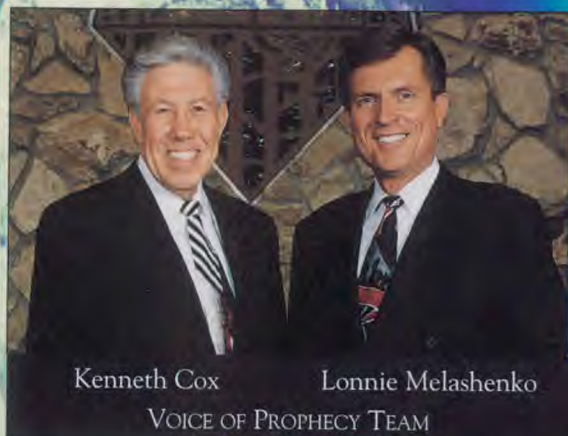
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