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**Provide Opportunities for This Life
and Hope for the Life to Come**

TEACHERS...

They're some of God's special people



MAX A. TREVINO

"The great aim of the teacher should be the perfection of Christian character in himself and in his students. Teachers, let your lamps be trimmed and burning, and they will not only be lights to your students, but will send out clear and distinct rays to the homes and neighborhoods where your students live, and far beyond into the moral darkness of the world." *Counsels to Parents, Teacher and Students*, p. 68

Recently I visited my wife, Betty, in her classroom at Burton Adventist Academy. As I was talking with her, I became aware once again of all the energy contained in that classroom—27 lively third graders. And I wondered, How does she do it? Where does she find the strength and the patience and the wisdom to constructively direct these bundles of energy so that learning can take place? And even more importantly, how can she do all that and nurture their spiritual development as well?

Every one of our teachers faces these same challenges. I still don't understand how they do it, but I'm thankful that God has gifted them with the ability to handle the tremendous challenges inherent in every classroom full of students.

Just think of the students' varying backgrounds: some come from well-disciplined homes while others come from dysfunctional homes; some have pleasing personalities while others exhibit annoying or even disruptive behavior; some seem to love learning while

others need motivation.

How does a teacher know just what to say and do in every circumstance? Dealing with academics may not be that difficult, but knowing how to present the material to each child so that they will understand and grasp it requires special skill. For six to seven hours a day, students come under the influence of their teachers. How wise they must be, how controlled, how tactful and gracious, under all circumstances.

The task would be less difficult if every child attending an Adventist

school came from a home where parents have trained them well, where discipline is consistent yet done in love, where children are taught respect, honesty, purity and a love of God. But sad to say, this is not always the case, even in Christian homes.

Unfortunately, many parents don't know how or don't try to establish and maintain a Christian home, because they themselves were not reared in a home that practiced Christian standards of right and wrong. This means our teachers and schools face a double challenge—that of

imparting Christian values to students whose parents or guardians don't always uphold those values themselves.

Teachers have the sacred privilege of representing Christ before their students, Ellen G. White tells us. What an awesome responsibility! That's why I'm thankful for our godly teachers in the Southwestern Union — teachers who accept the challenge to instill and reinforce Christian values in their students. This, coupled with their work of imparting knowledge and a thirst for divine wisdom, helps assure the child's success in the future and a home in heaven. May God bless each of our teachers.



Betty Trevino's 1997-98 third grade class.

ABOUT THE COVER:

Shreveport Times photographer, Roger Coley, took this photo of Evalyn Young in her one-teacher school room in Minden when staff writer Benjamin Arnold paid a visit to the school.

A gift for the moment or a gift of a lifetime-- What will it be?

Economists have predicted that if all of the wealth in America were equally distributed to all Americans, within a few months, or at most a few years, much of the wealth would be held by just a few—those who have used it wisely.

Over the years missionaries have learned it is better to teach the people of impoverished countries to grow their own food instead of giving them food. Tabloid TV has featured stories of people who have won the lottery but who within a short period of time have lost it all. Other stories abound of people who have been cheated out of their inheritance either by remarriage, lawsuits, bankruptcy or unscrupulous individuals. I'm reminded of the adage that it is better to teach one to fish than to simply give him the fish.

What, then, is the safest, most lasting gift you can give someone? The answer is quite simple. Jesus gave us the gift of salvation, but it comes only as each one makes the effort to understand and accept His gift. Our salvation comes

because we have read His word and appreciate the value of the gift. If salvation were "dumped" on us like a lucky lottery number we might not be grateful but only wasteful of the gift. What Jesus has offered us is true education—education through the written word, by experience and prayer, by exchanging testimonies with other believers, and through songs and sermons. God's laws, including nature, make sense when we are educated to understand His ways.

In olden days to sustain the youth through life they were given cattle, land and family heirlooms. Today in our nonagrarian society the youth are still in need of the tools to sustain them for life. With many family units in disarray the young are "left out in the cold." Parents are trapped in a

lifestyle that includes all amenities except maybe providing a Christian education for their young.

The greatest material gift a parent can give a child is not a late model car or the newest sound equipment, but rather an education—a Christian education where they learn to understand and appreciate the ways of God and integrate those principles into their daily living. In a society where moral values have disintegrated, leaving our youth to flounder in an uncharted course, what better way can parents invest their money than to put it into an education that lasts a lifetime?

According to estimates, a college degree usually brings in an additional \$1,000,000 income over a lifetime. This enables the person to support their



Marvin Anderson, D.B.A.
President
Southwestern Adventist
University

family, support the church, and, yes, even possibly give aid to their parents in their time of need. When you consider that even a "cheap new car" costs more than two years' tuition for college, how could anyone equate an education that lasts a lifetime with the value of a used car that might last four years? A sound Christian education is possibly the number one bargain purchase of a lifetime. Please, do consider providing your child with the lasting gift—that of sending your child to a Christian school, college or university.

Southwestern graduates 169 in commencement ceremony

Following speaker Florence Littauer's parting words to the class of 1998, "Go out and dare to dream," 169 students graduated from Southwestern Adventist University May 3.

The university conferred honorary doctorates on author/speaker Littauer and on California pastor and radio speaker Douglas Batchelor. Of the degrees awarded, there were eight master of education, 26 bachelor of arts, 86 bachelor of science, nine bachelor of business administration, seven bachelor of social work and 32 associate of science degrees. One of the 169 students received two bachelor's degrees.

Presidential citations for outstanding service to the community and university were given to Paul Gnadt,

editor of the *Keene Star-Reporter* and a member of the class of 1991, and Dickie Martin, secretary to the university president. The Thomas and Violet Zapara Award for Teaching Excellence was awarded to Edith Willis, director of Southwestern's English as a Second Language program.

One student, Danna Dersch of Shattuck, Okla., graduated summa cum laude, which represents a GPA between 3.9 and 4.0 on a 4.0 scale. Six students graduated magna cum laude, with GPAs of 3.75 to 3.89, and nine graduated cum laude with GPAs of 3.5 to 3.74.

One hundred twelve of the graduates are women; 57 are men. The oldest graduate is 53 and the youngest baccalaureate degree recipient is 20. Fifty-four of the graduates are



1998 Southwestern Adventist University graduate Kristin Netteburg of Silver Spring, Md., hugs her mother, Ronnalee, while her dad, Kermit, North American Division's vice president for communication, adjusts his boutonniere during senior consecration.

married. There were three brother-sister combinations in the class as well as a three-cousin combination.

Twenty-five students received teacher certification; 21 were adult degree

program participants. Twelve of the graduates had served as student missionaries during their time at the university.

Sharon Leach
Development Director

Adventist education: An option or an essential?



Ronald C. Williams, Ed D.
Superintendent of Schools
Southwest Region
Conference

Have you read a newspaper lately? Almost every day there is a report of some tragedy in America's schools. Who is to blame? The parents? The teachers? The students themselves? How about Adventist education? Is it better? Safer?

task of patiently and kindly teaching their children the way of the Lord" p. 472.

"Upon fathers and mothers devolves the responsibility of giving a Christian education to the children entrusted to them.... They are not to allow their children to slip out of their grasp into the hands of unbelievers. They are to do all in their power to keep them from imbibing the spirit of the world. They are to train them to become workers together with God" pp. 297-8.

Do we, as parents, value knowledge of worldly sciences more highly than we do knowledge of God? Our first work is to save ourselves and our families. Adventist schools assist us in this grand endeavor.

Teachers, are you truly

educating God's children for eternity? Can you, by your lifestyle, truly say, "Follow me to the Kingdom?" Consider these statements:

"Teachers are to be laborers together with God in promoting and carrying forward the work which Christ by His own example has taught them to do" 6 Testimonies, p. 156.

"Take your position, teachers, as true educators, and by words and expressions of interest for their souls pour into the hearts of the students the living stream of redeeming love" 6T, p. 158.

Unless the children are drawn in love to the Master Teacher, all the knowledge they gain in the sciences is of little value relative to matters of eternity.

Students, are you careful in choosing your

friends? Do you choose those who will uplift and not tear down? Those who will draw you to Christ and not away? Consider these wise words:

"In forming friendship, great caution should be exercised lest an intimacy be contracted with one whose example it would not be safe to imitate; for the effect of such an intimacy is to lead away from God, from devotion, and the love of truth. It is positively dangerous for you to be intimate with friends who have not a religious experience" 3 Testimonies, p. 42.

Need I say more? Each of us is responsible for the education we and/or our children receive. Christ must be made first and best in everything we do and have and in the choices we make.

Oh, it's easy to point the finger at someone else when things go awry, but the fault may begin with each of us.

Parents, are you truly convinced that what the "Little Red Books" say about Adventist education is true? Consider these statements from Child Guidance:

"One great reason why there is so much evil in the world today is that parents occupy their minds with other things to the exclusion of the work that is all-important—the

Three-legged approach

Have you ever sat on an old milking stool? Remember those three-legged stools hanging on a nail in the barn? Have you tried to sit on a stool with a leg missing, or worse yet, with two legs missing? The stool is worthless.

Providing well-balanced training for our children is a three-legged plan. Leave out the home, leave out the church, or leave out the school and the training is off balance. Leave out two of these legs and the training is far from God's plan.

Parents are deceived into believing that the large modern school down the street that offers "the extras" is "what my child needs!" Parents are allowing their children to decide where they go to school—children

who are too young to fully understand the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Parents must not forget the importance of placing their children in a classroom where they sit at the feet of an Adventist teacher who believes the Bible as they do.

There is nothing more important than the salvation of our children. Bank accounts, houses, automobiles, boats, clothing, and computers won't go to heaven with us. By God's grace our children will. It takes faith, it takes sacrifice, but our kids are worth it! Adventist education is God's plan, and God knows best!

Don R. Hevener
Superintendent of
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SENIORS SPEAK OUT

God has been involved in every aspect of my life at UGA. From science to landscaping, journalism to government, we have learned how God provides all that we need. To me there is nothing more I could ask for than what I have learned the four years I've been at Valley Grande Academy.

— Kisha Norris, UGA

My life has been greatly enriched by my Christian education. The teachers have a genuine concern for us as the Lord's children, as well as for our scholastic achievements as

students. Friendships I have developed will last for life for they are based on much more than just time spent in school. Conversations about religion, prayer sessions during lunch and listening to teachers praying for the welfare of their students will always be with me. — Amanda Solomon, BAA

I've learned by seeing my teachers in action that God is very important. Thanks to their example I know Christ better, and I hope others see Christ through me. — Chad Ferguson, OAA

Christian education provides opportunity to share through religious drama

Twenty-four seventh grade students at Ozark Adventist Elementary School and their teacher, David Gillham, have been involved in a drama ministry. In their contemporary play, "The Catacombs," they portray how Christians have their faith and trust in God tested to the maximum. They have memorized this full-length, three-act play, and when it is performed at area churches and youth meetings it has brought new life to familiar Bible passages, such as 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, that portray the struggles a Christian encounters in the face of death.

The play has also made

significant impact on the lives of the student performers. Lora Netzel, "professor" in the play, says she has grown closer to the Lord through this ministry. Jessica Clegg, leader of the "underground," says it has made her think more seriously about eternal values. Kevin Burton, "officer," observes that he has gained a new understanding of how God takes care of His people.

All the students have worked hard, and they agree it has been a challenge, but they would consider participating in another play in the future.

David Gillham

Seventh Grade Teacher



A scene from "The Catacombs" shows Ozark Adventist Elementary School students Michael Hist, Savannah Cox, Jacolyn Darmody, Matt Mize, Lora Netzel and Tatiana Cerna acting out the part where Christians, hiding in a church, were arrested as they prepared to flee to a safer place.

Opportunities for volunteering provides schools with tutorial assistance

Joshua Adventist Multi-grade School classrooms have been filled with activity this year. As we think of how we have grown from having a few students to an enrollment of 41 with others on a waiting list, several factors contributing to our growth come to mind.

One of these is the group of volunteers Lillian Davis recruits to listen to our students read. As a result of this personal attention and encouragement, students' skills have improved. Opportunities for tutoring in other areas have been filled by some of the parents. Their help has been invaluable.

The music program has also been a growth factor. Students are given opportunity to perform with the group, as well as individually. This year Irene Herr, the music teacher, has added a bell choir and band for those who are interested.

Our pastor, Terry St. Clair, who gives the students a feeling of importance by listening to their ideas and sharing his with them, seems to attract parents as well, for the membership of the church continues to grow.

C. Joan Davis
Principal



Volunteer Sheila Gibson shares helpful tips about taking care of pet ferrets.



Burleson Adventist School seventh grade students ready to deliver refreshments to participants at the Special Olympics. From left: Ben Durichek, Brittany Chinchurreta, Rebekah Perez, Laura Carpenter, Erin Williams, Casey Sullivan, Jason Warren, Bryan Sellers and Charlie Schneider.

Opportunities for growth by assisting others

Nine seventh grade students from Burleson Adventist School assisted in the annual area-wide Special Olympics for handicapped athletes on May 7 at Burleson Junior High School's Elk Stadium.

They joined other volunteers in the many tasks required for a successful track meet. They carried water and other drinks to the 308 participants and the other volunteers who were on the field.

Following the day's activities, the BAS students helped clear the field and

pack away equipment. This is the sixth year BAS students have been invited to help with the Special Olympics. They returned to campus with rekindled enthusiasm to respond to the needs of others and to cooperate with others in useful service.

BAS students' positive comments such as "It was a privilege to work at the Special Olympics" and "I really enjoyed serving others," highlight the benefits students get from helping others.

Elaine Carpenter
Parent Sponsor

Opportunities for volunteers to help open a new school

Starting a new church school is never easy, but for Oklahoma City Central, the idea of having one has become a reality because the entire church shared this dream and worked enthusiastically to make it come true.

A section of the community services building was converted into a school room and a library by putting in new carpet, walls, windows and doors. A third room is being prepared for a kindergarten room. Many members contributed to the renovations and worked tirelessly to finish before school began last year. Some materials including office supplies, text books and school supplies were donated. And one of the members, Wes Haffner, was responsible for building the playground. He has done much more than was expected.

While some people prefer a larger school, there are



Oklahoma City Central church school students Michael Pearson, Jessica Horn and Kenny Sims fold clothes and pack them into community service boxes to ship overseas.

benefits to having a one-room school. For instance, the older children are able to help the younger ones, and this gives opportunity for them to share the knowledge they have gained. Another benefit is that the children are exposed to the other grades' lessons, and as one

sixth grader said, "When I get to the eighth grade, I'll know all this."

At the end of the first year we are encouraged to see how these students have grown and matured and have learned to love Jesus.

*Lori Boyer
Teacher's Aid*

Opportunities to share through church involvement

El Paso Junior Academy students have been kept busy leading Sabbath school and church services in local churches. The students, from first to tenth grade, use both English and Spanish to give enthusiastic presentations on the value of Christian education through instrumental numbers, vocal specials, drama and preaching.

They have made presentations to over 600 church members and visitors in the seven Adventist churches in El Paso and the congregations' responses have been overwhelmingly positive.

Programs like these provide opportunity for students to learn to take leadership roles in the church.



El Paso Junior Academy students present a Sabbath program. Back row from left: Noemi Estrada, Mrs. Gloria Romero, Andres Rosales, Andres Torres. Middle row: Stephanie Ipatzi, Jonathan Davis, David Gonzalez, Rennart Minott; and front row: Nicole Christenson, Natalie Martinez, Melody Ipatzi, and Derek Williams.

Students who go to a Christian school develop a desire to support the local church because, from a young age, they have

already experienced the joy and blessing of service for Christ.

*Basil Bell
Principal*

Thank you for Adventist schools

Children's minds are like a Pentium computer processor—what goes in comes out. What children learn today carries them into tomorrow.

My greatest desire is for my children to learn to know, love and trust Jesus as their best friend. Without that foundation, the future is bleak. Daily I thank God for an Adventist school where my children can learn the value of serving and trusting Him.

I'm so thankful that the values important to me are being taught at Keene Adventist Elementary School as though they are part of the curriculum. Love, respect, a caring spirit, healthful habits, honesty and hard work are ideals embraced by Christian teachers and made evident in their teaching.

Because we know the effect of peer pressure, it is important that our children have friends who share similar values and beliefs and can be in an environment where Christ is presented to them on a daily basis. We also know that friendships formed at school often last in to adulthood and often contribute to success or failure, eternal life or eternal death. How important it is, then, to provide our children with the best opportunity to associate with Christian teachers and their peers in a positive setting.

*Kristi Amparan
Keene Church
Correspondent*

Opportunities for growth through high tech

When you enter any classroom at Beavers Adventist Academy with its 27 students in grades 1-10, chances are students will be working on computers. Each day they have opportunity to make use of some of the latest in educational technology. They use this technology as a tool to make their tasks more efficient.

Kathy Goley's room (grades 1-4) has many programs that reinforce what they are learning in math, English and spelling. They did research on the Internet on famous Black Americans for Black history month.

Ferman Mock's grades five through eight participated in Andrews University's Intel-ebration and an electronic virtual field trip to Peru. The exercises were integrated into



Using information she has pulled up from the Internet, Melissa checks the accuracy of her term paper. Photo: Lee Davidson

social studies, science and English. Students have also been able to use software that accompanies the science textbook, *The Science*

Electronic Tutor, to help prepare for tests. The software follows the textbook, section by section, reviewing all the concepts taught.

Lee Davidson's ninth and tenth grades use E-mail to ask questions or to request help in doing some assignments. They have written research papers, using the Internet to find information that the school's limited library does not have. An electronic white board is also used. After drawing an explanation on the white board, a button may be touched to copy and print it out in the colors that were used on the board.

The school's technology plan has recently been reviewed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and approved. Beavers Adventist Academy is striving to make its students ready for the 21st century.

*Lee Davidson, Ed.D.
Principal*

Opportunity for further growth through improvements



Jefferson Adventist Academy choir performing in the Jefferson Academy church with choir director J. Philip Williams.

The two-week process of painting, mowing, moving, decorating, and even cleaning the boys' dorm at Jefferson Adventist Academy prior to accreditation was crucial for our school.

When the team of teachers, principals, conference superintendents and directors of education spent April 5-8 on our campus, they examined our self-evaluation to check its accuracy. They found that our school had fulfilled

most of the recommendations made two years ago.

A key recommendation was to have a fully certified faculty, and this is currently being taken care of. However, the future of this school depends on the number of students who will attend in the future and as a senior at Jefferson, I'd like to encourage others to come to our school.

*Robert A. Martinez
Jefferson Adventist
Academy Senior*

One hundred and fifty of the Fort Worth-Dallas area's best math students participated in the TIVY Math contest. The contest is a mathematics/logic game in which students move scoring pieces, tivets, to slots where the tivets earn points. They calculate a math function to determine the score for each tivet. Keene and Richardson Adventist Schools won overall first place in the competition. First place winner, Christopher Saldana, and teacher, Debbie Hall, were introduced on the lawn at the Texas Rangers baseball game that evening. Pictured from left are John Campbell, Jason Hall, first place winner Christopher Saldana, teacher Debbie Hall, second place winner Michael Talley, Julie Christensen and Jason Montoya.

Photo: Keene Reporter





City Temple Junior Academy students visited Martin Luther King Jr.'s home and the eternal flame in his memory.

Opportunity to help in community projects

City Temple Junior Academy has an interesting history which dates back to 1929 when it was founded in east Dallas. At present students are served from kindergarten through ninth grade. Quality teaching and Christianity are emphasized at each grade level. Several of our leaders, including the current conference president, Robert Lister, are products of our school.

For the past five years we have expanded the curriculum to stimulate the students' interests and to encourage them to prepare

for citizenship in the community as well as for heaven. Community involvement such as visiting nursing homes and helping at the North Texas Food Bank to separate and box food are part of the program.

Students' learning is also enhanced through combining travel to historical sites with classroom learning.

On May 19 the school's recorder band, under the direction of Jewel Humphrey, had its first recital at a local Baptist church.

*W.E. Hucks, Sr.
Principal*

OAA offers opportunities to prepare for the future

In our constantly changing world, where people search for a niche of comfort that reflects the changes, yet

maintains the values established over the past 100 years, parents shop around for educational facilities that most closely seek to fulfill the hopes and desires they have for their

enough to maintain the high standards set by the past but also allow for change and growth.



Ryan Neergaard wants his chemistry experiment to turn out "just right."



Jesse Roehl and Tara Smith take advantage of the library.

children.

Keeping this in mind, Ozark Adventist Academy has adopted a mission statement that is flexible

OAA offers a well-rounded education where students can choose classes in computers, accounting, home economics, art, music, physical education, woodworking or auto mechanics in addition to the basic academic classes. An enriched program is in place for students wanting an extra challenge in science, English, history, or math.

Respect for self is another ingredient that is not ignored. Students are urged to behave toward others as they would like others to behave toward them. The discipline atmosphere at OAA encourages students to be responsible for their own behavior.

Love for God and respect for self form the basis of teaching at OAA. This is the focus of classwork, social life, and spiritual involvement. Even though our students come from diverse home situations, with these two ingredients we are able to mold together into one family. With God's help, we endeavor to foster a lifestyle with Heaven as our goal.

*Carolyn Jensen
English Teacher*



Parkview Adventist Junior Academy students with their fifth and sixth grade teacher, Anita Chen (right), visualize opportunities they may have as they face the future using the slogan on their poster which reads, "Today, with our small hands, we build castles in the sand. Together with your large hands, we will build the future of the land."

Opportunities for learning through technology and travel

Fourteen years ago when Richardson Adventist School first began, there was one computer in the classroom. Nine years ago the library circulation and cataloging systems were computerized. This year, as a result of an anonymous donor, another integral part of the technology program has been added.

The donor had two goals in mind for the gift: to provide state-of-the-art computer opportunities for the students and teachers at RAS and to provide witnessing interaction between RAS students and other students via the

Internet and student-generated web pages. Each classroom will have guarded access to some aspect of the Internet. A grant from Southwestern Bell has provided the needed wiring and installation for additional classroom connections.

The students have also been on off-campus excursions. While the fifth and sixth graders attended Outdoor School at Nameless Valley Ranch, the ninth and tenth graders journeyed to Washington, D.C. to visit historical sites.

The first and second graders traveled to a wheat



Richardson Adventist School first graders watch as their teacher, Kathy Rodriguez, explains how to use a computer.

farm in Oklahoma where they enjoyed a hayride and participated in a number of other farm activities, while the third and fourth grade classes visited Austin and San Antonio, touring the Capitol, Inner Space

Caverns, the Alamo, museums and educational centers.

All these experiences have enhanced the children's growth and knowledge.

*Doris Sorenson
Principal*

Opportunities for experiential learning

Students at Jones Creek Adventist Academy in Baton Rouge, La. found their school year packed with



Fifth grader Cory Lucas tests out an oceanographer's helmet.

activities. Under the leadership of their principal, Joyce Fortner, the teachers were allowed wide latitude for involving their students in a variety of learning and sharing experiences.

Students in seventh, eighth and ninth grades have gone on working field trips armed with cameras and notepads to collect photos and facts on historic Louisiana places.

These students have also sorted and packed food baskets at the Baton Rouge Food Bank, raked leaves for an elderly church

member, bought and wrapped 30 Christmas gift bags for children at the homeless shelter, and participated in the Ken Cox Crusade as ushers, parking attendants and cameramen.

Biology class for the ninth grade has included lots of interactive learning, from dressing in surgical scrubs to examine mold, to collecting insects and dis-

secting frogs.

The first through sixth grades have enjoyed a learning tour at Aquarium of the Americas, seeing farm animals up close at L.S.U. mini-farm, attending the Baton Rouge Symphony, building erupting volcanoes, and using natural resources of the earth to design art pictures.

The older students

attended Junior Academy Bible Conference in April and then toured Ozark Adventist Academy. There is marked evidence that these young people have grown in their relationship with the Master Teacher this year. This is the greatest reward we as their classroom teachers can receive.

*Joyce Fortner
Principal*

Crestview School celebrates 50th anniversary

Crestview School in Albuquerque celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Career Day. Representatives from the fields of nursing, insurance, prosthetics, photography and computer engineering shared information about their jobs in an assembly. Students, many of whom were dressed as professionals in the careers in which they were interested, were able to see displays and ask questions about those fields. As the assembly was ending, a brand new fire truck drove up and firemen helped students aboard to explore its workings.

On successive days during this week of celebration, students participated in Youth Olympics at a local park, Twins Day, a mass release of golden balloons, Country Western Day, and Blast to the Past, when students dressed in period costumes and did lip syncs to pre-1970 songs. All agreed this week-long celebration was an appropriate way to commemorate a half century of Adventist education in the Albuquerque area. Pictured here are Robby Ward-Hersee (left), Nadia Graf and Elise Anderson, getting more information about nursing from Mrs. Karin Anderson.

*Lezlie Bailey
Principal*





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"VGA taught me a lot of
responsibility and brought me
closer to God"

Shannon LeBlanc



Outstanding educators receive teaching award

The superintendents of schools from each conference were asked to nominate their very best teachers for this award. Not only did the nominees need to be good teachers but also demonstrate concern for students, competence in classroom management, professional development, and involvement in church and community.

The recipients of the first annual Excellence in Teaching Award received a beautiful engraved plaque, a framed certificate and a cash gift that was usually matched by the employing organization. The Southwestern Union is pleased to announce the winners of this year's award.

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference

Karen Ryder, B.S., teaches grades 1-8 at Shreveport



Adventist Academy. She is considered a teacher who does everything well.

From the moment you walk into her classroom you sense that there really is excellent Adventist teaching happening in a wonderful Christian atmosphere.

Southwest Region Conference

Catherine Jackson, M.Ed., currently teaches grades 7-9 at City Temple



Junior Academy in Dallas. She has taught all grades from kindergarten to grade 9 through-

out her teaching career. She demonstrates exceptional love and concern for her students. Extra activities and trips enrich her educational program.

Texas Conference

Joan Davis, M.Ed., teaching principal at Joshua Multigrade School (JAMS),



maintains an atmosphere in her classroom where studying is respected and organiza-

tion is paramount. It is evident that her students in grades 5-8 consider school more important than most students their age. Joan actively participates in church activities and has served as Sabbath school superintendent.

Agida Henderson, B.S., currently at Rusk Adventist



School, has served as a teacher for 32 years, and she obviously knows how to operate a quality

Christian classroom. Her superintendents note that she expects her students to do excellent work, yet her loving kindness shows through so her students do not feel undue pressure.

Elva Torres, B.S., has taught nearly 20 years at Valley Grande Elementary School where she is consid-



ered a model of Christian teaching in both school and local church. She is always very professional in her

work and gives generously of her time outside of school hours.

Ruth Walker, M.A., has provided excellent, warm



teaching for several grade levels at the Burleson Adventist School. She excels in using technology in her

classroom and through involving students in a variety of service activities and unique field trips. She has also played a key role in marketing her school

through newsletters and creative involvement of parents and other community members.

Academy

Linda Lambert, M.Ed. With many extra responsibilities, as well as teaching home economics and key-boarding at Ozark Adventist



Academy, Linda is a busy but caring professional. She serves as sponsor to several stu-

dent groups and coordinates a puppet ministry.

Cheryl Williams, M.A.T., has built a solid math and computer program for Jefferson Adventist Academy. When there has been a need Williams has been willing to assist in a professional and caring manner. She also coaches basketball, works with the senior class as sponsor, and supervises students during her free time.

Thank you, teachers, for your responses to the feature. Because of the volume of material, it has been necessary to cut many articles and leave out pictures.

Interview between Lyle Hansen, Ed.D., superintendent of schools in Texas Conference, and Evadeane Peters, communication director

Q. Is Christian education making progress in Texas? How many students do we have, and how many teachers are employed in our system?



Lyle Hansen

We have 120 dedicated teachers in the K-10 schools and about 60 in the academies.

Q. With the vast territory you have to cover, has the conference given any consideration to increasing your staff?

A. The Texas Conference Executive Committee voted in March to increase the staff by asking Ron Scott to join the office of education as an associate superintendent and Carol Bradley as a half-time elementary supervisor. We appreciate the support the conference officers and executive committee have given us in this respect.

Q. What kind of experience will Ron Scott bring to your office?

A. Adventist education is going very well. There are about 1,500 elementary and 500 secondary students.

A. Ron has been principal of Keene Adventist Elementary School for the past three years where he also spent some time as a teacher in the early 70s. He has had experience as a teacher, principal and superintendent of schools in several conferences.

Ron will be living and concentrating his efforts in the Austin-San Antonio area. However, he will serve other schools of the conference as needed and will be a great asset to our teachers.

Q. How much time will Carol Bradley be able to devote to elementary education and what is her background?



Carol Bradley

A. Carol will join us on a half time basis and still continue her responsibilities as principal at Burleson

Adventist School. She has had years of experience teaching in small schools and also in a single grade classroom. She is a graduate of Southwestern Adventist University and will be especially helpful to our new teachers and teachers in small schools.

Q. How will these additions help in your work?

A. With the extra staff Darrell Beyer and I plan to be more available for school board meetings, to supervise and evaluate teachers and to promote education in the churches.

Q. Sometimes parents ask whether our schools are different from the public school system. What is your reaction?

A. As we visit schools and observe teachers, the spirituality of our school becomes evident through the worship and weeks of prayer. The new Bible curriculum for grades 1-4 that will come into use in the fall has been prepared with strong soul-winning objectives. Every day our teachers model and share their faith in God with the children.

Q. How many secondary schools do we operate?

A. The four academies in the Texas Conference are providing an excellent opportunity for students in grades nine through 12. The

two day schools, Burton Adventist Academy and Chisholm Trail Academy, offer quality Christian education for the constituent churches and other young people in the area. Valley Grande Academy and Jefferson Adventist Academy not only fill the need for local Christian education, but also for students who have the desire to live on campus. The academy staffs provide excellent role models in life-building skills.

All four academies offer a high quality college preparatory curriculum and it has been especially pleasing to note that they have developed outstanding music programs.

Q. In addition to the school curriculum, what other activities do our schools encourage and what recommendations can you offer our constituency?

A. Both academy and some elementary students have been on mission trips, and some have been involved in local outreach programs. It has become quite apparent that students who participate in these activities develop a real sensitivity to the needs of others, and I would encourage more Adventist students to become involved in this type of outreach.

Christian perspectives are high priority at BAA

As Adventist parents and teachers, we would be naive to think that there are no problems on our school campuses. It is, however, a relief and a reassurance to review the many spiritual, physical, and academic advantages we provide for our children when we send them to Adventist schools.

The first and probably best advantage is that our children are being trained by Adventist Christian teachers who, besides

being qualified in their subject areas, are primarily concerned with the spiritual well being of their students. Classes begin with worship and prayer; material covered in class is often made relevant to the Bible, Christianity, and practical spiritual growth. In addition to combining academic and spiritual growth, our teachers take time to talk with students and parents about academic and spiritual matters.

Adventist schools pro-

vide a protective environment for our children to make decisions about accepting Christ into their lives and making lasting friendships. Many of the activities provided by the school are religious in nature to help bring Christ into their lives as a personal Savior. Having a support network with the church and school places even more emphasis on spiritual growth and allows more opportunities for accepting Jesus.

More than academic achievement, however, is our desire to meet each of our students in Heaven. Yes, we want our children to lead successful lives on this earth, but we know that preparation for Heaven is the best preparation for a successful life here. When we aim for one (Heaven), we gain the other.

*Vicki Tucker
English Teacher*



Success is attributed to Christian foundation



Jody McClave

Jody McClave considers herself a product of Adventist Christian education. Both she and her father feel it has contributed to her success.

Jody celebrated her 30th birthday parked in front of a newly opened Wal-Mart store in Fayetteville, Ark., but she didn't buy a thing all day. Jody is a dental hygienist who operates out of a Winnebago van fitted out as a mobile dental clinic. It

is a community outreach program conceived by Dentax, sellers of dental products, in partnership with Wal-Mart stores. This dental clinic travels throughout the south and southeastern United States, providing dental screening as a community service. In the year since this educational outreach began, Jody has taken her nine-and-a-half ton state-of-the-art examining room to 95 schools and Wal-Mart stores in eight states.

The educational value of the program has far exceeded the expectations of those who envisaged this outreach. Wal-Mart and Dentax are so pleased with the program that they are planning for six more new Winnebagos with crews such as Jodi's. They have also promised her a bigger unit and an assistant.

With the kindly way Jodi does her work, ministering to the needs of people, do you wonder why her father points back to her foundation in Christian education?



The constituents of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference have learned to appreciate Art and Esther Nelson for their kind and efficient service. Christian greetings are being extended to them as they move to their new country home near Harrison, Ark.

Conference treasurer retires

After six years as treasurer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, Art Nelson has reached the 40-year milestone in denominational service. Art, along with his wife Esther, began their careers working in our

church schools and academies as administrators and teachers. Art seemed to have a special gift for handling administrative challenges early in his ministry. Through the years Art and Esther have served in six different Adventist academies.

Art was introduced to conference treasury work in the Wisconsin Conference in 1981 where he served simultaneously as conference secretary. After 11 years in Wisconsin, Art became the treasurer in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Esther has been a teacher, academy registrar and a secretary. Perhaps her most notable and rewarding responsibility was as manager of the Wisconsin Adventist Book Center. She was the only woman ABC manager in the North American Division at the time. During their stay in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, Esther has functioned as a full-time secretary.

*P.A. Kostenko
Communication Director*



DeQueen's school teacher, Ann Blake (second from left), and their pastor, Glen Farnsworth (second from right), were each awarded plaques for having served the church 42 years. Their service records show that Ann has served 28 of those years in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference and Glen 21 years. Standing with them are Don Hevener, superintendent of schools (left), and conference president, James W. Gilley (right).

Bible studies win new members

During a December, 1996 Christmas program at Ouachita Hills Academy, two young visiting Adventists told me about a non-Adventist friend of theirs who lived near me in Percy and who loved to study the Bible. A short time later we met, and after a brief time of getting acquainted, we began a Bible study. Her grandson and husband, Bill, also joined in.

Bill and Edra have studied with my husband and me for over a year now. As I

type this story my heart thrills, for there is no greater joy than to be used of God to help people fall in love with Jesus and His word. Bill and Edra are living testimony to the fact that by beholding we become changed. Through prayer, Bible study and reading the Spirit of Prophecy books they are growing in the Lord every day, and they're sharing their faith with others, including one of their daughters.

*Judith Getchell
Correspondent*



Bill and Edra Bryan were baptized by lay church pastor Carroll Graybeal on April 25, 1998. Immediately thereafter they were voted in as members of the Hot Springs Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship Church.



At their campout at Indian Creek Recreation area May 16 and 17, the Acadiana Gators Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs of Lafayette completed their mammal honor and worked toward completing the Camping II honor. Highlights of the weekend included singing around the campfire Saturday night and pancakes and Saucettes grilled over an open fire on Sunday.— Jackie Wait



Naturalist James Wellborn preparing students for a tree maze activity.

ARKLA holds first outdoor school

Forty participants and staff in grades 5-8 pioneered the first outdoor school program to be organized by the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference education department. This is to become an annual event.

Students from participating schools came from Harrison, Texarkana, Bentonville and Shreveport. Field studies included amphibians and reptiles, water ecology, shelters, fish, fire building, habitats, "Be still and know" and beautification projects.

Special guest James Wellborn, a naturalist from Ouachita State Park, big events facilitator Doug Brown, and educational superintendent, Don Hevener, contributed to the

program's success. Nurse Lisa Voth who took care of the scrapes and scratches, Jan Manly with her kitchen crew, and the teachers and parents who gave of their time, talents and energies, all helped to make this a week to remember.

Students and adults were also given opportunities to focus on our Creator through discovery treks, worships and camp fires with Brian Danese, a participating pastor. Before the end of the week, nine students had requested studies to prepare for baptism and another 11 indicated that this was the first time they had ever asked Jesus to be their best Friend.

*Twila Brown
Outdoor School
Coordinator*

Fort Smith pays tribute to mothers

On Sabbath, May 9, mothers were honored during Sabbath school, church and at vespers. As the mothers arrived at church on Sabbath morning they were greeted by Eula Jean Roberts and given a ribbon which read "Very Important Person."

The table at the front of the church, decorated with a red table cloth, family Bible, candles and fresh-cut red and white flowers arranged by Mary Ann Minten set the tone for the

day.

Sabbath school and church programs were interspersed with hymns and special music honoring mothers. The church service ended with all the moms joining in reading a series of covenant promises to God to fulfill their family role.

Vespers by Pathfinder leader Lynelle Swena, herself a new mother, brought the day to a close.

*Janet Beason
Correspondent*

Gentry Pathfinders place second in Bible Bowl



The team members included Jesed Alcon, Jair Alcon, Matthew Roque, Heidi Rossenberg, Jennifer Rossenberg, Tara Taylor, Kristy Thurber. Not pictured are sponsors Terry and Penny Heimel, directors, youth pastor Steve Evenson, and several parents.

At the National Bible Bowl contest held at Camp Kulaqua, Fla. the weekend of April 4, the Gentry Travelers Pathfinder Club placed second overall. Rocky Mountain Conference administered the Bible Bowl program during the Florida Conference Pathfinder Camporee.

Participating team members had been studying the book of I Kings (NIV) for the past year. Each team chosen for the National Bible Bowl contest was to have placed first in their home areas and conference Bible Bowl programs.

*Lloyd Clapp
Pathfinder Director*

How friends influence us

One day as I rode my bike I thought about something—how important friends are. They are always there when you need them. They are the ones who play with you. Real friends care. Friends don't have to be kids, or boys, or girls—they could be adults. Friends can also teach you.

I have many friends. Amy is the funny one. Lane is the athletic one. Heather is the nice one and Adriela the crazy one. Ricky is a little bit of all the above. Faith is a special one because she is my sister. Kevin is the wrestling funny tickler and Kenneth is the smart one. Then there is Mrs. Young, my teacher, who knows a lot. I thank her for being such a nice teacher.

Friends are so important in our lives, they can actual-



Blake Winn, a fourth grader at the Minden school, wrote this as part of an English assignment.

ly change our lives just like my best friend, Jesus, who gave His life for me.

*Blake Winn
Minden, La. school*



Jamie and Jessica Rent, eighth and ninth grade students at Jefferson Heights Adventist Academy in New Orleans, were recipients of educational scholarships from the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Many parents appreciate the funds the conference gives to worthy students. Standing with Jamie and Jessica are their mother, Jeanie, and their principal, Roy Mortimer.



An innovative program that honors and recognizes students for their kind and thoughtful deeds at Jefferson Heights has brought a positive response from students. Each week awards are presented during Monday morning chapel services. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teacher, Denise St. Ament, is shown here with Brittany Butcher, a kindergarten student, and her "Happy Face" award.



It's a joy when alumni drop by Jefferson Heights Adventist Academy to visit while they are on home leave. Pictured with the principal, Roy Mortimer (back center), are Miguel Rodriguez (top left) who attended Jefferson for all eight years and is now a freshman at Bass Memorial Academy, Sam Galatas (second from right) who is planning to go into the ministry, and Tony Bova (right), who along with Sam attended JHJA from 1993-96, and a friend (left front).



Tulsa church relives the Last Supper

We knew this was the Sabbath we would be celebrating the ordinances of humility, but weren't aware of the special program that had been planned.

As members arrived at church, we were greeted by one of the 12 disciples and Jesus, all dressed in Biblical costumes. When I arrived, I was greeted by "Jesus" and "Thomas."

After Sabbath school, everyone separated for the foot washing service. Upon our return we sat and watched the "disciples" and "Jesus" reenact the Last Supper.

Jesus stood and talked to the disciples. He ended with the statement that one of them would betray Him that very night. Then, as each disciple stood with a spotlight focused on him, he told who he was and how he had come to know Jesus. But each disciple also expressed great concern about the possibility of



Participants in the Last Supper reenactment are from left: Brian Nikles, Dennis Carlile, Bob Fjeldsted, Roger Peugh, James Stewart, Bill McClendon, Alan Greenwood, Richrd Speed, Don Dohman, Tom Huff, Kevin Martin, Rowland Knight and Peter Meekma.

being the betrayer.

At the end Jesus stood again, blessed the bread and wine which was passed to everyone in the church, and we ate and drank together. We felt transported back 2000

years.

The creative leadership of Peggy Dohman, the creation of costumes by Paul and Nancy Kunce of the Richardson, Tex., church, the solos by Julie Little and Dennis Wayne Brown and

the 13 men who memorized the lengthy parts provided the Tulsa church members with a communion service that was particularly meaningful.

*Vicki Fjeldsted
Correspondent*



Ninety-three women from Oklahoma City Central church enjoyed their third annual mother, daughter, sister, friend banquet at the Days Inn. Each of the 12 tables was beautifully decorated with centerpieces made by Sue Bishop. Ginger Eidson, a public relations person from TLC Nursery & Greenhouse, brought 12 plants, mentioned their particular characteristics and how to care for them in the Oklahoma environment. Everyone enjoyed listening to Sherry Fisher from Bristow, who played the piano. Her two daughters read poetry and sang with their mother. Hostesses for the event were Sue Bishop and Birgitta Neff.

*Sandra Layne
Correspondent*

PARKWAY ADVENTIST JUNIOR ACADEMY

is wanting the names, addresses and phone numbers of those who have attended, taught at, been principal at, are/were friends of PAJA or Oklahoma City Junior Academy. PAJA is preparing to celebrate its 100th birthday in 1999 and have an alumni directory printed and available for purchase by the end of 1999. Please mail, fax, phone or E-mail your information to:

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Parkview Adventist Junior Academy
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Vivian, La., Homecoming August 1, 1998

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
For details call 318.375.2172
or 318.375.3955

Parkview celebrates 99 years

To celebrate its 99th year of operation, Parkview Adventist Junior Academy (formerly known as Oklahoma City Junior Academy) invited former students and current friends to a weekend of celebration, February 13 and 14.

John Kerbs, an alumnus and recently retired president of Union College, spoke Friday evening and Sabbath morning. Another alumnus, Clyde Kinder, taught the adult Sabbath school lesson. Alumni came from as far away as Mexico, Texas, Washington D.C., and California. One former student, Barbara (Tanner) Holderness, canceled a cruise to be at PAJA for the alumni weekend.

Many of the 300 people in attendance at the worship service stayed for a fellowship dinner of Italian food. Watching old classmates meet, some of whom had not seen each other in 50 years, was a unique experience.

Part of the generous offering that was given has



As an alumnus of Parkview Adventist Junior Academy, John Kerbs, recently retired president of Union College, spoke Friday evening and for the Sabbath morning service.

been used to buy Bibles for Venezuela.

A sacred music vespers Saturday evening brought the weekend to a close. Plans are already being laid for Parkview's centennial celebration in 1999.

*Sharon Clark
Correspondent*



On May 2, Maella and Borden Monell, residents of Summit Ridge Retirement Center, were honored at the church on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. During the fellowship dinner, the Monells were presented with a cake, a hydrangea plant and a card signed by every member of the church. Photo: Barbara Gepford

*Margie Malone
Correspondent*



Ninety Adventurers, representing Oklahoma's 10 Adventurer clubs, recently spent a day in Oklahoma City competing in a physical fitness program. Allyson Fisher, a third-grader at Bristow church school, was awarded a Presidential Award for physical fitness at the end of the day by Kevin Costello, Oklahoma Conference treasurer. The President's Challenge Physical Fitness Awards program promotes awareness of exercise and health and is awarded to children in both public and private schools.

Caroline A. Fisher



Several years ago the Bristow church had a highway sign on the edge of town, but it was removed when some road construction was being done. Now, however, the church has a new sign on the north end of town, erected with the help of three church members, Melvin Harrington (left) and brothers Buddy and Johnnie Baker. While they were installing the sign, a Christian Record employee stopped by to ask if they were Seventh-day Adventists. When they replied in the affirmative, he said he was too, and was pleased to see the sign at the side of the highway. Photo: Rocksey Harrington

Hebron holds family weekend

When Family Life weekend began on Friday at sunset, Hebron church began celebrating the weekend with music and sermonettes by pastors Richard Palmer from Victory Outreach Adventist Church, Frank Williams from the Hebron church and Willie Horton from Fondren Worship Center. Their sermons were titled, "Family Past," "Family Present" and "Family Future," respectively. The Friday evening service was just the beginning of a spirit-filled weekend.

On Sabbath, Hebron's guest speaker, Brian Carter, a pastor and psychologist from New York, delivered a thought-provoking sermon that identified five factors that were pertinent to Black families. Using Isaiah 61:4 as a reference to rebuilding, repairing and restoring, Carter identified five strengths Black families needed to rebuild.



Gloria and Noel Chandler receive their "marriage certificate" after renewing their vows.

1) Kinship—strong family unity, 2) work-orientation, 3) adaptability—change self or change environment, 4) determination to succeed, and 5) spiritual

commitment.

Carter conducted a series of workshops on Saturday evening. The topics of discussion were: family finance, sexuality and

temperament. The weekend culminated on Sunday with a renewal of marriage vows by several couples.

*Betsy Hudson
Correspondent*

The homeless attend worship services

Hebron church members in Houston, Tex. celebrated their annual community service day by inviting homeless people to be their special guests. Thirty-three homeless men and women were brought to church by bus and actively participated in Sabbath school. They also seemed to enjoy the eleven o'clock hour as Pastor Durandel Ford delivered a profound message. One guest was heard saying that she had been hesitant about coming but now she was glad she had.

Several members from the community who assist faithfully in



The Adventurers from the Hebron church in Houston assist community services in their monthly feeding of the homeless by handing out food and drinks to the long line of recipients.

the weekly distribution of food from the food pantry were also among Hebron's special guests. All of the guests who serve in this capacity were applauded for their loyal service.

A special tribute was made to Leonard Norman, a member of the community (deceased 1997) who worked very hard with the food pantry.

Under the direction of Noel Chandler, and with the theme adopted for this year, "Making a Difference," a difference is being made to the homeless every month.

*Betsy Hudson
Correspondent*

Westbank United church holds spring offensive

Special emphasis has been placed on several areas of the New Orleans Westbank United church during the early months of this year.

Not satisfied with the low Sabbath school attendance, Mathieu Cherenfant, superintendent, and other officers of the Sabbath school decided to provide incentives for those who come early, so they offered them a good breakfast, handed out books, roses or gift certificates. As a result, there has been a remarkable increase in attendance.

The youth, under the direction of Martha Keyes, hosted their second annual youth weekend. On Friday night they held a sing-along and testimony night around a bonfire. Theodore Brown, Southwest Region Conference treasurer, spoke to the youth on Sabbath and captivated the congregation by sharing his personal experiences and struggles as a youth and cautioning them to avoid the temptations that are so



The team of Sabbath school leaders who have been successful in motivating more members to attend Sabbath school are, from left: Joseph Kennedy, adult Sabbath school leader; Ana Aravella, assistant Sabbath school superintendent; Mathieu Cherenfant, Sabbath school superintendent; Jennifer Cherenfant, birthday recognition coordinator and Alfred Dudley, young adult Sabbath school leader.

appealing to the lusts of the flesh. "The devil uses powerful weapons," Brown said, "but God's weapons are even more powerful."

Women's ministry, under the direction of Marlene Sanders, also host-

ed their second prayer breakfast for the year. The speaker, Irene Ceesay, is director of the well-established community service center at the church. She urged the women to control their circumstances

instead of allowing circumstances to control them. She concluded by saying, "We can become God's spiritual beings by trusting His word explicitly."

*Jennifer Cherenfant
Correspondent*

As Berean's 10 elders sat and planned their program for a week of revival, they couldn't help but ponder what kind of response to expect from the membership. However, with the assurance that the Holy Spirit would be with them, they embarked on their plans. As it turned out, the meetings boasted a good attendance. An anticipated highlight of each night's meeting was the prayer scroll on which those in attendance wrote their prayer



requests. On the last night of the revival, everyone gathered outside where they formed a gigantic prayer circle and following several prayers, watched as the church pastor, Michael Meyers, and church elder, Robert Landry, burned the scroll to symbolize answered prayers. Photo: Evelyn Edwards

Berean organizes grief and recovery ministry

For the Baton Rouge Berean church, 1996 was a year plagued with a series of illnesses that for far too many proved terminal. Many a member felt helpless, not knowing what to do or say to the patient or to his immediate family during their crisis. It was this emptiness that prompted the formation of the church's recently organized grief recovery ministry.

Led by Berean's Sylvia Scott, a social worker in one of Baton Rouge's state-run hospitals, the members interested in the ministry met with guest presenter Jackie O'Neal, a social worker with the Community Hospice, for a course on how to work with those facing terminal illness. Members learned that

- Their very presence at the patient's bedside is what counts
- They shouldn't be afraid of touching for fear of contracting a disease
- They should listen but not share their own problems



Jackie O'Neal, a social worker from Hospice (center), briefed members of the grief recovery team on how to deal with people in crisis.

- They should allow for a degree of independence (washing dishes, etc.) on the part of the patient
- They must respect the privacy of the patient.

Jackie went on to assure the group that "Hospice is not designed to hasten anybody's death but rather to lend a measure of support to surviving family mem-

bers while offering a reasonable amount of comfort to the terminally ill person."

In addition, those present learned that it is not Medicaid, but Medicare and private insurance companies that offer hospice coverage. "However, there is funding for indigent patients," Jackie added.

Even though Berean has not suffered the loss of a church member this year, Jackie's visit has helped members of the grief recovery team feel better equipped to handle situations in the future.

*Evelyn M. Edwards
Correspondent*



Hebron's "Houston Stars" drill team perform at the Southwest Region Conference youth congress in Tyler.

Killeen student wins essay contest

Erin Riddle, an eighth grader at Killeen Adventist Junior Academy, has won the essay contest announced in February by Texas women's ministry.

Her response to the question, "Why you do not use or recommend to others the use of mind altering drugs" is as follows:

"I choose to live drug free because life is a precious gift. Why would you want to destroy such a beautiful thing?"

Sometimes, when life's pressures seem too difficult to overcome, people turn to drugs as a solution. Sometimes, when life throws a challenge, people turn to drugs thinking that they will help with the solution. Sometimes, when something doesn't go their way, people turn to drugs as a way out. And sometimes, when life smiles on



Erin Riddle, essay contest winner for "A Drug-Free America."

us, we are still going to be on drugs and find out that we can't stop without a fight.

Remember, life is a gift. Don't be selfish, share it with others."

*Evadeane Peters
Communication Director*

Earliteens go on mission trip

The earliteen class of the Northwest Houston Seventh-day Adventist Church recently went on a mission trip to Camargo, Mexico. The mission team painted classrooms for the Adventist school in the city.

This trip was assisted by personnel from Valley Grande Academy who

helped with arrangements in Mexico and provided food and lodging during the trip.

The earliteens hope to encourage others in the Houston area to become involved in projects to help the people of Mexico.

*Northwest Houston
Church Correspondent*



Northwest Houston church earliteen class pose at the entrance of the school building they helped paint in Camargo, Mexico.

Lynn Ripley, who has a B. A. in theology from Southwestern Adventist University, is currently working on a master's degree through Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary extension school. She joins her husband, David, as associate pastor at the Northwest Houston Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Since the Ripleys came to this church 2 1/2 years ago, its membership has grown significantly and they have bold plans for expansion. Lynn is a



welcome addition to the pastoral staff.

*Northwest Houston
Church Correspondent*

Conroe school expands program and facilities



To improve the landscaping, Pedro Saravia, Greg Batla, Robert Gammenthaler, Andre Ross and Gene Mack Miller (kneeling) in grades 7-10, added a tulip tree to the school playground. They dug the hole, chose the tree and planted it.

Waiting for the completion of their new 14,000 square foot building is what delayed the opening of the Conroe Seventh-day Adventist School by two weeks last fall. One of the areas that was expanded was a closet size space to a 20' x 30' room for a library.

This year Conroe school added ninth grade. One tenth grader also attended

the school and did most of her class work there.

The biology labs teacher, Danielle Bunklong, generated a lot of interest when the students were taught how to dissect small animals and keep records of their findings and to compare the similar and diverse ways the Creator has designed the insides of animals.

Guest performs in church on Mother's Day

Members of the Grand Prairie church were inspired and spiritually uplifted Mother's Day Sabbath by the testimony of Sam and Ronnie Saltar.

Sam Saltar, a professional trombone player who has performed in casinos and night clubs with entertainers such as Tony Bennett, Lucille Ball, Johnny Mathis, Frankie Avalon, Liberace, Milton Berle, Judy Garland, Edie Gorme, Sammy Davis, Jr., and many others, was called out of the world of show business to God's business.

With a Roman Catholic upbringing, Sam and his Jewish wife, Ronnie, were



Sam Saltar, professional trombonist

led by the Holy Spirit through a series of dramatic events in their lives to accept the truth of the gospel. They have dedicated their talents to the glory of God and will perform for churches that request their services. For further information regarding the Saltars' ministry, contact the Texas Conference office.

*Evadeane Peters
Communication Director*



On International Day, May 2, at the Arlington church, 27 different nationalities paraded to the front of the church as a map, flag and picture of their country appeared on the overhead screen. At the fellowship luncheon which followed, foods from these countries were served to a full house. Photo: John Hivale

Burton elementary presents vespers program



Students in the cast included Carl Hoyt, fifth grade, playing Amon, and Adrian Rojas as Josiah. The narration was done by Amanda Byrd (extreme left) fourth grade. Nathan Graves, Brando Utt and Travis Fleming (fifth graders), played the city's tax collectors.

The Arlington church hosted the last Burton Academy elementary vespers program of the school year on Sabbath evening, May 2, with the choirs from grades K-2 and 3-6 joined to perform the sacred musical.

Fifteen students enacted the play, "Good Kings Come in Small Packages," which told the story of Josiah, the mini monarch. As the story unfolded in word and song, it was apparent that the students had worked hard and were eager to perform. The successful elementary music program at Burton Academy is due to the talents of Cindy Nunez, choir director for grades K-8. Cindy, Annette Graves and Loreen Smith were responsible for the elaborate and colorful costumes worn by the actors. Randy Gilliam, outgoing principal, opened the program with welcome and prayer.

*Sandra Cole
Correspondent*

Students become involved with the church and community

Led by teacher Peggy Norris, the 11 students at Maranatha Adventist School presented numerous Adventist Youth (AY) programs, a Sabbath worship, and children's stories using Christian drama for their constituent church, Highland Hills, during the past school year.

They also wrote letters to the elderly and visited the sick and shut-ins. They spent one week in San Antonio, singing, delivering flowers, doing surprise love deeds and distributing "God loves you" notices.

In their own community, Maranatha students helped with ingathering and sold literature. They also did jobs at home to raise money to purchase food baskets at Thanksgiving and Easter through the Local Union of Latin American Citizens. To

help earn money for muscular dystrophy research, they sent their teacher to "jail." Only after fines were paid was she "released." This activity, held at a school function, raised nearly \$200.

Expanding their service to the world scene, students collected money for UNICEF and nearly \$400 for World Vision. The school has adopted a child in the Philippines whom they help every month. Plans are to continue the service projects next year.



The Beaumont church with its diverse cultures hosted an international dinner to raise funds to help purchase a video projector for NET '98. Cuisine from Mexico, Trinidad, America and the Philippines made up the menu, and Pam Chance (left), Deidre Jepson, Donalyn Legendre, Vicki Duff and Grace Palmer prepared American foods. Games for the youth including Twister, face painting, basketball and a moonwalk were part of the evening activities. Funds raised for the projector amounted to \$600.

Carrie C. Zoch and Haydee Arante

New school to open in Weatherford

A cooperative effort between the Weatherford and Fort Worth Northwest Seventh-day Adventist churches has made it possible to open the Eden school for the 1998-99

school year. The school, located at 201 Eden Road in Weatherford, will have Janet Clark, from Alaska, as principal/teacher.

Eight students are enrolled for 1998-99 and

more are expected. The annex building of the Weatherford church will be the classroom. Although both churches are small, members are enthusiastic as they look to opening day. They request prayers for God's guidance as they face the needs to make this venture viable. For more information contact board chairman Doug Bolan at 817.221.4082.

*Bev Will
Correspondent*

Upper Valley Elementary School enrollment is on the increase



Fifth graders Grecia DeLeon and Meynard Yordan complete an electrical circuit in science class.

The school year began with 40 students but increased as the months passed until by the end of the year there were 83.

In helping the children develop a personal relationship with God, the teachers encouraged them to write out their prayers. Here is what some first and second graders wrote: "I have learned so much about you this year, God. My teacher tells us stories about you all the time. You must be really nice" — Shyrleen. Another said, "Some people don't have jobs. Do you need more people to work for you?" — Lauren. "Whenever you come, please look for me" — Kris. And "Please keep bad angels away from me today. I only want to do good things" — Anderson.

Upcoming events at the Texas ABC

JULY

San Antonio Jr. Academy Home & School **July 12**
SWU Ministries-West
Houston (sundown) **July 25**

AUGUST

Teacher's Retreat (San Antonio) **Aug 3,4,5**
Women's Retreat (Houston) **Aug 21-23**
SWU Ministries Convention-Dallas DFW Hyatt East **Aug 28-30**

Mineral Wells holds 50th anniversary

On May 16 the Mineral Wells Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated their 50th anniversary with Michael Petricko, pastor from 1963-65, as the guest speaker.

An afternoon review of the church's history brought to light facts not known to most of the members, such as the fact that although Seventh-day Adventists lived in Mineral Wells in the 30s and 40s, they had to travel to Fort Worth or Breckenridge to attend church.

In the early 1940s the Texas Conference sent a pastor, C. F. O'Dell Sr., to serve the growing number of Adventists in the county following the opening of Fort Wolters in Mineral Wells which resulted in an influx of Adventist servicemen. The Mineral Wells Seventh-day Adventist Church was formally organized on May 15, 1948, with 30 charter members.



The Iglesia Adventista del Septimo Dia in Houston is on the air on two different radio stations every week. These programs attract up to 35 calls per program. On Sundays the program is aired on La Unica, 1320 AM at 7:00 a.m. The second station, La Luz 1560 AM, airs the programs on Monday and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. The pastor, Armando Reid, is the speaker. Currently there over 100 people wanting to know more about the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pictured in the studio are from left: The pastor, Armando Reid, Jose Cabrales and Rhode Mendez. Roberto Reyes, Correspondent

TEXICO

El Paso Junior Academy students brush shoulders with the army

Fort Bliss, which includes 1.1 million acres of land and sits in the middle of El Paso, is yet unknown to many of the children who have lived there all their lives. On April 27, Pastor Basil Bell, principal of the academy, with the help of teachers and parents, took 35 students on a field trip to Fort Bliss.

The first half of the day was spent at the rappelling tower. The rappelling masters

started off with a demonstration, then the students were given step-by-step instruction on how they could rappel. Words of encouragement were given to each child to overcome their fears and meet the challenge. By lunch time everyone had worked up a big appetite.

The students joined real soldiers in the military dining facility for lunch. Standing in line shoulder to



Drill Sergeant Gilbert helps 13-year-old Vanya Zegarra adjust her helmet.



Seven-year-old Abdail Jimenez, overcomes her fear at the rappelling tower.

shoulder with soldiers dressed in BDUs (Battle Dress Uniform) gave the students opportunity to ask questions or just chat with them.

After lunch it was off to the Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Museum where they learned the history of air defense systems.

This day at Fort Bliss gave the children a deeper understanding of the community in which they live, encouraged them to face their fears, and enabled them to see professional men and women working together.

Roxanne Boose
Correspondent



Nine-year-old Andy Rosales considers a set of books while Johnny Davis, 10 years old, looks on.

ABC helps social committee raise funds

A visit by the Adventist Book Center is always an event to look forward to. It's an opportunity to stock up on supplies, shop for gifts and look for that special piece of inspirational literature. But on April 4, it was also an opportunity to raise some money.

With a donation from the bookstore and a little physical labor from church members, the social committee was able to present the church with the first contribution toward its upcoming evangelistic series. Beginning in August, the El Paso Central church will hold a major series of evangelistic meetings, and the church is pulling together to raise funds for the important project.

*Roxanne Boose
Correspondent*

SVJA students help raise funds for homeless

Every year on St. Patrick's Day, Albuquerque's Good Shepherd Society raises funds for the homeless. This year Sandia View Junior Academy's freshmen and sophomore classes helped with the fund raiser. The students ran game booths and helped with ticket sales and decorating. The high point of the evening was when they met New Mexico governor Gary Johnson and had their picture taken with him.

Several thousand dollars were raised for the homeless. The organizers were favorably impressed with the cheerfulness and work habits of the SVJA students. Before the event ended the organizers were asking if the students could return



Sandia View Junior Academy students with New Mexico governor, Gary Johnson. Back row from left: Tomas Martinez, Governor Gary Johnson, Gary Herrera. Front row: Sabrina Lay, Pertreena Williams and Jesse Hall.

next year. Their positive witness is recognized by the number of letters and phone calls they received

during the following week.
*Calvin Bickell, Principal
Sandia View Junior
Academy*

Field trip makes social studies come alive

Sandia View Junior Academy's grades 1-4 took an outdoor education trip to the Grants, NM area May 3-5. Parents were invited to camp with their children if they wished.

The purpose of the trip was twofold. One was academic—to culminate a two-month study of Native Americans and how they lived and used what was available to them for survival. We visited Acoma Pueblo, Chaco Canyon National Park, El Morro (Inscription Rock) National Monument and volcanic craters and lava tubes.

The other purpose was to introduce the children to God through direct contact with nature and a historical look at our past. This goal was further expanded by sharing and fellowshiping with non-



Pre-schoolers, kindergartners, and first through fourth graders on their three-day field trip.

Adventist parents who came on the trip. Corrales pastor, Mike Gendke, led out in several campfire worship talks that encouraged discussion and interaction between those on the camp out.

In reading the students' journals about the trip, it became apparent by their comments that we had indeed stimulated their thinking about God. Hayley, a first grader, wrote, "I learned that God must be very powerful to take big rocks and stack them up like blocks. He has plenty

of power to give us the strength when we are afraid." James, another first grader, wrote, "Since God provided the Native Americans with all the things they needed to live, He can take care of me." And Alana wrote, "Native Americans had different problems back then, but God was the same. He is with us and He will be with us forever."

*Patty Osborne
Grades 1-4 Teacher
Sandia View Junior
Academy*

Olsen Park members help build Habitat home

On May 17, members of Amarillo's Olsen Park church spent the day helping to build a Habitat for Humanity home. When the group arrived on site, they found the slab and some outside framing erected. After eight hours of work, the framing was complete, the outside walls were up complete with insulation and all but four of the rafters were in place.

Olsen Park's pastor, Norman Zimmerman, who has had experience in building, led the 26 man/woman team and the deaconesses prepared the lunch.

By the end of the hot day everyone was tired, dirty and sore, but they all expressed a great satisfaction in contributing to society, and they all wanted to know when they

could do it again. The home should be complete in a few weeks as other Christian groups work to complete it. The home will then be sold at an affordable price to Katie Williams who, during her two-year wait, has been working on other Habitat homes as part of her 500 hours of "sweat equity," which serves as her down payment.

*Heather Holladay
Correspondent*



Ralph Harmon shows Ashleigh Cohen and Elizabeth Hutchinson how to nail up the particle board.



Douglas Wamack; the pastor, Norman Zimmerman; Aron Cohen and Willyta Wamack erecting the framing on the Habitat home.

VGA bell choir visits churches



Wearing black gloves to prevent soiling the tone of the bells, seniors Alycia Powell and Tayler Kim keep a close eye on their music.

And the bells rang—not somewhere in the distance, not high in some steeple, but on April 11 the bells rang from the pulpit of the El Paso Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Some might think that a bell choir would only play bells; not so! These 12 talented high school students performed several thought-provoking skits, sang beautiful songs, and of course, made the bells ring. With the objective of reaching as many people as possible, this group travels all over Texas, sometimes giving as many as 15 performances in one month.

Although the group director is Elphis Morales, it is obvious that the real leader is the Holy Spirit, for the students' professional appearance and well-mannered behavior complimented the leader's enthusiasm for the Lord's message. As I sat in church that morning I could easily imagine God smiling at these young people who were sharing the talents He has given them to further His message.

*Roxanne Boose
Correspondent*



Dr. Orville Cerna of the Pecos church, with his family and additional children, provided music at the Pecos Nursing Home. They were also featured in the local newspaper for their part in "Operation Smile," a local child outreach program sponsored by the Modern Study Club of Pecos.



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have a choir concert from the choirs of Alvin Kurtz, Fran Venable and Arlene Garner. If you sang in one of these choirs, we hope you will make a special effort to spend the weekend with us in Eagle. Please plan to practice on Friday evening, sing in special music for church, and participate in the Sabbath evening concert. Call the Eagle church office 208.939.6625 for more information, or write P. O. Box 186, Eagle, ID 83616.

Union College Academy/College View Academy alumni homecoming

Union College Academy/College View

Academy alumni homecoming will be held October 9-11, 1998 at Lincoln, NE. Honor classes are '48, '58, '68, '73, '78 and '88. An exciting weekend is planned for all former students, faculty, parents and friends. A special Friday evening buffet and vespers is planned. Mark your calendar. For more information and buffet tickets, call Debbie Jensen Peters by September 15 at 402.423.3555.

Birmingham church celebrates centennial

The First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Birmingham, Alabama will celebrate its centennial on August 7-8, 1998. All friends and former members are invit-

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BAYETA, Eve T., born Sept. 15, 1942 in Santa Fe, Bukidon, Philippines and died Feb. 26, 1998 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: husband, Dee Bayeta, Keene, TX; daughters, Fay Church, Fort Worth, TX and Gail Bayeta, Amos, IA; brother, Edgar Taala, Philippines; sister, Betty Lou Branzuela, Arlington, TX; and one grandchild.

BOHR, Hattie, born Aug. 29, 1898 in Milwaukee, WI and died May 17, 1998 in Amarillo, TX. Survivors: sons, Harold Bohr, Amarillo and Vernon C. Bohr, M.D., Ph.D., Pasadena, CA; and nine grandchildren.

CHANSOR, June L., born Feb. 3, 1921 in Casper, WY and died Apr. 21, 1998 in Albuquerque, NM. Survivors: husband, G. Blake Chanslor, Albuquerque; sons, Carol Blake, Lakeside, AZ and Ron, Albuquerque; daughter, Pam Rhodes, Cleveland, TN; sister, Vivian Mazlum, Sacramento, CA; brother, Solen Harwell, Albuquerque; and four grandchildren.

DURRANT, Judson N., born Nov. 11, 1906 in Clarendon, British West Indies and died Feb. 1, 1998 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: wife, Laurice, Keene, TX; sisters, Ruth Nunn, Clear Lake, CA and Maude Vance.

EHRLICH, Alvena M., born Sept. 10, 1907 in Shattuck, OK and died Apr. 14, 1998 in Woodward, OK. Survivors: son, Robert Ehrlich, Shattuck; daughter, Marian Jeffries, Shattuck; two grandsons, Mike Baker and Dale Ehrlich; sister, Virginia Kelln, Olathe, CO; and brother, Wesley Ehrlich, Shattuck.

ELI, Nannie Hope, born June 28, 1907 in San Antonio, TX and died May 4, 1998 in Conroe, TX. Survivors: son, S. K. Eli, Conroe; daughter-in-law, Ruth Eli, Redlands, CA; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

HECKEL, John D., born Sept. 7, 1940 in Great Bend, KS and died Mar. 29, 1998 in Owasso, OK. Survivors: wife, Elaine Tiffany, Tulsa, OK; son, Matthew; step-sons, Michael and Dan Whittlesey; step-daughters, Joy and Jenny Whittlesey; and mother, Margaret Heckel, Tulsa.

HOEHN, Dr. Bernice, born Dec. 29, 1910 in Kansas and died Apr. 27, 1998 in Midwest City, OK. Survivors: daughters, Birda Burton, Little Axe, OK and Ruth Shoe, Indianapolis, IN; son, Ronald Hoehn, Bethesda, MD; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

KINDRED, Flora S., born Jan. 20, 1922 in Edgewater, AL and died Apr. 7,

1998 in Albuquerque, NM. Survivors: husband, John Kindred, Albuquerque; sons, John, Jr., Detroit, MI and Andrew, Albuquerque; daughters, Dorothy Posey, Albuquerque, Cora Kindred, Scottsville, MI and Corliss Miller, Smyrna, GA; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

LANDRY, Sara Zuma, born Mar. 9, 1945 and died Mar. 27, 1998 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: daughter and son-in-law, Delores and Dan Butler; daughter and son-in-law, Claudette and Billy Ratcliff; son and daughter-in-law, O. J. and Betty Landry.

LEMONS, Bertha C., born Dec. 28, 1915 in Hitchcock, OK and died Feb. 11, 1998 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: sons, Bill Lemons, Mansfield, TX and Jim Lemons, Keene; sisters, Lillian Proctor, Hillsboro, TX and Lucille Marcontell, Keene; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

McCOLLISTEN, Charles, born Jan. 13, 1945 in Baton Rouge, LA and died Mar. 29, 1998 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: son, Keith McCollisten, Baton Rouge; daughters, Amanda McCollisten, Baton Rouge and Melissa Crump, Denham Springs, LA; and mother, Jewel McCollisten, Baton Rouge.

McDERMITT, Opal Eunice, born Feb. 14, 1918 in Sapulpa, OK and died Mar. 22, 1998 in Tulsa, OK. Survivors: sons, Tom and Ross McDermitt, both of Coweta, OK, Danny McDermitt and Bill Singleterry, both of Tulsa; daughter, Ellen Brown, Los Gatos, CA; sister, Elizabeth Griffin, Corpus Christi, TX; brother, Merle Scott, Mannford, OK; and 12 grandchildren.

McGEE, Phenia Bertha, born Jan. 21, 1896 in Elk City, OK and died Mar. 17, 1998 in Beaver, OK. Survivors: brother, Felix Hunt; and sister, Reney Hunt.

MORROW, Lydia Mae, born Aug. 20, 1906 in Valley View, TX and died May 21, 1998 in Valley View. Survivors: daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Charles Gaines, Sanger, TX; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ben and Lucille Hassenpflug, Keene, TX, and J. Lee and Bessie

Sunset Calendar

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Abilene, TX	8:50	8:49	8:46	8:43	8:38
Amarillo, TX	9:05	9:04	9:01	8:57	8:51
Brownsville, TX	8:25	8:25	8:23	8:20	8:17
Dallas, TX	8:39	8:38	8:35	8:32	8:27
El Paso, TX	8:16	8:15	8:12	8:09	8:04
Fort Worth/Keene, TX	8:41	8:40	8:37	8:34	8:29
Galveston/Houston, TX	8:23	8:22	8:20	8:17	8:12
Gentry, AR	8:38	8:37	8:34	8:30	8:24
Little Rock, AR	8:26	8:24	8:22	8:17	8:12
Muskogee, OK	8:49	8:48	8:45	8:41	8:35
New Orleans, LA	8:20	8:24	8:28	8:37	8:42
Oklahoma City, OK	8:49	8:48	8:45	8:41	8:35
San Antonio, TX	8:38	8:37	8:35	8:32	8:27
Santa Fe, NM	8:25	8:23	8:20	8:16	8:10
Shreveport, LA	8:26	8:25	8:23	8:19	8:14
Tulsa, OK	8:44	8:43	8:40	8:36	8:30

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PHILLIPS, Cecil R., born Jan. 4, 1927 in Atoka, OK and died Mar. 6, 1998 in DeKalb, TX. Survivors: wife, Jean, DeKalb, TX; sons, Reggie Phillips, Tulsa, OK and Chuck Phillips, DeKalb; daughter, Dana Gray, Mineola, TX; mother, Ethel Phillips, Lane, OK; brothers, Jesse and James, both of Lane, OK, Don, Oklahoma City, and Kenneth, Burleson, TX; and sister, Debbie George, Eufaula, OK.

RAMSEY, Joe, born Aug. 16, 1956 in Demophish, AL and died Feb. 18, 1998 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: father, William Ramsey, Tuscaloosa, AL; mother, Lauretta Ramsey, Keene, TX; brothers, Randy Ramsey, Cleburne and Dale Ramsey, Pine Hill, AL.

SASSER, Roy Leon, born Nov. 7, 1911 in Pineville, LA and died Apr. 16, 1998 in Sulphur, LA. Survivors: son, Joe B. Sasser, Oklahoma City,

OK; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

SCHNEIDER, Don, born June 4, 1941 in Okeene, OK and died Mar. 29, 1998 in Oklahoma City, OK. Survivors: wife, Harolene, Oklahoma City; daughters, Cherisse Varona, Dallas, TX and Dawn Schneider, Grand Terrace, CA; father and mother, Monroe and Rosalie Schneider, Loyal, OK; and brother, Larry Schneider, Cleburne, TX.

SCHULTZ, Jonas, born Jan. 7, 1909 in Beaver County, OK and died May 10, 1998 in Shattuck, OK. Survivors: wife, Alice Shultz, Shattuck; three sisters, Marie Kelln, Shattuck, Lenora Kelln and Frances Hatfield, both of Wichita, KS.

SEAL, Paul, born Aug. 2, 1924 in Grand Prairie, TX and died May 11, 1998 in Dallas, TX. Survivors: wife, Betty, Arlington, TX; daughter, Linda Thorman, Ph.D., Angwin, CA; sons, Richard Seal and Ryan Seal, both of Mansfield, TX, and Rick Seal, U.S. Navy; and one grandchild.

SPEYER, John Fredrick, born Oct. 28, 1906 in New Orleans, LA and died Mar. 25, 1998 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: son, Fred Speyer, Sunnyvale, CA; daughter, Joycelyn Hess, Baton Rouge; grandsons, John, Randy and Steve, of California; and 22 great-grandchildren.

TRAMMEL, Edith Leona, born July 31, 1913 in Meeker, OK and died Apr. 17, 1998 in Ardmore, OK. Survivors: husband, Fred, Ardmore; and daughters, Carol Ann Crone, Gentry, AR and Peggy Sue Wood, Ardmore.

TUBBS, Ernestine Mae, born May 4, 1922 in Garber, OK and died Apr. 8, 1998 in Oklahoma City, OK. Survivors: sons, Larry, Perry, OK, John and Tommy, both of Burleson, TX; daughters, Rosa Lee Tubbs and Mary Ann Riviera, both of Loma Linda, CA; two brothers; three sisters; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

WIGGINS, Stacy Ann, born Dec. 9, 1968 in Fargo, ND and died Feb. 18, 1998 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: husband, Christopher Wiggins, Keene; son, Nicholas, Keene; mother, Alberta Bunnell, Rochester, MN; parents-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Kembleton Wiggins, Keene.

WILSON, Ewell Laroy, born July 28, 1920 in Hollis, OK and died May 14, 1998 in Altus, OK. Survivors: wife, Reba Wilson, Altus; daughter, Sonja Allen, Edmond, OK; step-daughters, Connie McConnell, Elmer, OK and Vickie Gilreath, Lone Wolf, OK; mother, Geneva Wilson, Hollis, OK; sister, Ocena Gee, Hollis; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

WILSON, Dr. P. Harlan, born Dec. 23, 1927 in Boulder, CO and died May 21, 1998 in Amarillo, TX. Dr. Wilson served on the board of directors at Southwestern Adventist University for many years. In 1995, he received the Presidential Citation for Excellence from Southwestern Adventist College. He was chosen as 1998 Medical Director of the Year by the Texas/New Mexico Hospice Organization. Survivors: wife, Jean, Amarillo; daughters, Donna Jean Roper, Coral Springs, FL and Linda M. Wilson, Dallas, TX; sons, Paul E., Glendale, CA, Harlan Veronne, Pampa, TX, Charles G., Burleson, TX, and Ted N., Amarillo; sister, Norma Hall, Simi Valley, CA; brother, Don Wilson, Arlington, TX; and 16 grandchildren.

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