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Women

They're ministering admirably to others



Women's ministries

They're reaching out to inactive members

Are there women who used to worship in your church but who no longer attend? Perhaps your daughter, your sister or a friend. Wouldn't you love to have them fellowshiping with you once more on Sabbath morning?

"Heart Call" is a program being initiated across the North American Division by Women's Ministries to help win back women who are inactive or former members.

Nine years ago when Women's Ministries became a formal part of the church, their activities were largely nurturing in nature. Beginning last fall, however, Women's Ministries added a new dimension to the program by introducing "Heart Call," a reclamation initiative with an evangelistic thrust.

With the objective of bringing 20,000 women back to church, "Heart Call" is being implemented

wherever Women's Ministries is active, and the Southwestern Union Women's Ministries Department is encouraging local churches to become involved.

How does the program work? The first step would be to find a group of women in the church interested in following through with the program. Next would be the task of working with the church pastor and clerk, to prayerfully make a list of names of women living in the area to whom a one-year subscription to Women of Spirit magazine (\$12 per subscription) would be sent.

The third step, and key to the success of the program, is to find women in the church willing to become mentors to one or two women on the list, to make contact with them and seek to establish a loving, non-judgmental friendship.

Then the local Women's Ministries Department would plan events both at and away from the church to which these women would be invited. In addition, a set of Bible study guides prepared just for women could be made available for those indicating an interest.

Many churches across

North America have begun the "Heart Call" program with great success. A wealth of inexpensive material is available from AdventSource (1.800.328.0525) to assist in the program. Do order the "Heart Call" Orientation Guide (\$5.95).

This will give details about the entire program and show you how to begin.



*Carla Baker
Southwestern Union
Women's Ministries Director*

Women in Renewal

Helping abused women and pregnant teens

Picture a Christian woman struggling to deal with the shame and fear and desolation of an abusive family relationship. Caught in a terrifying web of hopelessness and despair, she lives a life of quiet desperation often shared by small children.

"Because church-going families are among those affected by domestic violence, there is a tendency to suffer in silence. Imagine a pregnant, unwed teenager confused and embarrassed by an unplanned pregnancy. She must deal with the discomfort of parents, the pity of schoolmates and the endless questions in her own mind as to what her future is going to be."

The words above are

taken from a brochure describing Polly's Place, tell about a center near Berrien Springs, Mich. operated by Women in Renewal. This new initiative is dedicated to restoring wholeness and well-being to women. Already this program has helped women from all across North America, including the Southwestern Union, since it opened its doors in April, 1997.

In addition to offering temporary housing at Polly's



Place, Women in Renewal provides counseling and life skills development for victims of domestic violence. It also provides compassionate assistance to pregnant teens by helping them sort out their options and work out adoption assistance if needed. Services are also offered to men who are abusers and for men who are themselves victims of domestic violence.

Dr. Mable Dunbar, the

executive director of Polly's Place, is a pastor's wife with vast experience in running women's shelters. The programs and services of Polly's Place and the parent organization, Women in Renewal, are provided in partnership with Andrews University, ADRA, North American Division (NAD) Family Ministries and NAD Women's Ministries.

The Southwestern Union is pleased to help support Women in Renewal through the Women's Ministries offering to be taken up on July 11. If you know of someone who needs the services of Women in Renewal or Polly's Place, you may call toll-free 888.687.5300.

*Carla Baker
Southwestern Union
Women's Ministries Director*



Women sharing compassion— That's a key to ministry

Juanita Davis' twilight years still hold a busy schedule, and now with silver-gray hair and a warm smile she still goes about her five-day a week schedule.

Juanita's "journey of service" began in 1973 when she was elected community services leader for the Tenth Street church in Oklahoma City. She served in that capacity for many years. During that time she fell in love with people. "Working with them," Juanita says, "has brought me closer to God."

Then she began dreaming about developing a Better Living Center, an adult day care center, where aging individuals could spend the day while their caregivers were at work. But Juanita had no money. "Those first few years were a challenging journey," she says. "We worked without salary or transportation for two years."

Today the Tenth Street Better Living Center, officially opened in February, 1991, is a

licensed facility that serves 30 individuals five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. "We employ eight caring individuals," Juanita continues, "and contract all of our professional services including a licensed physical therapist, a registered nurse, a dietitian and an activity director."

A variety of therapeutic and life enriching experiences are offered on a regular basis. These include memory therapy, arts and crafts, indoor bowling, educational classes and lectures on community health and wellness. Other activities held on a regular basis are birthday and tea parties, a weekly news update of articles from newspapers and Bible studies.

Two of the objectives of the center are to enhance the quality of life for the aged and to build a state-of-the-arts center by the year 1999 that will serve more people.

The center owns and operates a bus and two vans to help with transportation. In addition, several delivery programs are offered. These include Bible education, mobile meals, a food pantry and several others.

Juanita Davis (center) helping with a craft.
Photo: Jack Francisco



Betty Taylor, activities director, guides the participants in a game of bingo. Photo: Jack Francisco

The center is funded partly by United Way of metro Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Social Services grant, and a number of other civic oriented agencies. It is a non-profit organization.

individuals, families, children and senior citizens by sharing our love as we serve.

"Compassion is what provides the foundation and strength that our country was built on, and



Tenth Street Church Better Living Center staff, standing from the left: Sylvester Carbajal, bus driver; Mike Sanders, the cook. Seated: Betty Taylor, activity director and social worker; Ida Calvin, food administrator; Frances McCreary, case manager; and Rosalee Booker, bookkeeper.

"We have come a long way," comments Juanita, "and these are just numbers and facts, but the true measurement of our accomplishment is the hope provided to many

it is my belief that when the final history books are written, our country will not be measured by wars won or by wealth, but by our compassion toward others."

*Betty Taylor
Staff Correspondent*



ABOUT THE COVER:

Still able to minister in her declining years, Juanita Davis, director of the Better Living Center in Oklahoma City, helps one of her clients with a sewing project.



Women take up the challenge

Taking advantage of the National Women's History Month, the Fort Smith church presented a program on Sabbath, March 7, which reviewed women of the Bible and pioneer women of faith. The church also launched this year's women's ministry program, "Heart Call."

The tone of the day was set in Sabbath school by the opening song, "Dare to Be an Esther," written especially for Women's Day by church organist, Mary Ann Minten, and led by Diana Smith.

From the scripture and prayer by Jan Rand to the mission report by Chiquita Roberts, the whole Sabbath school program paid tribute to women of faith. Guest soloist, Stephanie Williams, stirred the congregation with her rendition of a woman's version of "O For That Flame of Living Fire."

Rose Hardin, women's ministries leader, introduced the North American Division's reclamation of women project for 1998, "Heart Call," and appealed for everyone to support this program to win back those not now attending church. Each woman present received a paper outlining this project.

The sermon by the pastor, Burnham Rand, was on how women of prayer make a real impact on the church.

The evening vespers program entitled "Notable

Women of Spirit" honored our Adventist pioneer women who contributed so much to the church. The song service led by Diana Smith and accompanied by Mary Ann Minten, featured Fanny Crosby songs. Everyone was touched as teenager Danielle Smith read the scripture, Joel 2:28-29, and had opening prayer, remembering that Ellen White was her same age when she received her first vision.

Beginning with Rachel Oakes Preston and ending with Sarepta Henry, stories

were told of various leading ladies of the denomination and pictorial displays were viewed. After each story, the congregation responded by singing a hymn selected to fit that particular person.

Since March 7 was also Women's Day of Prayer, the day ended with a women's prayer band upholding the needs of the local church and the success of "Heart Call."

*Janet Beason
Correspondent*

Women's Ministries offering Sabbath, July 11, 1998

The North American Division and Southwestern Union Conference's share of the offering will be used for women's evangelistic projects.

Why give to the Women's Ministries offering?

- Each conference will keep 40% of the offering to be used for local Women's Ministries evangelistic projects.
- Unions and the North American Division will use the rest of the funds to develop materials that directly benefit the local church women's ministries programs.

What happened to last year's offering?

- Members in the Southwestern Union contributed nearly \$10,000 to the first NAD Women's Ministries offering taken in July, 1997. Sixty percent of those funds went to the Southwestern Union and the North American Division, a large portion of which was used to develop materials for the "Heart Call" reclamation project. These materials are now available to local churches to help reclaim inactive women members.
- Another portion was used to assist Women in Renewal, the Adventist organization dedicated to restoring wholeness and well-being to abused women and pregnant teens and to help with Polly's Place, the women's shelter operated by Women in Renewal.
- The Southwestern Union Women's Ministries department has used a portion of last year's offering to fund scholarships for women to attend women's conferences to receive training in friendship

evangelism and other forms of witnessing.

- The 40 percent of the offering retained by the local conferences has been used by the conference Women's Ministries departments to fund projects in the local conference and local churches.

What are the plans for this year?

The Southwestern Union is supporting Polly's Place, in part, by refurbishing a guest room. Molly Weaver, Women's Ministries director of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, will head a delegation of women who will travel to Berrien Springs in May and use Women's Ministries offering monies to redecorate a room. Each union in North America will do the same. Polly's Place was donated by a dedicated Adventist couple to be used for the women of the church. Some of the existing buildings need refurbishing, and this is where our offering monies are helping.

As Women's Ministries expands our activities to include outreach programs, we invite your support. In their own unique way, women are being used by God to win others for Christ. Please give generously to support Women's Ministries.

Early in June each church in the Southwestern Union will receive a packet of promotional materials for the July 11 Women's Ministries offering. Bulletin inserts, posters and sample offering calls are included in the packet. Please use these materials and actively promote this offering in your church. Some local conferences have very little funding available for Women's Ministries, and this offering can make a tangible difference in the programs that can be offered by their Women's Ministries department.

Southwestern Union Ministries Convention August 28-30, 1998

"Empowering God's People for Ministry"

Program

Friday, Aug 28:

4:00 - 7:00 pm Registration
7:30 - 9:00 pm General Session
Jose Rojas, Speaker

Sabbath: Aug 29:

8:00 - 9:30 am General Session
Jose Rojas, Speaker
9:45 - 11:00 am Break-Out Seminars I
11:15 - 12:30 pm Break-Out Seminars II
12:30 pm* LUNCH

*Lunch is complimentary from the Southwestern Union Conference for all registered guests and their children. Non-registered guests will not be served.

2:00 - 3:30 pm Break-Out Seminars III
3:45 - 5:15 pm Break-Out Seminars IV
5:30 pm Supper on your own
7:00 - 8:30 pm General Session
William Johnson, Speaker
8:30 - 10:00 pm Vendors Parade/Book Sale

Sunday, August 30:

7:00 - 8:30 am Children's Ministries session
8:30 - 10:30 am General Session*
Walter Wright, Speaker

*Prayer breakfast is complimentary from the Southwestern Union Conference for all registered guests and their children. Non-registered guests will not be served.

Seminar presenters will deal with Adventist Community Services, Children's Ministries, Communication, Discover Bible School, Family Ministries, Hispanic Ministries, Sabbath School, Personal Ministries and NET '98, Women's Ministries, Youth Ministries.

Look for more information in the following issues of the *Record*. Brochures with registration forms are being mailed to each church.

The Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at DFW Airport. Pre-registration fee: \$49. After August 15 the fee is \$59.

Are you guilty?

The year was 1872, and some very unfair laws existed regarding women of the United States. These included laws prohibiting women from: voting, controlling the money they earned, and controlling any real estate without a male guardian. The law also gave all right of property to a woman's husband, and women's wills could be set aside for frivolous reasons.

In 1872 a woman stood in a long line with rough, tough, cigar smoking, tobacco chewing men, waiting for her turn to vote. One man yelled, "Beat it; go home; your kids are dirty." Of course all the men bent over with laughter.

"I've come here to vote for the president of the United States," the woman replied. "He will be my president as well as yours. And we are the women who bear the children that will defend this country. We are the women who make your homes, bake your bread, and raise your sons and daughters. We women are citizens just as much as you are."

The men were stunned and silent as she strode to the ballot box and dropped in her vote.

Susan B. Anthony was arrested and brought to trial for breaking the law. She had simply voted. "How do you plead?" asked the judge. "Guilty," she cried. "Guilty of trying to uproot the slavery we have been placed in. Guilty of trying to make you see that mothers and women are as important as men. Guilty of trying to lift womanhood so that men may look with pride on their wife's awareness of public affairs."

Before the judge could recover from his shock, she replied "Your honor, not guilty of acting against the Constitution of the United States."

Susan B. Anthony did not live to see her dream of women's suffrage fulfilled. She died 14 years before the 19th amendment was passed by Congress.

However, now women have the full right to control their property, money and other personal possessions, but strange as it may seem, nearly 85% of all women die without making provisions through a will for the control of their lifelong gains. Susan B. Anthony would probably be amazed at this lack of interest in what she fought for.

If you would like assistance in preparing your will or trust, contact your local conference trust department, and they will be happy to assist you. You will not have to plead guilty to neglect.



Harvey J. Byram
Trust Services Director

Southwestern Union Disaster Institute

June 26-28, 1998

Friday, June 26

8:00 am Registration
8:30 - 12 noon Steps 1 and 2
12 noon - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 - 5:00 pm Step 2 cont.
5:15 - 6:15 pm Supper
6:30 - 9:30 pm Step 4

Sabbath, June 27

7:30 - 8:15 am Registration
8:30 - 10:30 am Step 4, cont.
10:45 - 12 Noon Worship Service
12 Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:30 - 7:00 pm Step 3
7:00 - 8:00 pm Supper
8:00 pm Free Time

Sunday, June 28

7:30 - 8:15 am Breakfast
8:30 - 12 Noon Step 5
12 Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 pm Step 5 cont.
5:00 - 8:00 pm Meeting with Union & Conference disaster response coordinators

All Classes were updated in 1997. Even if you have taken these classes before, you will need to update your training with this new information. For more information call 817.790.2255. The institute will be held on the campus of Southwestern Adventist University.

AHS to manage Baton Rouge hospital system

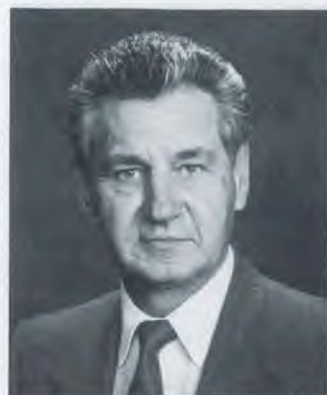
At the request of the General Health System, the Adventist Health System has executed an agreement to provide management services to this community-based, not-for-profit Baton Rouge, La. organization. This unusual arrangement is the result of negotiation and interaction over the

past nine months, during which General Health officials sought a relationship with a mission-compatible, trustworthy and successful healthcare organization to assist in its attempts to reposition itself in a highly competitive market. After considering offers from

several management organizations, General Health finally sought a relationship with Adventist Health System because of its admiration for our mission, values, reputation in the industry and successful track record over the past 10 years.

Under the terms of the agreement, the AHS will provide a senior executive to fill the position of president and chief executive officer of General Health. At his discretion, AHS may also provide the chief financial officer, chief operations officer and chief nursing officer to help lead the organization. There is freedom to add Adventist chaplains to the staff, and it was agreed that General Health will observe the same Sabbath principles as Adventist-owned hospitals do.

Although the Adventist Health System has managed small individual hospitals in the past, it has never before undertaken the management of a large fully integrated delivery system such as this. The opportunity is an attractive one, however, in that General Health recognizes that its future requires strong linkage with and maybe even total integration into a larger system. Its board not only respects but admires the



Newly appointed president and chief executive officer of the General Health System of Baton Rouge is Milton Siepman.

Adventist approach to healthcare and seeks access to the expertise and management talent our system can provide. It is reasonable to expect that if the management agreement can be implemented so successfully that the General Health System board's confidence can be gained, a merger similar to the recent Hinsdale-Adventist Health System merger could take place.

Milton Siepman, president of Tennessee Christian Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. and president of the Southeast Region of the Adventist Health System, has been asked to assume the responsibility of executing this management contract.

*James Gilley, President
Arkansas-Louisiana
Conference*



Two of the medical facilities which form part of the large General Health System in Baton Rouge are the 460-bed tertiary General Medical Center Baton Rouge (top) and the 106-bed General Health Center.

Couples attend marriage seminar in New Orleans

About a dozen couples from three area churches attended a marriage seminar presented by Buford and Carmen Griffith at the New Orleans First Church over Valentine's weekend. Carmen's musical numbers at each meeting made this a special weekend.

The Griffiths, recent arrivals at the Southwestern Union Conference office where he is Sabbath school and family life director, reminded the seminar participants of how easy it is to get wrapped up in "other" responsibilities, so that we tend to overlook

our significant "other." They reminded everyone how easy it is to quit dating and take each other for granted. They also indicated how it's the simple things in communication that go a long way toward developing lasting loving relationships. Smiling, eye contact,

touching and listening are very important in maintaining and enhancing the marriage relationship.

Sabbath morning's topic, "As for Me and My House," emphasized the need for parents, especially fathers, to take spiritual responsibility for the home.



Marriage seminar leaders, Buford and Carmen Griffith (left), with New Orleans First church pastoral couple, Jane and Will McCall, and Houma church's pastoral couple, Lu and Glenn Farinola. Photo: Linda Levin



After the couples had renewed their marriage vows, Denny Nelson helped serve the wedding cake. Photo: Linda Levin

At a Sunday morning agape feast, hosted by the local chapter of Adventist singles, the couples renewed their wedding vows. Visiting pastor from Houma, Glenn Farinola, encouraged all the couples to take time to cultivate their relationship with each other and to grow, just as all Christians learn and grow in their relationship with the Lord.

*Will McCall, Pastor
and Paula Butcher
Correspondents*

Real estate provides opportunities to share faith

"I was looking for a ministry," explained Jeanette Barnett Petty, "but I never dreamed it would be in real estate."

When Jeanette and her husband Richard retired in Arkansas in 1991, it was like coming home. They had both spent their early years in the Gentry area and graduated from Ozark Adventist Academy. For 30 years they had been in academy work, where she taught secretarial science and worked in the office, and Richard worked with students as broomshop manager. Their children were grown and married, and they thought they were ready for a change of pace.

But idleness was not for her, so Jeanette decided to

certify as a real estate broker. She had always enjoyed meeting people. In addition, she prayed for opportunities to be a blessing to others. She took the quotation "A few simple words, spoken from a heart filled with the love of Christ...will spring up and bear fruit to the glory of God," to give her



Jeanette Petty presenting a framed painting by Fawn Stabel Graybill to one of her clients.

direction, and she prayed that God would bless her work. And He did, not only in sales, but also with contacts for the kingdom.

Many of her contacts asked why she did no business on Saturday. She tactfully explained that Christ created the world in six days and rested on the Sabbath day as a memorial of creation.

Last summer when Jeanette was showing a home to Shelly, a dentist's wife, Shelly asked why she kept the Sabbath, why she was a vegetarian, and what did Col. 2:16 mean when

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it said, "Let no man judge you in the Sabbath days."

Remembering the text in Matt. 10:19, "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour," Shelly's response to Jeanette's explanation was, "Your answers agree exactly with what I have studied in my Bible."

Shelly had read her Bible through several times. Surely the Holy Spirit was guiding.

When Jeanette invited her to church, Shelly's remark was, "I thought you'd never ask." Now she attends the Gentry Adventist church and is a candidate for baptism.

This is one example of

the way Jeanette is ministering, not only to her clients, but to anyone who comes by her office for encouragement. One day a lady came in with her little boy asking for help. She was at a women's shelter and needed encouragement. Jeanette prayed with her.

When Jeanette closes a

sale on a house she presents the buyer with a framed painting by Fawn Stabel Graybill, a young Adventist artist whose ministry is creating inspirational pictures in water color with Scripture texts. Jeanette's customers are always pleased.

*Velda Nelson
Correspondent*

Gentry Pathfinders help local charities

Besides raising \$125 for the County Humane Shelter and \$160 for the Manna Food Bank, a local food bank, the Gentry Home Pathfinder club, The Messengers, also placed decorated boxes at several places of business asking for in-kind donations. As a result, they received 18 gallons of bleach, 8 large bags of rags, some boxes of dog treats, several boxes of detergent and even a ball.

Over the weekend of February 21, Pathfinders, and one Adventurer who stayed with them for the

entire time, held a 24-hour "fast for hunger" which ended on Sunday when they took their donations to the shelter where they had a good time playing with the 70 dogs and 9 cats. They expressed dismay at seeing so many animals which had been abandoned or abused by human beings.

A meal of pizza after their visit to the shelter ended their fast.

*Dolores Adams
Pathfinder Director*



Gentry Home church's Pathfinder club, The Messengers, preparing the donated items for the animal shelter.



The occasion that brought the Shreveport South district pastor, Brian Danese, to Bogalusa was for the dedication of his sister's twin daughters.

Pictured from left: Pastor Brian Danese, holding Brittany, and his sister, Deborah, holding Hannah. Photo: Tommy Blount

South Louisiana experiences camp meeting joys

"For years we've dreamed of a having a camp meeting that wasn't a day's drive away, and at last that dream has come true," was a comment heard over and over again at the South Louisiana camp meeting. The idea was first proposed at the New Orleans area study commission some months back but became a reality when the area pastors and laity pulled together in planning what has turned out to be a rewarding experience for all.

"We were hoping for 400-500 people this first year," commented Dexter

LeBlanc, pastor of the New Orleans St. Bernard church. "How excited we were when almost 1,000 of our area members showed up on Sabbath in spite of the much colder than usual weather."

Facilities for the camp meeting, held at Yogi Bear Jellystone Park near Robert, La. north of New Orleans and Lake Pontchartrain, were adequate. The adult English meetings, with Kenneth Cox as speaker, were held in a large covered open air pavilion, and a large tent housed the Spanish members



Camp meeting-goers respond to an appeal by evangelist Kenneth Cox for personal spiritual renewal. Photo: Michael Cuilla

whose guest speaker was Hugo Gambeta. The music, coordinated by Don Fortner, pastor of the Baton Rouge/Zachary churches, included Dona Klein, Maddy Couperas, the Denham Springs youth choir and many others, all of whom helped enhance the atmosphere of the meetings.

Everyone pitched in to help the program run smoothly. Conference Education director and vice president, Don Hevener, and conference committee member Denny

Nelson manned the spotlight used to focus on Ken Cox who was using a large computer-generated screen for his presentations.

Glenn Farinola, pastor of the Houma district, was in charge of housing. John Taylor, who planned for 60 juniors Sabbath afternoon program at a nearby wildlife park and zoo, had to accommodate 180 juniors instead. And the youth were cared for by Richard and Betty

Allison, pastoral team from Lake Charles, with Jeff and Jackie Wait to help.

"Camp meeting is not camp meeting without a good Sabbath school lesson study," was the way Bruce Aalborg, conference secretary and ministerial director, introduced the study on Jesus' resurrection.

Michael Cuilla, who came all the way from Texas to assist conference youth director Tibor Shelley with the video production, remarked, "This is an old fashioned hi-tech camp meeting combining great preaching

and features of an old fashioned outdoor camp meeting with the latest technology. I'm really glad I came, for I received a real spiritual blessing."

At the conclusion of his introduction of conference president, James Gilley, to the Spanish members, Robert Eubanks, New Orleans Spanish district pastor, ended by saying, "Elder Gilley, we want to do this again next year!" The Spanish members broke out into spontaneous applause.

*James Gilley
President*



The panel who took part in the Sabbath school lesson discussion are from left: Pastors Terry McCormick, Will McCall, Richard Allison, Glenn Farinola and Bruce Aalborg. Photo: Michael Cuilla



Dot Flannery and the Eaglets Pathfinders at the Stenis Space Center.

New Orleans Pathfinders visit space center

One of the interesting trips the New Orleans Pathfinders, the Eaglets, made recently was to the John Stenis Space Center. We viewed a movie showing what it's like to be in space where there's no gravity. Then we were driven around the extensive grounds to see deer and other protected animals grazing in several places. We also saw where the exhaust

from lift-off is tested.

Another interesting exhibit was a small trailer in which is depicted what Mars will be like in the year 2000.

This was an interesting experience for everyone, especially in the light of our hope to soon be traveling in space when Jesus comes again.

*Dot Flannery
New Orleans Eaglets Director*

KSBN TV receives top awards

Two of the top awards at the 21st anniversary ceremony of the International Angel Awards went to KSBN TV of Springdale, Ark., and to Carlos Pardeiro, president and CEO of KSBN.

The prestigious affair, which honors the year's best in the media field of those productions that have "moral and social impact," was held at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel with radio star Warren Duffy as the emcee. Mary Dorr, producer of KSBN TV, won a key award

for "Excellence in Media" for airing "Safe Television for All Ages," which was judged one of the best in the television broadcasting category. Pardeiro also received a second Angel Award for "Excellence in Video" for producing and directing the "Native New Day" video series, an introduction to the Gospel designed especially for Native Americans.

Two additional Awards of Excellence were also given, one to KSBN TV for Pardeiro's production of a public service

announcement for the K-4 Crusade (a State of Arkansas Education Department initiative), and one for his "30-Minute Guitar" video production, a how-to guitar learning course for the beginner.

*Henri Bollinger
Hollywood
Public Relations*



"Winning the 'Excellence in Media' and 'Excellence in Video' awards are no small feat," writes Mike Huckabee, governor of the State of Arkansas, in a congratulatory letter to Carlos Pardeiro, "and I know that you and all of the dedicated workers at KSBN are gleaming with pride. Congratulations for being recognized for a job well done!"

Ozark Elementary studies environment

During the months of January and February students at Ozark Elementary School learned about the environment and how recycling has a positive influence on the land. Under the leadership of the third grade teacher, Linda Rumsey, her class decided to hold an aluminum can drive. A projected goal was set for 5,000 cans and an award was offered to the three who gathered the highest number of cans—two passes to the local children's amusement center similar to Discovery Zone.

Surprisingly, the drive was a greater success than had been anticipated. The competitive spirit and promise of awards helped bring in 23,184 cans! The students who received awards were Danielle Thurman with 8,490 cans, Cori Alsip with 5,8828, and Brody Sims with 2,812.

The classroom made \$327.50 and of course the environment benefited from being a cleaner place, thanks to a class of energetic third graders.

*Charlotte Robinson
Correspondent*



It was not possible to load all the cans into a car, so a horse trailer was used to get them to the recycling center. Photo: Charlotte Robinson

Since Mammoth Spring is a small church, we had not been producing a church bulletin, nor had we chosen a greeter for our front door, so we decided to make a change. First we nominated Thelma Poe who lives near the church, is usually early and has a friendly smile, to be our hostess. Then we began producing a church bulletin. Now it is nice to come to services, receive a hug or friendly handshake and get a bulletin listing the program for the day. Photo shows Thelma Poe (left) welcoming Barbara Hails to Sabbath school. Photo: Rita Neptune.



Bonnerdale Homecoming

Friends and family are invited to come to the Bonnerdale church homecoming the weekend of May 16. Many activities have been planned with you in mind, so come and enjoy a weekend of fellowship and fun. For further information call LaVerne Lybarger, 870.356.4286.

A mission trip through a student's eyes

Luke Fisher, a 15-year-old freshman at Tulsa Adventist Academy who went on a mission trip to Venezuela in February, shares his impressions and experiences below.

When we got to Caracas about 9:30 p.m., it was really hot and humid, and we had to carry all of our luggage up a long flight of stairs and way out to the buses. And then we still had an hour and a half bus ride. We got lost and then the bus couldn't make it up the last hill, so we had to walk the rest of the way.

The next morning we had another bus ride and got to the building site around lunch time. We didn't really eat lunch; we just went straight to work. It was hot but not as humid as Caracas had been.

There were quite a few local people around. They all tried to teach us Spanish, and they tried to speak in English. The next day I worked at the other church down in the valley. It was in a more rural area, but just as many locals came to visit. One family would sometimes bring us homemade popsicles and, every once in a while, a watermelon. Everyone was

extremely friendly.

At the site where I worked, Sobanita, a suburb of Yuratagua, there were no trees for shade, so we baked in the sun until we got smart after a couple of days and strung a tarp up over the metal framework. The work was pretty fun, even though we were tired at night. The rooms we stayed at didn't have TVs or air conditioners.

On Sabbath, we had more than a dozen baptisms and almost 50 commitments. Robby Valentine preached two sermons; one in Spanish and one in English. He was very dynamic and humorous, but that night he was totally hoarse and couldn't say a word.

Saturday night we went to a mall in Barquisimeto. It was fun in spite of being packed with female teenagers who followed us around everywhere introducing us to their friends and wanting our addresses.

By Sunday we had almost finished our church building, but we had to leave at 1:00 p.m., so we put four local professional block layers in charge of finishing the last couple of layers. It took about four hours on the bus to arrive in Tucacas,



Bruce Fisher, a member of Bristow church, working on site at the church in Sobanita, Venezuela. Photo: Luke Fisher



Group from the Muskogee church who also went on the mission trip. From left: Marjorie Yarroz, Anand Yarroz, Jack Stout Jr., Judi Stout, Jack Stout Sr., Lois and Tom Sullivan and Ron Belicek.

the town where our resort hotel was located. It was pretty nice when we got there.

On Monday, we went snorkeling in the ocean. We were taken out to sea in little boats about 20 minutes to an island. It was really pretty and the snorkeling was great. We saw some neat coral and

beautiful fish. I cut my shoulder on some of the coral and some of it stung my knee, but I still had fun.

It was almost a relief to get back to Oklahoma, even though I kind of wished I didn't have to come back so soon.

Luke Fisher

Tulsa Adventist Academy

Recipes raise money for Bristow school

"Favorite Homestyle Meatless Recipes" is the title of the cookbook that raised over \$850.00 for the Bristow church school.

Church members, friends and students contributed 350 recipes that made up the book. Recipes range from salads and soups to main dishes and desserts. The church school students also contributed recipes. And because we knew that many of the cookbooks would be purchased or given to non-vegetarians, sources for vegetarian foods and the food pyramid from the American Dietetic Association were included.

The cookbooks were sold during Oklahoma camp meeting, at the Tulsa Junior Academy, the Oklahoma ABC, at Sleepy Hollow store in Gentry, Ark. and through the Bristow church and members' businesses. Three church members were especially helpful in selling cookbooks: Marilyn Ailey, Rocksey Harrington and Mary McCarty. Together they sold 60 cookbooks, and all 220 copies were sold within six months.

*Caroline A. Fisher
Correspondent*

Pathfinders in action

The Edmond Pathfinder Club, the Eagles, all dressed in their uniforms, had charge of the church service on February 21. Photo: Maxine DeCocq



Hagele turns ninety-one

Dave Hagele, who lives alone in his Fairview home and still drives himself 20 miles to Okeene to attend Sabbath school and church, turned 91 in March. He has been a member of the Adventist church for 77 years and is an inspiration to all who know him. On March 14, the Okeene church honored him with a big birthday cake at the potluck dinner.



50th wedding anniversary

Willie G. and Cleoma Belz Ehrlich will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in July, 1998. They were married in Shattuck, Okla. on July 14, 1948 by R. R. Patzer.



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Oklahoma City Central Trackers visit their friends at the Baptist Retirement Center and share a little Valentine's Day cheer with them. Photo: Doug Wilson



Berean church holds annual sweetheart banquet

The initial promotion of the Baton Rouge Berean church's annual sweetheart banquet was a welcome announcement for everyone—well, almost everyone, except for Berean's singles and the youth. However, they perked up when family life director, Norma Dawkins, explained, "Our banquet is not just for sweethearts. In fact," she continued, "you don't even have to have a sweetheart to attend. Just being a sweetheart is qualification enough."

And so with this assurance married couples, singles, youth, and yes, even some sweethearts, gathered Valentine's evening for activities that were coordinated, not only by family life, but by

marriage enrichment as well as the Adventist youth department.

In addition to the usual fanfare accompanying such an event, 12 couples were recognized according to their years of marriage. The senior Robert Andersons led the way with 50 years of marital bliss, while Kevin and Sharon Lee qualified as the youngest with only two years of marriage. The pastor, Michael Meyers, lead the married couples in reaffirming their marital vows before God and those gathered there. Before the evening was over, marrieds, singles, and the youth had all participated in the program, making it an enjoyable evening.

*Evelyn M. Edwards
Correspondent*



Berean couples were shown how to reaffirm their marriage vows by their pastor, Michael Meyers, who gave his wife, Gloria, a kiss (inset).



Ministries mini-convention held at Berean church

A recent event at the Berean church was the Southwestern Union Conference ministries mini-convention designed to "empower and train leaders for service." According to the announcement from Dem Robles, union personal ministries director, "Berean was chosen for its accessibility and adequate workshop rooms."

Even though the workshops were not to begin officially until 3 p.m., the Sabbath morning worshippers received a foretaste of what to expect via the message given by Buford Griffith, union Sabbath school and family ministries director. "Sitting Where God Sits" was his message, based on Revelation 3:21. It reminded us of the privilege it is to sit at the

feet of Jesus, but as Griffith said, the problem is how to get from where we are to where we want to be. He went on to remind us of how God wants to save us as much as Satan wants to destroy us. From there Griffith directed his audience to 1 Samuel 15 and the story of David's

"roller-coaster life, but victory in the end." His message ended with the assurance that, like David, we can learn by confronting our own problems.

A disaster training and preparedness workshop with Joe Watts, union disaster response

coordinator, followed immediately after the fellowship lunch. This well-attended workshop emphasized how much more effective Adventists are when we coordinate our efforts with those of other agencies. The remaining workshops, as well as the continuation of Watts', took place following a 15-minute general session.

"Heart Call," the newly designed seven-step program to reach out to women no longer attending church, was introduced by the union Women's Director, Carla Baker. In Margaret Taglavore's Children's Ministry workshop, she implored lower division Sabbath school teachers to exert more control in the budget-making process of their department. "Don't hesitate to ask for more than you actually need; you might get something,"



Southwestern Union ministries presenters at the mini-convention are, from left: Carla Baker, Margaret Taglavore, Joyce Fortner, Buford Griffith, Michael Meyers, Dem Robles, Joe Watts and Dale Culbertson.

she quipped. Buford Griffith's Sabbath school and family life presentation dealt with the importance of making Sabbath schools more inviting. "Your Sabbath schools must be practical, interactive, and life-changing. And you don't always have to complete the lesson. Rather, find a central point that will help everyone in their spiritual growth," he emphasized. Personal Ministries Director Dem Robles' workshop featured the importance of how small group ministries form

the basic unit of the church in the same way that cells form the basic unit of life.

True to the up-front promotion, the day's mini-convention ended as scheduled with the parting participants vowing to implement into their respective churches programs the day's activities. On her way out, one excited participant was overheard remarking, "This really was worth it. I just regret not being able to make all the workshops." Her friend concurred.

*Evelyn M. Edwards
Correspondent*

Black history is reviewed in church program

Bryan-Navasota district celebrated Black History month with a "Remember the Old Days" history program coordinated by George Lewis Jr., AY leader of the Bryan church. Eva Jackson was the speaker. After opening exercises, Willie Trevino, a member of Bryan church, told about the beginning of the regional conferences.

Jackson, a retired educator with master's

degrees in special education and administration, wearing an authentic African dress and carrying an African stick, introduced the program by explaining the reason and responsibility for studying Black history. Jackson was assisted by her husband, Horace, who gave a quiz on influential African Americans in today's society, emphasizing that many started from humble beginnings, but through desire, determination and education achieved success.

The next feature was a quiz on notable African Americans from the past. The answers made an acrostic that spelled Black History. James Weldon Johnson's poem, "Creation," was read by Doris Williams, and an inspiring rendition of "I Love Being a Black Woman," was given by Dorothy

Eva Jackson dressed in her authentic African costume.



Hebron's Adventist Youth Society (AYS) sponsored a temperament seminar presented by Nona Palmer, who explained how a person's temperament defines their behavior.

At the end of the seminar participants took the personality test and discovered what their temperaments are. Married couples, friends and family members were encouraged to share feelings they had about themselves. Pictured here are Larry and Brenda Davis as they share their feelings.

*Betsy Hudson
Correspondent*

Coburn.

The last item on the program was a study on Negro spirituals and their importance in Black culture past and present.

At the end of the program Jackson asked whether those in the audience were "ENSLAVED" or

"EMPOWERED," pointing out that although our forebears had no choice, today we do! She closed the program with "My Legacy" by Mary McCloud Bethune. Inspirational music was given by Josephine Jackson of Byran.

*Shirley Mason
Correspondent*

Caffin Avenue hosts spelling bee

Tristen Birl was one of the students who attended the 1998 Southwest Region Conference Spelling Bee held February 28 at the Caffin Avenue church in New Orleans, La. Prior to the competition, each school had held its own spelling bee for students in grades 5 through 8.

Birl, representing Bethel church in Texarkana, was the first place winner, while Roy Wilkerson, also from

Bethel, placed second.

Ten Southwest Region schools participated in the spelling bee, and Tristen upheld the honor of the school in a most heartening manner.

He was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Birl, and his teacher, Jennifer Hansen. His parents are active members of the Bethel church, and his father serves on the Bethel school board.

*Vera McAlister
Correspondent*

Hill speaks at Texarkana church

Recently Dr. Roland Hill spoke at the Texarkana Bethel church. In his sermon, entitled "Know Your Place," he used scriptures such as 1 Cor. 4:1; 1 Cor. 7:23, Psalms 50:10,12 and Phil. 2:5.

"The place where we live," Hill said, "belongs to God. We are all in God's house. We are tenants here. When we are in someone else's house," he said, "or on someone else's property, we cannot do as we wish; consequently,

because this place where we live belongs to God, we are to abide by God's laws."

The pride of possession has caused us to think we have changed from stewards to owners—from slaves to owners. "God," Hill said, "has put us in our place to bless us."

Being a servant and obeying God gives us self-worth. It restates our security. We are to be servants of honor because Jesus Christ

himself was a servant while on earth. As part of the service, Hill's wife, Susie, gave a moving rendition of "Give Me Jesus" in sign language.

During the afternoon, the Hills conducted a four-hour seminar on God's principles of "Theo-Economics" dealing with Christian stewardship. In the Christian context of economics, Hill exhorted the participants to spend the money God

has given them wisely; to pay cash for purchases, and not be controlled by worldly influences. Instead, he said, money management should be guided by God's direction in scriptures. He quoted Phil. 4:19, which reads, "But my God shall supply all your needs, according to his riches by glory by our Lord, Jesus Christ."

*Vera McAlister
Correspondent*

"Resurrection" trio holds concert at Dallas Faith Temple

"The Resurrection," a trio of Motown-influenced musicians who have gone from jail to Jesus, performed at Dallas Faith Temple in February as part of the church's sacred artist concert series.

"Their style of music may have some secular aspects, but their ministry is one of redemption offered to inmates and those enslaved to drugs," Pastor A. L. Dyson said.

The male group, which also includes a female back-up singer, is originally from Detroit, Mich. and is heard as often behind prison walls as they are in church pews. The Christian men at one time had sentences totaling more than 75 years, and one of them supported a \$300-a-day illegal drug habit.

Leon Jones, the trio's leader who was raised in the Adventist

church, said, "I came to the point in my life when I knew I had to change. Along with another inmate, I made a promise to God that I would use my gift of music to glorify Him, whether in or out of prison." Jones has kept that promise, witnessing in prisons and other non-church settings all over the country, ministering to the "outcasts" whom the church has not been too successful in reaching.

During their weekend in Dallas, "The Resurrection" gave live interviews on two Christian radio stations heard throughout north central Texas, resulting in numerous visitors at the concert. Further, as a result of the group's program being announced on Faith

Temple's web site, the trio was booked for a concert in one of Dallas' large Baptist churches.

Also featured during the concert were Faith Temple's young adult choir, "Joy," and "The Brothers of Dallas," an a capella group composed of Adventists in the Dallas area.

Other members of "The Resurrection," whose style of gospel music includes contemporary, traditional and a capella songs, are Robert Evans, Mark Walker and Dawn Roberson, who sings back-up vocals. For booking and tour information, call 313.371.8265.

*Donald R. Moy
Correspondent*



The gospel group "The Resurrection" are from left: Mark Walker, Dawn Roberson, Leon Jones and Robert Evans. Photo: Donald R. Moy

Texico helps spread the Gospel in Russia

The Texico Conference executive committee voted just over one year ago to form a sister conference relationship with the East Siberia Conference in Russia. The Texico Conference is helping to sponsor evangelistic meetings, provide Sabbath school materials and support other ministry activities within the East

Siberia Conference. This conference has a slightly smaller membership than the Texico Conference.

Recent word has come about a very successful evangelistic crusade that has been conducted. "God has blessed the evangelistic meetings in the city of Krasnoyarsk presented by 35-year old Pastor Ostrovsky," reports James

Stevens, Texico Conference president. "During that series over 3,000 visitors attended each night, and at the conclusion of the meetings on March 2, 653 people were baptized." There are still 1,500 visitors attending church every Sabbath.

It is important for the Texico constituency to continue the support our

Russian sister conference. Anyone wishing to help should mark their tithe envelope "Russian Evangelism."

"We rejoice to see God blessing the work here in our area," says Stevens, "and we are pleased to help with evangelism in Russia as well."

*Gladstone Simmons
Communication Director*

New church group forms in El Paso

It was with excitement that a new Spanish group was inaugurated on February 7 in El Paso, Texas, under the name "La Voz de la Esperanza." At a program that included music, testimonies and a commitment by the members to their new-found faith, several commented that they felt the Holy Spirit in their presence as they publicly

accepted their mission to serve Christ.

The congregation is renting a church building in the northeast area of El Paso, a city of over 100,000 Spanish-speaking people and is the "daughter" of the El Paso Montana Spanish church. Attendance every Sabbath has been approximately 60-65 adults and children.

Joel Soto, Pastor



Leaders and some charter members of the newly-formed La Voz de la Esperanza church in El Paso.

Health seminar draws interest in Truth or Consequences

Members of the Truth and Consequences church expressed enthusiastic appreciation for the support of their new pastor, Bill Davis, who is also the conference health ministries director, and the health seminar presented at the church February 29-March 3 by the Benton Sisters. The Bentons' entire program both in music and health evangelism was Christ-centered and professional. Comments from participants included, "I have never seen anything like this," "You saved my life" from a retired physical therapist diagnosed with

heart disease, and "There wasn't one food sample I didn't like!"

When the plan was first explained some of the members said, "The program is too expensive; we can't afford it." Others said, "No one will come." But the congregation was assured that they would not be asked for money, that contributions would be prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Our first contribution was \$30 and we knew God would provide the rest! Another \$1,400 was raised at four yard sales. We continued to believe that if the Lord wanted the

program, He would supply. A total of \$2,172.28 was raised. He gave us beyond what we could ask or think (Eph. 3:20) in every aspect of the program.

Three recently-baptized members of the Las Cruces church drove 140 miles round trip, all three nights. At each

presentation our fellowship room was full. This quality program has been the best community outreach we have ever had. It increased our faith in God's ability to provide all our needs and gave the name "Adventist" credibility in the community.

*June Hoover
Personal Ministries Leader*

Sabbath programs are conducted by school children

Usually on Sabbath morning the children scurry to their particular classrooms as soon as they come through the front doors of the church, but this Sabbath was different. Instead they all went into

the sanctuary, some dressed in costumes, and others looking around nervously as if seeking reassurance from parents and teachers.

But this was a special Sabbath, March 14, the day

that El Paso Junior Academy would present both the Sabbath school and church service. The program was well-planned and emphasized the values

of a Christian education. It provided an excellent opportunity for our children to shine for the glory of God.

The services went well with children of all ages presenting special songs and music, taking up the offering and even delivering a mini-sermon.

During a unique multi-culture presentation, children dressed in costumes from around the world and recited facts about Christians in the country they represented. An offering for worthy



Five-year-old Westin Humble gives the mini-sermon on children's Sabbath.



Three children dressed in costume are, from left: Dolly Davis representing Peru, Rennalt Minott representing Africa and his sister, Jenita Minott representing Jamaica.

students brought in \$524.40.

The success of this special event reflects on the hard work and dedication of the staff, especially Rhetorica Villasis, who planned the program with the cooperation of the rest of the staff, students and Basil Bell, the principal. It also required the loving support which parents gave of their time and energy to help the children to prepare.

*Roxeanne Boos,
Correspondent*

Sharing the Gospel brings rewards

Having been part of the first group of student missionaries from Southern Missionary College to establish a mission station in the little village of Francia Sirpi in Nicaragua several years ago, it was with great

anticipation that Gladstone Simmons and his wife, Hondina (a Nicaraguan) made a return trip February 29-March 9 at the invitation of friends, Dr. Donald Vargas and his wife, Christine (also in that first mission group).

Albuquerque Heights serves community

Periodically a Five-Day Stop Smoking plan is offered at the Albuquerque Heights church. This plan is advertised in the community and by word of mouth to friends and relatives. The personal ministries leader organizes the program and invites medical personnel to present the dangers of smoking and help smokers change their lifestyles.

Another program to which the community is invited is the Natural Lifestyle cooking class which tends to draw a number of non-members. Pictured here are Margret Hardy and Sharon Leukert demonstrating how to make a vegetable pot pie.

*Fred W. Kear
Photographer and
Correspondent*



Baptismal candidates line up on the beach after the worship service.

Sabbath was very special for the Simmonses for they witnessed the baptism of family members and friends. Several of the young people want to

attend the Adventist school, but their parents are not able to afford the \$10 monthly tuition. The needs in Nicaragua are just as great as they are in many

other parts of the world, and if anyone wishes to sponsor a child for \$10 per month, contact Gladstone Simmons at the Texico Conference office.



Pastors Vado and Simmons give baptismal certificates and new Bibles to each of the newly baptized members.



Father and son find Christ

I was in the church at one time, but it was for the wrong reason. I attended church, not because I wanted to, but to please my parents. When I got married I lived my life the way I wanted to. Church was not part of my family. My home was without Jesus. Later I became a musician and was always away from the family.

During this time I thought having money and fun was all that mattered, but I was wrong. I was so blinded by worldly pleasures

that it brought confusion to my children and pain to my wife. We were drifting away from God.

One night, my sister, Connie, and her husband, Edwin, came to see us. They brought video tapes of the Revelation Seminar by Leo Schreven. After two months of Bible study, I



Albuquerque Bilingual church pastor, **Nehemias Basit**, stands between son, **Alex Jr.**, and father, **Alex Lujan Sr.**, after their baptism.

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Lonnie Melashenko

gave my life back to Jesus—this time with my son Alex, Jr., who is certain about his decision."Ever since we've put God first," Alex, Jr. says, "we have become so close as a family that there have been few conflicts. This is why I made my choice to follow God, not for my parents or for family members, but for God."

Son and father were baptized on March 14, and are now attending the Albuquerque Bilingual church. Alex, Sr. did not quit playing music, but instead has dedicated his talent to the Lord. His wife is still part of a Bible study program and hopes to be baptized soon with their youngest daughter.

Couples attend marriage retreat

A weekend marriage maintenance retreat was held in the snow-covered mountains of Bonita Park, Capitan, New Mexico, March 6-8, 1998. The seminar was conducted by two energetic couples, Walter and Jackie Wright

from the Lake Union, and Buddy and Carmen Griffith of the Southwestern Union.

The presentation and practical application on how to resolve conflicts between husband and wife, ideas on how to

unite the family through worship, and suggestions on how to appreciate one's spouse and motivate children to participate and

enjoy the family worship were particularly beneficial.

*Nemy Basit
Family Life Director*



Elizardo and Elena Arellano seem engrossed in reading what their spouse appreciates about them.

Couples attending the marriage retreat at Bonita Park, NM write letters of affirmation to their spouses and then exchange them with each other.

VGA holds week of prayer

February 2-6, the seniors of Valley Grande Academy hosted a week of prayer for the students of Valley Grande Elementary School. The 30 VGA seniors decided to take this project seriously and asked God to bless their efforts.

"All this time we've been missing an opportunity to share God's love right here at home. We go to Mexico on mission trips, yet we fail to minister to our little brothers and sisters. God has truly blessed us, and I hope other will academies follow our lead," stated senior and religious vice president Jeremy Friesen.

The highlight of the

week was the baptism appeal made to the upper grades. Everyone rejoiced at the way the Holy Spirit used the seniors to lead these younger ones to Christ. Four of the girls were baptized on February 14, and four others are studying for baptism in the near future.

When asked how he felt about the week of prayer, English teacher Jason Stirewalt said, "I was greatly affected by the student involvement throughout the week of prayer. What impressed me the most, though, was the fact that many academy students took time out of their class schedules to



share the love of Christ and His soon return with the elementary students."

Kisba Norris

VGA Newspaper Editor

Pablo Romero, speaker for the lower grades, teaches the children that theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Athens church holds Revelation lectures

A Revelation series by Charles Buursma which began February 27 and ended March 27 made the scriptures fascinating and easily understood as they came alive on the big screen he used.

Each presentation began with a video concert followed by special music and Pastor Buursma's audio-visual Bible study. Pastor Buursma's wife, his son Henry, and his wife, Lorilee, and their family

helped provide the music.

*Lona Mauk
Correspondent*



Charles (Chuck) Buursma, speaker of the Revelation Lectures at the Athens church.

The Grand Prairie church celebrated Valentine's Day in a very special way this year. The church was decorated as though there were to be a wedding, and this set the mood for the married couples. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Urdy, Family Life coordinators from DeSoto church, shared the "Ten Commandments of Marriage" and provided special music. Forty couples shared what their marriage vows meant to them. The Wedding March was played as each couple lit a candle from a unity candle before exchanging vows.

*Kimberly Spain
Correspondent*

Highland Lakes expresses pastor appreciation

This April marked the second anniversary of Pastor Phil Vasseur's ministry at the Highland Lakes church. The past two years have been filled with special events, seminars and training programs: Hope Beyond 2000, Love Is a Decision, Stress Management, Learning to Love,

With Christ in the School of Prayer, Bible instructor training, Fulfilling the Gospel Training, community pancake breakfast, vacation Bible school and currently a spiritual gifts seminar.

Pastor Phil is dedicated to church growth and works hard

to train members in ministry. Our lives have been enriched by our pastor's time, talents, energy, and computer skills, and we thank him for being a blessing to us all.

*Daureen Martin
Correspondent*



Phil and Denise Vasseur, pastoral team at the Highland Lakes church.

JAMS celebrates 10th birthday

On Sabbath, April 4, Terry St. Clair, Joshua church pastor, was the speaker for Joshua Adventist Multigrade School's (JAMS) 10th birthday celebration. All former teachers and students were invited to the celebration held during Sabbath school and the church service which featured JAMS students.

JAMS opened in 1988 with 14 students. Sharon Smith was the first teacher. Presently, college students majoring in elementary education at Southwestern Adventist University receive their multigrade practicum at JAMS. This continuing relationship with the university is a benefit to both institutions.

The enrollment at JAMS doubled the second year

which resulted in hiring Raymond Jordan as a teacher's aid. Audrey Campbell was asked to finish that year as the teacher.

In 1990 Charlotte Larkin became the principal/teacher of grades 1-4. After another growth spurt, Joan Davis was added to the staff in 1991, teaching grades 5-8 and beginning the two-classroom situation. Carol Bradley was the principal from 1992-1996. Under her direction a third teacher, Lillian Davis, joined the staff to teach kindergarten and first grade.

Joan Davis became principal in 1996 and remains in that position with Irene Herr teaching grades 1-4.



Bob Hadley, seated, and the 1997-98 JAMS choir participating in the church service celebrating JAMS' 10th birthday.

JAMS continues to grow with a current enrollment of 42 students. Due to this growth, the church voted to build a new complex that will house the school and a gymnasium, returning the

present school space to children's Sabbath school divisions and providing a place for many other church activities.

*Bob Hadley and Joan Davis
Correspondents*

San Antonio churches hold Youthfest '98

Youth leaders from the San Antonio area held their first youth rally during the first weekend of March, packing in enough momentum to begin planning the next rally for this summer.

Youth from 10 area churches were challenged by guest speaker Steve Case, president and director of Piece of the Pie Ministries, an organization designed to motivate youth to follow

Christ, and recording guitarist Butch Morgan. The spirit-filled messages focused on the theme "What Could Be," "What Can Be," and "Get With It."

An agape feast and a candlelight communion service brought the Sabbath meetings to a close.

*Marta Solomon
and Carmen Kramer
Correspondents*



At the Youthfest participants were divided into small groups to discuss issues. These young people are moving to one of those small groups. Photo: Dan West



Friends and the family of Allan and Jean Priest celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 3 at the Mesquite church. The Priests were married on May 8, 1948 in Dallas and made their home there for almost 29 years before answering a call to the ministry in 1977. Since that time they have pastored 15 churches in the Texas Conference.



Steve Case, president of Piece of the Pie Ministries, challenging to youth to be wholehearted in their service for Christ.

Mansfield church emphasizes three angels' messages

During the month of April the Mansfield church did something very special. Their emphasis was on the three angels' messages both in Sabbath school and the church service.

An old Sabbath school quarterly was resurrected or the event. It was originally published by Pacific Press Publishing Association 100 years ago for the first quarter's Sabbath school lessons in 1896. Its lessons touch on all the fundamental aspects of the three angels'

messages and provide a solid foundation for all who are looking for Christ's return.

Although the Mansfield congregation is still new, having just completed a merging process with the Everman church, everyone seems united in their efforts to be well-grounded in Bible truths and to develop a deeper Christian experience, and this has brought about an earnestness that is encouraging.

*Eric Gillis
Correspondent*

A goodwill gesture by the Conroe Pathfinders was the beginning of a friendship that resulted in the baptism of Jane Harbour and son, Chad, following the evangelistic crusade with Cline Johnson and the pastor, Larry Spiva. The 15 new believers baptized resulted in an 18 percent increase in the membership. Back row from left: the pastor, Larry Spiva; J. T. Richardson; Linda Johnson; Cline Johnson, evangelist. Second row: Debbie Cunningham, Melinda Belz, Jane Harbour, Tammie Harbour, Amy White. Third row: Michelle Buchanan, Crissy Ray, Chad Harbour, Mysti Belz, Sarah Belz, Dona Conley, Teresa Richards with Joseph Richards in front.

*Evadeane Peters
Communication Director*



KAES offers Christian perspective to students

A question that arises in the city of Keene, where there are four academic institutions, three of which are operated by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination—Keene Adventist Elementary School (KAES), Chisholm Trail Academy (CTA), Southwestern Adventist University—and the local tax-supported public school covering grades K-12, is how Keene Adventist Elementary School is impacted by this academic community.

For KAES to offer a sound curriculum to an academic community, it has been necessary for the tuition to be quite high. This, no doubt, has discouraged some parents from sending their children to KAES. But does this mean that some students are denied a Christian education in Keene? The answer is absolutely not. The Keene church generously provides a worthy student

fund to its church members. This is available to any church member who needs help. The only proviso is that the parents are to pay faithfully an amount each month that is compatible with their income.

To continue offering an inviting curriculum at KAES it is necessary for the

enrollment to remain at a certain level. Currently there are 11 full-time teachers. Of these 11, seven have master's degrees and two more are working on their master's degree. The administrator is a person with many years of administrative experience who has been able to guide the teachers

into a strong curriculum.

One of the most exciting opportunities at KAES is that all students from first grade up are given computer classes on a weekly basis. The school board has felt the necessity of providing a full-time computer teacher who is very capable of leading the students to accomplish



Faculty and staff at Keene Adventist Elementary School.

what is expected of elementary students in this day and age.

The teachers at KAES have been selected because they are effective Christian teachers and able not only to model their religious faith, but also to integrate their faith into each subject they teach.

Probably one of the most powerful arguments for the KAES curriculum is the systematic study of the Bible. Additional depth-of-study is added yearly at each grade level and is continued through Adventist academies and university curricula. Beyond the study of the Bible as a subject, there are many opportunities for Bible study such as

morning worships and spiritual emphasis weeks.

Great blessings accrue to the children when they see other children their own age participating in and enjoying the religious programs of the school. The community involvement of the students of KAES can be done by other schools; but, here again, the spiritual emphasis that the students give while participating in the community project is pretty hard to duplicate.

In summary, Christian education at KAES provides our students an opportunity to get to know Jesus. KAES is a safe place, and that is a very important fact in this day and age. KAES will continue to be a safe



KAES's seventh-grade class ready to begin a day at school. Girls in the foreground are from left: Belinda Chacon, Abigail Nugent, Jessica Quinn and Jennifer Webb.

place only as parents and teachers continue to pray together and work together for the support of the school and for the

salvation of our children.

*Darrell Beyer, Ed.D.
Associate Superintendent of
Schools*

A visit to Sanyu Beijing English Language School

On a recent trip to China I found our own Texan, Norma (Garza) Cleasby, with her English language class. Norma is a graduate of Valley Grande Academy and Southwestern Adventist University. During a Mexico mission trip directed by former Texas Conference youth director, Dan Serns, Norma met Jeffrey Cleasby of Eau Claire, Wis. They were married in June, 1997, and are now both teaching at the Beijing school operated by Mr. and Mrs. Oh of Korea. The language schools are an effective tool in making friends with people in foreign lands. Norma Garza Cleasby is sitting on a chair in the center front. Photo: Evadeane Peters

*Evadeane Peters
Communication Director*



Arlington Plans Golf Tournament

The Arlington Adventist Church will have its annual "Spring Classic" golf tournament June 7 starting at 12:00 noon at Lake Arlington golf course (Green Oaks and Hwy. 303). Entry fee is \$40 (no checks or credit cards, please). Format: Florida scramble. For more information or to sign up, call Howard Conley at 817.446.0785 or the church office at 817.483.4837.

Burleson church homecoming May 16, 1998

Please join us for lots of good fellowship and remembering. Featured speaker: Pastor Mike Tucker. General lesson study: Jerry Willis. Join the mass choir. Hear "Endless Praise". Burleson Adventist School choirs. Noon fellowship lunch. Sabbath evening: church choir cantata. Services begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration.

SWAU offers two-plus-two criminal justice degree

Law enforcement is one of the fastest growing professions in America, according to the United States Department of Labor. Like any profession, the need for advanced education and training is a constant reality. In response to this demand, Southwestern Adventist University and Hill College have established a new two-plus-two criminal justice program beginning in the fall of 1998.

Under this program students completing an associate degree in criminal justice, or the criminal justice core curriculum at Hill College,

will be able to earn a bachelor of science degree at Southwestern Adventist University with a major in criminal justice following two additional years of study.

This is the first effort at creating a two-plus-two program between Southwestern and Hill. In essence, students will now be able to complete their first two years at Hill and then transfer directly to Southwestern for the remaining two years.

Criminal justice majors at Southwestern will take a minimum of 18 credit hours in criminal justice in addition to liberal arts courses leading to the

bachelor of science degree.

"The core of courses provides a basic understanding of the nature of crime and society's reaction to crime, as well as an in-depth explanation of the various components within the criminal justice system," says program director Dr. Randy Butler, professor of history. The areas of concentration provide knowledge and skills for future employment and serve as a basis for advanced studies.

New or transfer students registering at Southwestern will be able to complete a bachelor of

science degree with a criminal justice major by combining course work from both campuses.

For information regarding the criminal justice program, call or write either Dr. Randy Butler, director of Criminal Justice at Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, TX 76059, 817.645.3921 ext. 241; or Mr. Gary Reeves, Criminal Justice Program Coordinator at Hill College, Hillsboro, TX 76645, 254.582.2555 ext. 311. The admissions offices at either institution can also answer questions and provide additional information for registration.

*Kristin Netteburg
Correspondent*

SWAU connects with the world

Southwestern Adventist University is connecting with the world through a new on-line computer program.

Today's standard of access is through library on-line programs, Southwestern librarian Dr. Randy Butler says. Many universities have crossed over to this program, and Southwestern is doing the same. With the encouragement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (Southwestern's accrediting body), Southwestern has purchased an on-line system.

Installation of the \$80,000 on-line program will begin in May when the first two of the four modules is scheduled to be installed. Following the installation of the circulation and cataloguing modules in May, the final two modules, periodicals

and acquisitions, will be installed in July.

By fall of 1998 Southwestern plans to have its professional computer support personnel trained in the use and upkeep of the new on-line program. As for getting library users accustomed to the new program, it's extremely user-friendly. "The screens will look just like the ones students are accustomed to when they enter the web," Butler said.

One of the many advantages of this new program will be that anyone anywhere in the world with a computer with web capabilities will be able to access the library. This is especially important to Southwestern because of the large number of part-time and adult degree program students who do not reside near the campus.

Access to the on-line

catalogue will be reached via the Southwestern home page or the Chan Shun Centennial Library's home page. Once in the on-line program, students will be able to search for books in a much quicker and more detailed form, with the new program giving a detailed status of the book's availability.

Students needing more information than what one library can provide, will be able to access other libraries through the on-line capabilities. Butler is hoping Southwestern and other libraries on-line will take part in more inter-library exchanges.

"Internally we can now work faster, smarter, and better instead of just harder," librarian Butler said.

*Kristin Netteburg
Correspondent*

SWAU returns to Romania

Every spring the evening news is filled with stories of college students headed to exotic locations to play, but this spring a national television station told a different story about Southwestern Adventist University students and their spring break. It was a story of service rather than selfishness, and the TV station was the Romanian national television station.

Over 600 Romanian families heard about the Seventh-day Adventist Church and saw its message in action, thanks to the efforts of the 38-member mission team including academy and university students and teachers as well as professional builders from across Texas.

The group spent the majority of their time in



Mission trip members (l-r) Nadia Sarria, SWAU; Jason Moses, Burton Adventist Academy; Jermicah Jordan, Burton Adventist Academy; and Tom Lemon, SWAU, sift sand gathered from nearby riverbanks to mix with cement to create mortar for the walls of a church in Sovata, Romania.

the small resort town of Sovata. By the time the group arrived, a foundation had already been laid, and they began immediately building the walls. With only about 20 Adventist members in Sovata, funds were low and several times the group had to improvise with equipment and supplies. The local riverbanks supplied the sand to mix with cement for mortar. Unfortunately, freezing temperatures hindered their work and occasionally forced them to stop altogether.

But the group also had another type of building in

mind—that of a church in Sovata. In addition to just building a church structure, the group also wanted to build a congregation of people.

Every evening evangelistic seminars and vacation Bible schools were held in Sovata's city hall, and every night attendance increased. By the end of the week the seams of the halls were almost bursting with new believers. Even the children's attendance increased. "The first day we had about 15 kids, but by the last day we had over 90," reported mission trip member Tom Lemon, Southwestern junior

communication major from Grand Junction, Colo. They also devoted a great deal of time to teaching English to the community.

"The people of Sovata didn't know who Adventists were before we came so a lot of what we did was public relations," Southwestern religion department chair Lloyd Willis said.

"By far the highlight of the trip was the dedication of the church our group had first laid the foundation for a two years ago," Willis said. Some of the same individuals who had helped break ground and laid the foundation for that

now fully functioning church in Brassov, Romania.

Speakers for the dedication included the new pastor of the church and Southwestern religion teachers Bill Kilgore and Mel Underhill who were members of the group that began the construction work in Brassov.

The church pastor told how he had recognized the need for a church in his city but how the lack of money and labor prevented his dream from coming true. One day after spending hours in prayer he asked God to show him the answer in scripture. Upon opening his Bible it fell open to Zechariah 6:15, "And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord." Shortly after reading this passage, arrangements were made to receive a group of students from Southwestern who wanted to build a church.

It has become a tradition that on the last day of the group's stay, they take up an offering to help put needy students through the Adventist academy in Romania. This year the group gave 1.5 million lei (equivalent to \$1,500 U.S. dollars) to help two sisters finish school.

*Kristin Netteburg
Correspondent*

KJCR gets new manager

After 25 years as general manager of the radio station at Southwestern Adventist University, Bob Mendenhall is leaving that position to give more attention to his academic responsibilities.

Mendenhall is professor and chair of the communication department at Southwestern.

Mendenhall came to Southwestern in 1970 when he had completed about half of the requirements toward his master's degree in communication and was asked in 1973 to oversee the construction of a radio station on the campus. Following construction, Mendenhall became the station's manager when

KJCR, then KSUC, signed on the air June 13, 1974.

After a year-long search, Southwestern has hired Glen Robinson, a book and magazine editor at the Pacific Press, Nampa, Id. as the new station manager of KJCR. Robinson will join the communication department where he will teach a reduced load with

no afternoon classes which will allow him to spend more time on station management.

Robinson, a 1975 communication graduate of Pacific Union College in California, also earned a master's degree from California State University at Chico. Both Robinson and Mendenhall got their start in radio at Pacific

Union College's station—KANG, now KCDS. Robinson has also worked in public relations at two Adventist hospitals.

After nearly two and a half decades of following KJCR through its ups and downs, Mendenhall believes it is time for him to move on. "Moving out of station management after 25 years has been my own request," Mendenhall said. "The responsibilities of department chair, coupled with my teaching responsibilities, including

a communication course in the new MBA program at Southwestern, have made it all but impossible for me to give KJCR the time and attention it deserves."

"Dr. Mendenhall has been an irreplaceable person in the development of our radio station. His imaginative and dedicated efforts will be evident long after he leaves his position as station manager," President Marvin Anderson said.

*Kristin Netteburg
Correspondent*



SWAU's Bob Mendenhall has served as the general manager for the university radio station 88.3 FM KJCR since it began in 1974. This fall he will hand over the position of general manager to Glen Robinson so that he can focus more on his teaching responsibilities.

GENERAL

NET '98 Bulletin Board

Overseas countries are signing up for NET '98! In the British Union, 150 churches will participate. A report of German-speaking countries indicates that baptisms and professions of faith related to NET '96 in that field totaled 303, more than twice the number leaders "dared to dream about when we plunged into the NET '96 adventure on short notice," according to NET '98 coordinator Matthias Mueller. He anticipates about 350 church sites will participate in NET '98 in the German-speaking areas.

Brad Thorp, director of Adventist Global Communication Network (AGCN) and NET '98 coordinator for overseas translations, reports that he has found strong interest throughout northern and southern Asia. The South China Island Union Mission, which includes Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao, have voted for a goal of 80% of their churches to participate, or more than 55 churches. Okinawa will have very close to 100% participation. India anticipates 200 sites. The South Pacific Division reports that 25% of their churches were already signed up early this year, with more being added. Plans are underway in New Guinea to rent football stadia in three locations to host NET '98. Attendance could reach 15,000 in each of these settings.

In North America, hundreds of churches have already registered, and more are being added daily. To register in North America, contact your conference NET '98 coordinator for a registration form and information, or register on-line from our website (<http://www.net98.org>). To access the registration form and other information for participating churches on the site, type in User Name - church; Password - 89ten.

Discover Bible Schools are helping churches prepare for NET '98. More than 1,200 Discover Bible Schools are functioning in churches in NAD, with more signing on each week.

To receive a packet of information about starting a Discover Bible School, call 805.373.7659.

NET '98 Goes to College. The Atlantic Union College church plans to conduct NET '98 as part of its joint worship evening schedule, involving all AUC students in the series. In addition, the college is among those planning to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for students or community residents who would like them for attendance at NET '98. Josef Ghosn, Ed.D., director of Continuing Education at the college, is exploring the possibility of offering college credit for NET '98 attendance as well. At Andrews University, CEU's will be offered, and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary will grant graduate credit for conducting the series to pastors enrolled in Seminary programs, according to Doug Kilcher, director of Continuing Education at the Seminary.

Visit our website (<http://www.net98.org>) for the latest information on NET '98. Additions about to be made to the site include features and linkages for wide public access. Already available are RealVideo and RealAudio versions of "God of the Gaps," a series on creation and evolution, by Dwight K. Nelson, NET '98 speaker. For access to the Coordinators' Area on the site, user name is church; password is 89ten.

*Betty Cooney
for NET '98 promotion*



Retirees to attend annual convocation

The annual Convocation of Seventh-day Adventist Retirees of North America will be held June 10-14, 1998 on the campus of Andrews University in Michigan.

Upwards of 1,500 retirees and their spouses are expected to attend the

event which has been held the past 17 consecutive years, according to Jack Harris, Retirees Association president for the North American Division.

Main speakers will be A. C. McClure, president of the North American Division, and Morris Venden, longtime pastor

and author.

The five-day event will also include seminars, a prayer breakfast, the annual banquet, and day trips to nearby attractions.

Facilities at the university include dormitory rooms, while a limited number of nearby

motel rooms are available in the Berrien Springs area.

For more information or to register write NAD Retiree Convocation, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. For information by phone call 616.471.3360.

Global Mission sponsors two initiatives

Reaching the Jews

The Atholton church in Maryland was host to an unusual Sabbath celebration in January. The congregation responded to the words of Deuteronomy 6:4, "SHEMA Yisrael, Adonai Elohenu, Adonai echad. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one." They sang Hebrew songs and listened to the experiences of Messianic Jews in our midst, those of Jewish heritage who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah.

Cyril Miller, director of Global Missions for North America, inspired by the admonition of Ellen G. White "to take particular interest in the Jewish people whom they find in all parts of the earth," spearheaded this convocation to launch an outreach to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel."

As the worshippers heard the conversion stories of Herbert Silver and his wife Florence, her sister, Estelle Calbi, Ken Blumstock and Peninah Taylor, they caught a glimpse of the work the Holy Spirit is doing to reach Jewish hearts with the gospel. However, much more needs to be done before the Lord can return.

To follow up on this experience, many have

expressed an interest in establishing a Messianic congregation of Seventh-day Adventists in Maryland to reach out to the sizable Jewish population in our area. Miller is inviting all who are interested in this work to contact his office at the General Conference. If interested in supporting a new Hebrew Adventist congregation with your prayers, finance, membership or missionary efforts, please write to Global Mission, North American Division, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

*Florence Silver
Reporting for
NAD Global Mission*

Reaching Muslims

Special training is scheduled on May 17-24 for NAD members to become Global Mission Pioneers to reach Muslims living in the USA and Canada. This training event, sponsored by the North American Division, will take place at the Mission College of Evangelism, located in the Black Hills of South Dakota near Mount Rushmore.

The classes will be taught by Dr. Jerald Whitehouse and Dr. John McGhee, the directors of Islamic Relations for the General Conference and North American Division.

Why not become qualified to help reach the men, women and children of this virtually unreached people group in the surrounding communities where you live by

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Call 605.255.4101 or 255.4687 for further information and registration.

ACN adopts digital satellite system

The Adventist Communication Network (ACN) has adopted a new digital satellite system with service to begin in September. The new package uses the Business Satellite Receiver from Scientific Atlanta, a reputable satellite equipment manufacturer, and includes a 7' 6" dish, receiver, automation and other equipment for \$1,975, plus shipping, handling and installation.

ACN will continue to provide services to churches using the analog system at least

through the end of the year 2000. Churches wishing to adopt an ACN digital system can purchase the upgrade package for \$1,255, plus shipping, handling and installation. To order call 800.AC.N.1119, ext. 3.

Information packages about ACN's new system will be mailed to all North American Division churches in April. Interested participants not on that list can request an information packet beginning April 1 by calling 800.AC.N.1119, extensions 3 or 7.



Adventist Communication Network (ACN)

May Schedule

- May 2:** Cross Training for Family Ministries - "Parenting with Grace" 6-8 p.m., ET
- May 6:** First Wednesday 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., ET
- May 9:** Cross Training for Sabbath School Teachers
"Opening Groups to the Community" 4-6 p.m., ET
- May 9:** Cross Training for Children's Ministries - "Grace Stories, Part II" 6-8 p.m., ET
- May 13:** Creating Health, Part I - "Nutrition Matters" 4:30-6 p.m., ET
- May 20:** Creating Health, Part II - "Prevention Matters" 4:30-6 p.m., ET
- May 22 - 30:** Florida Conference Camp Meeting Series Times and Satellites TBA

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- For more information on conducting NET '98 in your church, call (616) 473-8320. For more ministry tips, visit our web site at: <http://www.net98.org>
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BINKLEY, Arie Natalie, born Mar. 25, 1908 in Ada, OK and died Mar. 3, 1998 in Ada. Survivors: daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Melvin Benefield, Ada; OK; sisters, Ruby Lilley, Ada, and Rachel Harris, Coalinga, CA; brother, Lowell Tharp, Fullerton, CA; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

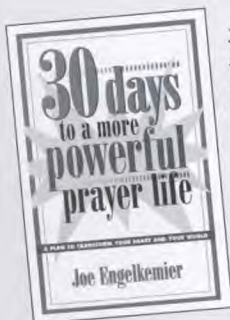
COULTER, Charles V. "Bill", born July 8, 1910 in Sandusky, IL and died Mar. 19, 1998 in Dalhart, TX. Survivors: wife,

Bonnetah, Texline, TX; sons, Ken W. and Lloyd V. both of Texline; daughters, Veleetah Motschieder, Mt. Vernon, OH, and Janece Jung, Colton, CA.

EAGER, Marion Elizabeth, born Nov. 8, 1920 in Cleburne, TX and died Mar. 16, 1998 in Cleburne. Survivors: son, Jim Hoyer, Cleburne; sister, Sue Gardner, Cleburne; and one grandchild.

FERGUSON, Dr. Wilburn, born Mar. 11, 1905 in Shawnee, OK and died Mar. 6, 1998 in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Ferguson was present when Loma Linda began. He was one of the first students at La Sierra Academy. He built 27 schools for Indians in Peru and spent many years in the jungles of Ecuador. He had a clinic where he and his wife treated patients while he conducted research on plants and their medicinal properties. Survivors: daughters, Judy Frank, Patricia Sangurino, Sharon Burke; and one son, Eugene Ferguson.

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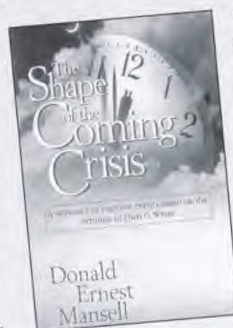


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HUFF, James D., born Aug. 30, 1934 near Poplar Bluff, MO and died Dec. 7, 1997 in Siloam Springs, AR. Survivors: wife, Zada; son and family, Roger and Jan Huff, Springdale, AR; granddaughters, Audra and Beth Huff, Springdale, AR; brothers: John, St. Louis, MO, Bill, Bourbon, MO, Tom, Portland, TN; sisters, Ruth Richert and Dorothy Stokes both of St. Louis, MO.

HUGHES, Claude D., born Sept. 21, 1903 in Altus, OK and died Mar. 23, 1998 in Fort Worth, TX. He was a retired principal for the SDA church school system. Survivors: daughter, La Verne Northrop, Loma Linda, CA; sisters: Evelyn Fragueta, Fairhope, AL and Lorena Sewell, Mangum, OK; six grand children and nine great-grandchildren.

PINE, Carl, born Nov. 22, 1916 in Farmerville, LA and died Mar. 15, 1998 in Collegedale, TN. He pastored churches in Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Virginia and Maryland and was known for his skill in building new church structures. After retiring in Collegedale, he served on a voluntary basis as an assistant pastor where he remained active until illness interfered shortly before his death. Survivors: wife, Martha; daughters, Jean Pine and Carleen Adams both of Millington, TN, and Jody Lay, Hixson, TN; four grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

PROCTOR, Wanda, born May 20, 1940 in Pope County, AR and died Feb. 10, 1998 in Clarksville, AR. Survivors: husband, Terry; sons, Toni and Tandy; and daughters, Tanya Ledford and Terry Keyton.

RUST, Lotis, born July 12, 1909 and died Feb. 20, 1998 in Oklahoma. She was a member of the Texarkana church. Survivor: grandson, David Holt, Texarkana, TX.

SANDERFUR, Linnie Mae, born Feb. 27, 1926 in Wichita Falls, TX, and died Feb.

20, 1998 in Wichita Falls. Survivors: brother, Manford L. Sandefur, Jr., Orlando, FL; sister, Billie L. Griswell, Keene, TX; aunt, Dorothy Peaster, Albuquerque, NM.

SEVERS, Gene, born Dec. 9, 1927 in Havelock, NE and died Dec. 10, 1997 in Hot Springs, AR. Survivors: wife, Gunvor, Hot Springs; son, Andrew, Anaheim, CA; daughters, Sharon Parks, San Diego, CA, Laura Stevens, Coeur-d-Alene, ID; and step-daughters, Sandra Loveless, Marian, KS and Brita Gali, Kailua-Kona, HI.

SCHULTZ, Marguerite, born Jan. 24, 1903 in Blackwell, Oklahoma territory and died Feb. 11, 1998 in Canadian, TX. Survivors: sons, George William, Norman Jerry and John Mark; daughters, Mary Catherine Squire and Janet Elizabeth Wiley.

SHEDELL, Birdena, born Jan. 12, 1912 in Mecosta County, MI and died Feb. 17, 1998 in Gentry, AR. Survivors: son, Harlan, Gentry; daughters, Verlene Lindsey, Houston, TX and Lucille Allan, Portland, OR; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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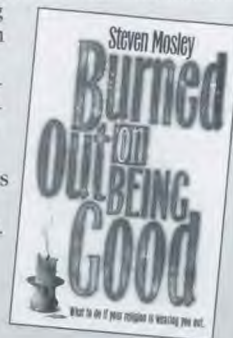
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Dallas, TX	7:24	7:28	7:32	7:35	7:38	7:39
El Paso, TX	7:01	7:05	7:09	7:12	7:14	7:15
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